

# Teachers Notes & Lyrics for the Silly Galahs

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The CD liner also contains the lyrics for the songs.

## Silly Galahs

This song celebrates friendship and the power of collaboration. Galahs are always seen in groups, you'll rarely find one alone. Children learn socialization through interaction with other children who have different opinions and styles, methods and means. This also helps them to appreciate how being alone is okay too from time to time.

## Ben de Banana

Fruit is a quick source of vital energy, with a rich variety of colours to mix and enjoy. Bananas are easy and fun – round and curvy shapes are one of the five common elements of joy. What are the other four? Bright colours; high, rising, uplifting objects; plentiful abundance; and finally, patterns are more pleasing than chaotic designs.

## Chew Chew Choo!

Chewing your food generates essential saliva that eases the process of digestion. The Chinese have a saying, 'Eat your liquids and drink your food.' Chewing should preferably go on until food is reduced to a liquid state which is swallowed naturally. This song makes a game out of it, and you can come up with others.

The added benefits are: 1. Food flavours are really enhanced, noticed and appreciated. 2. The repetition and rhythm of chewing is an opportunity to observe and practice concentration and focus, useful techniques for all areas.

## I Save Water

As the title suggests, some practical ideas to treat water as the precious commodity it is. Avoiding any suggestion of scarcity, it rather focuses on respect and our enjoyable relationship with water. For example, cooling off in a sprinkler is fine on a patch of grass, and turning off taps is important.

## The Platypus Plunge

This song introduces the fundamental importance of aerobic exercise, starting with optimal deep breathing.

The children learn about how our unique Australian creature forages for food.

This is a full action song for the whole body to engage in and learn about life in another element, under water.

## Welcome to Australia

This song celebrates the rich diversity that makes up the community of our nation of immigrants. Our indigenous animals represent our country and welcome all to our shores.

## Gecko Echo

This quirky tune is a nod to the fun that children have when learning language.

Playing with words and their sounds is a great way to remember them better, along with rhythm and rhyme. The images formed by odd combinations create a 'stickability' factor for new words.

## Reach for a Rainbow

The themes here celebrate both the diversity of individuals and cooperation. All the colours of the rainbow are separate yet function as a whole. All are necessary and contribute equally to the total beauty of this overarching, natural yet magical phenomenon. Just as each of us plays a part, and the whole is stronger through our collaboration.

## Once Upon A Platypus

This time we explore what makes our animals so original in Australia. An aboriginal legend is the basis for this story. It tells about how the platypus has both the characteristics of Mooroo the water rat and a duck. Actions included.

## Who's That Knocking?

A fun way to stimulate imaginations, this is like playing a game of: 'What if?' or 'What might happen next?' Allow the suggestions to flow, collect them and then see how the children can use these. Are there common themes? Could you combine some of your ideas into a story? Why not act it out, draw pictures, or make a storyboard?

### **Some suggestions for follow-up – After each song, teachers can ask:**

'How do you feel when you hear this song, dance and sing along?'

'What emotions did it bring up?'

How might you express these?'

'What part of this song did you like best?'

'Would you like to draw your favourite part?'

'How will you share this fun with others, your family?'

'How can you place this fun into your daily routine?'

Dear Teachers & Parent/s

Good Morning / G'day!

I'm an entertainer and author of educational musical plays for over twenty-five years.

Today the children enjoyed singing and dancing along to ten fun songs in the Silly Galahs Show. The themes of the show are Australian animals and birds, care of our environment, and encouraging healthy eating habits.

If you'd like a **copy of the CD** so you can continue dancing with your children and reinforcing these messages, I'll post one out to you. \$25 includes postage.

If you wish to have a listen, jump over to [www.sillygalahs.com](http://www.sillygalahs.com) to keep up to date with all the music, videos, shows and special prizes! You can subscribe there to hear it first!

You can use the **free mask templates** there to make Galah, platypus and koala masks for your whole family and have fun together!

Yours Sincerely

David Cronin (and Coco the monkey)

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## LYRICS TO ALL SONGS

### Silly Galahs

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CHORUS: Silly Galahs, the clowns of the sky  
 Silly Galahs, and they love to fly  
 Silly, silly. silly galahs  
 Silly, silly. silly galahs

When they're on the ground they waddle around  
 We giggle and talk at their funny walk  
 But when they spread their wings  
 They're acrobats, everybody sing

CHORUS: Silly Galahs...

On the ground they need a feed  
 They peck, peck, peck, peck, peck up seed  
 But when they spread their wings  
 They're acrobats, everybody sing

CHORUS: Silly Galahs...

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### Bendy Banana

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CHORUS: Oh, Bendy banana, bendy, bendy ba-na-na  
 Bendy banana, bendy, bendy ba-na-na  
 Bendy banana, bendy, bendy ba-na-na  
 Bendy banana, bendy, bendy ba-na-na

Banana fills me with good things  
 For the monkey bars and swings  
 I'm Bendy and I feel beaut  
 Banana the bendy fruit

CHORUS: Oh, Bendy banana...

This funny fruit isn't straight, it's a smile on my plate  
 Bananas make me strong, so I can swing the whole day long

CHORUS: Oh, Bendy banana...

Could it be a bird in the air? Could it be a rocking chair?

Could it be an umbrella? Could it be a mobile phone?

REPEAT VERSE ONE: Banana fills me with good things...

CHORUS: Oh, Bendy banana...

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**Chew Chew Choo!**

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CHORUS: Chew Chew Choo, Chew Chew Choo  
 The best thing for your body you can do, do, do  
 The food train travels easy when you, you, you  
 Chew Chew Choo, Chew Chew Choo.

When the food goes past your lips  
 Your teeth break it into bits  
 Fill the train with food you eat  
 And little bits fit in nice and neat

*CHORUS: 'So Chew Chew Choo, ...*

When the food train travels down  
 Your tummy juices come around  
 The juices want to reach all the food  
 With tiny, tiny bits it's easy to do, so...

*CHORUS: 'So Chew Chew Choo, ...*

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**Welcome to Australia**

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CHORUS: Australia, Australia, "Welcome to Australia!"  
 Kookaburra loves to laugh, "Welcome to Australia!"

Kangaroo and Koala say, "Welcome to Australia!"  
 Wombat and Echidna say, "Welcome to Australia!"

CHORUS: Australia, Australia ....

Cockatoo and Galah say, "Welcome to Australia!"  
 Platypus and Goanna say, "Welcome to Australia!"

CHORUS: Australia, Australia ...

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**Once Upon A Platypus**

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CHORUS: Once Upon A Platypus I saw the strangest things  
 A duck's bill, quack, quack, and a duck's feet, flap, flap  
 It's a wonder there's no wings!  
 Ratty fur, stroke, stroke, and ratty claws, dig, dig  
 A tail to steer and dive

That platypus must surely be the strangest thing alive

Once Upon A Platypus I saw a funny nose  
Like a duck's but soft, I said, why have you one of those?  
It should be on a duck that can quack and float and fly  
That platypus it splashed me, and winked its eye.

CHORUS: Once Upon A Platypus...

Once Upon A Platypus I saw the sharpest claws  
Like Ratty's, I said: Platty, are you sure these are yours?  
Rats dig holes in river banks, where they love to lie  
That platypus it splashed me, and winked its eye.

CHORUS: Once Upon A Platypus...

Once Upon A Platypus I saw a funny tail  
Like a beaver, or a badger, or a giant whale  
Now do you walk or do you swim? You really should decide  
That platypus it splashed me, and winked its eye.

CHORUS: Once Upon A Platypus...

### **The Platypus Plunge**

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CHORUS: We're diving deep to get some lunch  
Everybody do the platypus plunge  
Take a big breath and fill your lungs  
Everybody do the platypus plunge

Paddle your feet /// waggle you tail ///  
Down to the bottom of the stream we sail  
Turn around /// close your eyes ///  
Feel with your bill for a nice surprise

CHORUS: We're diving deep to get some lunch...

Keep on paddling straight and strong  
We'll be at the bottom before too long

Paddle your feet /// waggle you tail ///  
Down to the bottom of the stream we sail  
Turn around /// close your eyes ///  
Feel with your bill for a nice surprise

CHORUS: We're diving deep to get some lunch...

Muck like a duck in the mud for food  
Soon you'll have enough to chew, chew, chew

Paddle your feet / and waggle you tail...

CHORUS: We're diving deep to get some lunch...

**Who's That Knocking?** © David Cronin

Who's that knocking? # # #

Could be the postman with a parcel

Could be Grandma with a basket

Could be a crocodile with snappy jaws

Could be a monster with muddy paws

CHORUS: Who's that knocking? # # #

Could be a swarm of buzzy bees

Could be a goat that won't say "Please!"

Could be a duck or a goose or a hen

Shall we open the door or shall we sing it again?

CHORUS: Who's that knocking? # # #

Could be my sister home from school

Could be a fish wishing for a pool

Could be my friend who wants to play

Shall we open the door or sing it again?

CHORUS: Who's that knocking? # # #

**Can Gecko Echo?**

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Chris Cockatoo wears socks and shoes

Goes dancing with Goanna Lou

What's Ossie Owl see in the dark?

Al Aardvark's taking his car park!

CHORUS: Can Gecko echo "Coo-ee?" "Cooee ---!"

Can Gecko echo "Coo-ee?" "Cooee ---!"

Can dingo sing: "Oh, Do ray me?"

"Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti"

Can Gecko echo "Cooee?" "Cooeeeee!"

Mel Pel-I-can's at the deli, can

Bill Bilby say what will be? When

Elle Emu gives ice-cream to

Mike Magpie playing bag-pipes – 'Cool!'

CHORUS: Can Gecko echo "Coo-ee?" "Cooee ---!".....

Ken Koala sees the far star's light  
 Peter Possum's tossing pancakes high!  
 Liz Lizard she's a wizard, turns  
 Into a stick – or is it?

CHORUS: Can Gecko echo "Coo-ee?" "Cooee --- !".....

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## **I Save Water**

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I save water in the bathroom, when I brush my teeth  
 I always turn the tap off, to use just what I need

I turn the tap off – turn the tap off  
 When I brush my teeth - when I brush my teeth  
 I turn the tap off – turn the tap off  
 When I brush my teeth - when I brush my teeth

I save water in my garden, I love my plants to grow  
 And when they've had enough to drink, I turn off the hose

I turn the tap off – turn the tap off  
 When they've had a drink – when they've had a drink :||

I save water when the tap drips, I always turn it off  
 I twist my wrist and turn until the drip drop stops

I turn the tap off – turn the tap off  
 Until the drip drop stops – until the drip drop stops :||

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## **Reach For A Rainbow**

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CHORUS: Reach for a rainbow - High and wide  
 Reach for a rainbow - Climb, climb, climb  
 What a lovely ribbon - To reach the other side  
 Reach for a rainbow - Slide, slide, slide

Red and orange, yellow and green  
 In a rainbow all colours can be seen  
 Blue and pink, purple and violet  
 Can you see your favourite colour yet?

CHORUS: Reach for a rainbow - High and wide...

Red and orange, yellow and green...  
 CHORUS: Reach for a rainbow - High and wide...