

Years 3 & 4  
2nd Place: Trinity Mei Jing Loo  
Year 3, Piara Waters Primary School

### **Akiria Banks**

Akiria trudged down the pathway to the wooden house wondering if she could go to a new school. But then she kicked herself. "*We don't have enough money!*" she thought fiercely to herself.

After a long walk, she finally arrived at her house. She hopped up the steps and sat down on her chair. Her father, Mr Banks, was turning on the stove and nodded towards the garden. Akira brought in all the vegetables and dumped them in the pot. After dinner, they carved spoons. Then they went to bed.

A week of school went by. One Monday, Akiria asked "Can I stay back in school for a while?"

"Mmmm," her father replied with a frown. Akiria sighed then asked "Can I sew dresses?"

This time he nodded.

After school, she and her friends made a dress. It had four layers with a frill on top. It was white, blue, pink and yellow. Jessica cut the fabric, Emma sketched the designs and Akiria sewed them. Since Akiria had small hands, they completed their mission quickly. It was mesmerising!

Soon after they had finished a tall lady came by and asked if she could buy it. They were overjoyed to hear that someone would buy it as it was their first dress and they didn't know it was good enough to sell. She offered forty dollars but Emma insisted on forty-five dollars so they could have equal shares.

From that day forth, they made dresses and had enough money to go to a better school. They also had enough money to buy new resources. Soon their little shed became a boutique, then a factory. People still visit it today, the boutique is called E.J.A.'s dresses.