

# The Chapter Challenge – Info Sheet

## MATERIALS REQUIRED ON ARRIVAL

- Pencil
- Worksheets - These are to be handed to the students at the start of the session, preferably on a clip board. **Please note – there is a different print sheet for each year level!**
  - Prep to year 3 - Two pre-printed A4 *Chapter Challenge Print Sheet*, (below), stapled in top left corner.
  - Years 4 to 6 - One pre-printed A4 *Chapter Challenge Print Sheet* (below). **Plus 2** blank A4 sheets at the back, stapled together in the top left-hand corner.

## WORKSHOP

### PART 1 – 10 mins

- Chris will share with the group his love of reading and writing funny stories and will share one of his published works or a work in progress; sharing also where the inspiration came from.

### PART 2 – 40 mins

- Teachers assist - Students will be invited to break into pairs or small groups of 4 maximum. If they want to work on their own this is fine too! They can spread out a little at this point, which Chris will direct with assistance from teachers.

#### **Creative time**

- Displayed on the screen will be the ***sizzling start*** to a story (the same as on their second stapled page), which the students will expand on, by continuing the first chapter!
- When the draft first chapter is completed, students are invited to begin expanding by ‘mapping out’ where their story could go, or drawing a front cover.
- Teachers will mix with the *creatives* to offer their assistance during this period.

### PART 3 – 10 mins

- Teachers will assist in selecting some volunteers from the group who would like to share what they have started.
- Students will be invited to add, edit, illustrate and finish their creative project in their own time or possibly in class time if this suits their teachers.

These Key Points will be displayed on the screen during the writing part of the workshop:

1. HAVE FUN!
2. It's a DRAFT - so it doesn't have to be perfect.
3. It can be scary, funny, or disgustingly gross!
4. Make it exciting and HAVE FUN!

## Funky Finds a Friend

Although Funky Chicken could be slightly annoying on occasions, he was a very friendly chook. In fact, he was so friendly, that one day he decided it was time to go on an adventure to find a friend.

1. Where did he look to find some friends?

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2. Who did he find?

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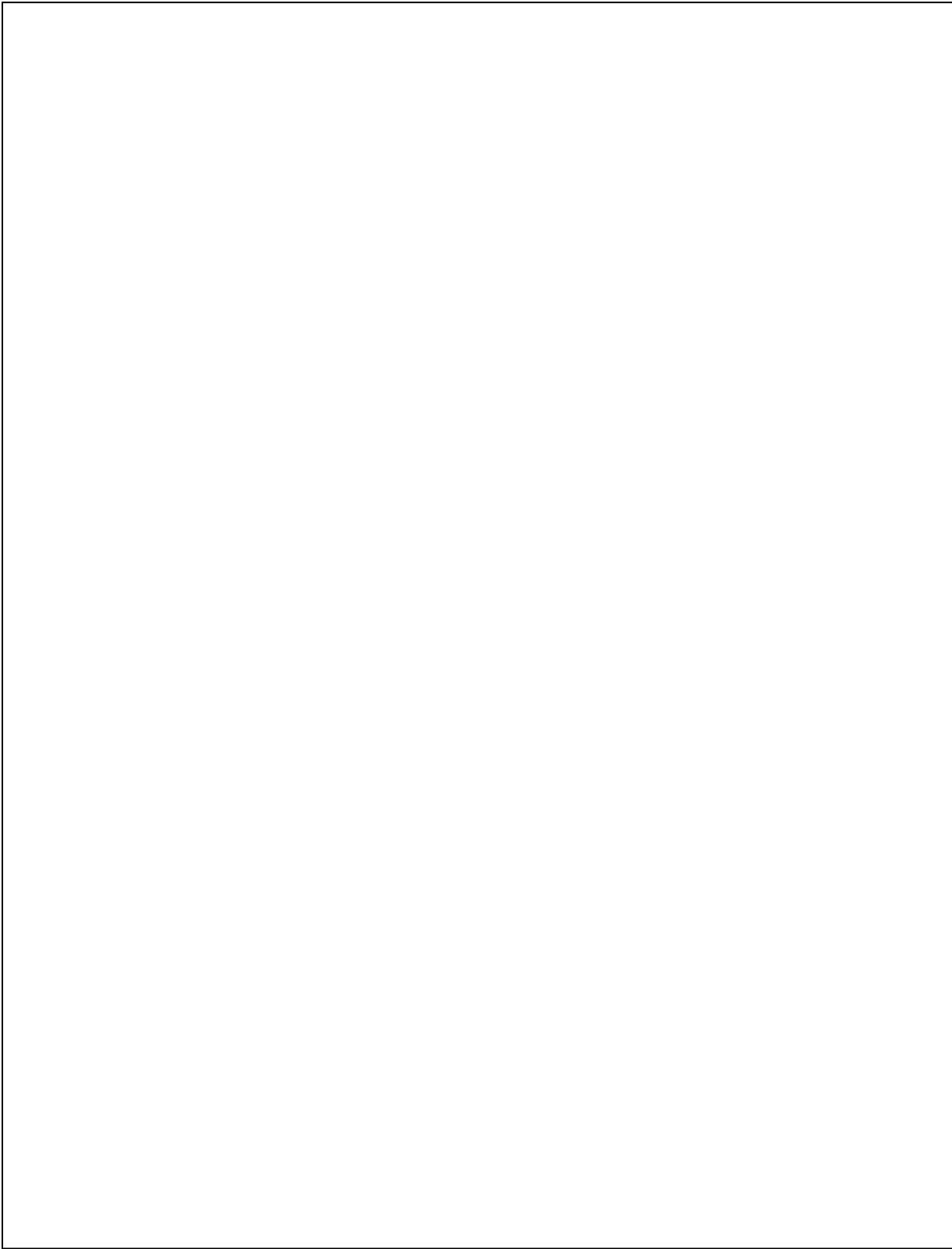
3. What did they like about Funky Chicken?

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4. What was something fun they did together?

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ILLUSTRATION



## The Big Bug Holiday

### Chapter 1

Doug the Bug had been planning his big holiday all year. Finally, the bug...er... **big** day was here. With his best friends, Dave the Dung Beetle and Mary Mantis, they were off to the most amazing theme park ever. **BUG WORLD!!**

Right from the start though, things began to go **HORRIBLY** wrong!

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## Chapter 1

‘Oh no, not again.’

I don’t know how many times my mother had said these words because of something I’d done, but I do know that if I’d had a chocolate every time she’d said it, I’d be a walking Mars Bar.

I am the clumsiest person on the planet and that is a fact. This time I’d tried to manage the simple task of taking my breakfast cereal from the bench to the kitchen table, but instead, tripped over and dropped the lot on Eric’s head. He didn’t mind one bit and ate the whole lot, cleaning the floor quite nicely in the process. I should point out that Eric is our pet Labrador.

Anyway, this story isn’t about cornflakes or black Labradors. It’s about the most super mega clumsy accident in all the history of super mega clumsy accidents.

It all began at school camp.

## Chapter 2

## Chapter 1

‘Mum, Dad, Jamie, I’m home!’

I raced through the front door and into the kitchen, where I knew there would be a cold drink and a banana waiting for me (which I call ‘the arvo usual’). But there was no ‘usual’ on the bench. In fact, what I saw that day in the kitchen was decidedly un-usual.

I woke on the floor, with my parents kneeling beside me. ‘Are you ok Alex?’ Mum asked gently. ‘We should have said something’, said Dad. ‘Alex has always been the sensitive one’.

This couldn’t be happening. Not to me. But it **was** happening. My life was about to change forever and there was nothing I could do about it.

My sister, my **twin** sister, had turned into...

An insect!

## Chapter 2