

Bear settles into lockdown



The diary of Bear: Book 2

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It's well into Week 2 of Level 4 lockdown.

I'm finding that some days are really slow.

Sometimes I sleep in and it takes me a while before I get up and head out to the gate.





Hmm. Another slow day. Today's count was one tractor, two cars and a man on a bicycle.

The most fun I had was watching the flag fluttering at the war memorial gates across the road.

I was so tired when I got in, I fell asleep in the chair.

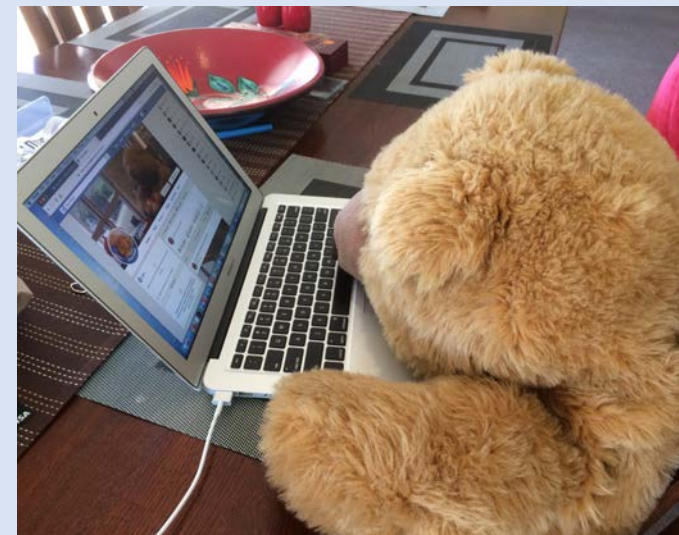




A new start. Today, I have decided to stop moping about.

First, I found jobs to do around the house.

Next, I checked my Facebook page to see how my friends were doing.





And, finally, I baked some Easter treats for my humans.



It's much more fun when you get out and do stuff. Today, I helped in the garden. I mowed zig-zag shapes on the lawn.



I watered the weeds and dug up the roses.

My humans suggested I might like to stay inside tomorrow.

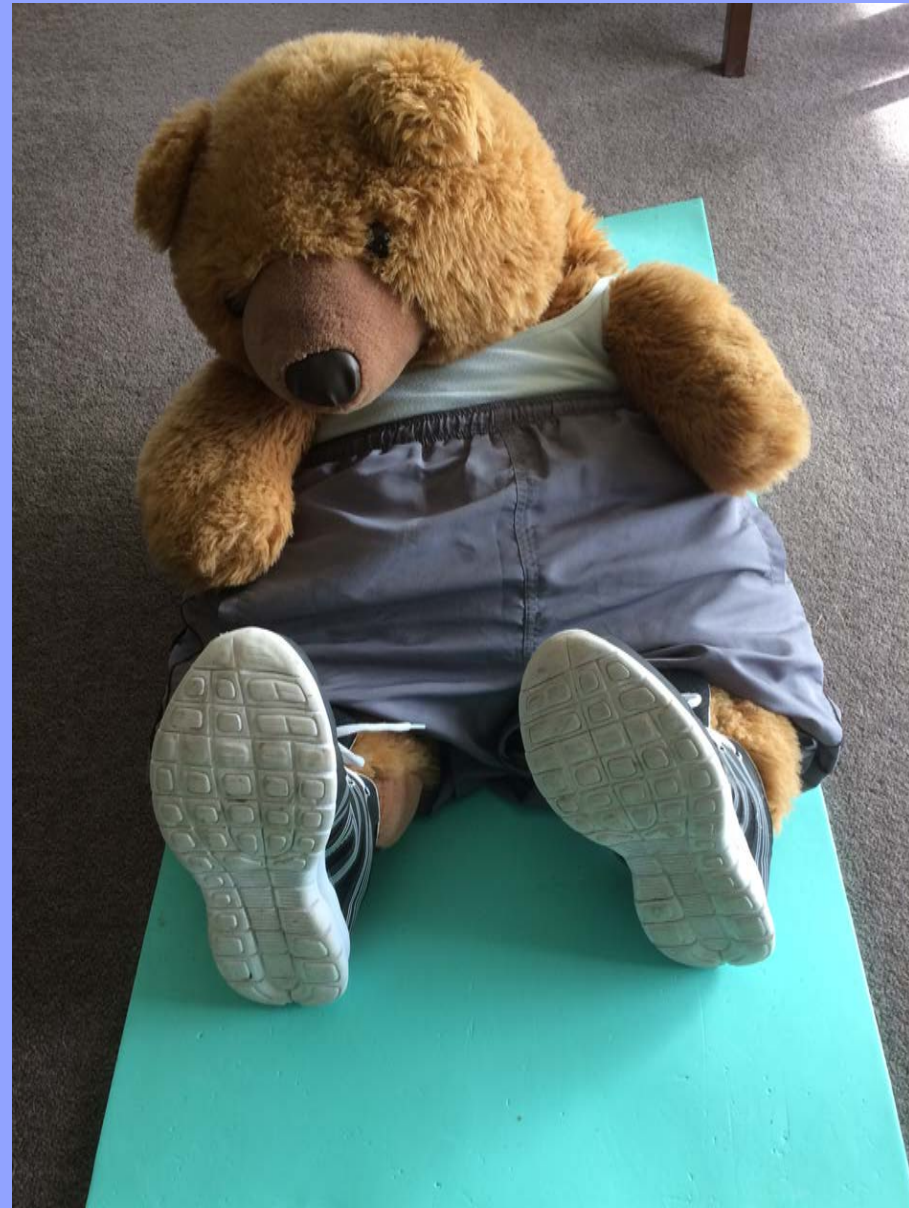
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Because I'm staying inside today, I decided it was time to kickstart my fitness regime.

It was very up-lifting.

I did sit-ups...



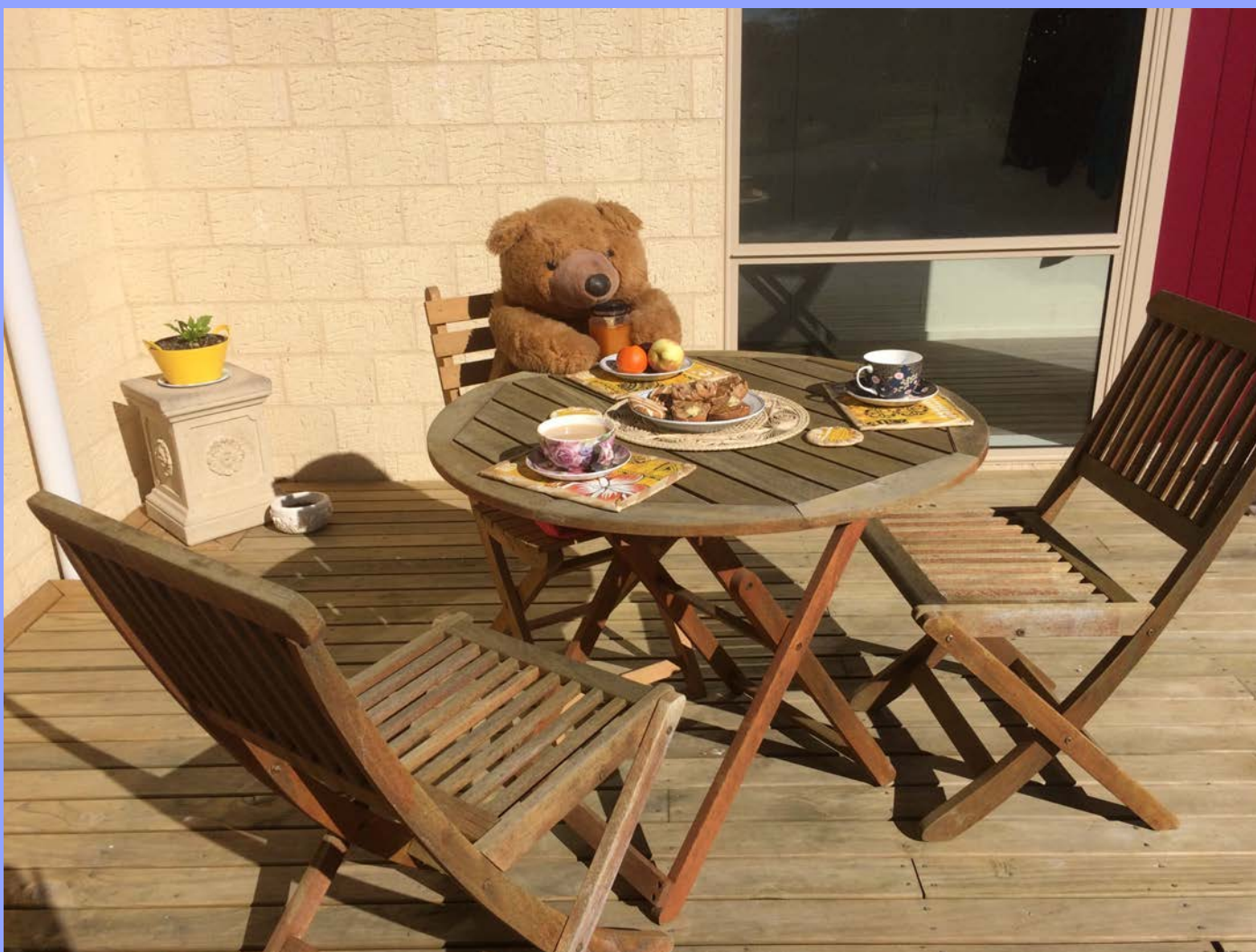


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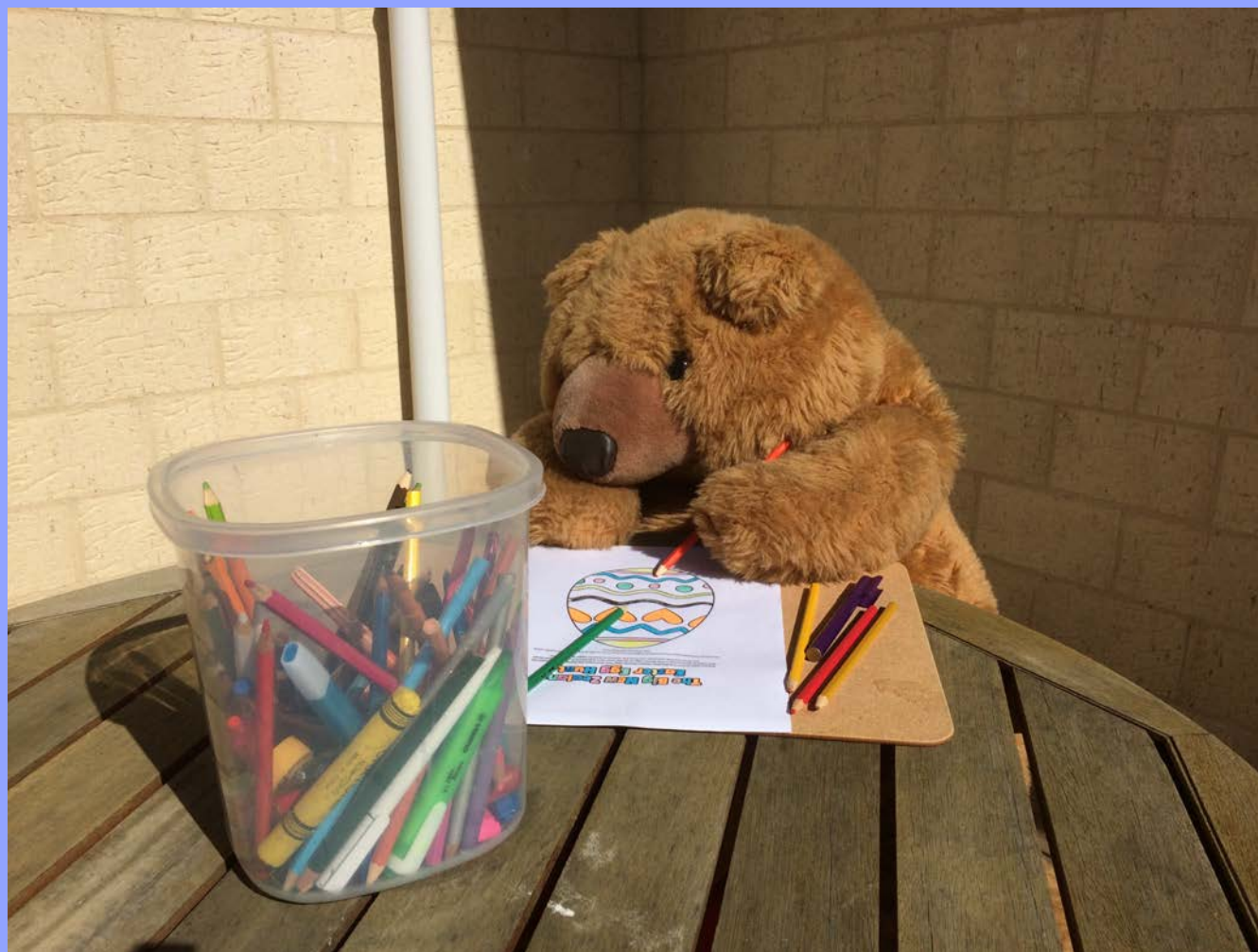
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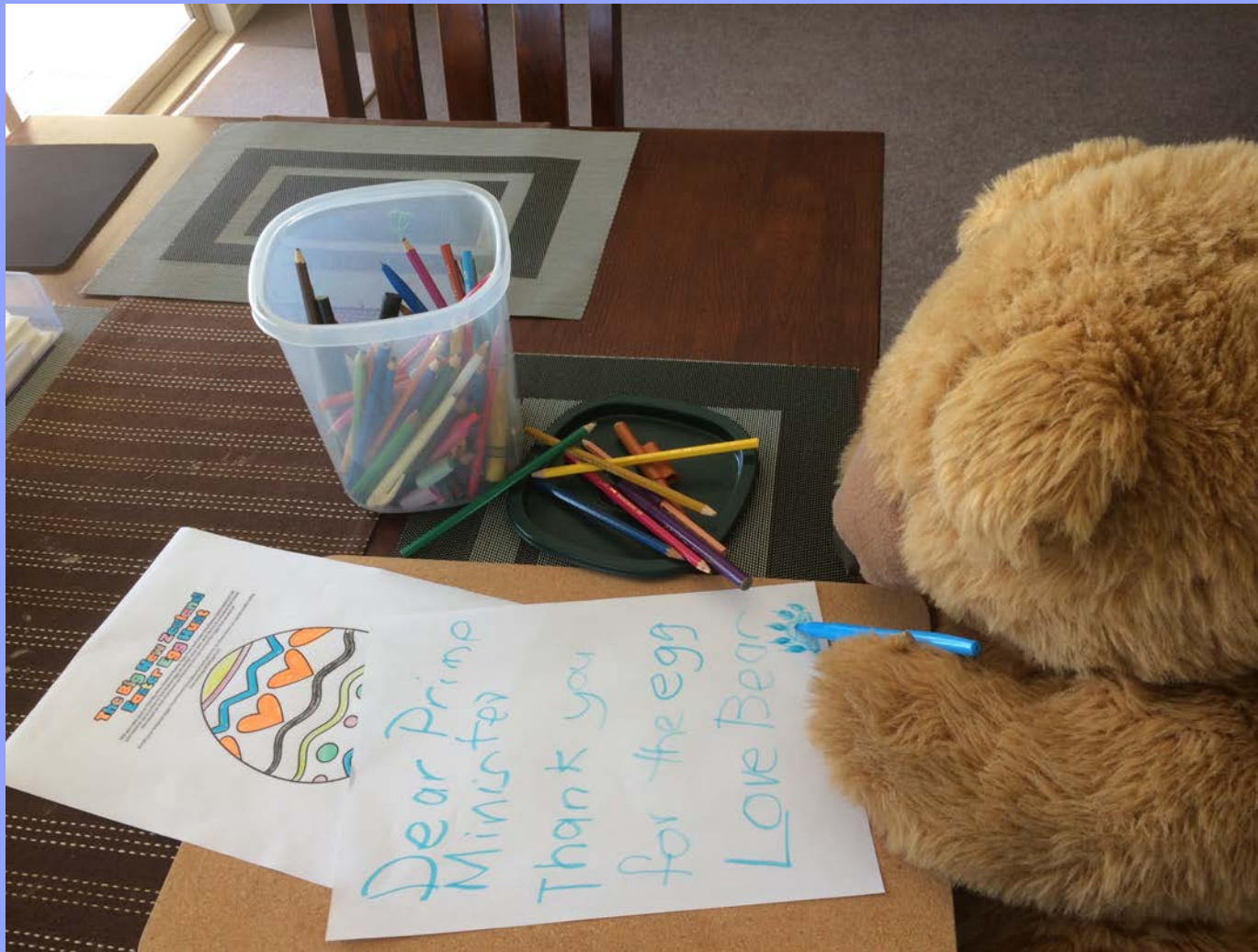




Today was Good Friday. There were treats for humans and bears. The humans had hot cross buns and I had honey.



I took the Prime Minister's advice and coloured in her Easter egg design. I tried very hard to colour inside the lines.



I wrote her a letter to say thank you. Do you think she'll write back?



Easter weekend is usually a time for humans to go away on holiday or catch up with family.

The Police Bear told us to stay home this weekend.

I told my humans that we should try a 'staycation'.



It was fun. I sunbathed for a bit...



And when I got too hot my humans made me a shady hut.

Today was Easter Sunday.

The Prime Minister said the Easter Bunny was an essential service but I was worried he might run out of Easter eggs before he found me.

When I woke up there were no Easter eggs ... but three clues.

I needed to go on an Easter egg hunt.

Clue number 1: I am red and black but I'm not a rugby team.



I know, the letterbox!



Clue number 2: I'm like the toybox but I'm not inside...



Clue number 3: I sit up high and catch the rain...

But that was not all.

I was so excited about the Easter egg hunt I forgot to tell you about the Easter treat I made for my humans.

A few days ago, I found the recipe for Bear Paw cookies.

While they were busy working on their computers, I sneaked them into the oven.





Mmm, they smell delicious!

Well, that was all worth it.

Happy Easter holiday
humans!

Be safe.

Be kind.

Love, Bear.





On March 25, 2020, New Zealand went into lockdown. This was the final step of a four-stage approach to fighting the COVID-19 virus. Bear's story was originally written to entertain family and friends and each day a new episode appeared on the author's Facebook page.

The story gained wider attention as it is not just a story about a toy bear. It contains many aspects of life under lockdown that readers will resonate with. It can also provide parents and teachers with an opportunity to discuss Bear's adventures with children and relate them to their own experiences.

In 'Book 2: Bear settles into lockdown', Bear finds that lockdown isn't always easy but you can change your attitude and try to make the best of it. Having Easter weekend to look forward to provided a bright spot in Bear's lockdown.