



**3rd prize**  
**8-10 years age**  
**group**

**Name:** Alexander N

**Age:** 8

**Bio of author:** My name is Alex and I live with my dad, sister, and mum. I like playing footy and I go for collingwood. I love sports and playing games.

**Title:** The Ride To The Lostlands

**Judge's notes:** "A fun fairy tale-esque adventure, with family, bravery and a great accompanying illustration."

"A very fun adventure story!"

## **The Ride To The Lostlands**

Ella and Alex loved going on long bike rides together. One day they cycled 20 km far from their house. When Ella realised how far they were she said

"Alex we should go back! It is getting dark and is starting to rain!"

"No way!" Alex said "We are almost there!"

Just when Alex finished his sentence, suddenly lightning bolts started shooting everywhere and then CRASHHHHHHH!!!!!!

A lightning bolt hit Ella and Alex. In a flash they find themselves on LOSTLANDS.....

"Oh, no!" Ella exclaimed

"What happened?" asked Alex

"Look Alex, an old house!"

They approach the house and they open the big door. As they enter and the door closes behind them, they look up and they see a huge monster! The monster has a wide mouth with big yellow teeth and no eyes. His ears are pointy and hairy. His hands are as big as tennis racquets and his feet are enormous! The monster starts walking towards Alex and Ella "CLACK, CLACK, CLACK" and that moment they realised they are in trouble.

Alex and Ella sit quietly in a corner. They know that the monster can't see, but it can hear. Ella whispers to Alex "We need to escape". Alex says "look at the ceiling!" Ella looks up and she sees a writing. The writing says "The only way to escape is to find the secret book".

Alex whispers to Ella "Come one! We need to find the book!" They tiptoe very quietly around the house, so that the monster can't hear them. Ella says "We need to distract him". Alex takes out some gummy bears and throws them in the monsters mouth to distract him. The monster yells from excitement to taste the delicious gummy bears!!!!

Alex says quietly to Ella "Run now" and they go downstairs to the basement. They see something glowing and as

they approach they see a chest. Ella opens the chest and looks inside. At the bottom of the chest there is a book. Alex grabs the book and reads the following message square, triangle, rectangle and hexagon will take you back through the back door. Ella looks at Alex and says "This is it!!! This is the secret book! We need to find the back door!"

Alex and Ella look around and see a huge door. They rush to the door, but can't open it. They notice a keyboard with shapes on the side. They hear a loud noise "CLACK, CLACK, CLACK" and they see the monster running down the stairs. "Quickly" Ella says "enter the code!" Alex enters square, triangle, rectangle, hexagon and the door opens! Ella and Alex jump outside and run as fast as they can!

A minute later, the rain starts. All of a sudden Alex and Ella are hit by a lightning bolt! In a flash they find themselves back on their bikes, only this time they knew exactly what had happened. Alex says to Ella "I am sorry I should have listened to you and not cycle so far". Ella smiled at him and said "It's ok, we are fine and that is all that matters". Then right when they get home they go to bed exhausted.