

Billy Two Feathers

Billy Two Feathers marches to the beat of his own drum!

He goes to war with his mud pies and sling shots and battles invisible enemies!

Hurrum, hurrum!

"Hey Billy Two Feathers! Yell the other kids! Why are you so weird and who are who are you fighting, there's no one there!"

Billy Two Feathers had a cat named *General*. *General* came to school with Billy and slept in his school bag!

"Hey Billy Two Feathers! Yell the other kids! You are so weird, and it makes us feel scared! Who'd let a cat sleep in their school bag?"

Billy Two Feathers marches to the beat of his own drum!

He talks to himself and sucks his thumb! "Wow wizards weeing" he shouts and then plugs his mouth with his tasty thumb!

Hurrum, hurrum!

Hey Billy Two Feathers! Yell the other kids! You are too weird, and it just makes us feel scared! Where's the wizards and you suck your thumb! You must be dumb!

Billy Two Feathers causes chaos when he goes to school. He wets his pants and pick's his nose.

But when the teacher asked, "what is 50 million divided by point three?"

It was only Billy Two Feathers who knew the correct answer!

Hey Billy Two Feathers! Yell the other kids! You are so weird! The teacher calls you a genius, but we think you're a silly-ass!

Billy Two Feathers was playing one day. When he saw something, he didn't like.

Two of the older kids were being mean to one of the boys in his class.

"Stop that!" Shouted out Billy Two Feathers loudly!

Hurrah, hurrah!

The two older kids scoffed. Ha! You're just weird Billy Two Feathers!

Billy Two Feathers marches to the beat of his own drum!

Hurrum hurrum!

AND ...

General the cat bit them on their bums and Billy Two Feathers did a spinning dance around and around those two older kids and made them **SO** dizzy that they forgot what they were doing!

Hurrah, hurrah!

Thanks for helping me Billy Two Feathers! The rescued boy said.

Hey Billy Two Feathers, you and your cat are cool! Agreed the rest of the kids in his class!

Now! Billy Two Feathers, General the cat **and** all the kids in his class march to the beat of their own drums too!

Hurrah, hurrah!

The End

Hey! - If you think the words 'hurrum and hurrah' are made up, well one is, and one isn't. The word Hurrah is actually a warrior's or soldiers battle shout. Hurrah and the other similar cries usually mean **CHARGE!**

Hurrah - Old British battle cry!

Huzza - An ancient Battle cry from Sweden and Denmark - Where the Vikings came from!

Ooh Rah - the Battle Cry of the United States Marine Corps

Hoo ah is the United States Army battle cry.

Hoo yah in the United States Navy battle cry

I used the word **Hurrum** in my story as it sounds like a drum beat and I tied it in with Billy Two Feathers marching to the beat of his drum! Drums use to be an important part of warfare. Drums together with battle cries were used to frighten your enemies. By beating at a different speed on his drum, a drummer boy could make the soldiers move; forward, to the left or right, retreat and of course... **Hurrah! Charge! Back before the 1914 war, drummer boys were usually kids. And sadly many were killed in battles.**



Have you ever heard of Autism or Asperger Syndrome?

This is the name given to people who develop differently than most people. It isn't a bad thing though! Most people who have Autism (**oar-tis-im**) or Asperger (**ass-per-ger**) syndrome usually find it hard talking to people and can be very shy. Sometimes people with this syndrome have exceptional skills in other areas, like maths. Billy Two Feathers probably has a mild case of Autism and it is sad that the other kids teased him at first, but wow! Wasn't he good at maths!

Everyone learns at different speeds and everyone has something they are good at! If you worry sometimes that other kids learn stuff easier or faster than you...don't worry and don't give up! Just ask for help and practice, practice, practice!

& do you know why Billy is called Billy Two Feathers? Billy is special person and has a natural care and respect for things. Did you note how he cared for his cat by making him a comfy bed in his school bag and how he helped the kid in his class, even though he'd been mean to him? Because of this type of behaviour, Billy Two Feathers has the 'mana' to wear two feathers in his hair to show that he is a chiefly boy! **Tumekē! (Cool!)**



If you want to talk to someone about yourself or someone you know – talk to your teacher, doctor or friend or phone someone and ask for help! (NZ Kidsline 0800 54 37 54)