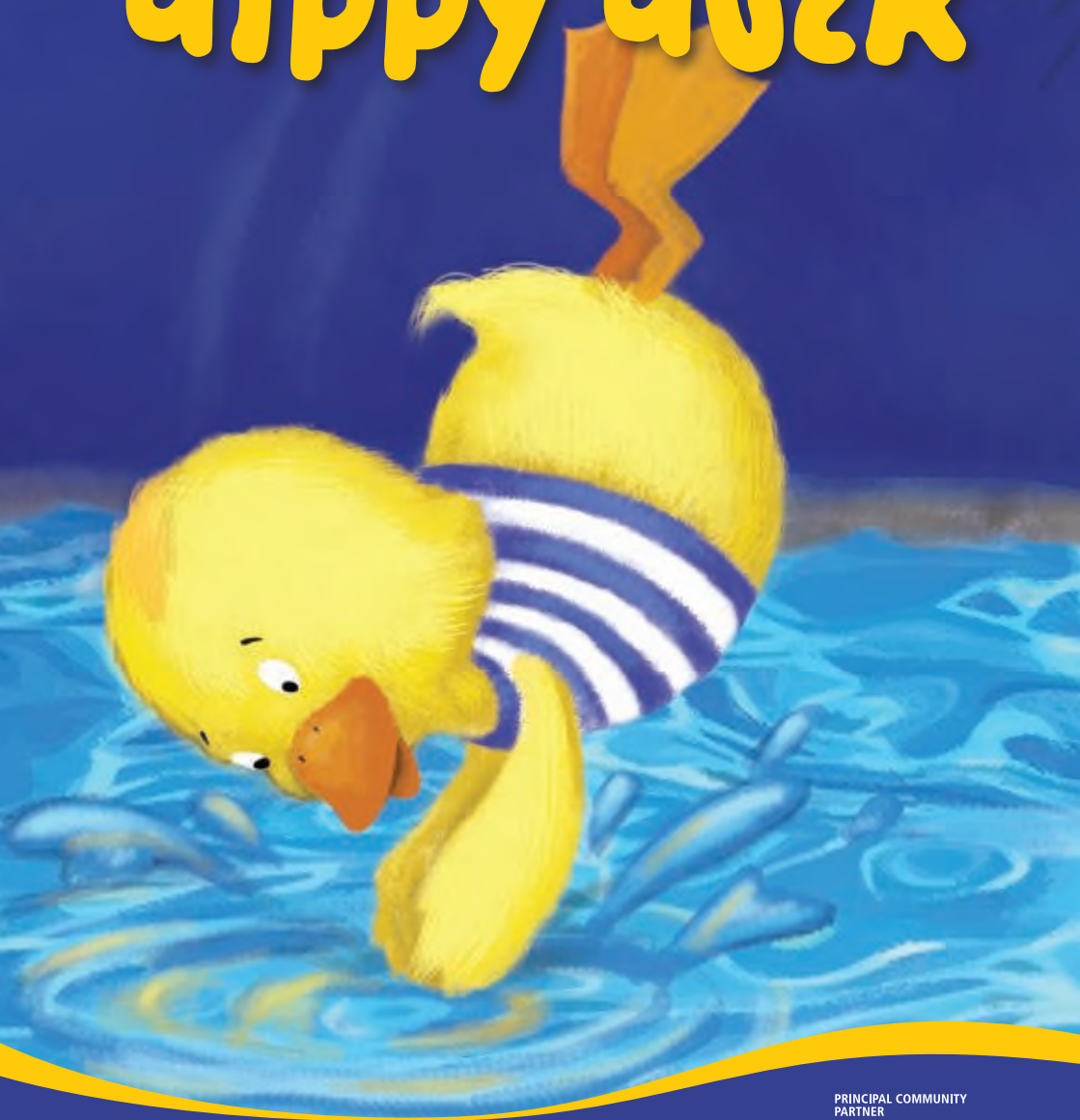


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“This book is dedicated to Mark Gubanyi and his daughter Kaitlin. After experiencing his own family drowning tragedy, Mark has worked tirelessly for more than 15 years as a Keep Watch Ambassador, to raise awareness and prevent toddler drowning deaths.”

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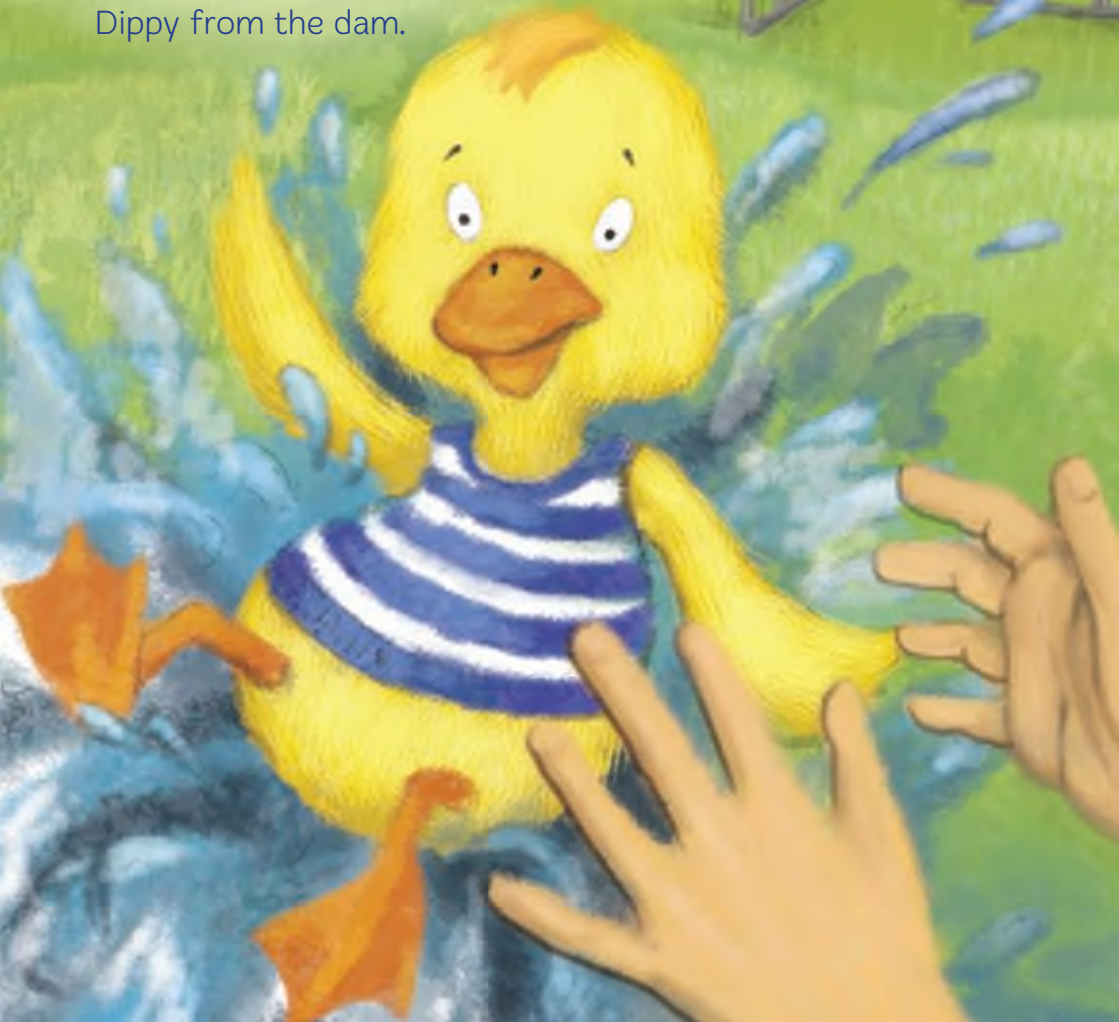
It was a warm summer's afternoon at Clydesbrook Farm. From the shaded tree-swing Dippy Duck planned his next adventure.

**"Imagine if I could
be a great swimmer"**

thought Dippy Duck as he ran
around the edge of the dam
looking at the tempting water.
Suddenly Dippy slipped and fell in.

**"Oh no! Dippy, you
know you can't swim"**

called Farmer Joe as he pulled
Dippy from the dam.



Farmer Joe needed to keep Dippy safe, so he decided to send Dippy to the big city for the rest of the summer holidays. Dippy could stay with Aunty Joan and his friend, little Thomas.

The bus arrived the next morning and Dippy Duck grabbed his backpack and waved goodbye to Clydesbrook Farm.




A young boy with brown hair, wearing a green polo shirt and dark shoes, is peeking from behind a blue door. He is smiling and looking towards a yellow duck. The duck is wearing a red backpack with a blue and white striped shirt underneath. They are standing on a wooden step in a doorway. In the background, a woman's legs and feet are visible; she is wearing a white skirt with a purple and pink patterned hem and black loafers. To the right of the doorway, there is a view of a green field with red flowers under a blue sky.

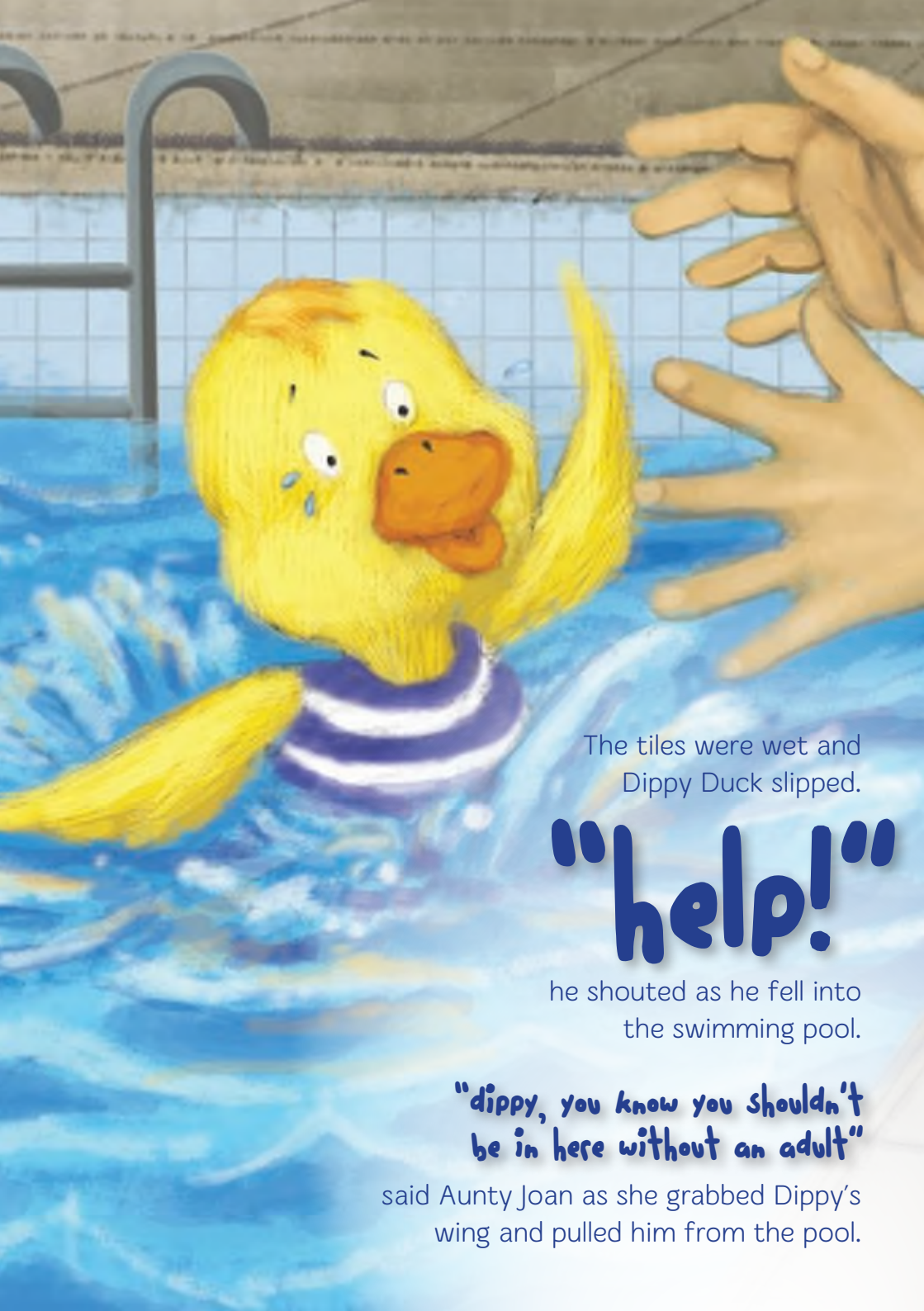
Dippy knocked eagerly and
the big blue door opened.

**"hello dippy,
i hope you are going
to enjoy your visit,"**

announced Aunty Joan
who was as pleased to
see Dippy Duck as little
Thomas was.



It wasn't long before Dippy began to explore his new surroundings. Sneaking behind Aunty Joan, Dippy Duck dashed through the gate and into the pool area.



The tiles were wet and
Dippy Duck slipped.

"help!"

he shouted as he fell into
the swimming pool.

**"dippy, you know you shouldn't
be in here without an adult"**

said Aunty Joan as she grabbed Dippy's
wing and pulled him from the pool.

"if only i were a fish"

thought Dippy Duck, then I could swim forever. Dippy saw his reflection in Aunty Joan's pond and began to imagine himself as a goldfish.





"oh, oh no!"

shrieked Dippy Duck as he lost his balance and fell into the pond.

"dippy, not again!" cried Aunty Joan as she raced to help Dippy.

After lunch the sky darkened and the rain came down. Dippy Duck loved the rain. While Aunty Joan was on the telephone, Dippy ran into the yard jumping excitedly from one puddle to another.



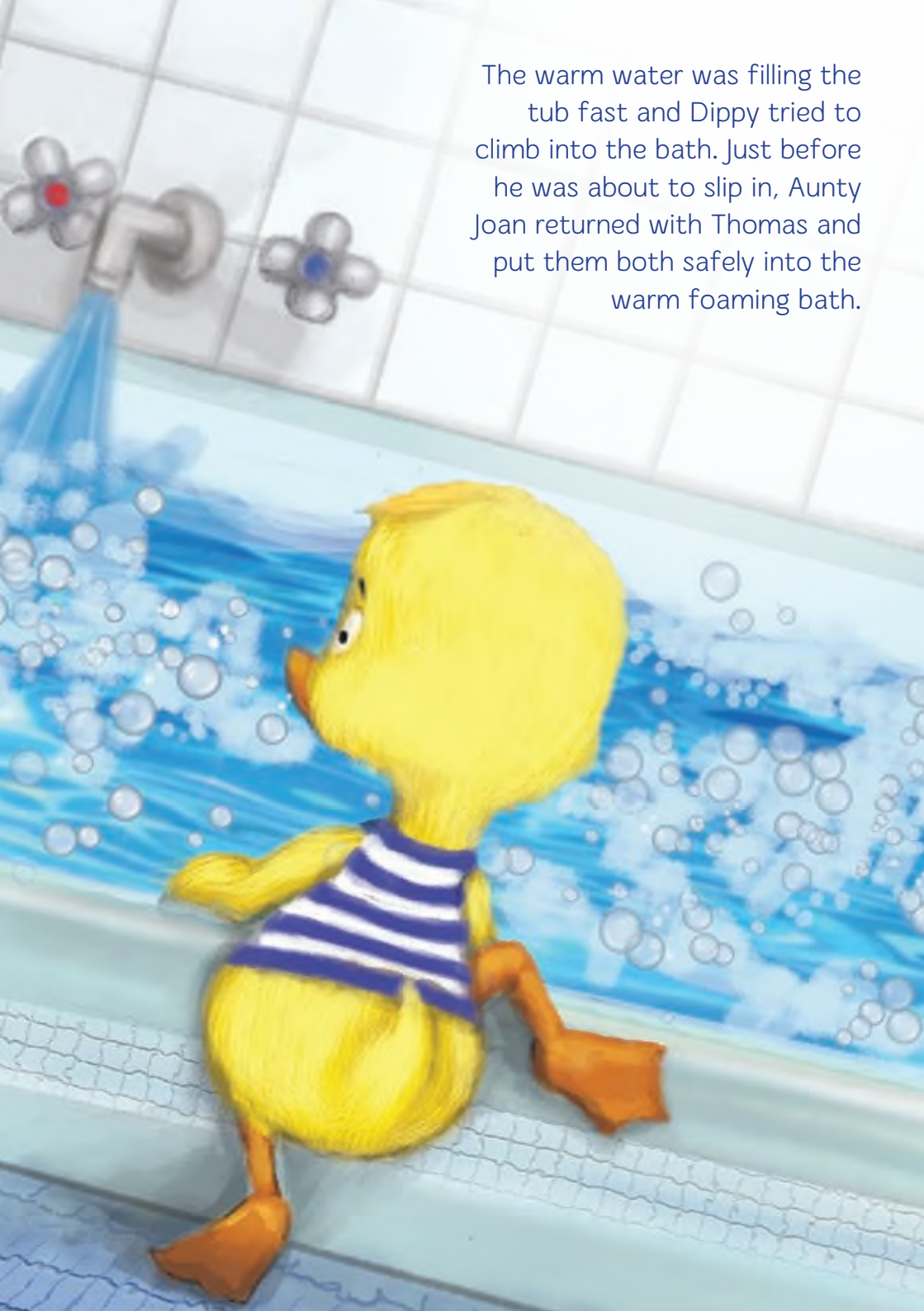
Dippy was soaking wet and covered in mud when Aunty Joan found him.

**"it's bath time
for you little
dippy duck,"**

said Aunty Joan as she took
him back inside the house.



The warm water was filling the tub fast and Dippy tried to climb into the bath. Just before he was about to slip in, Aunty Joan returned with Thomas and put them both safely into the warm foaming bath.





**"i think i
will stay and
keep an eye
on you both,"**

declared Aunty Joan as Dippy and
Thomas blew bubbles at each other.

The next day Aunty Joan made an important decision. She took Dippy Duck and Thomas to the local swimming pool.

"its time you learnt how to swim and survive dippy,"

said Aunty Joan as she tightened his swimming goggles.





The swimming instructor was very kind and friendly.

**"wow, i always
knew i was a
great swimmer,"**

thought Dippy as he finished his swimming lesson with Thomas.

A colorful illustration featuring a yellow duckling in the foreground, wearing a blue and white striped shirt. The duckling has a surprised or thoughtful expression. In the background, a person's hands are visible, resting on a large, orange, abstract shape that resembles a life preserver or a piece of equipment. The person is wearing a pink shirt with a white floral pattern. The overall scene is set against a background of green and blue, suggesting an outdoor or poolside environment.

When Dippy had finished
he saw Aunty Joan and
some other parents
learning first aid.

**"water safety
is a very
serious thing,"**

thought Dippy as they left
the swimming pool.

in just a few weeks dippy duck had learnt so much. the summer holidays were over and it was time for dippy to return to clydesbrook farm.



from this day on dippy knew that he would always be a water-safe duck.



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