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Old Hu-Hu

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Target age 4+

Little Hu-Hu-Tu loved Old Hu-Hu very much. But now all that's left is an empty shell. Where did Old Hu-Hu get to? A moving and beautifully illustrated story about losing someone dear.



Kyle Mewburn became a full-time writer six years ago but he has always been a writer of sorts, from long rambling essays at school to writing advertising copy and, to be on the safe side, journalism.

Rachel Driscoll was born in Lower Hutt and has been drawing since she discovered pencils weren't just for chewing on. "Draw what's in your head," is Rachel's advice for anyone who wants to illustrate.



Kāterina Te Heikōkō Mataira is sometimes known as the 'mother' of Kura Kaupapa Māori, having helped set up the first Māori language immersion school. In 2009, Kāterina received the World Linguapax Award for her lifelong work to revive the Māori language.

Great Activity and Event Ideas

1. Research the Life Cycle of the Huhu Beetle.
2. Organise a Bush Walk with friends and parents.
On your walk, search for rotting wood and see if there are any Huhu grubs.
3. Research what other insects shed their skin.
4. Are these few questions true or false?
 - a) Huhu beetles are the heaviest and largest beetles in New Zealand. T/F
 - b) Huhu beetles breed and feed in dead trees. T/F
 - c) The adult never eats, as it lives for only two weeks. T/F
 - d) The babies (larvae) live for up to four years. T/F
 - e) Huhu are called witchetty grubs in Australia. T/F
 - f) Some people fry Huhu grubs and eat them. T/F
5. Would you like to fly to the moon and back like Old Hu Hu and Hu Hu Tu?
What do you think landing on the moon would be like?



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Activity - Word search

Look and find these words in the puzzle below:

Huhu	Goodbye	Clear	Inside	Old
Smiled	Moon	Time	Flew	Ladybird
Sky	Spider	Shadows	Butterfly	

S	M	I	L	E	D	Q	B	B	L	O	H	M	Q
S	K	V	N	T	M	Z	U	G	B	I	R	C	V
T	Y	Y	O	C	X	T	I	P	N	A	H	B	U
I	J	Y	K	W	T	L	I	C	Q	X	U	U	A
P	A	L	L	E	F	R	A	M	H	I	H	M	G
C	B	Q	R	W	V	I	T	L	E	F	U	N	O
X	L	F	F	H	U	H	U	V	Q	Z	T	B	O
E	L	R	A	G	M	D	Y	V	Y	P	U	L	D
Y	A	Y	F	N	P	W	E	D	I	S	N	I	B
L	D	X	T	R	Q	Z	A	L	F	V	B	W	Y
A	Y	S	P	I	D	E	R	K	L	V	U	N	E
P	B	H	N	G	H	W	E	W	E	L	O	H	X
V	I	A	Z	N	I	G	H	T	W	C	C	E	A
M	R	D	O	J	B	R	Y	J	V	X	W	P	Z
O	D	O	M	L	E	D	D	L	E	B	U	T	T
I	M	W	E	O	S	M	B	W	R	A	E	L	C
P	J	S	L	E	M	U	F	D	Y	A	Y	D	P
I	H	U	J	K	I	H	G	D	B	O	L	D	I
W	Q	P	E	O	O	M	S	V	N	M	X	A	O