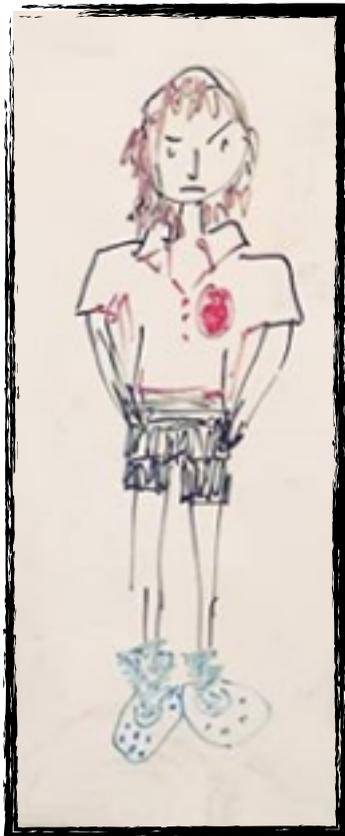


Otto's New Shoes
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Otto looked down at his feet.
The dark green rubber "Crocs" looked
ugly. At school his friends wore cool
shoes.

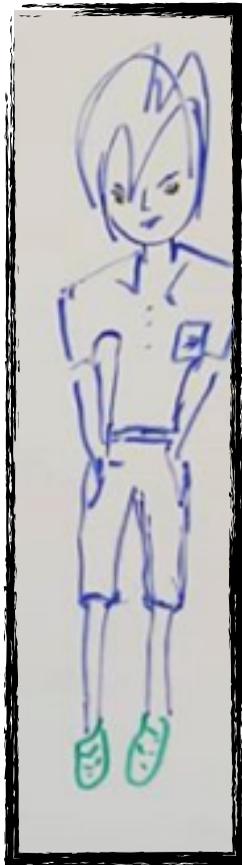
Jordan, Otto's best friend wore Nikes,
Jeff wore Adidas and James wore Vans.
Otto felt jealous and embarrassed.



“My grandma is visiting and she wants to get me a present, she is going to get me ASIC runners.”

After the words came out of Otto’s mouth he realised he had lied to his friends.

Otto felt bad, he’d never lied to his friends before, it made him sad.



On the weekend Otto and his friends met
in town with their bikes.



“Hey” Jeff said pointing to the Sports Store, “Let’s see if your shoes have arrived”

“They said they will arrive on Thursday”
Otto said quickly.

Otto never dreamed his fib would get so big.



Poor Otto, he had never felt so sick. On Thursday he told his mum he could not go to school. He had to tell another fib, he said his guts hurt.

“Poor Otto” said James.

“Let’s go and get his shoes for him after school” said Jordan.

“Yes” agreed Jeff. “That will make Otto smile.”

At the Sports Store the kind shop assistant said there was no order for ASIC runners.



Otto's friends felt concerned and confused.

Jordan thought swiftly. "Perhaps Otto is embarrassed by his green Crocs"

Jeff whispered " Maybe Otto can't afford new shoes"

James said "I think my brother has some shoes that might fit Otto"

James, Jordan and Jeff cycled to James' house and asked his big brother Adam.

"Sure" said Adam "Those shoes never fit quite right."

The boys jumped on their bikes and rode as fast as they could to Otto's house.

"Too deadly gasped Otto excitedly, then his eyes widened.

He thought to himself 'Oh they must know the truth.'

Otto looked at the Vans on the bed and up at his friends.
He felt shame and sad inside.

“I’m sorry I lied”

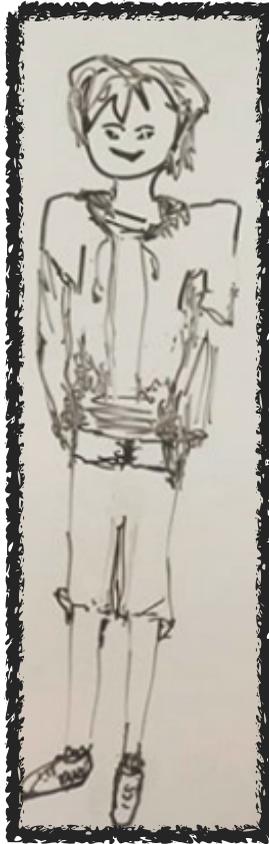
James and Jeff both slapped Otto happily
“It’s OK” they said together.

Jordan didn’t say anything for a while.
He felt betrayed.

“Otto we are your friends, you don’t need to lie to us, we don’t care what shoes you wear.”

Otto put on his ‘new’ shoes, they fit perfectly.

“Come on then” he said, “Let’s go to Sport and Rec. for the game.”



Otto's New Shoes was created by Tennant Creek Primary School students Mason, Deacon, Simon, Alex, Tyler, Shannoah and Narlarni for a Read Write Inc. creative writing task. It showcases their knowledge of present and past tenses, their ability to create dialogue and their desire to create a story that has relevance to their experiences and expressed in their own language style.

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