

AUDREY'S OUTBACK POST

Winter 2010

G'day!

There's going to be a picture book with me in it next year. I'm sesited (X-cited – sorry, I'm still learnin' that X can be so like a S that you mix 'em up together and you don't really know which one you got).

Ann James, the lady who draws for the novels is doing the pictures for that big book. I hope she draws my hair nice. Sometimes, it kind of sticks up. Like Price's, but not as bad. No-one's got hair exactly as bad as his unless they've been 'dragged through a bush backwards' (that's what Mum says). Even when Price is done up like a sore finger, his hair doesn't look right. He doesn't want his hair cut too often because he reckons it would blunt the scissors.

Then Mum would have to pull the hairs out of Dad's nostrils instead of cuttin' 'em and that would hurt.

Happy Reading

Your friend, Audrey (Two-Bob)

What are the answers to these jokes about Australian animals?

(Answers on page 3)

1. Why did the dingo cross the road twice?
2. Why did the emu cross the road?
3. Why did the wombat cross the road?
4. Which animal can jump higher than the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
5. Why do kangaroo mums hate wet weather?
6. What is smaller than an ant's dinner?
7. What is a mosquito's favourite sport?
8. What is a myth?
9. What kind of shoes do frogs like?
10. What do dogs have that other animal don't?

Winter Competition

In 'Audrey's Big Secret' where does Audrey say the wind starts?

Closing Date: 15 October 2010

Who can enter? Readers up to 12 years of age

Prize: Win the chance to have a Christine Harris book dedicated to you (which means your name will be in the front pages of the book so all your friends can see it).

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Boy has something he wants to ask Audrey in 'Audrey Goes to Town'.

'I wear long trousers to dances,' said Boy.

'Can you dance?'

'Sort of. It's more like jumping. Before the dances start, we get wax flakes from old candles and sweep them onto the floor of the hall. Then we jump on sandbags and slip all round the place to shine it up. Someone falls over every year. It's real funny.'

Audrey imagined what it would be like whirling round and around on that dance floor. It would be more exciting than cars or lollies with holes in them. Maybe even more exciting than a train.

'I've never been to a dance,' said Audrey.

'There's cakes for supper. Mrs Dawson makes apple cider with more bang than a dunny door. That's what Dad say, anyways. There's a dance this Saturday night. I can hescort you if you want.'

'What's hescort?'

'When you let a girl hang on your arm so she doesn't fall over in her good clothes. I seen Dad do it for Mum.'

Audrey felt a tug of longing. 'I don't know if Mrs Paterson would let me go. She might not like dancing.'

'Well she used to. Dad said her foxtrot looked so real he thought she might grow a tail and start chasin' chooks ...'

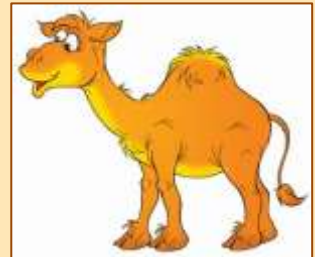
(Find out what happens next in 'Audrey Goes to Town'.)

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Joke Answers: Australian animals

1. Because he was a double-crosser.
2. To prove he wasn't a chicken.
3. He was following the chicken.
4. All animals. Sydney Harbour Bridge can't jump.
5. Their joeys have to play inside.
6. An ant's mouth.
7. Skin-diving.
8. A female moth.
9. Open toad sandals.
10. Puppy dogs.



Answers to the Spring 2009 Newsletter Questions from 'Audrey's Big Secret'

(If you didn't get a chance to read the last newsletter, you can find it at

http://christineharris.com/site/DefaultSite/filesystem/documents/OutbackPost_issue5.pdf)

1. Red
2. Eagle
3. Bush
4. Lamp
5. A feather
6. Everhilda
7. Foot
8. Stew.

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