Year Five are currently writing and illustrating short stories in preparation for entries into an annual writing competition co-ordinated by Willoughby City Council.

Year 5 students across Willoughby are invited to write their own short story and create their own artwork focusing on an animal that has been chosen for his/her school. St Philip Neri’s animal is the Eastern Long necked turtle.

The animals are species that are not commonly seen in Willoughby. Some are classed as threatened species in NSW and some of the animals have just become uncommon in recent years.

The stories entered need to discuss an interesting fact about the animal, describe a place where the animal might live in Willoughby or write about what can be done to improve habitats for the species.

Every school entered will have two short stories published in a compilation book to be held at school and local libraries. The top three entries will receive a prize for his/her class.

Which stories and artwork will be chosen?

Results – early November 2016