

THE OUTBACK POST

ISSUE: THREE

LITTLE  HARE

SUMMER EDITION 2009

G'day! How did you go with the questions in the last newsletter?

Here are the questions again, in case you forgot or didn't see Issue Two of 'The Outback Post' - and the answers.

WHAT IS YOUR JOB? ANSWERS:

Chippie (carpenter), Chalkie (teacher), Duffer (cattle rustler or thief), Dogger (someone who catches dingoes and collects payment from the government. People used to be paid per scalp, because dingoes kill farm stock.)

KOALAS 'TRUE OR FALSE?' ANSWERS:

1. Koalas are a type of bear. **False**
2. Koalas are born with no ears, but they can see very well. **True AND False.** A koala IS born with no ears, but baby koalas are also blind.
3. Koalas are slow and can't run. **False.** They can run fast.
4. Koala is an Aboriginal word meaning 'furry'. **False.** It means 'no drink', because although koalas get moisture from eating leaves, they don't actually drink.
5. Koalas can't swim. **False.** Koalas are good swimmers.
6. Male koalas mark a tree as their own by spitting on it. **False.** A male marks a tree by rubbing a scent gland on his chest against a tree trunk.

Some of those were pretty hard, I reckon. So if you got SOME right, then you're pretty good.

Lots of people are asking if there will be another book about me. And the answer is YES!

It's called 'Audrey's Secret' and the publishers will give it to bookshops at the beginning of September 2009.

Fair dinkum!

Your friend, Audrey (Two-Bob)

WHICH WORD DOESN'T FIT?

In each line there is a word or phrase that has a different meaning to the others. Can you find it?

Audrey Douglas Price Gerald

breeze cushy tall order picnic

water grub tucker spread

ning-nong drongo snag twerp

all laired up hoodwink pull a swifty
take for a ride

thunderbox dunny long-drop
go-cart

weepie nipper perisher tot

koala wolf emu bilby

steam whistle track feathers

Sassafras Snort Spotty Buttons

UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS

(Names of people in Audrey Goes To Town)

LAYIVS _____

NNMSSRKIJE _____

CRIEP _____

MTPYUS _____

OBY _____

NPSSOMRRTAE _____

NEOILL _____

YOUR TURN!

Writing and Drawing Challenge

Audrey makes a new friend in Beltana. His name is Boy. There is a drawing of him on page 54 of 'Audrey Goes to Town'.

- Write down 6 things you know about Boy, from reading the book. (What kind of person is he?)

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

On a separate piece of paper :

- Write a letter from Boy to Audrey.
- Draw Boy's room. (What does it look like?)
- Look at Ann James's drawing of Mrs Paterson on page 14. Write a diary entry that Mrs Paterson might make about the arrival of the Barlow family and what she thinks of them on that first day.
- Write another diary entry by Mrs Paterson on the day the Barlows leave to return to their bush home.
- How have Mrs Paterson's feelings about the family changed, and why?

TRUE OR FALSE?

Test your knowledge about emus

(Circle True or False)

Emu eggs are blue

True OR False

Male emus look after the chicks

True OR False

The chicks have spots to help disguise them from predators

True OR False

When they are scared, emus run fast in a straight line

True OR False

If an emu becomes hot, it breathes more slowly

True OR False

They are great swimmers and can swim long distances

True OR False

Emus have a double row of teeth

True OR False

In cold weather emus fluff their feathers to keep warm

True OR False

Answers to these questions can be found on Audrey's Blog at:

<http://audrey-of-the-outback.blogspot.com/2008/01/emu-dads-are-mum.html>

If you've read the first two Audrey books, you can:

- Read the messages on my Audrey diary and leave one of your own (www.audreyoftheoutback.com.au)
- Read the Audrey Blog pages
- See special things to do and read on Christine Harris's website, www.audreyoftheoutback.net (lots of weblinks, cross stitch instructions, colour in sheets, games, and a door-hanger you can print...).

And Christine says she is adding more things to do all the time.

