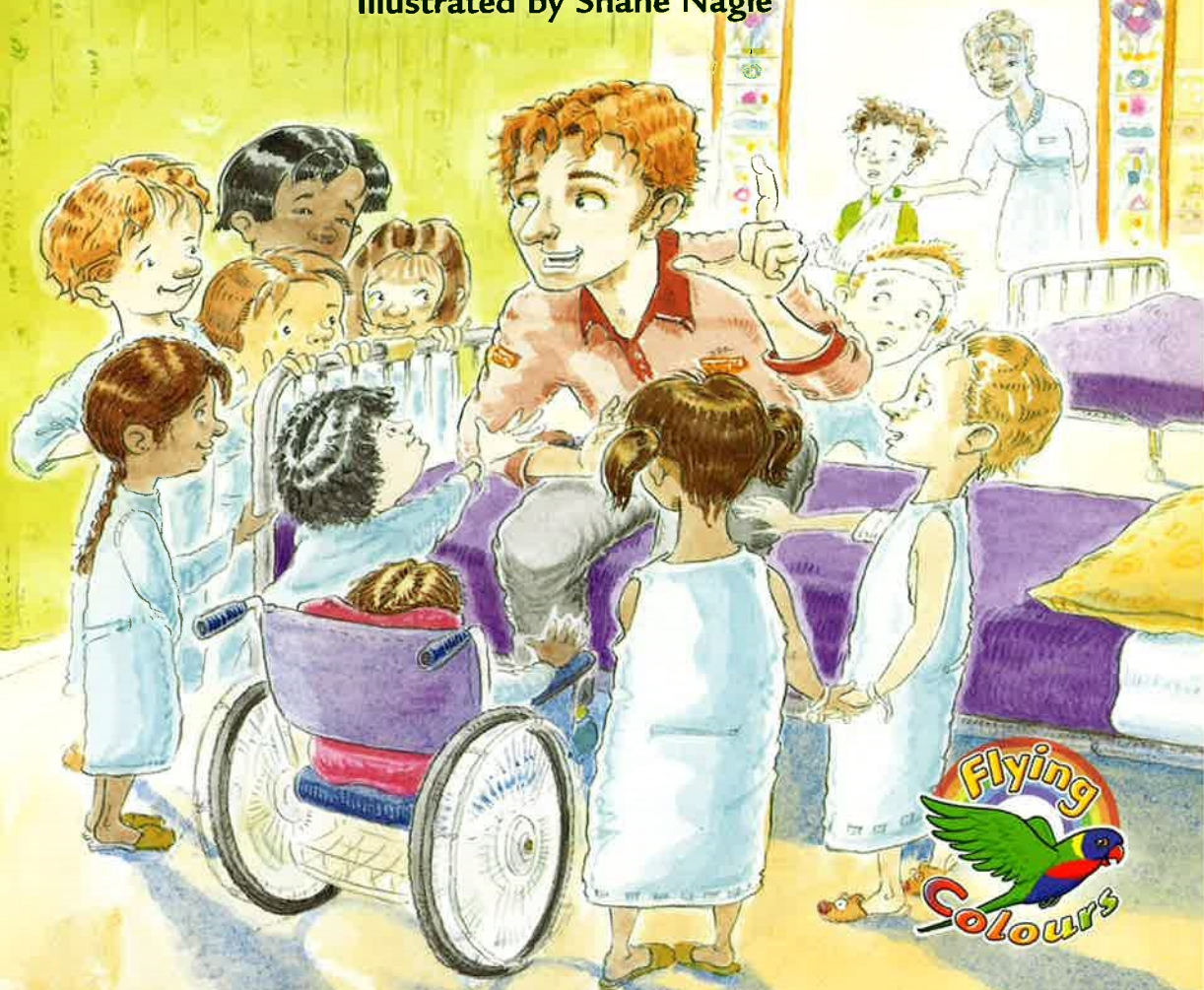


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Chapter 1

Playing Cricket

Joe loved cricket.

He played cricket at home with his family
and at school with his friends.

He loved batting and making runs,
but he loved bowling best
because he was very good at it.

“One day you’ll be a cricketer
like Danny Bell,” his friends said.

Danny Bell was a famous cricketer.
He lived in the same city as Joe,
but Joe had never seen him,
except on television.



Joe and his dad
watched him playing cricket on television.
They cheered all the cricketers,
but when Danny Bell bowled someone out,
they cheered louder still.

“One day you’ll be a cricketer
like Danny Bell,” said Dad.



This week, Joe was playing cricket a lot. Joe was in the junior cricket team at Bay School, and next week they were going to play against the junior cricket team from City School. Joe wanted to bat well and make a lot of runs.

"I want to play like Danny Bell," he told his mum.

"I want Bay School to win."





Chapter 2

Off to Hospital

On Saturday, Joe practised bowling in the morning.

After lunch, when he practised catching, Chip got excited.

“Go away,” Joe told Chip.

“Catch!” called his sister Jackie.



Joe ran forwards at the same time as Chip.
Joe kept his eye on the ball and fell over Chip.

