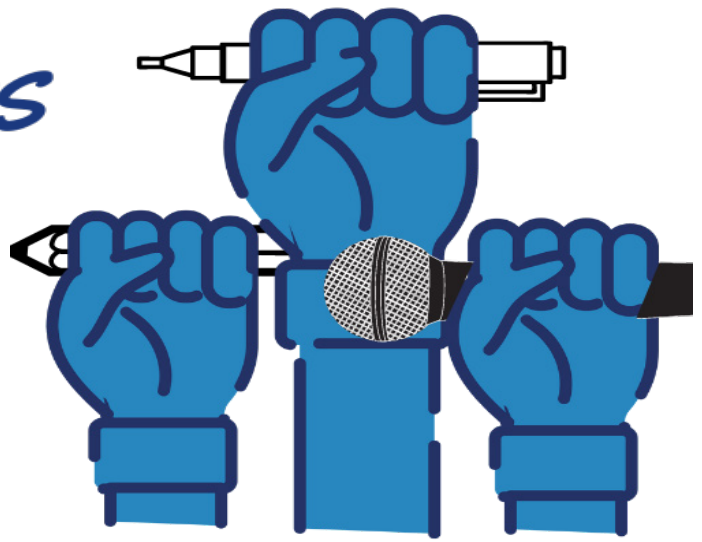


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Obscure Facts about Australia

by Lizzie, Year 6



Melbourne Used To Be the Capital of Australia

Australia's capital was Melbourne from 1901 to 1927 (26 years).

There Are Over 10,000 Beaches in Australia

Australia is well known for its magnificent beaches but the most famous beach is Bondi Beach.

The Sydney Opera House Took 14 Years to Build

The Sydney Opera House's construction started on the 2nd March 1959 and was opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 20th October 1973. The Opera House was designed by Jørn Utzon born in 1918 in Copenhagen. He entered a design competition and, to his surprise, won it.

The Record Jump From a Kangaroo is 12 Metres

The world record jump from a kangaroo was set in 1951 by a female Red Kangaroo in NSW. She jumped 12 metres in a single leap.

17 of the World's Most Dangerous Snakes Can Be Found Here

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17 of the most dangerous snakes in the world can be found in Australia. The deadliest snake in Australia is the Eastern Brown Snake which can be found in the eastern half of mainland Australia.



Koalas Can Sleep Up To 20 Hours a Day

Koalas can sleep up to 20 hours per day because of their low energy diet and the great amount of energy needed to break down any toxic leaves. Koalas are mostly active during the night, dusk and dawn.

Tasmania Used To Be Known As 'Van Diemen's Land'

In 1642, an explorer from the Netherlands, Abel Tasman named the land he had discovered after the Dutch governor, Anthony Van Diemen and the new land was officially named

'Van Diemen's Land'.

Night at the Mitchell Library (State Library of NSW)

By Yalyal, Year 6

A cold breeze swept through the air, before a shiver went down my spine. I heard a voice calling my name, "Yalyal..." It echoed through my ear.

"Hello?" I responded with a quiet voice before I saw a dark figure at my window. Somehow I felt like it wanted to talk to me.

"Kwendr kefdas gulkas."

I wondered what it was saying but then I realised it wanted me to go with it to the library across the



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road because it was pointing in that direction.

"Why do you want me to come with you?"

"Because people took my thing."

"What thing?"

It was quiet for a few seconds then I heard the voices again. The voices filled the whole room like a herd of cows.

"Fine, I'll come."

"YAY!" the voice squealed with delight.

"SHHHHHH!"

"Oh sorry. Yay. Okay let's go..."

To be continued...

Strings Ensemble

By Joanna, Year 6

What is the Strings Ensemble?

The Strings Ensemble (Strings) is made up of students who play cello, viola or violin. Students are grouped together into three groups depending

on how long and how good they play. Students start off enrolling in Stringlets then move up to Junior Strings then to Senior Strings which is where they stay until the student moves to high school. Students move up to Senior Strings when the musicians are talented enough at playing the instrument. All three of the sections are conducted by Rhea Sullivan.



Strings Rehearsal

Strings rehearse in the school hall. Ensemble practice is on Wednesdays for Stringlets at 8:50 - 9:20 am, Junior Strings meet on Thursdays at 8:30am to 9:15 am and Senior Strings is on Wednesdays 7:50 - 8:50 am. Students get to school and meet Rhea at the Church St gate then go down to the hall. Students set up their instrument ready for it to be tuned by Rhea. They then do some warm ups. After that,

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students practise the music that they are playing.

How to play

All the string instruments are played by using a bow (Arco) or by plucking (Pizz). A bow is a wooden stick attached with horse hair. Musicians use rosin to make the bow stick to the strings to make the sound better.

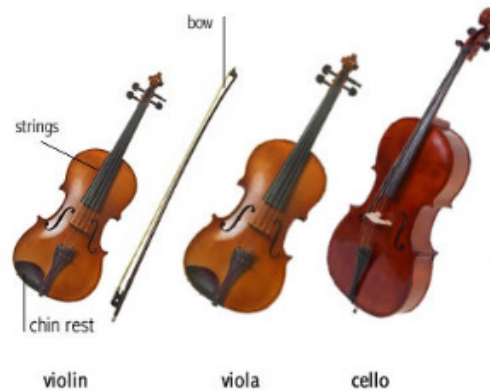
Privileges

The privilege of playing in the strings ensemble is performing. Every year (not during COVID) the Senior Strings get to play at the Opera House or the Town Hall with around 200 other strings players and about 700 recorder players.

Strings also perform around five times a year at assemblies, Creative Arts Night, the Kegworth Festival and end of year Strings Concert.

Meet the instruments

Violin means small viola. This has the highest pitch of all our instruments. There are four strings which are G, D, A and E. There are first and second violinists. The firsts violins, as they are called, have more experience than the seconds.



The viola's strings are C, G, D & A. It is slightly bigger and has a deeper sound than the violin. Those that play the viola are known as a violist.

Believe it or not, cello means big viola. They are the lowest and biggest instruments in Strings and students sit down when they play because cellos are between 53 cm and 75 cm long. The cello strings are the same as the viola's; C, G, D and A strings.

Join Strings

At the end of every year, the Senior Strings let people try their instruments to see if they are interested in playing them. You should definitely join strings. Visit www.cpsclubs.info for details.



Ocelots

By Mason, Year 5

Ocelots mainly eat small rodents but sometimes eat birds, snakes, iguanas and other lizards. They might look for food while walking around and wait for their prey to appear.

Ocelots live in tropical and subtropical rainforests in Central and South America as well as in thornscrub in Texas and northern Mexico.

Although ocelots are a predator they can be prey to larger cats as well as to boa constrictors, anacondas, camains and large eagles.

Ocelots are nocturnal which means they are more active at night. They use their sharp vision to hunt rabbits, iguanas, fish and monkeys. When they are ready to eat they do not chew their food, they use their teeth to tear it into pieces then swallow it whole.

A rodent would never see this wild cat coming. Its unique spotted coat helps it blend into its surroundings while it hunts for its prey. The ocelot's camouflage also helps it sleep at night in bushes and trees. Although



an ocelot is twice the size of a house cat, ocelots are prey for harpy eagles, pumas, jaguars and anacondas.

An ocelot family normally includes a mother and one or two young. The kittens are born with their spots but have a gray coat and blue eyes that turn golden brown when they are about three months old. The kittens stay with their mother for a year then leave her to find their own territory.

When they leave their mother, ocelots try to find their own territory. In comparison to other felids, ocelots have a relatively longer life span between births and smaller litter size. Captive ocelots live for about 20 years.

10 Fun Facts about Ocelots

1. The ocelot name is made from a Aztec word
2. Female ocelots are known as

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queens

3. Ocelots communicate by using their body, scent marking and vocalization
4. Ocelots are carnivores
5. Most ocelots prefer life in the rainforest
6. Each ocelot has a unique coat
7. Ocelots are picky eaters
8. Peruvians used to worship these cats
9. They are night hunters
10. Ocelots live until they are between 8 to 11 years old



How Roblox Started

By Dimitri, Year 4

When David Baszucki wanted to create a game, he thought it wanted to be Dynablocks as the website before it got changed to Roblox.

The man who wanted to create a game called Roblox with his partner was Erik Cassel.

By coding ROBLOX, computers were not that advanced as they could only write basic code and would crash if you did more advanced things than that.

After a hard time of lots and lots of coding, Dynablocks was created in 2003 by a man named Jim Stevens. The domain was dynablocks.com before it was changed to roblox.com in 2004.

Two years later, the domain was changed. David Baszucki and Erik Cassel wanted to release roblox officially, so they released it to PC like computers before Mobile.

In 2007, hackers were using a cheat named Cheat Engine. This caused problems for Roblox since they had not made a patch yet.

In 2009, Roblox decided to make an anticheat that would not allow hackers to use any cheats like Cheat Engine and other hacks. If you hacked when the anticheat was out, you could be banned.

In 2012, Roblox added support to phones and tablets for the 32 bit devices. These are not used in 2023

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since they have 64 bit now due to Byfron Technologies, the new anti-cheat or they are outdated for the devices.

Prologue Tape

By Miguel, Year 3

I was in bed when my alarm went off. Eventually I found my arm scrambling around to turn it off. I got out of bed and started walking to the door of my room. Hesitantly, I opened my door and walked through the hallway, preparing myself for another fateful day at college. Then something mysterious caught my eye. It was the dark door leading to my family's basement and it was...unlocked?

Cautiously, I walked towards the door and it burned my ears with its creak as I slowly opened it. Stepping inside the basement, the only source of light was the door. I walked through the shadows and darkness to reach a table with 11 audio tapes and a recorder. Sluggishly, I grabbed a tape and put it in the recorder.

TAPE 1. It started playing:

On the tape, I was in my queen bed sleepily trying to wake up. It was

6:00am. As I got out of bed and looked at my calendar, it was a big day. Today we were going to talk with news reporters about a project. We were going to make charcoal specifically, for energy, to power up trains, cities, states, countries and continents!

I walked excitedly to my cupboard and opened it revealing my lab coat. I put it on and walked outside of my room. Suddenly, I stopped in my tracks realising that I was late.

As I sprinted through the corridor to the exit door, I grabbed my keys from the pocket of my lab coat and inserted it in the lock, opening the door. I tugged the knob and swung the door open. I rushed outside and closed the door, also locking it. My feet made soft stomping sounds on the carpet. I had sprinted down the long staircase until I made it to a room made of marble. There were two doors, one leading to the garden, rubbish bins and letter box, the other leading to the garage. Quickly, I ran down the staircase leading to the door revealing the small garage. It was easily opened and I walked to the garage door labelled as B3. I saw a small red limousine backed up to

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the wall. I sprinted to the first car door I could see, put my key in and opened the door to the front seat. I carefully put myself in and started the car.

TAPE 2

As I pressed the button the car slowly drifted toward the exit. I got up and opened the door, walked to my car's gate and locked it securely. I walked back to my car, got back in, closed the door and locked it. I tightly pushed the go button and the car zoomed forward. I turned left up a ramp, then a right to Sparrow Street. As my car raced down the street, something was off. I just ignored it and thought it was my imagination. I had to go to St George. After a few hours, I took a left, stopping in front of a large building, the building I was looking for.

TAPE 3

I walked out of my car and closed the door. I took about 20 steps on the rain-filled pavement until I was in front of the building's doors. My left arm pulled open the door and I walked inside. As I walked I saw walls that were peeled off by someone's child. I just ignored it even though it was a new sight.

Suddenly my mind remembered

something! It was the time I stopped dead in my tracks when I realised I was late. I instantly pulled out my watch and checked the time: 1:51 PM. I immediately put my watch down and rushed to my office. As I lost almost all my hope I still saw the news reporters. Figuring out that they were likely to leave soon, I gained more speed and took a right to my office, pulled the door open and stepped inside.

TAPE 4

My office looked really dark and dim, filled with cobwebs and an old brain chart. The rooms' walls were peeled and dry. At the centre of the room was a grey desk and old laptop. The rooms' floors and ceiling were appalling. I started walking to the chair behind the desk and, as I got closer, the darkness revealed a bottle of pills. I started walking quicker towards the back of the grey desk. After I reached the end of the table, I turned around and grabbed the bottle of pills. I slid the cap off and put my hand down the bottle and grabbed one pill and swallowed it. After that I started walking to the door, creaking floorboards as my reward. I twisted a door knob, opened it and walked into the misty halls. News reporters

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were talking so I walked towards the source of the sound. At the end of the hallway I saw a group of people talking. I walked to the group of people and greeted them.

TAPE 5

The news reporters greeted me and said, "When are you going to make charcoal electric energy?"

"Soon," I responded with a misty, tired voice.

I observed the main news reporter looking at his watch with close perception. He looked back and said in the tone he used before, "Sorry, we better get out of here!" I looked at the group of news reporters tiredly, and they looked back at me like that's not the answer they were looking for. They opened the door and left.

TAPE 6

After the news reporters left, one of my coworkers suddenly said, "I thoroughly checked and our due date until the next group of scientists starts their experiment is next week!" My face turned from tired to worried. I quickly turned away from her and looked at the glass window in search of a solution. I scanned around it and

analysed the group of charcoal sitting in the middle of the white containment centre. I walked to the control panel with lots of complex buttons, bent down and I saw a white drawer camouflaged into the control panel. I pulled it out and reviewed a document of notes containing errors that had an effect on the group of charcoal. As I scanned the paper I found no hope of making this work, then I realised something I should have noticed earlier. To make this work, I need to add radiation! I put the document down and back into the secret cabinet and closed it. After that I straightened up and raced to the back storage area and opened it. I saw hundreds of boxes and a ladder. I immediately took hold and dragged the ladder to the middle rack. I placed the ladder down and climbed it carefully. After the climb I grabbed the box with the writing saying radioactive materials. I climbed down the ladder and stepped out of the room.

TAPE 7

I quickly paced to the end of the hallway to the control panel where another of my co-workers read the writing on the box I was holding and tried to stop me inserting the radiation. "Um, sir you never possibly

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know how radiation would interfere with this project."

I pushed him back and he fell to the floor then I responded with, "How about you don't interfere with my work?" I walked to the control panel and put the radiation in. I pressed a button and a light flash happened. Nothing worked. I went home with a disappointed look on my face and went to sleep.

TAPE 8

In my dreams I saw a disturbing man with a black top hat with a yellow line at the waist, a black coat reaching to his wrist, a shirt with a yellow tie, black pants and maybe tap shoes. He had yellow-glowing eyes and his fingertips were sharp. Behind him, there was a big fire. I woke up in a sweat. I was alone.

TAPE 9

I felt something pulling me to the lab and I couldn't resist. I swung open the doors and burst inside. I went to the control panel and clicked some buttons. It was in some kind of mysterious order. Before I knew it the whole window was glowing some satisfying shade of orange.

TAPE 10

It was 9:00 in the morning, the time most of my co-workers arrived. They immediately spotted the orange-glowing light before realising what I had done. They tried to stop me but it was too late. The building immediately caught on fire. Most workers rushed out the door, some stayed to put it out. The fires kept getting bigger and bigger.

TAPE 11

The same man from my dreams stepped out of the light. I didn't notice, I was too blind to see anything but the weird grotesque creature. I was happy. Others gave up and escaped. There was only me and the girl who told me how much time we had left until the next experiment. She begged me to get out of the trance I was in and escape with her. She thought wrong: She couldn't convince a man with a life-changing experiment. The fire got bigger and bigger causing the building to collapse. At 11:35, one of the building's pillars fell down and blocked the exit. The charcoal man looked at me and disappeared. The fire quickly consumed the whole building.

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Canterbury Public School History

By Isabelle, Year 2



Most people know that our school was built 144 years ago in 1887. Now, the original building where the first students learnt, is the staffroom.

The school has kept objects from the past (for example, photographs, calendars, newspaper articles, maps) called historical artifacts that can help us find out more about the history of the school. The history of the school is very important because it can help us make the school a better place. Of course, the school is already a great place but with all of us working together we can make it even better.

You can help support our school now and for the future by:

1. putting your rubbish in the bin
2. picking up rubbish up you see on the ground
3. respecting all furniture, buildings and the school grounds
4. using equipment appropriately
5. Not climbing on things you aren't supposed to like trees.

You can also help by participating in monthly garden bees on the first Saturday afternoon of every month from 2:00 to 4:00pm except during school holidays.

If you can't, you can either come next month or do it at home to help the environment. That can help your home and the school.



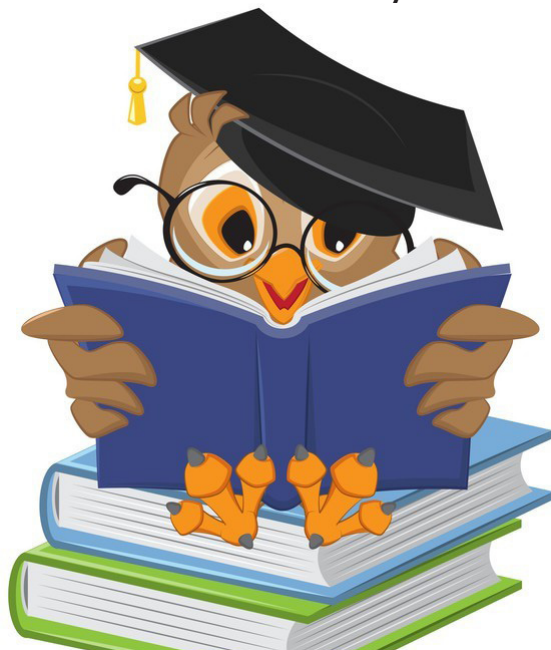
Why Books are Important

By Annabella, Year 4

Do you ever read a book at home? Well, did you know that if you keep reading books you will get better and better at reading, writing, speaking and spelling. You may even get recognised in your report as outstanding in spelling just like I did.

Here are some reasons why books are important. Firstly, books are a source of information that you can get if you want to find out about something. Computers are not the only thing you can get information from.

The second reason why books are



important is you can be introduced to tons of different words. Don't worry if you come across words that you don't recognise because you're actually learning a new word. If you don't know the meaning of a word then read it again, try sounding it out, read the words around it to see if they help you make sense of the word, and if you are still unsure, ask an adult or a friend.

Books are also great for when you are bored. They make your imagination pop up in your head and give you plenty of great ideas. You can also learn something you never knew about.

So I hope I've answered some questions about books and explained why books are absolutely, very important.

Bees

By Ellie, Year 2

Bees are the most complex animal in the world. A queen bee and her worker bees live in a waxy home called a hive. Inside the hive there are holes called cells and inside the

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cells are baby bees and honey. A queen bee can lay 1,500 eggs a day. Fertilised eggs become drones that are females which cannot breed and can only live for a few weeks but the queen bee (which is the biggest bee in the hive) can live for five years.

The worker bees feed their babies royal jelly but later pollen. The worker bees bring the food to the baby bees as they mature inside the water resistant waxen cells.

When a hive reaches its optimum size, the old queen flies off to find a new colony followed by thousands of workers. The first new bee queen to emerge will rule the old nest.

Bees have enemies including wasps and bugs.

There are a lot of different types of bees including blue banded bees and European honey bees.

European honey bees are more common than blue banded bees. Bees can be different colours. Some bees have blue stripes and some have yellow stripes and some have a red spot! Some bees live alone and some bees live in a hive. Bees pollinate flowers to help plants make vegetables.



Be Happy and Nice

By Sharlin, Year 1

My friends are nice because they care about me and others. I could never know anyone better than them and my mum. I have loved them so much since I met them when I was 4 or 5. Their names are Ellie, Selin, Grace and Mum! She is my most favourite and I will love her, my bestie, forever.

I hope I still get to see my friends

when I am in high school where you also learn and get smarter.

Making friends and being nice is super fun and makes me happy. With friends and my mum, I know I will always have the best life and get to do a lot of enjoyable things!

The Robots

By Kai, Year 6

Everyone knows that robots are used for human purposes to make living easier. But what some people may not know is that behind the scenes robots are always planning on destroying the humans.

Gane Metlester, the first member of the RSSS (Robot Secret Spying Sevices), had suspicions of robots as a kid as his dad was an inventor who created robots and other technological things. At exactly 2:07am in the morning, he would sneak out of bed, slide down his stair rail and listen behind the door of his dad's invention room. His dad would wake up at around 5am so Gane would have to be cautious around that time. In the period he was listening to the robots' conversations,



all they would talk about was a Robotic Uprising and how they would make humans bow down to them. Gane's friends all agreed that the robots were acting very strangely and that's how the RSSS was formed.

Ten years later things still appeared normal but the RSSS members suspected that something was up. They decided to gather up some of the technological guns that Gane's father had made and load them with ice bombs that froze the chosen target. They pushed down the front door and stormed out to the front yard. BOOOM! An explosion blew all of the members back into Gane's father's house. "The war! IT'S BEGUN!"

Beep! Beep! Beep! Bzzzzz! Lasers were spreading everywhere, exploding roads and buildings. "FIRE!" BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! Robots of all sorts were freezing to ice. But there were too many robots

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to go up against.

"Think of an alternate solution to beat the robots." Gane was thinking so hard, but then he saw it, a small green computer chip. Gane took hold of it and threw it into the chaos. BANG! A colossal explosion spread through the town. "Shutting down," many computerised voices muttered.

"Whoooo! We did it!" the RSSS shouted.

CRUNCH!

"Wait, what was that noise?"

"Must destroy humans ! Must destroy humans ! Must destroy humans ! " A single voice repeated over and over again. "Launcher opening up."

Beep! Beep! Beep! Whoosh! Something big like a missile that shot out flames zoomed through the sky. It darkened the sky like black paint that spread along a canvas. "NOOOOOOO!" someone screamed. "WE ARE DOOMED!"

Gane's life flashed before his eyes: He and his friends forming the RSSS,

the robots speaking at 2:07am and then the big bang.

BOOOOOM! ARGHH!

To be continued...



Fun Facts

By Saskia, Year 6

- There are 8 billion people on earth
- On average, the human heart beats 100,000 times a day
- Stop signs used to be yellow
- Too much water can kill you
- There are only two countries where Coca-cola doesn't exist
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows
- McDonald's once created bubble gum flavoured broccoli
- Dolphins sleep with one eye open
- You can buy flying bicycles
- Your nose gets warmer when you lie
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open

The Haunted Bathrooms

Creepy story by Isabelle, Year 2

Once there was a girl. Her name was Mary. She was very short and skinny for her age. Mary was adventurous and did a lot of dangerous things. She got into trouble a lot. But not trouble as in did naughty things, trouble as in got in danger. Luckily though she was usually good at getting herself out of it. One day when Mary was on the toilet, the seat was slippery and she fell in! She was so small no one saw her and she got flushed down the toilet! From then on she haunted the bathroom and was known as Spooky Mary.

The Rise of Computers

By Stavros, Year 4

When people did not have computers, they worked with a typewriter which, if they made a spelling mistake, you grabbed the paper out and put new paper in and were forced to start all over again.



Typewriters were first invented in 1867 and patented in 1868. The person who first invented the typewriter is Christopher Latham Sholes. The first commercial typewriter was invented in 1868 and was mounted on a sewing machine stand.

In the mid 1830s, Charles Babbage was working on a brand new invention no one had seen before. It was called a COMPUTER! He started to develop plans on what it had been called, Analytical Computer. It was never finished although it would have had most features of the basic computer.

The first computer that was released was the Kenback-1 in 1971, considered by the Computer History Museum to be the first personal computer ever in the world.

After the year 2000, computer engineers discovered a big problem. When one date past New Years, there

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was a mysterious Time Glitch roaming around the system, preventing the computer from passing the date Friday the 31st of December 1999. There was a bug within the code of the clock you see on your taskbar today. Computer Systems known as IBM, Microsoft, Apple computers had the time stuck. The damage to repair the issue cost around \$400m to around \$600m.

Computers have advanced over the years as the demand for computers grew bigger and bigger each release for one. The demand for computers has grown a lot but computers have made it way easier to communicate from long distances with friends and family and make it more accessible with features such as internet access so you can make international calls all around the world, and invert the colours if your eyes are inverted.

Computers have improved the quality of life because you can send emails and it makes it way easier to send a message to your boss at work.

Microsoft is a new boy in the market, beating Apple in sales for the computer market. Windows computers are mostly for gamers, work people and

creative people as Windows operating systems are closed-sourced (which means that skids cannot steal code!) and so are Apple operating systems too.

A Windows powered computer gets the job done with work, gaming, design, editing and way more. Apple also does that but has less software in those categories.

AI has dominated the internet for some time and we humans use it a lot. OpenAI exploded the internet with their new chatbot: Chat-GPT. Chat-GPT is an AI language model that generates informative text such as: How to cook certain recipes, do essays and way more. ChatGPT understands that when bad words are said or you are trying to do illegal stuff, or in general just to do sus



things.

On the first release of ChatGPT, there was no filtering system but they have implemented that in the second release of the massively popular AI chatbot.

GPT-4 is way more collaborative with humans and uses different learning techniques from millions of people using its program.

Through ChatGPT, malicious hackers are bypassing the policy by forcing the chatbot to do stuff it was not meant to do. There are still lots of bugs with AI such as giving misinformation.

DICTIONARY

Skids: they steal code from someone else who wrote the code.

Rise of the Dead

By Josh, Year 4

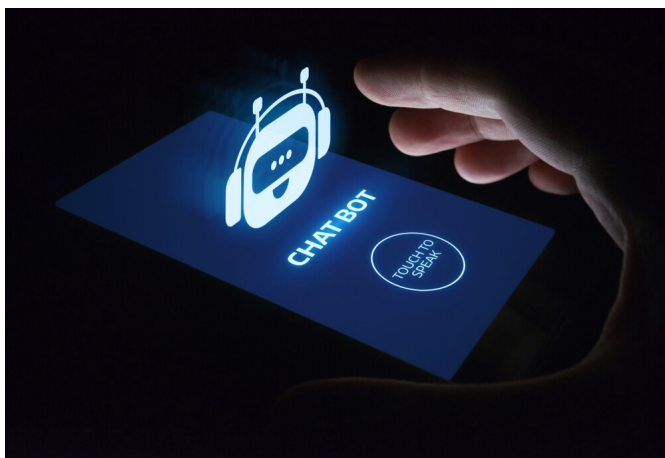
Warning: Mr O'Reilly is my dad. Josh is a boy who can say things really loudly. This story is scary so if you're a little bit terrified of stuff like that, you might not want to read this section.

Once upon a time there were three ordinary people. The first one was named James, the second was Lily, and the third was Andrew. This is where the story begins.

"Mister, can I go to the bathroom?" asked James.

"Only if you go quickly," said Mr O'Reilly.

James was rushing down the hallway into the bathroom to start his business. As soon as he was finished, he heard a faint whispering. He ducked down as quietly as he could and saw a torn up dress floating in the air. The whispering continued, then it suddenly stopped and faint shrieking started. Before long, it was completely silent again and James



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crept out as fast as a cheetah, yet as quiet as a mouse. At last, James reached his class and rushed in.

At recess, James quickly ran over to his best friends, Lily and Andrew. They were playing scissors paper rock. He tried to get their attention, but they wouldn't listen properly so he got Josh.

"What is it?" Lily asked in a mean way.

"I saw a ghost!" James yelled in a scared voice.

"Liar," replied Lily and Andrew.

"NO, I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!" James insisted.

"Okay, we believe you!" mumbled Lily and Andrew.

Just then, they heard a creepy scream, "BLOOD, GUTS, HAAA!"

All of a sudden, the sky turned fire-brick red.

"Oh no, it's fusing its power with other ghosts!" James uttered.

"WE'RE GOING TO DIE!" screamed Andrew.

"Oh no, we won't," remarked James, "I'm going to call my Mum, and she'll send us three dusty vacuum cleaners in a jiffy."

After a few minutes, the vacuums were dropped off at the school.

"Alright. Let's start in the bathroom," James insisted.

They were carefully tiptoeing inside the bathroom and heard all sorts of high-pitched spooky echoing noises. They crept into a bathroom stall and saw a massive, dark hole in the wall behind where the toilet should be. Andrew peeked in and saw what looked like a million ghosts!

"OH, MY GOODNESS GRAVY!" squealed Andrew.

One of the ghosts peeked out and saw Andrew, making him scream then faint. The ghost had only one eye, a spooky smile with sharp, pointy teeth creeping around her pale blue face. James dragged Andrew to sick bay, then ran back to Lily just in time because she was

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just about to step in the hole!

"Nooo!" said James in a scared voice, "We will go in together."

They grabbed two of the vacuum cleaners, switched them on, held hands, then stepped through the hole. Immediately they started falling down through the air but luckily Lily's vacuum cleaner sucked in the tip of a ghost's tail and the ghost flew up, carrying Lily and James with it. They landed on a doorstep of an old creepy mansion. James knocked on the door very quietly. It creaked open and an old man came out.

"Hello everybody. What are you doing here?" the old man asked in a crackly voice.

"We are here to um...suck up ghosts," murmured Lily.

"Well in that case, why don't you come in?" crackled the old man in a spooky voice.

They crept inside the haunted mansion. James looked back and saw the old man smiling a terrifying smile. It was dark and there were

alarming noises coming from all around them. Suddenly, the door slammed shut, frightening Lily who ran upstairs and James, who fled downstairs.

At the top of the stairs, Lily could just make out a glow behind an almost-closed door. She peeped through the crack in the door and saw a colossal ghost floating in the air wearing a torn-up bridal gown. Lily remembered reading an ancient book from the school library about ghosts. It said they lived in colonies like bees, where the queen ghost is bigger and badder and, if she dies, the colony dies. Lily raced back downstairs to look for James.

James had been stuck downstairs, where it was pitch black and he couldn't find the stairs to come back up. Finally, he tripped on the first step and crawled upstairs, just in time to meet Lily.

"Where were you?" asked Lily. James started to answer, then Lily interrupted, "Actually, it doesn't matter. You won't believe what I found upstairs!"

After Lily described the monstrous

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sight to James, James agreed they would have to fight this beast on their own to save their school and the world. They snuck upstairs, switched on their vacuum cleaners, and tiptoed in. Lily and James found the queen ghost weeping in the air, so ugly they had to try not to vomit. Before they could start their attack, they heard footsteps approaching. When they looked back, they saw Andrew limping towards them dragging his vacuum cleaner behind him.

"I got scratched by a blood runner," he whispered.

"What's a blood runner?" asked James.

"A certain type of ghost," Andrew replied. "The people at sick bay had to amputate part of my leg off!"

"Ouch! muttered Lily.

"ENOUGH CHIT CHAT!" yelled James.

They were standing under the ghost and when she saw them, she dived toward them and they all screamed. Andrew got hold of her with his dust buster but she flew up into the air.

Everybody grabbed hold of each other's legs, then they dragged her down, slammed her onto the floor until she slammed them on the floor. They were all too injured to fight. All except one.

TO BE CONTINUED...

The Necromancy Files

By Luka, Year 3

As I opened my eyes and climbed out of bed, trying to remember which day it was, I hoped it was the weekend. But my mum said, "Dress up we're going to be late to school!" As I lost all my hope that it was the weekend, I gave up and went to school in the car.

As I put my bag down on the dots I saw my friends talking to each other and smiling. That's what they usually do but... this time it was somehow

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different. They were up to something. I grabbed my hat from my bag and put it on as I ran over to them. "What's going on guys? Hey! Are you being mean to me behind my back?"

My friend said, "No, no, we just want to sneak into the school at midnight". I said, "WHAT!? ARE YOU CRAZY?" My friend said, "Maybe. Do you want to come with us?" "No problem!", I responded.

As we climbed over the fence we saw the night guard preparing to leave. He heard us but then a bird pooped nearby, so the night guard thought it was the bird. When he left, and we thought it was safe, we jumped down and realised how big the school is. The whole entire school JUST TO OURSELVES! Well... for the night. We couldn't decide what to do, until my friend Corey Etheran suggested that we explore the abandoned classroom.

As soon as he said that we nodded our heads and ran to the abandoned classroom. We approached the abandoned classroom and tried to open the door, but unfortunately it was locked. We then lost hope but the 2nd friend I'm going to introduce in this story is: Oliver Bartan. He

picked up a paperclip and formed it into a lockpick, then put it into the lock and wiggled it for 1 minute and then: CLICK! THUD! The lock fell to the ground. He opened the door and walked in with his annoying smirk. The final person in the group is Tyler Gaviner. He pulled out his flashlight and scanned the room. "Well there's nothing here. What a waste of time!" Corey said. "NO!" Tyler yelled, "there's something here". Tyler pressed a button on his glasses. His lenses showed binary code. He then said, "under the carpet". We lifted the carpet and put it somewhere else. We looked at an unsettling, dusty, half moldy trapdoor. But then Oliver said we better head back home. We all agreed and realised how tired we were. We instantly were home. My parents were asleep on the floor. They were probably stressed about me, but they were too tired. They thought it was just a dream. I instantly fell asleep.

When I woke up I called my friends. "So what are you doing, guys?", I said on the phone. "We're researching 'bout that trapdoor". "Okay". I hung up the phone and went over to my computer and started researching, and found out that the abandoned

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classroom belonged to someone called Lucifer Vallendour, a retired scientist.

After finding out some info about Lucifer Vallendour we met up in the park.

"Oh, hi", Corey said. "Hi", I responded, "I found out that the owner of the abandoned classroom is someone called Lucifer Vallendour. He also was a retired scientist". "OH!", Corey said. "Hey I've got an idea... WE NEED TO GO BACK TO THE CLASSROOM AT NIGHT!", Tyler yelled. "Why?", I asked. "JUST GO!", Said Tyler. Sheeesh! We all said except Tyler.

After going back to the abandoned classroom... "Okay this is it", I said. I bent over to open the trapdoor but it was locked. Oliver ran out of the classroom and came back with a blue box. He opened the box and it was a paper clip container-thingy. He got a paper clip and put it in the lock and wiggled it for 1 minute and CLICK! It was unlocked. I opened it and we climbed down.

We found a ladder and climbed down. When we reached the floor we were met with an abandoned lab "Woah!"

said Corey. "Yeah, I know right?" I said.

"HAARRGG!"

"Uh I think we're in danger."

Then a zombie came out. Well it was a zombie, but not. It looked like one for sure! Then it ran towards us. Corey picked up a pipe and then... WHACK! SPLASH! ZZZZZZZZZZZZ! ARGH! The husk was killed because there were broken wires in the puddle and you know water doesn't mix with electricity. We headed deeper in the lab and it then turned into a cave.

Wow, for an abandoned lab this isn't that danger- I have no idea what happened there So..... yeah fast forward!

When we woke up we found ourselves tied up. "We're doomed!", Corey said. "Oh right, nevermind", said Corey looking at Tyler. Tyler pressed a button on his glasses and ZZZZZZZAP! The rope cut in half and we were free. Then, CCRRRRACK! Husks crawled out of the hard rocky ground. ZZAZZZZAP! Tyler used his laser glasses. Corey had the pipe he used. It's a weapon... so.... WHACK! Oliver had his paperclip

box. He threw paperclips at the husks to weaken them or slow them down. I had nothing so I punched or threw rocks at the husks. And then the husks stopped attacking us.

Corey whacked one with his pipe and nothing happened. Then we heard a mysterious and deep voice say "STOP! I believe we haven't met. I'm just saying that I've never seen a group of careless children defend themselves that well before."

I spotted a skeleton hung up by chains above the figure. I whispered, "Hey! I think that skeleton is important to that weird guy!" Tyler agreed. He shot a laser that cut one of the chains. This made the mysterious guy very, very, VERY mad. He then shot a green ball at Tyler who activated a forcefield that deflected the ball back right at the figure. It knocked him back and Tyler shot the last chain. The chains and the skeleton fell to the ground and the bones from the skeleton went pretty much everywhere. The mysterious guy yelled, "NOOOOOOOOOOOO!"

There was a green explosion and everything went black. Then I woke up in bed with a huge headache and well... that's the end of the story.

History of Uber

By Stavros, Year 4

Uber's start began in March 2009 when Uber exclusively began operating in San Francisco. The first CEO was Ryan Graves which was confirmed via a Twitter post.

Uber's rides had cost 1.5x more than a cab in 2009 but Uber rapidly gained traction from the genius idea of booking a quick ride from a smartphone and it was mind-blowing. Uber had 75 million global users worldwide after it got popular due to the rapid growth.

Uber's competition started in 2012. As Lyft joined in, Uber had noticed that Lyft had been offering a low-cost alternative where anyone could sign up to be a driver and drive in their own vehicle as offering a cheap alternative to Uber's expensive, black cars and limousines. Eventually, Uber caught on and decided to start copying the idea and made UberX. This is the service where Uber was allowing all owners of exotic cars to drive for Uber. Soon, they allowed all drivers to ride around in their own vehicles exotic or not.

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In 2016, Uber accepted a rare defeat. They sold off their very unsuccessful Chinese branch to one of the largest, biggest competitors in China called Didi Chuxing. Uber faced a boycott while the suspension of surge pricing and nation-wide protests were happening at the time. The founder said out loud "It is to help keep the price lower, not higher." 500,000 people uninstalled Uber while the incident happened.

Ash Barty

By Joanna, Year 6

Ashleigh Jacinta Barty otherwise known as Ash Barty is 27 years old and was born on the 24 April 1996. She is a proud Aboriginal woman belonging to the Ngarigo clan.



She was a famous tennis and cricket player. She has won many tennis matches and was also in the BBL (Big Bash League) for cricket and a professional golfer at one stage. The top five greatest tennis achievements of Ash Barty are:

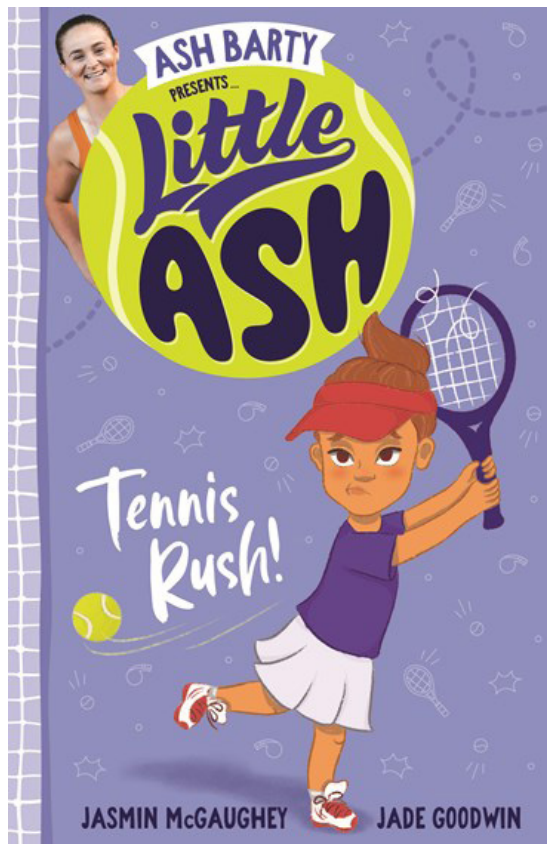
1. Australian Open winner, 2022
2. Wimbledon winner, 2021
3. French Open winner, 2019
4. US Open winner, 2018
5. Bronze medal winner, 2020 Tokyo Olympics

Ash has always looked up to Aboriginal tennis player Evonne Goolagong Crawley. She retired as a tennis player in March 2022 to start a life as Ash Barty, a person, not Ash Barty the sports star. She is expecting a baby soon with her partner Gary Kissick.

Ash Barty has many books written about her but has added a new career to her many accomplishments by becoming an author. She has written a children's book series 'Little Ash' in 2022 and a book called My Dream Time. Her best-selling series is inspired by Lucy, her niece and her nephew whose name has not been published. Ash Barty's series

is made up of eight books. They are all based on real-life experiences of the tennis star and her family. These include Tennis Rush, Perfect Match, Friendship Fix-it, Goal Getter, Lost Luck, Party Problem, Sport Carnival and Puppy Playtime.

Ash Barty teamed up with Tennis Australia's First Nations Lead and Yuin woman Kyah Jones to lead a National Indigenous Tennis Carnival. She inspired more than 140 Indigenous kids and teens aged between 9-15 from Newcastle and surrounding areas to get involved in tennis.



The Inevitable Truths About Life

By Samuel, Year 6 and Toby, Year 5

Disclaimer:

Remember, all of these theories are just that: Theories. Even though they have a high probability of being real. We take no responsibility for you believing the wrong thing, whether it is the information we present here, or information you find elsewhere.

After extensive research, our scientific trio believe to have cracked life's darkest secrets. First of all we will reveal the lies created by the government.

The government!

Colour!

Leaves!

Death!

The circle of life! (The Lion King lied to us!)

More on this stuff later.

It has taken us a long time, but we have finally discovered what the world is...

Magnus Carlsons Head

The so-called country, Australia,

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happens to sit on his left nostril. America is a scar running from his right temple to his jugular vein, while Asia is his sleeping mask that he accidentally super glued to his head, and Russia is his enormous monobrow. Europe sits on his forehead and Antarctica sits under his head in the gory bit where his neck used to be.

How can your continents all be on his face? Because instead of a normal head, his true head has 4 faces. The core is his brain, and the caves are just hair follicles (he also has 4 beards, in case you are thinking about spelunking down under). If you look from space you can see some white specks in his hair that appear to be head lice. In truth they are just one of the many polar bear colonies that populate that area of the world.

Now earlier we said that the government lied about the government. How can this be?

Well, if you look at our impressive resume, you see we used to be a group of conspiracists conspiring against the government. We thought they were trying to cover up the obviously true fact that the earth is flat when they said "all around the world..." (they are merely trying

to manipulate our brains using the words "around" and "world" in the same sentence). But in truth they are just trying to cover up the fact that they do not exist.

You heard me correctly, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT REAL!

That is not all the non-existent government is lying about, if you read the lie list earlier on in the article you will find that the government has lied about many other things. Next on the list is colour.

Colour is just an illusion created by the non-existent government that doesn't actually exist to make us think the world is a happy place. The only true colour that exists on earth is chartreuse. The non-existent government created Chartreuse also but then realised it made you strangle yourself if you see it. Our years of research have helped us discover the only cure from this terrible problem, if you play D&D once a week (or some timing like that). If you don't know what D&D is then shame on you!

If you really must know, Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy roleplaying game made by Wizards of the Coast where you play a campaign as a

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fantasy character. It is based around dice rolling and character sheets, as well as a DM (dungeon master) - an otherworldly, god-like being who controls everything. Well, there is also indigo somewhere in the universe, but we will get to that later.

The government has also lied to us about leaves. Leaves and paper in general is actually Rudolph the red nosed reindeer's toilet paper that he has already used. They tend to be stuffed with marshmallows, done by Santa's pet wooden pumpkin, hoping the antlers would get stuck in it. His wooden pumpkin has always wanted to see a reindeer "naked" (without their horns), so he is a stalker, just like Santa (only for different species).

Then there is no death. You do not die. I know it is crazy, but you just don't. Instead, you morph into small, angry woodland rodents (typically chipmunks, chinchillas and capybaras) hellbent on revenge against the non-existent government, for lying so much. You will eventually convince the Woodland Alliance to help raise the animal rebellion to aid the great tooth fairy coup of 2250.

Now, what is all this talk about Santa,

his pets, his reindeer and the tooth fairy? Well they are all members of the non-existent government. Here's more.

PETS

Santa has multiple pets and we will start by talking about the most important one, THE RULER OF THE NON-EXISTENT GOVERNMENT, his pet carrot. Even though he is currently being digested by Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer, Santa's pet carrot is in charge of the entire world (even though the carrot is non-existent). He is the only one in the non-existent government, but the others play an important role too. His pumpkins (yes, pumpkins) are a fine bit of oddness. His wooden one, as we discussed, is a reindeer stalker. His diamond one is a super powered pumpkin with emerald studded fins from a far off planet. But by far the most strange one is the regular pumpkin. Like Santa's pet pineapple, he will help with the coup launched by the tooth fairy, but unlike them, he will betray the fairy and help Santa's pet carrot survive. Rudolph is the last pet we are going to talk about (although Santa has many more). He is Santa's trusty lightbulb and the maker of leaves.

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Now onto our last piece of valuable information: there is no circle of life. It is instead an ever changing 3d object, a rhombo-dihexa-equilateral triangle at the time of typing. By the time you, reader, are reading this, it will have changed.

Thank you for our 100% true article about the inevitable truths about life.

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NAIDOC Week

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Donate a children's book you no longer need
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30 June 2023
Where: Canterbury Public School
RSVP: Use the QR Code

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