

Having read the novel, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, children put themselves in the role of the author and wrote their own island adventure. Writing is independent and was completed over two sessions.

### My Island adventure

I had lived on the island for one year, with the Koalas and Kensuke. It was a hot day and we <sup>were</sup> collecting palm leaves to wave, hoping that it would cool us down. When we had collected enough we went up to watch hill. We were fanning ourselves. I was glancing down at <sup>the</sup> sea when I saw a boat. "A boat Kensuke, if we light the fire they might see it and take me back to my parents!" I exclaimed. "No it's the thief men who came a year ago, they've come back for the Koalas!" he cried.

We charged back through the forest. Kensuke whistled all the way for Koalas. They climbed on to us from all directions as we ran through the forest. When we got on <sup>to</sup> the beach they had already landed. We pelted for the cave. A look of dismay appeared on Kensuke's face. "One of the baby Koalas, Toki is missing, we can't go back now!" said Kensuke sadly.

The men stayed for three days. We had coconut for meals. We had saved it. The Koalas were always huddled in the back of the cave. They whimpered at night when they heard the men's cruel laughter. At last I heard the engine of the boat start. We waited half an hour before we went out on to the beach.

Later when we were walking through the forest we found one dead Kangaroo with her three joeys missing. We guessed they had taken them to the Zoo. We buried the Kangaroo and had a special meal for her. I hope they don't come again. We found Toki, she came when she smelt the food we were cooking! I was so pleased to see her.