

## **Great Goal! Marvellous Mark!**

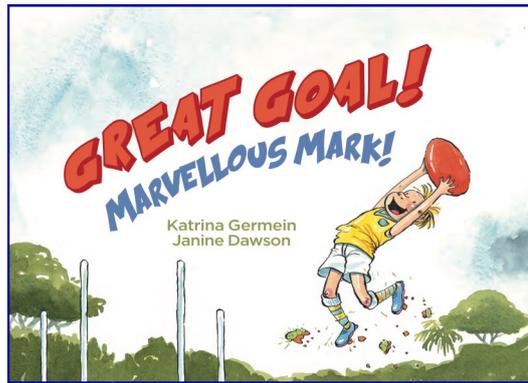
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Get ready for a great game of footy. There's plenty of action and masses of mud. Who will kick the first goal? Who will take the best mark? And will the yellow team win?



### **Themes:**

- Australian Rules Football
- The Alphabet
- Playing Sport
- Community Involvement
- Diversity

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Do you like to play or watch 'Aussie Rules'?
- Is there a particular team that you barrack for? If so, which team is it? What is it about them that you love?
- There are many specific 'footy' words in this book. As a class, make a list of them all and what they mean.
- What are some of the features of 'Aussie Rules' that make it unique?
- Do you know how the scoring works? Can you recall who won the game in the story and what the score was?
- Do you think all the children had fun, even if they weren't on the winning team? Discuss.
- Why do you think the players still looked excited to be playing and the spectators happy to watch, even though it was cold and raining?
- How has 'Aussie Rules' footy changed over the years.
- There are many people that have to be involved in order for a game to happen. Discuss the various roles of everyone involved.
- Why do you think that people are happy to volunteer in junior sport?
- Make a list of all other places that people might volunteer to help out.

### **Activities:**

- Think of another sport or activity that you like to do. Create your own 'word alphabet', just like in the story. Come up with as many different words for each letter as you can.
- Make your own paper mache Aussie Rules football, decorating it with your favourite team colours. Display these in your classroom.
- Have your own school 'footy' day. Decorate each class with team colours and posters that the children can make. Encourage students to wear a jumper/scarf or team colours from any sporting team they follow (not just AFL), and arrange certain footy inspired activities throughout the day. Make it a fun celebration of all that is great about sport.