



All Stars 3: Josie, Wing Attack

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Readership: Upper Primary to Lower Secondary

Josie, from a large Italian family, is involved with her sister's wedding. Being one of the bridesmaids means she is caught up with the preparation and finally, the wedding day. With so much family at the Caparelli house, confusion reigns.

For Josie, who feels far more comfortable in jeans and a t-shirt, the idea of wearing a large purple dress is fearful. She often leaves the house when talk of flowers and garter belts and hair styles begins.

On the wedding day, the flower shop floods, ruining all their ordered flower arrangements. Josie rings one of her netball friend's mothers, a florist, to come to the rescue.

But the main problem with the wedding is that it is on the same day and at the same time as an important netball match. Josie has no choice but to be with her family, but longs to be with her friends.

- 1 Have you ever needed to be at two places at once? What did you do?
- 2 Collect some photos of large weddings from the newspaper or magazines. Make a collage of them.
- 3 The florist accidentally sends the family a wreath amongst the wedding bouquets (page 73). What is a wreath? Find some pictures of wedding bouquets and wreaths. Make a collage of the pictures. How different are the bouquets and the wreath?
- 4 Do a family tree for the Caparelli family.
- 5 In Chapter 3, Josie and the family are making bombonieri. What are they? Why are they used in weddings? Where did the custom come from? Find a recipe and have the class make some.
- 6 Josie plays netball because she can no longer play football. Why is this? Debate in your class the fairness of not allowing girls to play football after they reach 12 years of age.