

ASTRO FORECASTS *by Tina Mews*

what's happening in the heavens?

Aries

The energies of the moment require a lot of planning and organising so that your life can get back on track: consolidate, process and integrate the chain of events of the last few months. Some fine-tuning is required. You are ready for inviting others to participate and contribute to your project from mid-month onwards. Choose creative co-operation and tolerance for other points of view.

Taurus

This is potentially a creative time for you if you manage to think out-of-the-box. There could be some challenges to the daily routine as you are asked to change and adjust a few things. Your relationship might demand attention as unfinished business from the past could surface.

Gemini

Outer circumstances oblige you to put more attention to homelife and family relationships. Things need to be sorted and there are a few points to consider that you have overlooked until now. Stay grounded, breathe deeply, and do not allow confusion to take the upper hand. Mercury retrograde starts on September 27, asking you to review and reflect.

Cancer

Daily rituals that are grounding and uplifting will assist you to move through this period. Regard your home as your sacred space and honour all the things that you have achieved over the last years. With borders closed and planes grounded you can only travel within and explore another layer of yourself.

Leo

Life has quietened down leaving you with the task of review and taking stock. This could apply to your financial as well as emotional state of affairs. You might feel like re-grounding, re-focusing and setting clear boundaries, especially if you have overstretched yourself in the past few weeks.

Virgo

This is your time of the year where new impulses can be set. Nevertheless, Mercury prepares for its retrograde loop sending a strong signal that it is time for reflection, review and for getting rid of some clutter. Once Mars, planet of action and the driving force in the planetary family, has left your sun sign at mid-month you will find some time for healing and self-care.



September

The Sun is journeying through the sign of Virgo until the equinox on September 23. Virgo is mutable like Gemini, Sagittarius and Pisces. Virgo is analytical and pragmatic, concerns itself with health, healing and the right cure for an illness which of course is the major theme at this moment. Virgo likes to remain on rational ground dedicated to research, preparation and attention to detail. It is important to take good care of ourselves and those in need and it is a favorable month for getting rid of clutter and cleaning up our act.

Since the beginning of 2020, life has changed dramatically and we are still in the process of picking up the pieces and finding our way into a new reality. The climate crisis is probably the greatest challenge that we are facing collectively and many people in Australia are still traumatised by last year's bush fires. Nevertheless, the coronavirus has overtaken all other concerns and has triggered our deepest survival fears.

The astrological significator for this development was the **Saturn-Pluto conjunction in Capricorn on January 12, 2020**. This was the moment in time when the reset button was pressed, and it coincided with the start of a new 35-year cycle of Saturn and Pluto. Since then, autocratic rulemaking, impingement upon our democratic rights and individual choices, lockdowns and social distancing have become the new normal. The next chapter in this development is how to proceed from here and which decisions to make in an overall climate of uncertainty and confusion.

During this entire month all outer planets from Jupiter through to Pluto are in retrograde motion, followed by Mercury turning retrograde in late September (September 27 – October 18) indicating that nothing will move forward now. Then in October, Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto are ending their yearly

4-5 months' retrograde phase, initiating an important turn of the tides. In this context, the current experiences and events are the prerequisites for the next steps and decisions. It makes September an important month for review, and reflection in preparation for a yet unknown future.

The New Moon in Virgo on September 7 is forming an exact trine with Uranus in Taurus and widely conjunct Mars in Virgo, opposing Neptune in Pisces. In medical astrology, Mars and Neptune are both planetary forces that have to do with the spread of viruses and infections, indicating that we might experience another peak of the pandemic during this New Moon period that lasts until the next New Moon in early October. The opposition to Neptune highlights the current confusion about the right path to follow.

Practicality (Virgo) is challenged by wish-thinking and a general 'corona tiredness' (Neptune) making it difficult to discern which methods and objectives are reasonable to take and which ones are far too extreme and impossible to reach. Mercury is trine Saturn, reminding everybody to use common sense and plan carefully instead of rushed decision-making.

This New Moon reveals the difficulties the world is experiencing with taking an all-inclusive approach (Neptune) out of the current health crisis. It might roll on until the end of next year or even until early 2023, when Pluto reaches Aquarius the first time after about 250 years. Interestingly, during the last Pluto-in-Aquarius phase we had the American War of Independence and the French Revolution.

The trine from the New Moon to Uranus signals the need for more individual freedom, while Pluto in Capricorn signifies powerful opportunities for renewal and regeneration of our societal structures and

values. On a different note, the current month is favorable for thinking out-of-the box, cutting edge scientific break-throughs along with implementing new technological devices and innovative programs into our daily lives (New Moon exactly trine Uranus).

The Full Moon on September 21 falls in the last degrees of Pisces opposing the Sun in Virgo. The Full Moon is conjunct Neptune and in sextile with Pluto, again highlighting a contest between reality (Virgo) and illusion (Pisces). It is easy at this moment to feel discouraged, and very easy to go into fear, which in many ways can be more deadly than the coronavirus. The Full Moon in Pisces illuminates the importance of remembering that we are all connected and that the ultimate battle lies within. The Sun in Virgo forms a supportive trine with Pluto in Capricorn bringing into consciousness themes around the right use of power and applied leadership.

Mercury in Libra is in square with Pluto from September 22 until early October and intensifies our thoughts and patterns of interpersonal communication. **Mercury turns retrograde on September 27 (until October 18)** increasing the possibility of misinformation, misunderstandings and delays. Some closely-held secrets might be revealed during this period which could be the spark for an important turning point that will influence the events during October and beyond.

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Libra

Mercury, the cosmic messenger, will be in your sun sign for a prolonged stay (until November 6) preparing for its retrograde cycle from September 27th until October 18th. Keep your mind occupied with valuable projects. September 22nd until early October are especially favorable for introspection and getting in touch with your deeper self.

Scorpio

Group projects and activities that involve others are on hold as the current events do not allow for much social interaction. It is easy to feel discouraged and frustrated. In situations involving a close partner, there may be poor communications, resulting in misunderstandings. Best to stay centred within yourself.

Sagittarius

This is a good time for examining your life as a whole and see if you are going in the right direction and make the adjustments that are required. Despite all the dramas in the world, you might feel gratitude for all your achievements. This philosophical perspective can be uplifting to others.

Capricorn

There is a lot that you want to achieve, however, there is not much forward movement during this month. Some issues around the right use of power within personal relationships and otherwise may demand your attention. Unfinished business from back in January might become important again and requires resolving.

Aquarius

You might regard yourself as an objective and rational person who uses common sense and objectivity. Nevertheless, this is a time that requires for you to get in touch with your inner self. It might be necessary to dig a bit deeper and reflect on thoughts and feelings that inform your perspective. Suppressed feelings might surface that need processing.

Pisces

This is the time of the year when forming new relationships and partnerships or strengthening existing ones is important for your personal journey toward achieving your objectives. Nevertheless, it is not easy during this period to find a working balance between staying grounded and practical versus trying to chase a dream.

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What is your ^{super}power?



by Auralia Rose

Are you good at baking bread? Making music? Have powerful healing abilities? Maybe you're a great carpenter?

As eternal souls, our major skills and talents are developed over many lifetimes and remain as subconscious memories until we rediscover them in any particular lifetime. It explains child prodigies.

Sandy's recent Quantum Healing session demonstrates how our soul gifts and talents span lifetimes. While under hypnosis, Sandy remembered a life as a young boy of seven living with his tribe in a jungle environment. Sandy called him Jungle Boy. He enjoyed a special bond and easy communication with animals, many of which became his playmates.

At a young age Jungle Boy's special connection with animals and nature, along with his budding healing skills, were recognised and he began an apprenticeship with the tribe's medicine man, which he enjoyed very much. Days were spent foraging for healing herbs and plants, learning about and communicating with the various jungle creatures, the elements and nature spirits. They worked with the elements to provide the ideal weather for the tribe.

As Jungle Boy grew, so did his knowledge and skills under the tutelage of the medicine man, who died when Jungle Boy was still quite young. By that stage Jungle Boy had learned everything his master could teach him and Jungle Boy became the tribe's shaman. All along he had been developing his own unique talent of communicating with the jungle creatures and in time they became his assistants, part of his shamanic tool kit.

Snakes were used to extract poisons from people through their fangs without injecting the venom. If someone had suffered a snake bite, the snake could also inject a tiny amount of its venom into that person, in a similar way to how homeopathy works. The remedy Lachesis comes to mind, which is made from highly diluted and potentised snake venom, used in homeopathy to treat snake bites and ailments with similar symptoms to snake poisoning.

Sadly, the shaman died at the early age of 37, heartbroken, because his animals had all been killed by members of the tribe who were jealous of his abilities, in effect destroying his life's work. Finding he no longer had the heart to continue living with and providing healing for his tribe, his soul chose to pass on.

After leaving his body, he finds himself reunited with the spirits of all the creatures who assisted him in his work. They are happy and grateful for the experience. This in itself is a healing for Sandy's/Jungle Boy's soul. In this life Sandy has always had the ability to communicate with animals. This time around her soul wanted to explore healing and shamanism further and learn more about communication, especially with the higher spiritual realms.

However, the journey from that lifetime to this was not easy, sometimes souls become hijacked and find themselves

in circumstances not of their freewill choosing. Against her soul's will, Sandy was born into a very poor family in rural Taiwan where she did not feel safe or loved.

From the age of two, she would run away to a neighbour who loved and cared for her, eventually being adopted in to that family. Under their loving care Sandy flourished, eventually leaving Taiwan to travel, get married and live in Australia, where she was able to study and develop her skills and talents from that lifetime and others.

Of course as a two-year old, Sandy could not have known what her soul wanted to achieve in this life. It was the strength of her spirit that propelled her away from her birth family so she could develop her skills and become the powerful healer/shaman she is today.

I hope this story encourages you to listen to your heart, it will be your soul talking to you, perhaps reminding you that you have something unique to share with the world, and it will make you very happy. That's your super power.

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Nimbin Crossword

2021-09
By Novata

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- Across**
 - Great for relieving lockdown stress (5)
 - Males exhibiting machismo (6)
 - Fiery Australian gem (4)
 - Doing this a lot these days? (4)
 - He has, I (4)
 - Social media some people if used unwisely (12)
 - Emergency care room (2) (init.)
 - Let me! (2)
 - A feeling of being frustrated (12)
 - Quality of being flexible in these trying times (12)
 - Littlies homeschooling, doing their(4)
 - Where you want to be when feeling sick (4)
 - Don't forget to for help (3)
 - OMG! A texting (7)
 - Doing more communication this way lately? (6)
- Down**
 - Second day of the working week (4) (abbrev.)
 - Therefore (2)
 - Thousandth of a litre (2)
 - Conspiracy clique (5)
 - Slang for our country (2)
 - Offspring: daughters and (4)
 - Antipodean nationality (10)
 - Healthy and scrumptious local produce (10)
 - The word on everyone's lips these days (3)
 - You'd need to be one to know the future (4)
 - Rare gas (2) (init.)
 - Do you need to re-read your post, to it? (4)
 - Our close neighbour, in more ways than literally (8)
 - Making lots of sourdough lately? (5)
 - Garlic mayo (5)
 - Plenty of "What" these days! (3)
 - What have you been recently? (2...2)
 - See you, bye! (3) (init.)
 - base x height = (4)
 - Can you do all the things you really in lockdown? (4)
 - Thanks! (2)
 - Electric current flowing in the same direction (2) (init.)
 - She is, I (2)
- Solution: Page 32**

Life

by Marilyn Devlin

It's getting harder to know what to say... to communicate anything these days. Tricky for a Mercurial soul... needing to express the very flow of life.

It's beyond unimaginable... the wildness out there. How anyone, any human can feel comfortable with the state that's developing is beyond me. Totally beyond me.

It's a nightmare of gigantic proportions.

Within it I find myself. Within it a new me arises. I've faced battles before... as my ancestors have. I will not buckle under the weight... a new strength will arise. I will not surrender. I will live the Life... I came here for.

I trust in Light. I know and trust in Love. Kindness will be my guide. I will not hide my face away. But I will protect myself.

I will get to know myself.
I will go deeper than before.
I will surround myself with joy.
I will fill my time with love.
I will stay away from the screen.
I will closely watch my mental health.
I will lovingly take care of my body.
I will surround myself with loving friends.
I will find new things that work.
I think back to the many years... those glorious years we've had when we were free to think and plan. When I saw the change approaching... knew why the collapse was needed. How the old needed to die before the new could be born. Just couldn't imagine what it would be like living amongst it. It's horrifying is what it is.
I will not forget what I know. I will not ditch my wisdom. My knowing.



My years and years and years... the centuries of ancestral knowledge running through my blood.

No, I will not put them down. I will stand strong. I will hold my head up high. I will walk my truth. I know what is right for me.

I've been a nice girl... sigh. I've been a good girl... leaned to light and love. I've been wounded... I've carried the trauma of events that've scarred me. My body has sagged under their weight. I know right from wrong. I am a Human Being. I will carry that to the grave. I will no longer tolerate fools. My patience is spent. I will also not create wars. I will do my bit.

I've had enough. I've crumbled too long. No more, no more. Who am I now as a social citizen? I don't know. How is that an answerable question? Where do I fit... we will see. I do not consent to what's happening... in the name of health.

I've no need to shout from rooftops... least not yet. As for rooftops, I'm getting too old. And doesn't quite suit my personality set. I'm changing as I speak. I'm finding who I am... as worlds

spin around me. As worlds crumble and fall. As everything turns upside down. As I walk through my final years on Earth. I never surrender myself.

As I fall and die. As I awaken and refresh. As I crumble and wither... as I stand strong as steel. I am and I always will be me. I am proud of my heritage... I came with a purpose. This will be fulfilled. This is my duty. My Life's honoured commitment. I don't lie to myself. I don't cheat. I don't kill.

The worlds are spinning fast... faster and faster. Things flying off. Walls crumbling to the ground. I think back to the visions I've had. So many over the years. Maybe right back to the beginning. Did I see how the journey would unfold? The gift from my Mother. The Seeing.

I will find my way. I always have. While I have breath... I know there is more than hope. There is Life itself. Everything else can change... but Life never changes. Its Power is complete... we'll never understand it. We can feel it though.

Surrendering our Humanity... is something we can never do. Never do.

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Nimbin Headers season 2021

Miniroos Grade 8

by coach Leif

What a year and what a ripper team. It has been an honour coaching them.

They were the largest team in the under 8's competition and they have really gelled and evolved.

They played their little hearts out every week and have done Nimbin proud.

If this is the future of Australian football then it is bright indeed!

Well done 8's.



Miniroos Grade 7

by Marina

It has been such a pleasure watching our little under 7 Reds play like champions.

We have such a strong little team, with stars in the making. Each game they played their little hearts out putting all their bodies on the line, all the hard effort paid off by the many wins they brought home.

Watching them grow and

develop new skills every game has been amazing to watch, individually they have all grown and developed great skills through the season.

I can't wait to see what the future holds for Gabriel, Jairo, Taetum, Lennox, Loki and Arlo. Thank you to all the parents for engaging with training and games.

Pictured: Gabriel, Loki, Taetum, Arlo and Dexter



River, Mereki, Amelie, Carmen, Max, Micah, Coco, Ben, Quetzalli and Ponyo

Miniroos Grade 11

by Marlaina

It has been another great season for the Under 11s mixed team, under the wise coaching of wonderful Kat, who has been ably assisted by other keen parents, like Ruby, Philsy and Myfanwy.

Despite a losing streak this season, the Under 11s have approached training and

every game with enthusiasm and a desire to improve.

Mereki and Quetzalli have performed valiantly in goals, taking turns to demonstrate their diverse skills as keepers and on the field.

The team also welcomed River this year, whilst the rest of the team enjoyed the regular excuse to enjoy the beautiful game and the great outdoors together.

Miniroos Grade 10

by coach Gary Whisker

Doubling the size of the pitch you play football on takes some getting used to.

All mini roo teams (6-11 years old) progressively go through this until they are finally on a full size pitch from Grade 12 onwards.

The Headers Grade 10's adapted to this change quickly. We worked on spreading out to find space when we had the ball and compacting as a team when defending.

With so much more running to do in a game now, everyone was exhausted initially but as the season wore on they became much more accustomed to it.

Another big hurdle we needed to overcome was how to deal with those games when our opponents were more organised, skilful and quicker than us. It's pretty disheartening when you see goal after goal scored against you without reply.

Resilience is something we discussed at length during training. The ability to pick yourself up, dust yourself down and go again, even



Standing: Jharal, Tahne, Pipi, Gary, Lorien, Cooper, Xavier. Front row: Charlie, Amelie, Bella, Julian. Absent: Madeleine, Rylan, Tarua and Tate

when it felt like a hopeless cause.

We worked on recognising the small wins in a game: making a sweet pass, timing a tackle perfectly or taking a good shot that narrowly misses. This gave us something to build on and helped the players support each other through the

tough games.

I was very impressed with the different viewpoints and opinions the players came up with while we discussed the previous weekend's game at each training session.

Things we did well and things we needed to improve on. This season has provided plenty of fantastic goals

and some lovely team moves involving each and every one of them.

Next year we will work more on the development of these aspects of the game and building player confidence before the team progresses to playing on a full-size pitch in two years' time...

NO SEX

I've been married 45 years and, even though my husband and I still love each other, we haven't had sex for years.

Do I resign myself to this, or is there something we can do?

– Ann Onimouse, Woodburn, NSW



by Uncle Norm and Aunty Maj

She says

Dear Ann, congratulations on your endurance, 45 years of happily ever after is something to be grateful for.

However, it is difficult to keep up amorous inclinations if the door to excitement through variety, and new relationships is closed and bolted. Notwithstanding the vicissitudes our bodies undergo as we age, it's no wonder the sex dies down.

Over the years, we tend to take each other for granted. It can feel more like living with your brother than your husband.

Perhaps you could see a psychologist to discuss your mental fears, frustrations, and blockages. You may come up with some exciting new prospects, such as polyamory or exploring possible bisexuality.

I once suggested to Uncle Norm to spark up our sex life, and to give him a new experience, he get a massage from one of those lovely ladies who give happy endings.

He said he'd rather have a cup of tea with her. I said he could save the money and have a cup of tea with me. He said, "Do I get a happy ending?"

Has he let himself go and now repulses you sexually, even though you still love him? Have you let yourself go? You need to get out of your reclining armchairs and have some sexy fun together, like dancing or maybe something death-defying like parachuting. That will get things flowing.

So, open up your minds and get creative. If he's not willing, then that is tacit permission to go out and find your own excitement. After all those years, you deserve it.

HE says

I completely understand though that after 45 years of marriage and increasing decrepitude, thinking about sex is as close as you get to actually doing it. At least you are still thinking about it, so that's a good sign.

Sex is a complex process, involving our minds and our bodies. Think of it as a car. Our minds are the steering, keeping us on track, and sometimes deviating to god knows where. Your husband is the engine, and you're the gearbox.

So, when engine and gearbox are coupled together and steered in the right direction, you have sex.

But after many years you start getting a bit of piston slap, the gears start to graunch, you get oil leaks, and you can end up with a broken prop shaft.

You have to accept that you and your hubby have got a few worn parts. Expecting him to do an impression of a lighthouse simply at the sight of you in the bollocks probably ain't going to happen anymore, even though his mind may be willing. More creative solutions must be found.

Sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll isn't just a catchy phrase. There are lots of drugs out there, both legal and illegal. Stiffy pills, and various mood-enhancing drugs can do wonders. As for rock 'n' roll, 'Satisfaction' by the Stones is an apt tune. Try the Tiny Tim version for something different.

You may also need to look into your own sexual psyche. Deep down you must have some shockingly depraved fantasies locked in your mind. It's time to drop your inhibitions and embrace your inner degenerate.

One thing, please don't write back skiting about how great your sex life is after taking my advice. I don't want to know. Just send a cheque.

"There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz 380SL convertible." – P. J. O'Rourke

Acedia

The world according to

Magenta Appel-Pye

I'm feeling weird and I recently discovered the perfect word for what ails me, and many others, is 'acedia'.

It first appeared in 1607 and the ancient depiction was primarily laziness, apathy, ennui or boredom. It was characterised as "the most troublesome of all of the eight genera of evil thoughts."

It was seen as a temptation, and the great danger lies in giving in to it.

Kathleen Norris, in her book *Acedia and Me*, believes a more accurate definition is a state of restlessness, of not living in the present and seeing the future as overwhelming. Another sign is a lack of caring, of being unfeeling about things, whether that be your appearance, hygiene, your relationships, your community's welfare, the world's welfare etc.

So, what can I do about it, if I can work up the energy to get off the couch? Well, two things helped me. The first one was completely unexpected. I had a great deal of fear around getting vaccinated and also around not getting vaccinated. Acedia meant I just couldn't solve the problem myself.

Because I am severely immunocompromised, I was worried about getting sick from the vaccination, so I asked my naturopath and doctor what to do. They advised me to get the jab asap and so I did.

The strange thing was that as soon as I got the shot, I suddenly relaxed. And yes, I was sick for a few weeks but I was a lot less fearful because if I get Covid I will probably die. I am really glad I made that choice of life not just for me, but for the whole community, especially as I am a teacher.

The other thing that helped me, when I was awake at night worrying about everything, was the loving heart meditation. It's so easy to do. You just breath in love, and breath out love. That's it! Soon enough I've drifted back to sleep.

So don't give in to acedia, do something, anything, and try to be kind to others. Especially those with whom you do not agree.



Send your relationship problems to:
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Nimbin Trivia Time by Eclectus

Questions

1. Who is this guy and what is he doing on top of the Opera House? (Photo: National Indigenous Times)
2. The men's high jump at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games was interesting for a number of reasons involving the three medal winners. While Belarus won its first high jump medal (bronze), what was remarkable about the other two place getters, Italy and Qatar?
3. What is a baldric? Is it a belt, a manservant, the area enclosed by a tonsure or a human powered uncovered light wheeled vehicle?
4. Who was Australia's first Federal Education Minister? Was it John Curtin, John Gorton, John Howard or John Hewson? Bonus point for the right decade.
5. Who first wrote of "the great grey-green greasy Limpopo River" and in what context? Hint: early 20th century.
6. Who is Wallace Greenslade?
 - The cheese-loving, bungling inventor regularly rescued from his blunders by his longsuffering,



well-grounded dog Gromit in stop motion claymation blockbusters such as *A Grand Day Out* and *The Wrong Trousers*?

- The American socialite who married King-Emperor Edward VIII after his abdication?
 - The BBC radio announcer and newsreader who regularly appeared on *The Goon Show*?
 - The British scientist, engineer and inventor who invented the bouncing bomb used in the "Dambusters" raid on the Ruhr Valley during World War 2?
7. What do the following words have in common: bag; lest; pit; pop; puck?
 8. The langur and the langouste went to sea in a beautiful pea green boat. They sailed away for a year and a day settling into the rhythms of the sea. The langur enjoyed leaving the high pressure lifestyle behind and not having to catch the next opportunity all the time while the langouste came out of its shell and revelled in the myriad chances for self expression in ways never thought of before. But who were they really?
 9. Vitamin C is essential for good health and we need to have it regularly. Which contains more: chillies; kale or oranges?
 10. There is a German word for a gift given to a spouse to placate wrongdoing. Do you know what it is? The literal English translation is close enough.

1. Ziggy Ramo is putting out his intellectually and emotionally powerful new edition of Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody's 'From Little Things Big Things Grow';
2. The two athletes, Gianmarco Tamberi and Mutaz Esha Barchini who are good friends, opted to share the gold medal rather than go into a jump-off for gold and silver.
3. A baldric is a wide belt or sash worn across the breast to carry a sword or horn.
4. John Gorton in 1968.
5. Rudyard Kipling in *The Elephant's Child* published in 1902. One of the *Just So Stories*, it explains how the elephant got its trunk.
6. Wallace Greenslade was the announcer and, often, a straight man on *The Goon Show* for eight series. Spike Milligan delighted in writing nonsense lines for the very proper 1950s BBC newsreader. One of his memorable lines ended "...ding dong billy bong. I would like it known that, while I read this stuff, I DON'T WRITE IT!"
7. They can each make a word with any of the five vowels substituted.
8. They were just a happy couple who enjoyed spending unstructured time together, far from the cares of their former lives. They lived languidly ever after (Editor's note: No they didn't. The langur went back to the treetops because old world monkeys do not mess about in boats and neither do lobsters, well... not for long anyway. The crayfish crawled back into its crevice. NGT apologises for this sappy, self-indulgent stream of subjectivity. The normal flow of fun facts will resume shortly).
9. Chillies contain twice as much vitamin C as kale, which has twice as much as oranges.
10. Das Drachenfutter translates as the dragon food. Choose your gift carefully!

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Café Central a big hit

by Cath Marshall, principal

After being cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19, Nimbin Central School was very fortunate to be able to hold its annual Café Central performance evening on 24th June, just two days before restrictions were announced that would have forced the event to be cancelled yet again.

An excellent turnout of the Nimbin community and supporters of the school were treated to delicious food and a varied program of entertainment highlighting the prodigious talents of our students.

Primary students performed in choirs, choreographed dance performances and some wonderful vocal soloists were featured. Secondary students performed as soloists, in band ensembles and drama students supplied some hilarious improvised skits.

In line with tradition, the night ended with a performance by the staff band, rocking out 'Rock Lobster' by the B-52s and 'The Car Song' by the Cat Empire.

Audience members caught up in the celebratory vibe danced along to the music, a wonderful release for all after such a long time of cancelled events and



restrictions.

Many thanks to all members of the school community who volunteered to help put the night together, to the student MCs and members of the wider

community who came along to support the event.

Not only was money raised for the P&C, but a wonderful time was had by all.

The outside space is amazing!

by Carina, Annalyce and May, educators

Lots of different activities have been happening at Nimbin Early Learning Centre in August. Dolls in the home corner with kitchen set has been a busy space for imaginative play.

The extended outside space is amazing and the children are really enjoying this new play space and to be able to run more freely.

We created two gardens, one for veggies and one with edible flowers for the bees. We have Freddie the gnome in our veggie garden to watch over the space,



and an insect hotel over our flower garden to allow a safe space for insects.

Please feel free to call the Centre on (02) 6689-0142. Located at the Nimbin

Community Centre, we are open Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm.

Coffee Camp school is wild at art

by Andrew Dixon, relieving principal

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) recently invited schools across the country to submit an artwork of one of Australia's many threatened native animals or plants, along with a short written description of why they chose that species.

Our Junior Class, under the instruction of Creative and Performing Arts teacher Mrs McEwen, rose to the challenge to create a beautiful collage piece titled, 'The remaining 1% of the Northern River Big Scrub NSW' (pictured).

The competition gave the children an opportunity to unleash their artistic creativity while learning about Australia's threatened animals and plants and the threats facing them.

As a result of their hard work, out of the 3000 entries received, the Coffee Camp students' artwork has been selected as a top 100 finalist in the nationwide competition, to be displayed in Sydney.

The winner will be announced on



7th September via an on-line showcase celebrating all finalists. This is a remarkable effort from our wonderfully creative students. A huge effort from a small school!

Coffee Camp PS is currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2022. If

you have a child or know of a child who would like to come to Coffee Camp Public School next year, please contact the school for an enrolment pack on 6689-9259.

Enrolment information can be found at: <https://coffeecamp-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Brolga Young Persons Writing Prize



The winner of the first Kyogle Writers Festival Brolga Young Persons Writing Prize has been announced, with Saoirse Chu taking out first place of \$500 for her story 'Memories'. The judges loved the well-crafted story, commenting on its evocative imagery and sense of place. The prize, held in partnerships with Southern Cross University and Kyogle Youth Action, saw a strong field of young writers submit entries in its first year. Winning a tight race for second place and



\$300, was Sati Brown for her story 'Llewelyn River', which also impressed the judges with its creativity. Other winners include Amelia Scott for 'The Wind Calls' in third place (\$100), while Chloe Brown's 'The Generations of Agony Aunt Columns' and Noah Watson's 'Bridge of Magic' both were both highly commended (\$50 each). All prize-winners will have the chance to participate in next year's festival, and will have their stories published on the Kyogle Writers Festival website.



Imani Hannaford (centre), with runners-up Dandrubah Coghill, Marcus Love, Inde Henderson and director of Poets Out Loud, Sarah Temporal.

Youth Poetry Slam winners

Imani Hannaford was surprised to find herself the winner of Poets Out Loud Youth Slam after performing her first piece of slam poetry. At 13 years of age, she was one of the youngest performers to take the stage on Thursday 5th August, with 14 young poets aged 12-18 years representing their schools. The Youth Slam was the culmination of a program that offered free workshops, mentoring and performances in local schools and communities, created by Poets Out Loud director Sarah Temporal. Originally planned as a satellite event of the Byron Writers Festival, the performance went ahead at the Regent Cinema with an enthusiastic audience. "I just feel so inspired, and happy that I could express myself and share my voice and what I really value in life," said Imani, who also enjoys song-writing and theatre. "It was really good to add another passion that I didn't know I had in the first place." Imani first encountered slam poetry in a Poets Out Loud workshop at her school, Hinterland Christian College. Director Sarah Temporal said she would like to see the youth poetry slam become an annual event. "We have seen these young poets become so confident and skilled by working with our mentors and with each other," she said. "This is the second year that Poets Out Loud have run the youth slam program, and more schools are getting on board and seeing it as a unique opportunity for young voices to be heard." The competitors were met with whoops and cheers as they gathered on stage for the final prize announcement. They each received a participation showbag to encourage them to continue writing and performing, and many were keen to do just that. Poets Out Loud Youth Slam was supported by Tweed Shire Council and Create NSW. The performances are available to view on Poets Out loud website at: poetsoutloud.org/youth

Drought

by RB Lonetree

The dust-mouthed river lost
Its voice long ago
Sullen and silent it lies gasping with the fish in
Desperate puddles
The river-stones, exposed and speechless
Feel the touch of the sun and recall antediluvian aeons
Upon the powder plain the forsaken harrow
Testifies of the hopelessness here
The insatiable sun has sucked the very marrow
From the bones of the earth
There will be no harvest again this year
Save one of bitter sorrow
Hope has withered on the vine and
Faith has evaporated into an implacable barren sky
Save your pleas and your petitions!
We have lost favour with the forces that bring the rain
Action was required long ago but we offered only prayers
And kept clearing the land
Hope can be a ruinous thing to be possessed of
For this is no country for dreamers anymore
A devilish wind stalks the high plain
Murdering hope and gathering dust
Tonnes of red dirt are cast Eastward
To hang and fall upon your cities and your towns
You will complain of the poor air quality and
The high price of food
And you will call for more to be done but
You city folk must also share the blame for this
The trees I fell are fuel for your fires and
Your groceries are never cheap enough

Fire permits

Written fire permits are now required across the Northern Rivers / Far North Coast. Anything more than a small, contained cooking and/or heating fire will need you to contact your local brigade. You'll find daily fire danger ratings at: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans> Nimbin Rural Fire Brigade hopes you will work with them to reduce the wildfire risk during the 2021/22 Bush Fire Danger Period. The Brigade has four volunteer Permit Officers who can issue a fire permit. The permit is free but the penalty is not, so call or SMS 0428-221-210 with your name and address and they can help you out.

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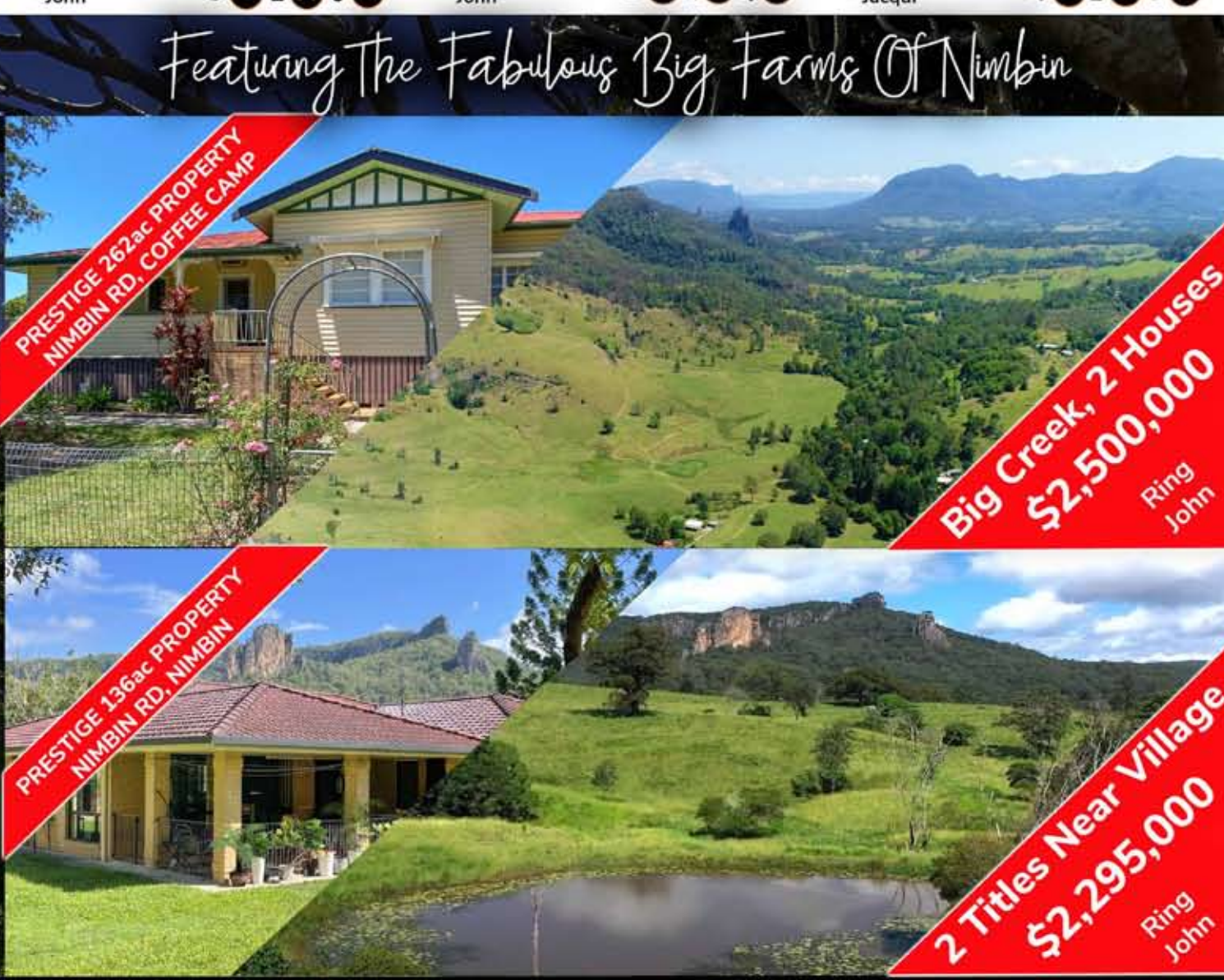
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