

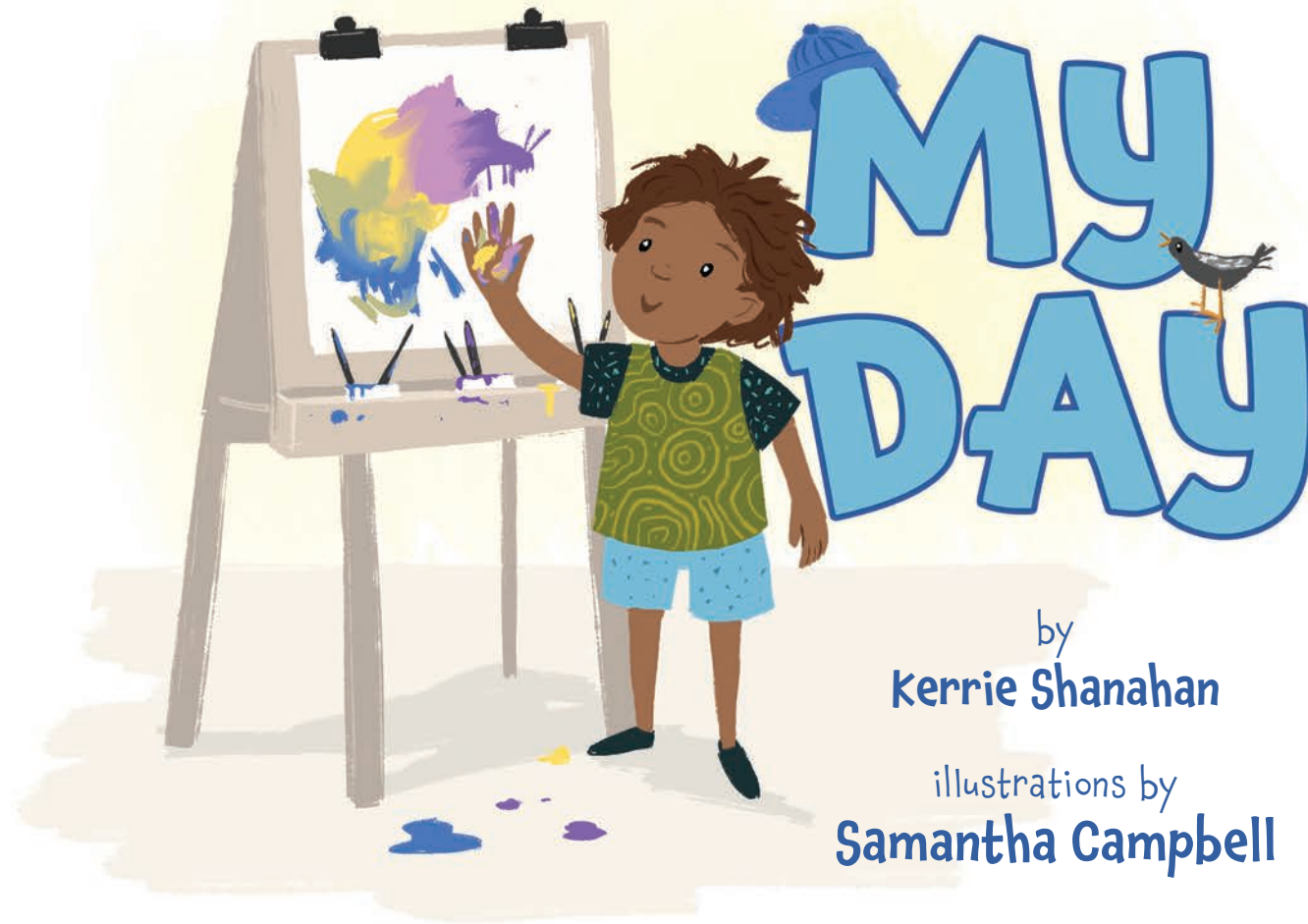
# MY DAY

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## Acknowledgment of Country

We, the English Language Learning for Indigenous Children (ELLIC) project, acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians and the first storytellers of the lands on which we live and work.

We honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' continuous connection to Country, waters, skies and communities, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

We celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories, traditions, education practices and living cultures.

Wooy, I'm Max.

I live with my Mum and Dad, my two big brothers,  
my Aunty and my new baby sister.

I'm a saltwater boy – I live in Pormpuraaw.  
Maybe you can find it on a map. It's up north.

I speak Kuuk Thaayorre language. I speak a little bit of Wik  
Mungkan language with my Nana and Kuuk Thaayorre language  
with my Mum and Dad. My Aunty also  
speaks some Yumplatok language.

My Nana is from Aurukun. My Pop is from Pormpuraaw.



I am going to tell you about my first day at preschool.



Today was the day,  
it was finally here.  
The very first day  
of my preschool year.





My teacher's name  
is Mr Vin.

'Hi Max,' he smiled,  
as I walked on in.



I looked around,  
there was lots to do!  
I cut with scissors  
and pasted with glue.



I played with water.  
I played with sand.  
I played with paint.  
'Look at my hand!'





I made a friend,  
Nellie's her name.  
We got dressed up,  
and played a game.



We built a tower,  
oh so high.  
One more block ...  
to reach the sky!



We ate our snack  
under a tree.  
Biscuits and cheese  
and grapes for me.



We put on hats  
and played outside.  
We ran and climbed  
and slid down the slide.





We packed up the toys.  
We sat on the mat.  
We all sang some songs,  
and had a good chat.



Then Mr Vin said,  
'I hope you had fun,  
but it's home time now,  
so goodbye everyone.'



I saw Aunty waving.  
'Wooy Max,' she said.  
She gave me a smile,  
and patted my head.







I held Aunty's hand  
as we walked away.  
And I told her about  
my wonderful day.









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