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School

I think children should go to school.

First, children can learn to read at school. They love to read books.

Second, they can make new friends. They like their friends.

Finally, they can play on the computer. It is fun.

I think children should go to school.

Children need to go on excursions

I think children should go on excursions. These are my reasons.

Firstly, children have to go on them because they can have some fun.

Secondly, children should go on them because they will learn new things about new places.

Finally, children should have to go on them because they will learn how to behave so they can go on more.

That’s why I think it is very important for children to go on excursions.
Students work harder than teachers

It is my belief that students undoubtedly work harder than teachers.

It is obvious that students definitely work harder, because they come to school to learn new things but teachers come to school to teach what they already know, so students definitely work harder than teachers.

It is true to say that most students also do things after school. They have homework, studying and also participate in additional activities like golf, tutoring, footy, soccer, piano and swimming. I believe that these extra activities result in tired and overworked students.

Therefore, my opinion is students certainly work harder than teachers.
Children Should Learn to Swim at School

Children should learn how to swim at school for a number of reasons.

Firstly, I believe children should learn how to swim at school because it makes them fit and healthy. Swimming helps build muscles and it is good for asthma sufferers.

Secondly, I think they should learn this because good swimmers can help save other people.

Thirdly, I feel children should do this because they can have fun participating in water sports and water activities.

Finally, my opinion is children should learn how to swim at school because swimming can save your life. If you fall in the deep end, you won’t drown.

That is why I believe children should learn to swim at school.
Should children learn to swim?

I believe children should learn how to swim.

Firstly, you should learn to swim because you need to keep safe in the water.

Secondly, swimming is good exercise.

Thirdly, we can win races at the swimming carnival.

Lastly, we learn how to swim and hold our breath under water.

It is important for children to learn how to swim.

Children Should Learn How to Swim at School

I believe children should learn to swim at school.

I agree children should learn this, since they will not be afraid when they board a boat.

I think children should do this so that they learn to like swimming a lot.

I believe children should learn to swim at school as they will not have to take swimming lessons later on.

Finally, I feel children should learn to swim at school so they won't drown.
Does school serve a useful purpose?

I urge others to realise that school does serve a useful purpose. School attendance ensures that children are educated, which will help our country in the future, and it also leaves parents free for six hours a day.

To begin with, I believe schoolteachers are responsible for teaching children the skills that are necessary to get a good job. Getting the job you want is important because it will definitely affect your feelings for work, which you have to attend nearly everyday.

Furthermore, parents need a break from their children, so a good six hours of school will allow them to go to work or have some free time. If children do not attend school, parents will have to employ people to educate them.

To conclude, I believe that school does serve a useful purpose and it helps us and our country.

Does school serve a useful purpose?

I strongly believe that school does serve a useful purpose.

To begin with, school is important because children need to get a job in the workforce.

Another reason they are important is because children get to meet new people and make friends.

Lastly, without them, children would get bored and get into trouble.

In conclusion, I think that school does serve a useful purpose because children need to be educated so that they can get a job later in life, they get to meet people, and it prevents them from getting bored.
Children Should Wear School Hats

I believe children should wear school hats.

Firstly, you should wear a hat because it protects your face from the sun.

Secondly, the sun can cause skin cancer.

Thirdly, your face can get sunburnt.

Lastly, you should wear a hat because the school rule is, "No hat, no play."

It is important to wear a school hat.

School Children Should Wear Hats at School

School children should wear hats at school because it is a school rule.

School children should wear them because if they don’t have one then they can’t play.

School children should wear hats at school because if you have a hat, you are allowed to play.
Text messaging is better than talking!

The general perception is that text messaging is better than talking.

Without a doubt, text messaging is better than talking on a mobile phone because it is cheaper. It costs approximately 22 cents per message, whereas mobile phone calls are extremely expensive. Another reason why it is better than talking is because it is quicker. Immediately after you send your SMS message, it is received within two seconds by the person that you sent it to. Text messaging is therefore undoubtedly more convenient.

It is true to say that text messaging, as opposed to talking on a mobile phone, significantly reduces radiation exposure. Long term radiation exposure can cause headaches and possibly lead to brain tumours. Common sense determines that it is therefore a safer alternative to using your mobile phone.

In all seriousness, text messaging is also an excellent form of communication for people with hearing problems. By using such services, people with hearing problems can now receive messages that they would ordinarily not have received.

Many people also agree that text messaging is convenient, as you can send messages to people that you may not want to talk to. Rather than being drawn into unwanted and often uncomfortable conversations, you can send a text message instead.

To conclude, it can be said that text messaging is much better than talking as it is cheaper and quicker to use, and it also drastically reduces radiation exposure.
Should children spend more time exercising?

I believe children should spend more time exercising.

Firstly, I think children should spend more time exercising because they can learn new sports.

Secondly, I agree children should do this so they can be healthy.

Thirdly, I believe children should do more exercise because they can run faster.

Finally, I think children should spend more time exercising so they can be fit.
Birthdays should be celebrated

We believe we should celebrate children’s birthdays for a number of reasons.

Firstly, birthdays only come once a year and they are very special days. It is a time to remember when you were born. It is also a time to celebrate getting older.

Secondly, we think we ought to celebrate children’s birthdays because celebrating is fun. Children can enjoy themselves by having fun at a party, playing games with friends and eating lots of delicious food. They can also have their parties at special places like Sega World and McDonalds.

The third reason we recommend birthdays should be celebrated is that gifts are given. Children receive lots of presents like clothes, toys, computer games and books.

In conclusion, we believe birthdays should be celebrated.
Should Goldilocks have entered the bears’ house?

I believe that Goldilocks should not have entered the bears’ house.

Firstly, Goldilocks was not polite.

Secondly, she had no permission to enter their house.

Thirdly, she was naughty and she probably knew it was wrong.

Lastly, Goldilocks ate Baby Bear’s, Mother Bear’s and Father Bear’s porridge without asking.

She should never have entered the bears’ house.
Television is Educational

With the onset of so many quality children’s programs, it is now reasonable to say that television is educational for children.

Firstly, children are able to learn many skills normally taught at school from television. Sesame Street has a strong following of youngsters who are learning to read, count and care for our world. Furthermore, children are able to watch programs based on quality children’s literature. “Round the Twist”, by Paul Jennings, is being watched by children all over Australia. Consequently, they are being exposed to the work of one of the world’s most famous children’s authors.

Secondly, television allows children to learn about our world without leaving their home. Most would not have the opportunity to see these places if they weren’t shown on television. It is important to consider that we would not have been able to see any of the Olympic Games if there was no television. We would have had to rely on photographs, newspaper articles and radio broadcasts. Television broadcasts allow us into the arena, so that we can ‘share the glory’ with the athletes. Children are also able to watch documentaries on such a variety of topics. An example may be a documentary on whales, where the viewer is able to watch a whale at close range or even ‘swim’ with it in the water. One must take into account that TV provides valuable educational opportunities.

I feel television provides many unique opportunities for children, and evidence suggests that television is also educational for them.
Head of Government: Australian-born or not?

It would be racist, hypocritical and ‘un-Australian’ to suggest that our Head of Government be Australian-born. The Australian Creed states, ‘All Australians’ have equal rights. Consequently, all applicants for the position of Head of Government should be considered equal, regardless of race.

Common sense suggests that just because someone is Australian-born, it does not mean that they will necessarily be a good leader for our multicultural nation. An Australian-born Head of Government could have a negative impact on our society as they may not be familiar with the cultural make-up of our society. It is absolutely vital that anyone running for government must have Australia’s best interest in mind.

Furthermore, many people agree that a person from another country could bring a new and exciting perspective to the role. These changes could be more effective than the current ways that are now in place. New ideas would surely improve and enhance the leadership of our country.

Australia is known as a country that promotes fairness, equality and freedom, irrespective of the race or culture of its citizens. How could this be achieved if the Head of Government was to be selected due to the fact that they are Australian-born? It then seems hypocritical to promote equality if we only allow Australian-born citizens to apply for the position of Head of Government. People of all races should be allowed the opportunity to apply for the position without being discriminated against because of their nationality.

In conclusion, these reasons clearly show that it would be completely and utterly unfair to say that the Head of Government must be Australian-born.
Guns should not be sold to the public

I strongly believe that guns should not be sold to the public for many reasons. They are very dangerous objects and only police should be allowed to use them. Selling more may lead to more massacres in Australia because they often fall into the wrong hands.

To begin with, only police should be allowed to use guns. Many people do not understand how dangerous they are. Gun licences are too easy to obtain and this has resulted in many people owning them. Many people own guns illegally because the penalties are not very great.

Furthermore, if we continue to allow guns to be sold, people will buy them and some people may want to kill another person. There have been many shooting deaths in Australia, as demonstrated at Port Arthur in Tasmania. Martin Bryant used guns that he had bought from a gun shop to kill many people. Therefore, the selling of guns may culminate in more massacres.

My final reason for not selling guns to the public is that they can fall into the wrong hands, and this can contribute to more deaths. Once, a small pistol fell into the hands of a six year old boy. He took it to school. Not knowing what he was doing, he shot one of his classmates. Due to this dreadful act, the little girl died in hospital. The pistol belonged to an eighteen year-old boy who was staying with the six year-old’s family. Although this happened in America, it could happen here.

In conclusion, I am convinced that guns should not be sold to the public and must only be used by the police.
Are mobile phones necessary?

I strongly believe that mobile phones are necessary. My reasons for this belief are that these phones are convenient for business people who travel a lot, and they are handy for emergencies.

To begin with, mobile phones are necessary in the case of emergencies. For instance, if you fall down a set of stairs in a building and are badly injured and can’t reach a pay phone, it is handy to have one to use. Or, if your car breaks down in the middle of the night in a strange neighbourhood, it would be dangerous to leave it in search of a public phone booth.

My other main reason is that mobile phones are convenient for business people. For example, if you are out of the state or even overseas and you have to contact a client to do some important work, it is useful to have one to use. By using a mobile phone, important information can be received. People can’t stay in an office all day waiting for their phone to ring. Some people have to go and do jobs or they will go out of business. You can even send faxes or messages and use the internet with your mobile.

In conclusion, I believe that mobile phones have now become a necessary part of everyday life. Instant communication will ensure that information can be passed on with a simple press of a button. Whether this is to do with business or personal information or emergencies, it goes to show that they are necessary in the new millennium.
Children should be able to ride scooters to school

My point of view is that children should be able to ride scooters to school as they are more efficient than bikes. They are portable, good for exercise, and children do not tire easily when riding them.

To begin with, I believe that riding scooters to school prevents children from being late. For example, riding them is fun and time-efficient, whilst walking is time-consuming. As a result, children arrive at school later, and cannot play with their friends before school begins.

Another important reason why I think kids should ride scooters to school is it is a fantastic form of exercise. They will have fun as well as keeping fit. Leg muscles will be strengthened and children will also get into the habit of exercising regularly.

My final reason is that I believe scooters are more portable than bikes. Therefore, they can fit into school bags and don’t cause any hassles. Consequently, unlike bikes, scooters can’t be very easily stolen.

To conclude, I strongly believe children should be allowed to ride scooters to school as they reduce travelling time, increase fitness levels, and are portable and convenient.
Sharks should not be hunted

I personally believe that sharks should not be killed if they attack humans.

Surely humans must understand that when they are surfing, sharks may mistake them for an animal. Foolishly, when humans go surfing they are disturbing the sharks’ natural habitat.

Common sense tells us that sharks should not be hunted or killed because they are only doing what comes naturally. According to Kate Davey, the National Coordinator of the Australian Marine Conservation Society, sharks should not be hunted or killed because they are following their natural instincts.

In conclusion, I would like to stress that sharks should not be hunted or killed after they attack humans, because of the reasons mentioned above.
Ned Kelly: Hero or Villain?

Edward "Ned" Kelly is Australia’s most famous bushranger, and there is absolutely no doubt that he should be remembered as a hero, not a villain.

In his youth, Ned Kelly was often in trouble with the police for stealing food and livestock; however, he only stole from the wealthy to support his poor family. His family meant everything to him and he demonstrated great responsibility in taking care of them. He believed people should be treated as equals and should have the same living standards. As the eldest, Ned became ‘man’ of the family at twelve years of age, and shouldn’t be remembered as a villain simply because he stole food, as he only did what he thought was best for his family.

During his life, Ned Kelly did many good deeds. Although he was poorly educated, he was surprisingly clever and was well known for his humour. He was loyal to his friends and he even saved a young child from drowning. For three years he made an honest living holding down a job mustering cattle and ringbarking trees, but as a young man he fought with the police. Several times, the police dismissed charges against Ned as they did not have enough evidence against him.

After an incident at his home, police declared him an outlaw. A reward and wanted posters were put up encouraging people to catch him. He had no option but to run from the police.

This does not make him a villain. Ned Kelly should be remembered for his kindness to his family and his bravery. He is a folk hero to many.
Super Bouncer

The bounciest ball in Australia is here

It is called:

Super Bouncer!

There are many reasons why you should buy this ball.

Firstly, the Super Bouncer is a great toy for children between seven and thirteen years of age.

Secondly, it is much softer than any other ball and if it hits you, it won’t hurt.

Finally, it can bounce up to seven metres high.

The Super Bouncer is the best! Don’t let your kids go without it.

Available in all good toy stores.
Crazy Squeaky Slippers

From the moment you try on these comfortable, warm and fluffy slippers, you will never want to take them off!

Firstly, these are very comfortable, and when you get out of bed, you will want to put them on to keep your feet cosy and warm.

Secondly, these cute slippers will entertain your cat, because they squeak like tiny mice.

Finally, you won’t be able to resist these crazy slippers, because you can purchase them for just $10.

These are a great bargain! Buy them today and you won’t regret it!
Is television educational for children?

In today’s society, I strongly believe that television has no educational value for children. Television makes them lazy, wastes time, and it can also promote aggressive behaviour.

In my opinion, too much television watching leads to children becoming lazy, both physically and mentally. Rather than becoming involved in a range of leisure activities such as bike riding or ball sports, children instead remain at home peering at a television screen. Many people believe that they need to participate in more physical activities which, consequently, will increase their cardio-vascular fitness and improve their co-ordination. Watching television does not promote either of these things.

It is not educational as it usually does not encourage children to think at all. Therefore, it is essential for children to decrease their television watching time, as it is not of any educational value. Moreover, although television is entertaining, it is not educational because it encourages people to waste time. Children often prefer to watch television when they come home from school. Doing this stops them from doing their homework, which stops them thinking. Often they want to stay up late and watch something on television. This can lead to them going to bed late, which in turn can lead to lethargy at school. For this reason, it is difficult to state that television is educational.

Another important reason to support the view that it is not educational is the fact that increased television watching can result in aggressive behaviour. Many shows depict popular characters as angry, violent and aggressive. These attributes are not ideal for children to see as they often transfer what they see on television into their own life. Many children have also learnt coarse words from the television. This type of learning is not positive and creates a society full of actions and language that promote aggression. It is my belief that television has no educational value and that the less children watch it the better.

To summarise, I concur with the view that television is not educational as it makes children lazy, wastes time and promotes aggressive behaviour.
Should the government take responsibility for the unprecedented levels of childhood obesity in Australia?

Common sense determines that the government is not solely responsible for the unprecedented levels of childhood obesity seen in Australia today. Managing this problem is the joint responsibility of children, parents, school communities and the government.

The federal government has already invested millions and millions of dollars in advertising campaigns aimed at reducing childhood obesity and while these have been effective, children need to take greater responsibility for their eating habits. If children are not prepared to share responsibility for their health, such campaigns are going to be of little value. School communities can help them learn about healthy food choices and parents can provide tasty and nutritious meals.

Don’t you agree childhood obesity is not solely the government’s responsibility? Research suggests approximately one in four children in Australia is overweight. Undoubtedly, children need to exercise more. Schools now have two hours of physical activity per week, but parents also need to be good role models for their children. They can do this by ensuring television viewing hours are restricted to two hours per day. Weekend sport should also be encouraged. Surely parents want what is best for their children.

It is reasonable to suggest governments have a role in minimising childhood obesity, however it would be foolish to suggest the government is solely responsible for this epidemic.

It is not too late! If children, parents, schools and the government work together, childhood obesity can be reduced.
Antarctica should be mined

I strongly agree that Antarctica should be mined. It is one of the last untouched wilderness areas on the planet, and it could possibly hold the key to improving the quality of life on our planet.

Firstly, scientists have already discovered many valuable minerals there. It is clear that the world is suffering a shortage of many important things such as oil and coal. We would be foolish to ignore the world’s problems when careful mining could benefit billions of people. As a result, I strongly believe that Antarctica should be mined.

My next point is that mining in Antarctica would create many jobs for people who would otherwise be unemployed. These jobs and the money raised selling oil and coal could certainly be used to help many people all over the world.

Finally, mining today is done in such a way that very little environmental damage is done. If there are very strict laws put in place to protect the environment, mining companies will obey them and be able to use the resources while not damaging the environment.

In conclusion, common sense says that mining should definitely begin in Antarctica, because our world cannot afford not to use the vast resources it can provide.
Should sharks be hunted and killed?

I recommend that sharks should be hunted and killed after having attacked a human being. Evidence suggests that once a shark attacks a human, it is more likely to attack again.

The majority of people agree with this opinion. I support the view that a human’s life is much more important than a shark’s. Some people argue that excessive hunting will endanger them as a species; however, there are many sharks in the ocean and this is unlikely to occur.

Furthermore, sharks should be killed after an attack, because their population will increase if they are not destroyed. Consequently, there may be more attacks in our waters. These have been well documented in Australia since 1791. Sharks must be destroyed to prevent further deaths.

If sharks continue to inhabit the ocean once they have attacked, it is highly likely that they will continue attacking until they are destroyed. They will develop a habit and will attack more often. In the future, we may not be able to go into the water safely.

It is totally outrageous that in Hong Kong a shark was responsible for the deaths of nine people over a three-year period. These deaths could have been prevented if the shark had been hunted down and destroyed after the first fatality.

In conclusion, I believe all sharks should be destroyed after they have attacked, to prevent further deaths from occurring.
Should smoking be banned in public places?

It is obvious that smoking should be banned in public places.

Firstly, smoking definitely affects the health of smokers and non-smokers and should therefore be banned in public places. It affects your health in many different ways. The chemicals found in cigarettes are highly toxic and extremely dangerous. These include tobacco and carbon monoxide, both of which affect the body in a harmful way.

The most common effect is the damage it does to the lungs of a smoker. Every time a smoker inhales, poisonous substances enter the lungs. If he/she continues smoking, these will eventually be coated in tar and many poisonous chemicals. Unfortunately, there is evidence that supports the view that non-smokers can also be affected by smokers smoking in confined spaces. Consequently, smoking should be banned in all public places to protect the health of non-smokers as well.

Research suggests that the majority of smokers started smoking when they were teenagers. If smoking in public places was banned, I believe less people would be inclined to begin. Teenagers like to socialise and consequently, many teenagers begin smoking because their friends do. I am of the opinion that if smoking in public places was banned, teenagers would be less likely to start.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that smoking should be banned in all public places.
Save Our Animals

I strongly believe that we shouldn’t put down poor innocent creatures, but try to make their lives better. It is so unfair that we humans live extraordinary and interesting lives, yet animals live perilous and dangerous ones. Some have to hide themselves from us, and many scientists believe that many will one day be extinct.

Firstly, animals have a life and need to be free. It is my belief that they should not be cooped up in small cages and forced to entertain humans in circuses and zoos all around the world. It is fair to say that every government on Earth must surely fine anyone caught enclosing innocent creatures in tiny metal enclosures such as cages.

Secondly, these days many animals are, horrifically, poached for many foolish reasons. For example, walruses and elephants get killed for their ivory, while alligators, crocodiles and snakes are killed for their skin so that this can be used for shoes, clothing and bags. Experts theorise that around six million animal species die each year because of poaching. I urge all nations to take action immediately and create laws so that animals can be protected.

Finally, I am horrified that professional medical researchers and scientists are testing their products on innocent creatures. Research clearly shows that two out of four animal species die because of products being tested on them. I strongly recommend all professional researchers stop testing their products on animals. They should test them on human volunteers. Ideally, the RSPCA should not only fine anyone caught testing products on animals, but preferably also have police arrest them.

In conclusion, I encourage the public to become involved in any associations that protect animals. No doubt this will ensure a better future for all animals. Sadly, this is an issue which we must all be concerned about.
There is too much rubbish on the school playground

I strongly believe that our playground has absolutely too much rubbish on it. I agree children are obviously too lazy to put their rubbish in the bin. I personally think that teachers are wasting too much time monitoring rubbish and that there should be consequences for littering.

Firstly, there is undoubtedly too much rubbish on the school playground. Recent surveys have shown that children are constantly throwing rubbish on the ground because they are too lazy to put it in the bin. They just throw it on the playground, leaving it for others to pick up. As a result, after lunch, classes have special areas where they each have to clean up. This wastes a lot of learning time for them.

Secondly, it is true to say that teachers are definitely wasting too much time monitoring the disposal of rubbish. Every lunch, they spend most of their duty time asking children to put theirs in the bin. This certainly puts children at risk of getting into a fight due to the fact that teachers are too busy dealing with rubbish issues. Also, I personally think that there should be consequences for disobeying teachers’ instructions. From surveys, teachers agree that picking up rubbish should be a consequence for ignoring instructions. It would appear that if picking it up was a consequence of this, the playground would be much cleaner.

In conclusion, I believe that our school playground has absolutely too much rubbish on it. Children are too lazy to put theirs in the bin and the teachers waste too much time monitoring this.
Every school should have a school hall

I agree that every school should have a school hall. In our school, a hall could be used for a variety of purposes. It would provide opportunities for the school to come together, and it could be used for performances. Currently, our parish church is used for these, so a school hall would also free up the church. It would also foster school pride and create a sense of tradition.

To begin with, it is my belief that every school should have a school hall because it would be able to hold performances there. The hall could be used for parades in Education Week, and performers visiting the school would be able to use it too. We could also use it for gymnastics and drama activities. The school could participate in Wakikirri, and would be able to have a concert at the end of the year.

Secondly, it is my opinion that a school hall would free up the church. We would still be able to use the church for mass and singing. However, there would be opportunities for it to be used for more appropriate things. As a result, children would be more reverent when using the church if it was only used for worship.

The third reason why every school should have a school hall is because it would provide an opportunity for the school to come together. We could have an assembly for the whole school, whereas at the moment we are unable to do that because we don’t have a venue large enough to accommodate the whole school. As a result, we could get to see all of the teachers in the school.

In conclusion, that is why I think every school should have a school hall.
Children should not wear school uniforms

My point of view is that children should not wear school uniforms. My reasons are that they are irritating and uncomfortable to wear. In my opinion, they are old-fashioned and outdated. Furthermore, uniforms are not always suitable for the weather.

Firstly, I believe that children should not wear school uniforms because they are quite uncomfortable to wear. In my experience, I have been easily irritated by the materials used for them. Also, I think that they are a hazard to children and teenagers with skin problems like eczema. Students with eczema feel itchy and uncomfortable while wearing these uniforms. Also, wearing one makes it quite difficult to participate in many school activities.

Secondly, I support the view that children should not wear school uniforms because they are outdated. I truly believe that they are very old-fashioned, and fashion is so important in this day and age. It is obvious that they are boring to wear, as who wants to wear the same colour six hours a day, five days a week?

I personally believe that children should not wear school uniforms because they are not suitable for the harsh Australian weather. Children tend to get hot and bothered when wearing them in our climate. They get hot and sweaty when participating in playground sports because of these restrictive clothes.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that children should not wear school uniforms. I personally think they are uncomfortable and irritating to wear. I also think that they are hard to wear while playing games etc. They are unsuitable in hot and cold weather, and I recommend that schools should phase them out.
Dear Sir,

My name is Thuptim Lee and I am a Year 6 student. At school, we have been researching the effects of deforestation, and we have become deeply concerned about this issue. The mass clearing of rainforest is outrageous and the loss of animal and plant life is devastating. This matter has also been debated increasingly on television and in newspapers.

It is the point of view of many people including scientists that humans are mainly responsible for deforestation and the environmental damage this has caused. It is a fact that approximately 130 flora and fauna species are lost everyday due to deforestation. If this continues, plant and animal species may be lost forever.

It is the belief of many experts that global warming is caused by deforestation. Among other environmental factors, the devastation of rainforest areas across the world has caused temperatures to rise. As a result, polar ice caps have melted and sea levels have risen, causing flooding. There is no doubt natural disasters such as these have been caused in part to deforestation.

It is vital for us to conserve and protect our rainforests. Please join my school mates and help us in the fight against deforestation.

Yours faithfully

Thuptim Lee
Dear Editor,

It is outrageous to suggest that St. George and Sutherland Shires need a motorway to connect them to the city. I am a primary school student at St. Finbar’s Primary School at Sans Souci and I believe if the proposed F6 Motorway goes ahead, this will be disastrous for our local community.

To begin with, it is common knowledge that new motorways only solve traffic problems temporarily. Just look at the M5! It is constantly blocked. In the long run, the F6 will encourage more motorists on to our roads causing traffic chaos.

Furthermore the Government has indicated it will cost billions of dollars and approximately 10 years to build the proposed freeway. Surely this money is better spent on improving public transport links and advertising material to encourage motorists to use these services.

Several kilometres of park lands and reserves will be lost if the proposal goes ahead. Residents who will be affected by the new freeway have expressed their opposition to this proposal in the St. George Leader numerous times. Once again, this is a situation where politicians refuse to listen to the people!

In summary, there is no doubt the F6 will be a disastrous move for this beautiful area. Let’s hope the politicians, elected by the people of this electorate, start to listen!

Yours faithfully,

George Penedo
Dear Mayor of Fairfield,

My name is Maria Alessi. I am 10 years old and I attend John the Baptist Primary School, Bonnyrigg.

I am writing to you as I believe noise barriers should be erected along Cowpasture Road, for a number of reasons.

Firstly, I personally think noise barriers should be erected along this road so that drivers will not be distracted by balls going over the fence. Therefore, there will be fewer car crashes along the road.

Secondly, I strongly believe noise barriers should be erected because they will give John the Baptist Primary School greater privacy, and therefore thieves will be less likely to break into the school.

Finally, I believe noise barriers should be erected along Cowpasture Road because it will reduce noise pollution here. Consequently, John the Baptist students will hear their teacher more clearly.

In conclusion, noise barriers should be erected along Cowpasture Road for the reasons listed above.

Yours faithfully,

Maria Alessi
Assistant Principal
St Luke’s School
1 Beaconsfield Street
REVESBY 2212

Dear Sir,

We believe that our school should consider having a healthy food canteen.

Firstly, we believe that we should have healthy food because it is good for us.

Secondly, we think that we should have this because it prevents us from getting colds and the flu.

Thirdly, we hear that some children don’t eat breakfast, so it is important that they have a healthy lunch. Also, healthy foods provide us with energy and help us to learn.

Finally, we know healthy foods have vitamins and minerals that help children grow strong.

Yours faithfully,

Amy Tran and Marcel Obeid
St Therese’s Primary School  
2A Yerrick Road  
Lakemba NSW 2195

Dear Mr. Conlon,

My name is Charbel Azzi. I am in Year 4 at St. Therese’s Primary School. I am writing to you because I am concerned about the boredom children are experiencing as a result of our current playground equipment. I believe that it can be improved.

I believe without a doubt that St. Therese’s playground should have more playground equipment. New things to play on or with will result in the school becoming more popular, more exciting and a fun place to be at playtime. Consequently, I believe the children at St. Therese’s will become fitter.

Another reason it is essential the school should have more is that children will most definitely become fitter. Purchasing new equipment is necessary as the current things are boring. If the school buys some more, the children will not even realise that they are exercising and will become fitter. Recently, there have been reports that Australian children are overweight. As a result, I think our school has a responsibility to ensure that the children here are fit, active and healthy. New equipment will ensure this.

I strongly believe that our playground should have more equipment because it will also increase our school’s popularity in the local area. The school will have a better reputation and consequently enrolments will multiply.

To conclude, I think our playground should have more things for us to use because the children are obviously bored. As a result, conflict and violence can occur there. Our teachers are constantly interrupted during playground duty to help resolve problems. I am sure that teachers are probably very fed up with this. Therefore, if our school purchases new playground equipment, it will provide entertainment for the children and make our playground a happier and more enjoyable place.

I firmly support the view that St. Therese’s school should purchase new playground equipment. I believe that the more we have the better.

Yours sincerely,

Charbel Azzi
4 Blue
Dear Editor,

I strongly believe that catching animals in their natural habitat and putting them in circuses so that we can be entertained is just barbaric. They are forced to perform circus acts and to live in very cramped and smelly cages. This is just plain abuse.

To begin with, to use animals for our entertainment is just outrageous. I don't find it fun at all. Whenever I go to a circus, I see sad, unhealthy looking animals sitting in very confined quarters. Consequently, I believe circus animals should be released so that they can be happy and do all the natural things that an animal does.

Furthermore, animals are upset and disturbed by circus crowds and noises. This causes them to become scared and agitated. For some, this may result in a loss of appetite and lack of sleep.

In conclusion, I believe we should certainly not use animals for our entertainment. Therefore, they must be immediately returned to their natural habitat.

Yours faithfully,

Ngau Tran
Dear Mr. McClelland,

My name is Raymond Kim. I am in Year 6 at St. Gabriel’s Primary School, Bexley. I am writing to you because I am concerned about the number of crime-related incidents occurring in our electorate of Barton.

I have recently interviewed and surveyed the students in my class to determine if they have ever been a victim of crime. I was extremely surprised and shocked to find that 87% had experienced crime first hand. What I also wish to point out to you is that my interviews with the students show that an alarming 93% of the crimes committed still remain unsolved today. These criminals are still in our society and have not been punished for the crimes they have committed.

The most common crime that the students have experienced is household robbery, and though fortunately the victims were not physically harmed, the emotional stress is enormous. Many students are still extremely upset at the thought that their homes were invaded, not to mention because of the loss of property and damage that occurred as a result of the robbery.

More money should be spent on solving and preventing crimes. I strongly urge you to argue this issue in Parliament House on behalf of our electorate.

I have enclosed a petition which a large number of concerned residents have signed, to illustrate the importance of crime to the citizens of Barton. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Kim
Concerned Barton Resident
Classrooms should be air conditioned

Dear Mrs. Graves,

2AC thinks that our classrooms should be air-conditioned.

Firstly, our class believes that we should have air-conditioning in all of our classrooms so that everyone can stay cool during the hot weather. If children feel hot and bothered, they will not be able to concentrate and do their best work.

Secondly, it is a fact that some children get sick on hot days. When this happens, they go to sick bay or go home and consequently they miss out on school work.

Thirdly, we feel that although air-conditioning can be expensive, families can help cover the cost through fund-raising.

Furthermore, it is our opinion that teachers would feel more refreshed if the classrooms were air-conditioned. When teachers are hot, they can feel stressed, and in the afternoon they sometimes become cranky.

Finally, if the classrooms were air-conditioned, more children would want to come to our school. We hope that you consider our suggestion to have air-conditioning at St. Luke’s, because we feel it is an important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Year 2AC