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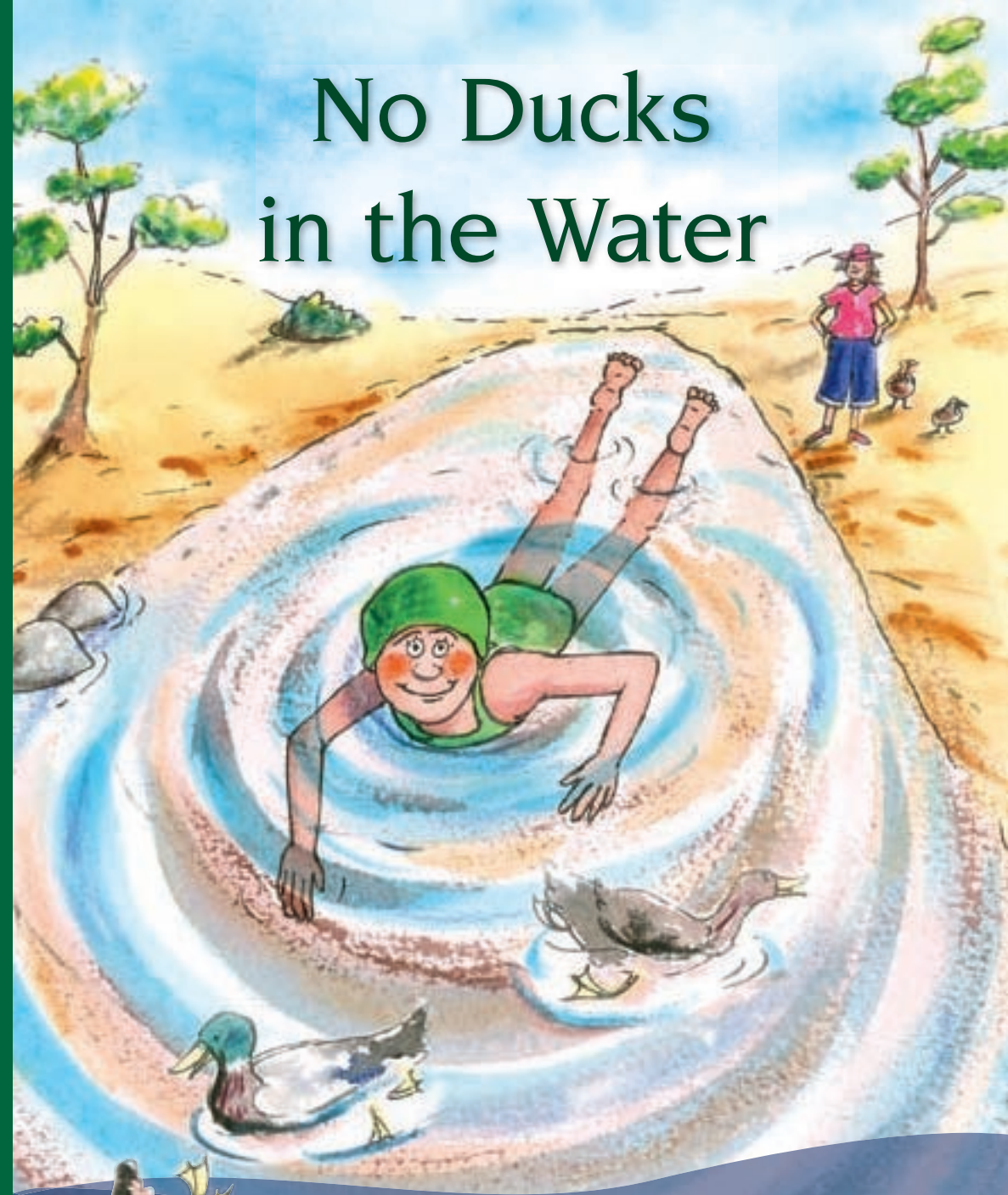
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My family lives on a farm way out in the country. We haven't had good rain for years. The river's just a string of waterholes. Our dam is dry.

So, when my distance education teacher, Ms Forbes, emailed that we had to improve our swimming form as part of our sports project, it was a problem.

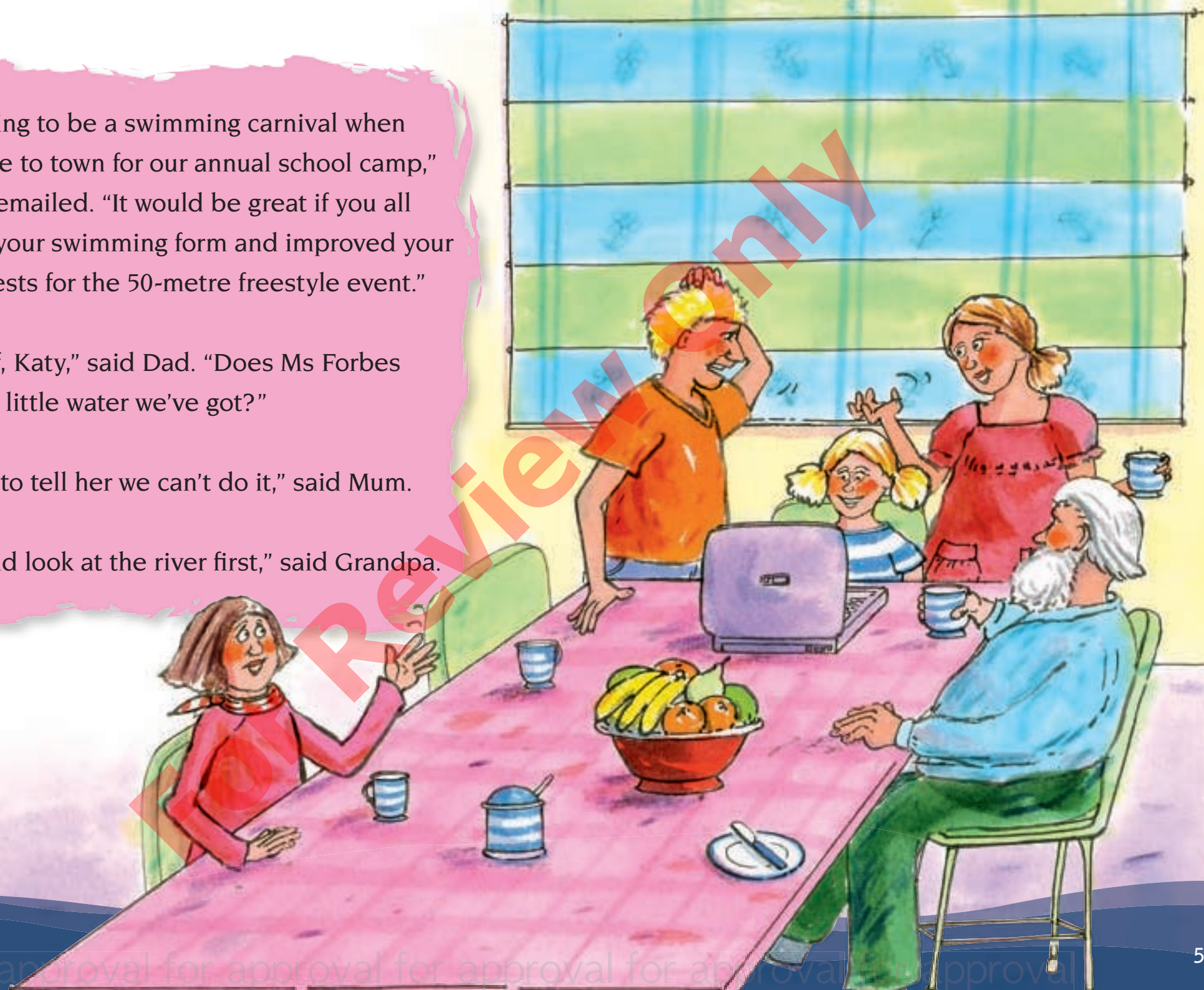


“There’s going to be a swimming carnival when you all come to town for our annual school camp,” Ms Forbes emailed. “It would be great if you all worked on your swimming form and improved your personal bests for the 50-metre freestyle event.”

“Good grief, Katy,” said Dad. “Does Ms Forbes realize how little water we’ve got?”

“We’ll have to tell her we can’t do it,” said Mum.

“Let’s go and look at the river first,” said Grandpa.



So, we had a look at the river. There wasn't a waterhole there that was 50 metres long, and the pools were choked with weeds and mud.

"But there are two waterholes close together," said Dad. "Hmm."

"Maybe we could join them together to form one waterhole," suggested Grandpa.

"And clear the weeds out," I said. "And then we'd have ..."

"A 50-metre swimming hole!" said everyone.

