

Keeping Kids Safe in Tom Price and Paraburdoo



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This book is dedicated to all the amazing kids, and all the adults who were once kids, growing up in Tom Price and Paraburdoo.

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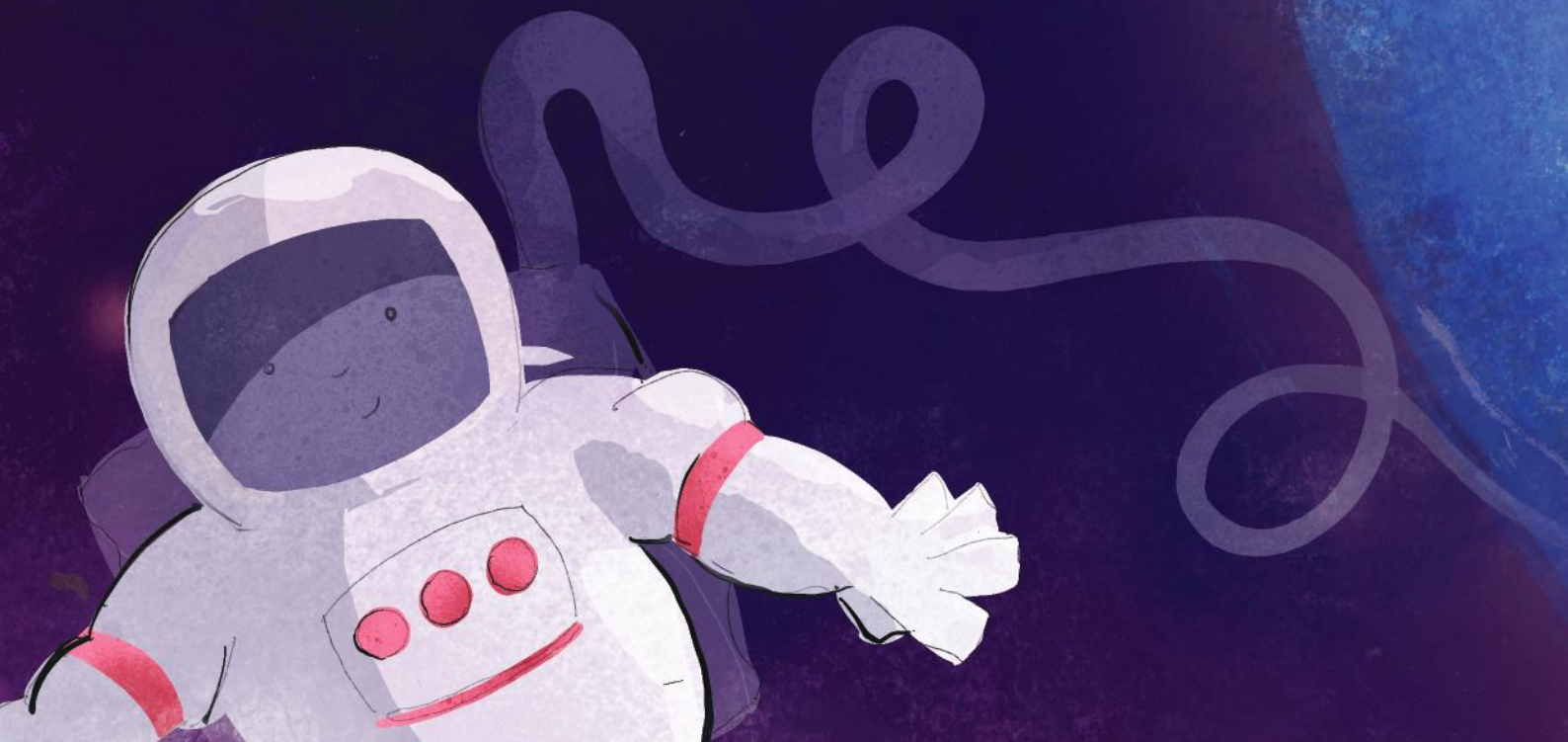


Have you ever wondered how big the
world can be?

On the world map, you'll find Australia that's
surrounded by the sea.

Tom Price and Paraburdoo can be found in
the middle of the Pilbara Plains.

This is the heart of red dirt country where
it hardly ever rains.





You
are
here



This part of Western Australia has big red rocks and splendid waterfalls.
It's home to many people, both big and small.

But when it comes to big red rocks, Jarndunmunha in Tom Price is
the most famous of them all.



Tom Price and Paraburdoo are where some of WA's
iron ore mines can be found.

It's here you'll see big yellow tractors called haul packs carrying
precious metals that come out of the ground.



This country sits alongside the Hammersely Ranges and is known as
Kurrama country or Eastern Guruma lands too.

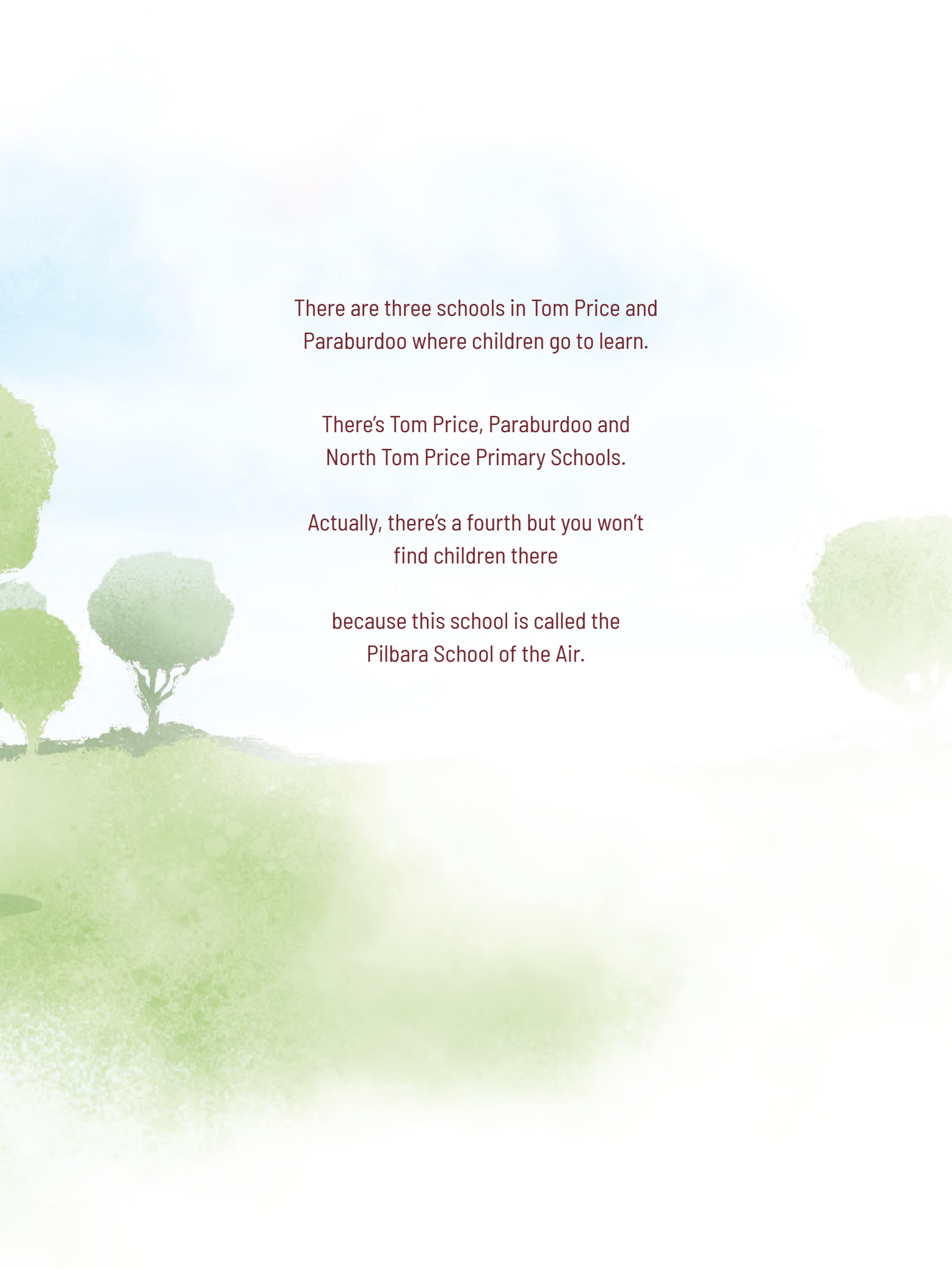
And the Yinhawangka countryside spreads far around Paraburdoo.



The twin towns of Tom Price and Paraburdoo are a long way
from the ocean.

And here, on this country, several aboriginal languages are spoken.





There are three schools in Tom Price and
Paraburdoo where children go to learn.

There's Tom Price, Paraburdoo and
North Tom Price Primary Schools.

Actually, there's a fourth but you won't
find children there

because this school is called the
Pilbara School of the Air.



In the afternoon when kids hear the school bell sound,
off they go to play sport or maybe they head to the hub uptown.



They also like hanging out at the local swimming pool,
and the skatepark is pretty cool.

These lands are home to wedge tail eagles,
rock wallabies and black king kites,

bungarras, wild horses and the dingos that come
out at night.

Halfway between Tom Price and Paraburdoo,
alongside the dusty road, you'll find Wakathuni under a
sky so blue.

In this country, the corellas fly and the local dogs roam.

This is where many of the local kids were born and it's
the place they call home.







In Tom Price, there's a track with bumps and hills
that always provides deadly thrills

It's where kids bounce and glide,
having fun as they twist and ride.

Many here have had a stack
but that's what happens at the local pump track.





North Tom Price Primary School

Whilst the towns of Tom Price and Parabudoo are
not very big, these are the places where all the
kids live.

There's Bellary Springs and Wakathuni too and
there's Rocklea Station on the way to Paraburdoo.

Let's not forget Paraburdoo Airport, where the
warm winds blow.

Over all these communities, the hot Pilbara
sun is aglow.

Paraburdoo



Bellary Springs



Wakathuni





Map of Tom Price



Pump Track



Tom Price
Primary School



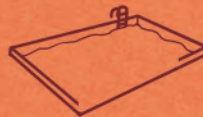
Drive In



Jarndunmunha
(Mount Nameless)



Skate
Park



Swimming
Pool



Football
Oval





But wherever they live,
it's important to know
that all kids in the Pilbara
still need adults to help them grow.



Tom Price and Paraburdoo kids are special, they are all one of a kind.
They may look different and have their own individual design.

Some kids are in wheelchairs or have extraordinary minds
but, most importantly,

*All kids in Tom Price and Paraburdoo have
the right to feel safe all of the time!*

Some kids feel unsafe depending on who they are with
or what they are doing,
whose house they are at or what pictures they are viewing.

It might be a secret they have been made to keep
or something at night when they are trying to sleep?

Someone might ask to see someone's
private parts under their clothes
but if it's not their job to do this, then that's not how it goes.







When Tom Price and Paraburdoo kids feel unsafe,
they might feel it in their belly or maybe they sweat or
their legs turn to jelly.

These feelings have names. It's not just in their minds.
These reactions are called

Early Warning Signs.



Their heart might beat fast, or their brain might race away.
If this ever happens, HELP they must say and,
if it is possible, try and get away.

If this ever happens, it's important to know
that all kids in Tom Price and Paraburdoo can let their feelings show.

Some worries kids hide may be big and some worries may be small but it's important for kids to talk to a trusted grown-up about them all!

Ignoring unsafe feelings won't make them go away.
If you don't tell a grown-up, the worry will stay.



Remember

Nothing is so awful you can't talk with someone about it.

Kids need to know that this is true.

So always tell a grown-up if there is something
worrying you.

When feeling unsafe, kids should try not to fear,
there are plenty of adults who are just waiting to hear.





It simply doesn't matter what you've done or what you do.
There are lots of grown-ups in Tom Price and Paraburdoo who care
about you.

Maybe someone in your mob is there when things get
rough to help you see things through.

Can you think of someone you know that
you could talk to?



If at first you don't feel safe,
keep telling till you do.

Keep telling the grown-ups who you trust,
they are there to help you.

The End



About Andrea Musulin

Andrea Musulin is a former police officer who has dedicated most of her career to keeping children and women safe over 30 years of service. In this storybook, she continues her life's work and the fight against child abuse, neglect and family violence. Andrea has been involved with Protective Behaviours education since 1993 and was one of the early pioneers in the Protective Behaviours journey in Western Australia.

About Nintirri Centre

Nintirri is a not-for-profit organisation that has had a presence in the town of Tom Price for more than 35 years. It provides many services, including an early education and childcare centre and a family and domestic violence service. Nintirri creates resilient places where people can live safe, healthy and empowered lives, with a focused commitment to keeping children safe.

About Fay McInnes

A social worker, currently working in the family and domestic violence field, Fay is passionate about social issues and dedicated to keeping women and children safe.



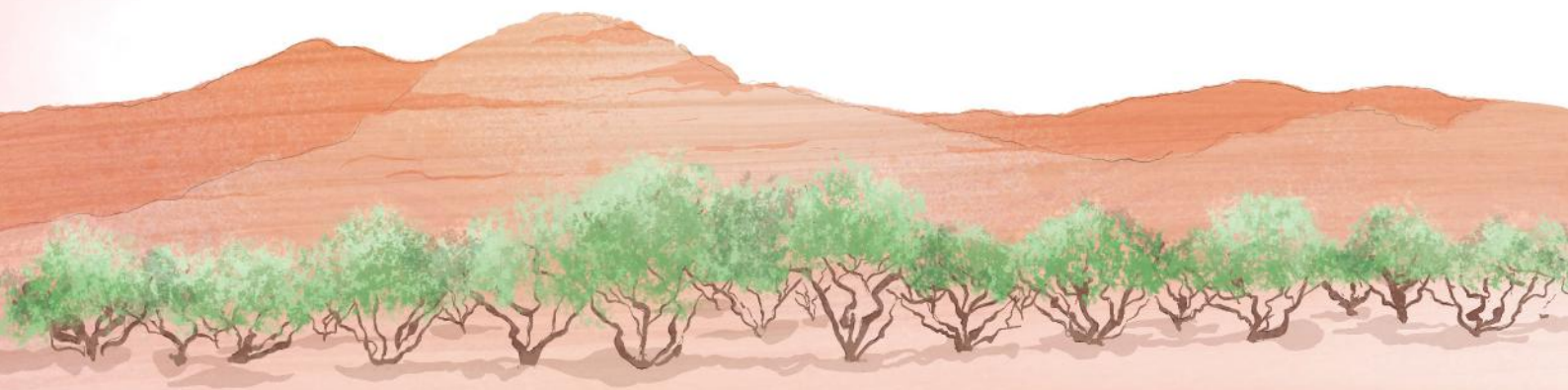
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It is widely understood that a lack of education is one of the inhibiting factors when it comes to child abuse and neglect.

Set in Tom Price and Paraburdoo, this storybook has been written specifically for children who live in these communities.

Keeping Kids Safe in Tom Price and Paraburdoo is an essential tool for teaching children about personal safety. This storybook provides essential information, guidance and knowledge on navigating unsafe situations with confidence and awareness. Through relatable places and age-appropriate messages, it introduces the concepts of the Protective Behaviours and Keeping Kids Safe programs.

A must-read for parents, educators, and caregivers looking to empower children with vital life skills for keeping themselves safe and speaking up when they don't.



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