



Term 3 - 27 August 2020

# NEWSLETTER

St. Monica's Primary School 20 Robinson Street  
Moonee Ponds 3039  
Phone (03) 9375 1132 [www.stmonicasmp.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmonicasmp.catholic.edu.au)

Faith  
Hope  
Love



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Anthony Feeney

Principal: Mr. Peter Moore

Parish Office: Phone 9370 5035

SHP Number 0412 616 491

## Message from the Archbishop of Melbourne to the Parish of Moonee Ponds on the Feast of St Monica

*There would be very few suburban parishes in Australia whose name would be as well-known as Moonee Ponds. Thanks to the attention given to you by one of our great comedians, Moonee Ponds is a place of character (and caricature!) in the Australian psyche. In the midst of this notoriety has lived the real lives of individuals and families, in businesses and workplaces, among facilities and organisations, over the many generations. And at the heart of this lived reality has been the Catholic Church and Parish of St Monica's, truly a 'mother' parish in our local Church of Melbourne.*

*You have a long and honourable history to celebrate at St Monica's, and this is certainly a time for remembering the highs and lows, the joy and griefs, that mark the life of any family. But your family history – the story of Christian faith and life in and around Moonee Ponds – is also a part of the great history of salvation into which you have flowed and made your contribution.*

*St Monica, the mother of St Augustine, has been, I am sure, a constant source of witness to your faith family life, and a true intercessor to God for you, her daughter, as she was for her son. Faithfulness built on love; hope flowing from perseverance; tears that planted seeds of fruitfulness – these were the characteristics of your saintly namesake. They are characteristics well worth cultivating today, especially in this difficult period of COVID 'exile' that has come to all of us in our local neighbourhoods of grace.*

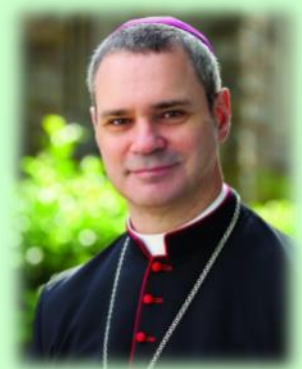
*While I cannot be with you in person on this year's feast day of St Monica, your heavenly patron, may I offer my own simple prayer of gratitude to God and of blessings to you!*



**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

27 AUGUST 2020



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

Even though my assembly video was recorded at home, I'm actually sitting here today in my office, as usual, and I'm enjoying the various activities planned by our dedicated staff. Happy St Monica's Feast Day!

It hasn't been the same though...celebrating remotely. But we did our best!

We had a lovely pre-recorded Assembly (thanks to Ms McPherson) this morning and it was a special highlight at the very end to see some photos of us, back in 'normal times'. I shall never again take any of these times for granted. I can't tell you how much I miss the sounds of the children coming and going. Being here without the children is not how I intended to spend our Feast Day, but as each day passes, it is one day closer to when we all return.

Congratulations to all of our new SRC members who today saw their badges being blessed. I am sure you will all be able to proudly wear them soon. Thank you to Fr Tony and Fr Andrew for recording the Blessing for our Assembly.

On the cover of our Newsletter today, you will see a personal message from Archbishop Comensoli. I think this is the first time I have ever published an Archbishop's message to the Parish Community on our Feast Day. It is lovely that the Archbishop is thinking of us today.



Today I'd like to also thank Ms McPherson (who organised the online disco), Mrs Evans (who organised the Magician) and Mrs Hodgetts (who organised the quiz). There were also various other activities that were facilitated through the work of Mrs Tulloch, Miss Diana and Ms Lo Giusto. Bravo to all the staff who tried to make today a fun day for all.

A special shout-out to Olivier and Hannah (our School Captains) who have been a constant presence in our online world since remote learning began. Both of our School Captains are doing a wonderful job. At the recent SRC Meeting, one of the children wanted to have a *Draw Mr Moore* Competition and I thank all of those who entered into the spirit of the drawing activity today. I shall look forward to seeing the many depictions of me.

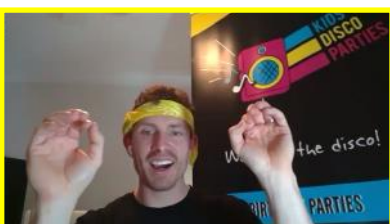
### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Please keep any eye out for communication regarding Parent/Teacher Interviews which will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday of the final week of this term. In these unprecedented times of home-learning, it is vital that we take time to formally give you feedback on your child's learning progress.

Regards and best wishes,

*Peter Moore*

Principal



P.S. Before anyone rushes to order me an online Birthday Cake, please know that the disco man (Sam.I.Am) got rather confused and announced that it was my birthday. I can assure you that my birthday is in June.





What was your favourite learning experience from Week 7?

Let us celebrate:

*Science Week Experiments*

*Year 3 Incursion*

*learning about the Solar System*

*self-portraits of on-site students*

*learning about Saints in Religious Education*

*paper craft lanterns in Visual Art*

Be sure to include yourself in some of your photographs on SeeSaw, so we can celebrate on the newsletter!

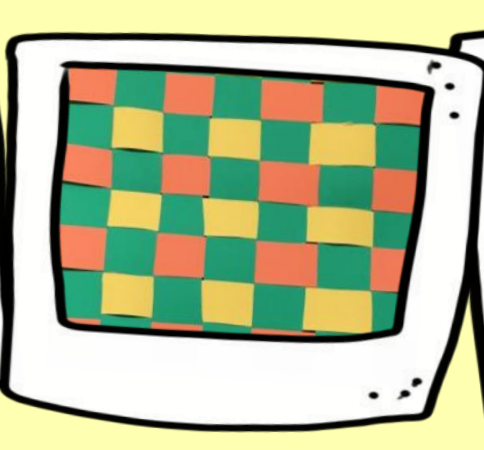
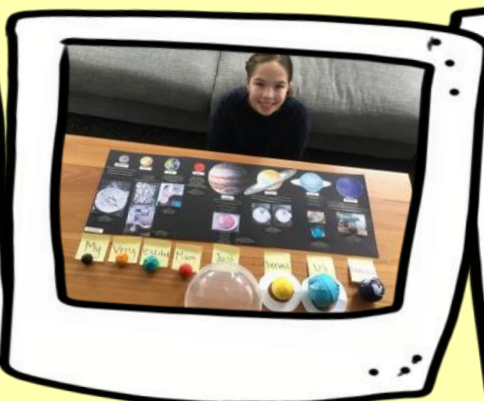
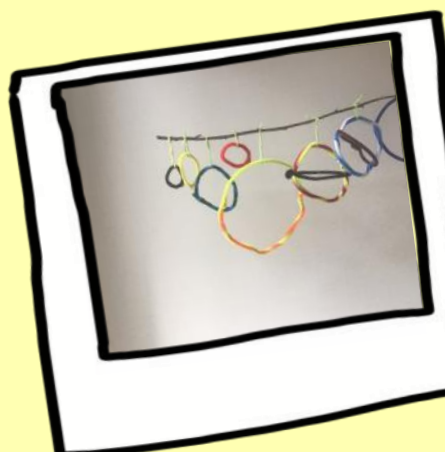
# CAUGHT in the ACT



## REMOTE LEARNING



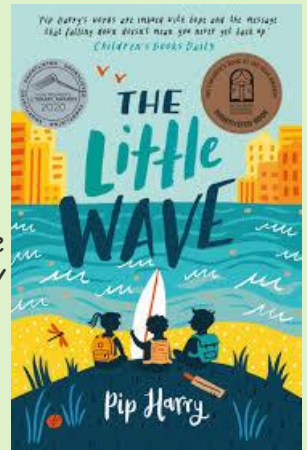
✓ LIMITED EDITION



# Year 3 Author Visit

This week some of the students met 'Pip Harry' author of the novel 'The Little Wave'. They are currently studying the text in their Reciprocal Reading group. Ms McPherson had selected the novel and was excited to read it alongside the students. Little did she know that one of her students, Willow, has a connection with the author. Ms McPherson soon receives an email from Pip who offered to join in on a reading session!

Below are some of the responses from the students following the wonderful opportunity to speak with the author first hand. Pip has kindly offered to join the group again for a post reading novel discussion.  
Mrs Poupounaki



We were so lucky to have  
Pip Harry join our google  
meet. Some of the questions I  
asked were about what  
made Pip start to write books  
and where she got the ideas  
for the characters.  
I felt excited and lucky to meet  
an amazing author, Pip Harry.

Audrey 3M

In our reading group we met  
the author Pip Harry. She wrote  
the book The Little Wave. I asked Pip  
if she always knows what the ending  
is going to be before she starts  
writing. Pip said that she always  
knows what the ending will be, but  
doesn't always know what the middle  
of the book will be about. We were  
really lucky to meet and talk to Pip.

Willow 3M





Being on a google meet with Pip Harry today was amazing! Probably better in real life. It was good asking questions to the author because they know the book from front to back! I'm hoping to see her <sup>again</sup> soon on another google meet because when you see the author you know it's going to be fun!

By Finnegan

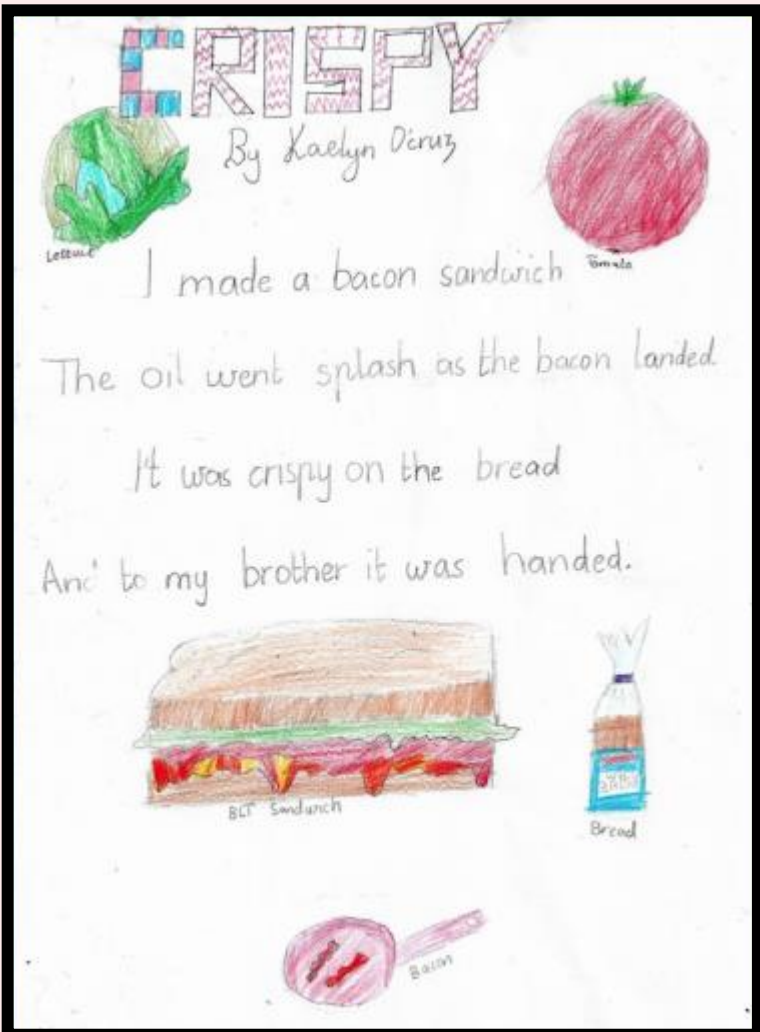
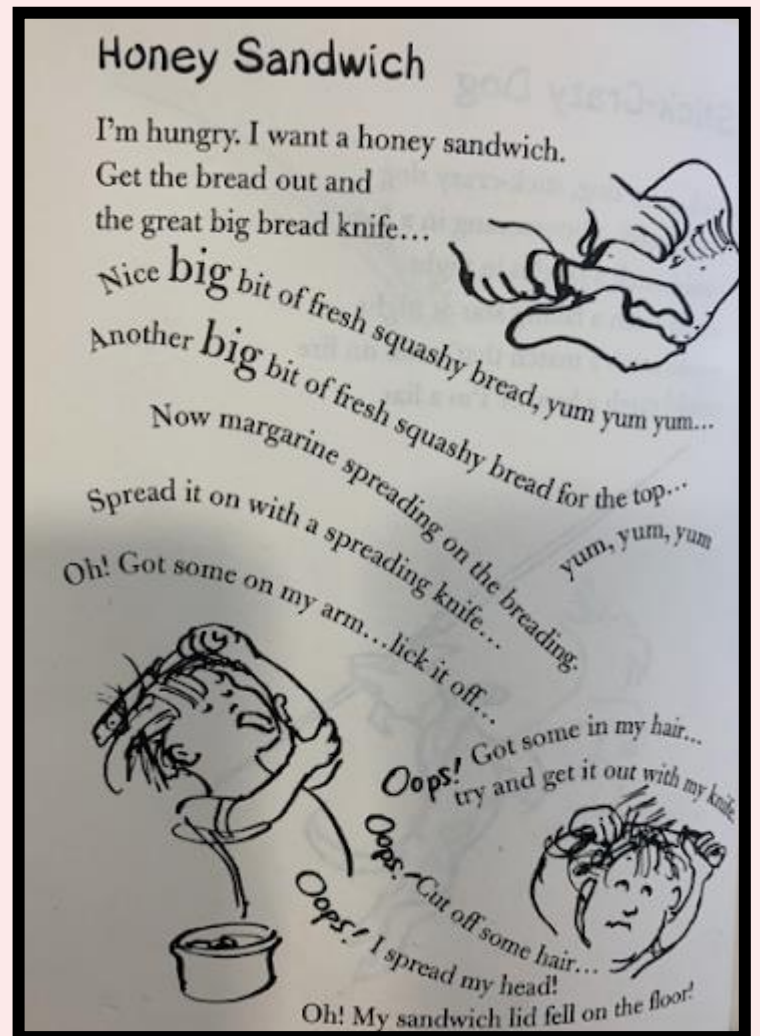
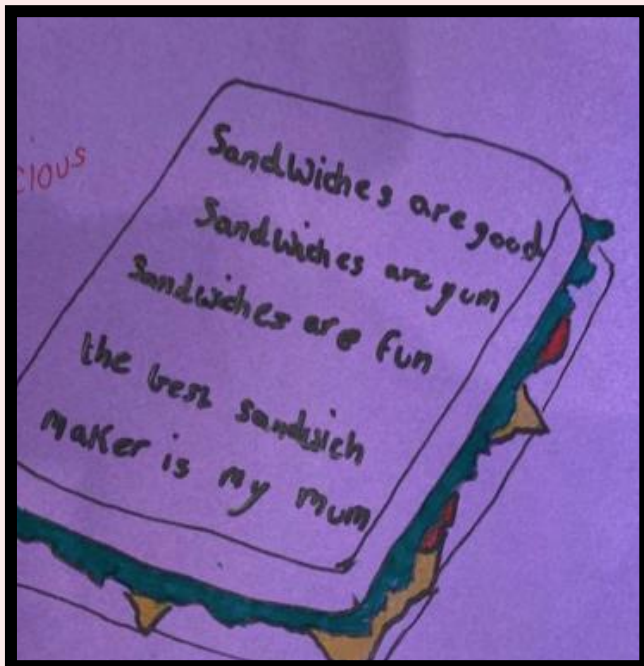
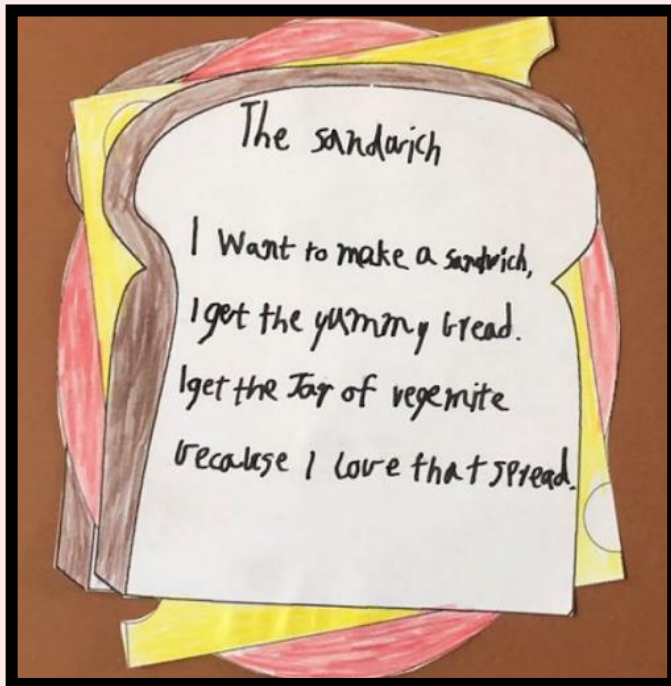
Today was an exciting day, we met Pip Harry, the author of the book we're reading in our reading group called "The Little Wave". I enjoyed the opportunity to chat with Pip and ask her about her style of writing and how long it took to write her book. Pip's style is "Free Verse" meaning that it's an open form of poetry, it does not follow the normal rules of poetry. It takes Pip a minimum of 2 years to write her book which is a lot of editing, drafting, revising and patience before it finally gets published. Pip published the little wave 2 years ago in 2018 and dedicated it to her daughter, Sophie. Her next book "Are you there Buddah?" will be released next year. Pip wrote her first book at the age of 20 but it didn't get published. Pip also worked for a newspaper and with homeless people. We hope to have a google meet with Pip again in a few weeks.

Can't Wait!!!!

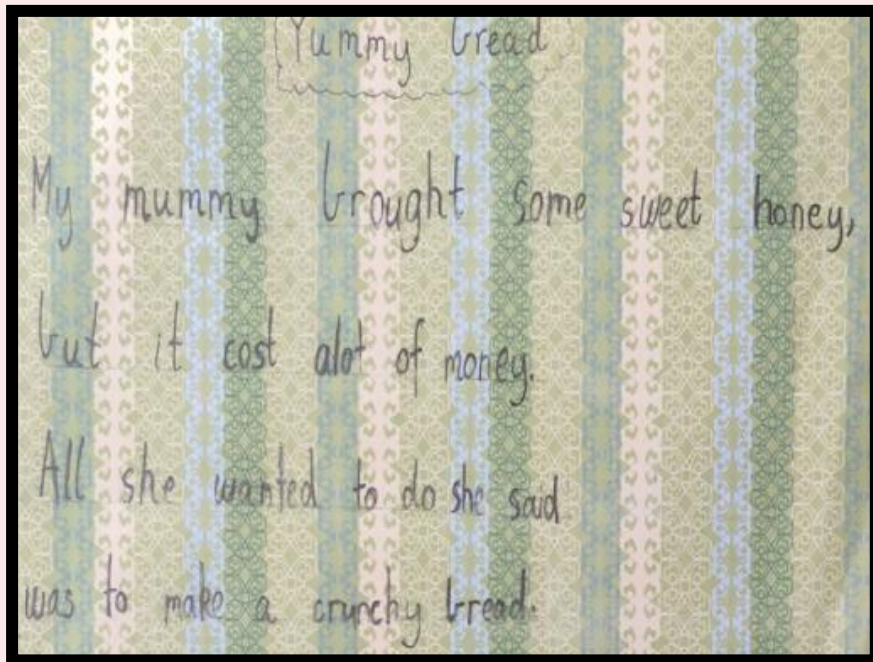
Marcus

# Year 2 Poetry

The Year Two students have been focussing on poetry in their lessons and have produced beautiful poems. They wrote about sandwiches in response to, Australian author Elizabeth Honey's poem, 'Honey Sandwich'.

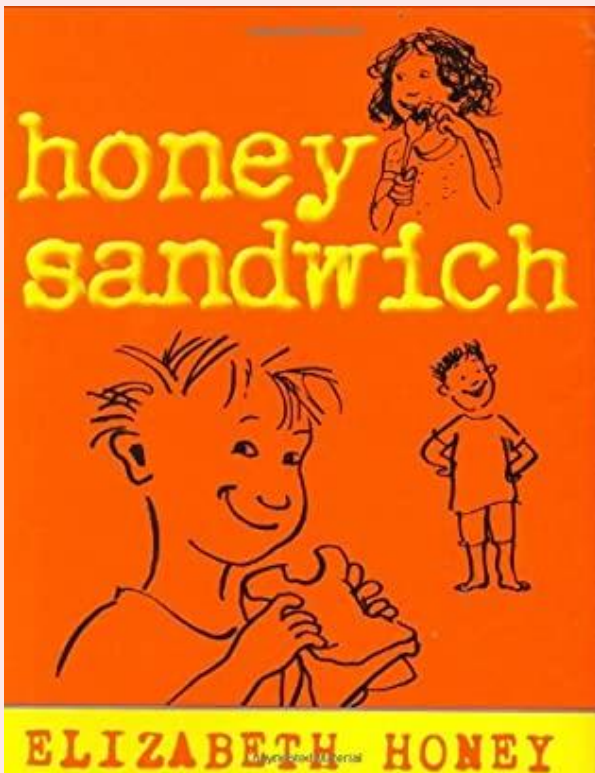
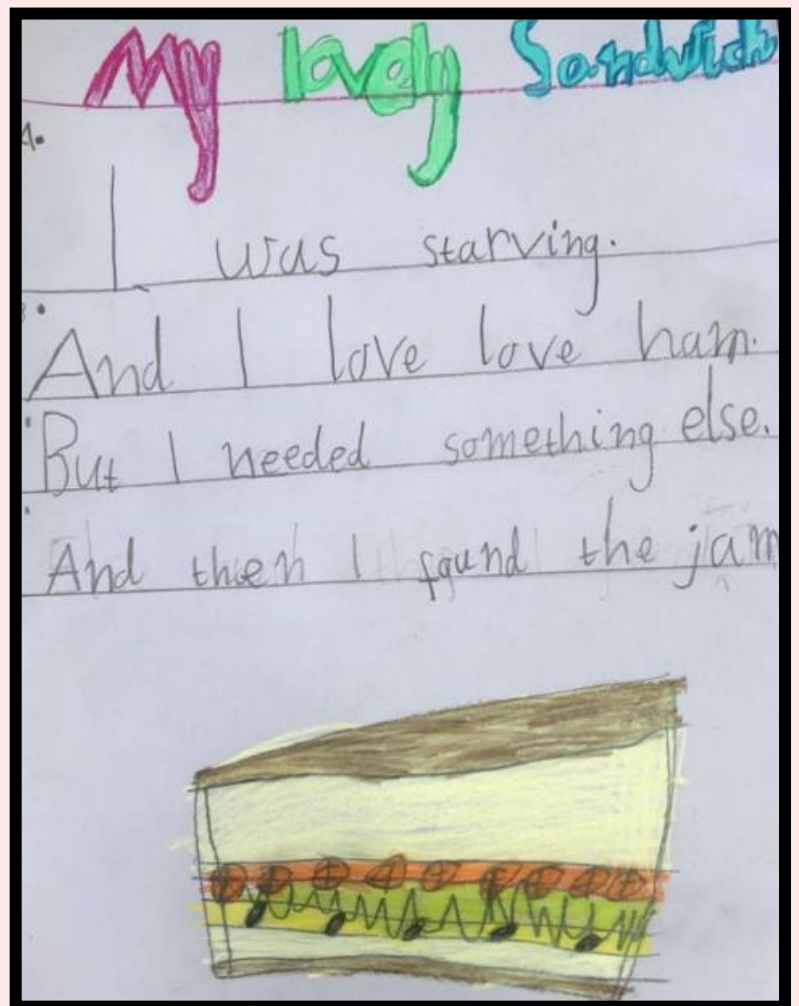






### My Sandwich

I want a big cheese sandwich now.  
I'll get the bread that is crunchy.  
Put the cheese onto the bread.  
Can't wait to eat it, very munchy.



# SANDWICH

I made a butter sandwich

I spread the butter nice and thick

I put it on a plate but I couldn't wait

I bit the sandwich it did the trick

## SAM'S SANDWICHES

I like sandwiches

My name is Sam

I eat mortadella

But I don't eat ham

My mum says I'm fussy

She is right

I won't eat ham

But one day I might

If I have to eat it

I will not complain

Even if that sandwich

Gives me a tummy pain



## Ted's Regret



Ted said he liked crunchy bread,

So he set a bet



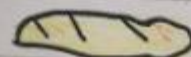
For a delicious cheese baguette,

With a lady that liked to Pirouette,



that he would get the ball in the net,

Then he felt regret,  
Because he lost that bet  
and did not get the cheese baguette.





# SAMS SANDWICHES

I like sandwiches  
My name is Sam  
I eat mortadella  
But I don't eat ham

My mum says I'm fussy  
She is right  
I won't eat ham  
But one day I might

If I have to eat it  
I will not complain  
Even if that sandwich  
Gives me a tummy pain

# SANDWICH

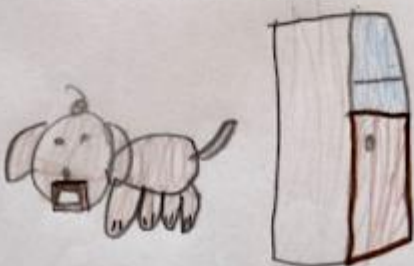
I looked at the fridge  
and I got some cheese  
I grabbed some sauce  
and I gave it a squeeze.  
I went to my cupboard,  
I got some jam, I said "I don't  
want jam on my ham."



I woke up early,  
I got out of bed.  
I grabbed the honey,  
And spread it on my bread.

I looked at my sandwich and thought  
I am so famished.  
I went to take a bite  
but then it vanished.

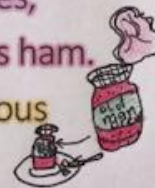
I looked under the table,  
I looked on the floor,  
A dog had my sandwich  
And ran out the door.



# SANDWICHES

Lunch time is here, 🍷  
Toastie time, ham and cheese. 🧀  
I go to Mum and ask her  
"toast this please!"

I like sandwiches,  
My brother has ham.  
They are delicious  
I like the jam.



Sandwiches are yum,  
They are lots of fun. 😊  
Then you eat them  
"There, all done!"