

Bring It On Breakaway!!

A word from the Editors' in Chief...

Howdy fans and air-conditioners!!

Well paint me green and call me gummy—the year is half over already and that means camp is getting closer WHOO HOO as Barry would say.

Stacks has been happening since the last edition as you can see by all the stuff Lisa and I have had to publish this time round—I tell you if this was a suit case we would have to sit on the lid to get it to shut!!

Thanks again to all you lovely dudes and dudettes for sending in all your fine pieces of publishable material.

We promised a surprise in this edition and it has been delivered—are we good or what?! That's right Mr Alex the legend himself has been busy creating friendship bands for everyone who receives BIOB in the mail. (ie that's 64 of you!!) Extra points for those of you who wear it from now and until camp!!

So try on your latest fashion accessory, sit back and chill out while you have a great read of this outstanding edition of the BIOB.

LYW Lisa and Kyla

xxoo >:)

Newness Info:

- Mr Evil TP himself is now a fully qualified fireman at Seven Hills! You've been warned!!

- Mr David (Sismey) has finished uni!! Yay! (we now have to call him 'Master' of music!!)

Who's Who in the Zoo. This edition we are getting the low down on Ben Pang

1. **Your full name is?** Benjamin Chun Man Pang

2. **Your birthday is?** 30-12-1982

3. **Your place of residence is?** Rockdale

4. **What does a normal weekday consist of for you?** Uni, work-Drum/Guitar lessons. After school child care and gardening.

5. **Do you like it?** Music Lessons and childcare, I only do gardening because it pays well.

6. **Do you have any pets?** If so what are their names? 2 fish, no names.

7. **What is your favourite flavour for a smoothie?** Banana mixed with chocolate

8. **Where do you go to church?** St Aidans Hurstville Grove

9. **Your favourite bible verse? (this can be as many as you like)** Romans 3:23

10. **What was the latest movie that you saw and who did you see it with?**

11:50pm session of Jackass the Movie with the youth leaders after youth group.

12. **If you were down to your last \$10 what would you spend it on?** A beef kebab with barbeque sauce.

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13. What is your ultimate holiday destination? Europe, all of it!

14. What is your favourite sport? (either playing or watching and there can be more than one) Cricket and soccer. I'm the keeper in both sports.

15. Who would you like to meet the most and why? George Bush, so I can hit him in the head. He doesn't have any brain cells to lose anyway.

16. What have you been reading/listening to lately? Coldplay, Radiohead. Reading Time Magazine.

17. What is so good about being a Christian? Your Life has direction.

18. Are you coming to Senior Breakaway Camp 2004? Booyah! (yes)

19. What do you like the most about camps? The Music.

20. What is your favourite "eat out" place? Big Johns Pizza Sans Souci

21. What other things would you like to say to the readers of BRING IT ON BREAKAWAY? Go strong for God, even when you're weak, God's gonna be there for you no matter what. Peace Out.

Last Installment of Colin's Memories of OZ—Enjoy!!

Tuesday Jan 21st

Spent the day at Jamberoo - a water park in the valley. Fun time there and I nearly got hit by some weird type of animal that was a cross between a lama, a cow and a wool sweater as 3 of these weird creatures came alongside of me while I barreled down the bobsled. After about two hours in this

place I fell asleep in the lunch area floor. That night we played this "Canadian Wide Game" with water and cans, etc. I pulled my hamstring running from some kids during this game. Painful but beats pulling a groin any day especially after what my groin has been through with the groin sniffing dogs! Later I limped around while playing a crazy but fun Tin Can game. I got to yell and point to people who were OUT! Then bed after the great puppets (I love these guys - Grumbleface and Slop. Slop is excellently played by the Canadian Shaun and Grumbleface is really the professional puppet that you think is real played by Barry)

Wednesday Jan 22nd

Stay at camp day. We played games again and I played a few but spent some time doing work on the computer and sleeping. That night they had a Shindig - country dancing. It was fun and energetic and we were taught some folky line dancing to Bob the builder song. Some crazy kid, following Jonny's lead, pulled himself up on the support beams of the ceiling where the dance was held, and tried to do a somersault. He landed on his face, wrecked his braces and it looks like he will need root canal. Once again God used Jonny's spiritual gift to stir the pot! Afterwards we had the puppets and bed.

Thursday Jan 23rd

Got up this morning and went to do the bathroom ritual - the morning pee. I went to the urinal and there, before my eyes, was a big funnel web spider (Big, scary, poisonous, hairy, spider). I thought about peeing on it but was too smart to do such a thing in case I got it

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mad so I ignored it and went to the toilet in the stall instead. Went to breakfast and told John the Canadian about the spider in the urinal. He told me it was there last night and that he peed on it and it got real mad at him. I would too if someone peed on me! John did what no man had done before - peed on a Funnel Spider and survived. We spent the day at the beach today. What a beach it is - Kiama again. Had a great time with the Canadians - John and Shaun and we got leveled by waves and played some beach rugby. Had dinner at Red Rooster with Jonny and here I am at night typing my memoirs.

Friday Jan 24th

Last day of camp and as the week goes on I really miss my family and can't wait to get home. The days are going so slow at this point. I just want to go home. I really miss Jude and the kids.

Finished my final talk and said goodbye to the kids. Then Jonny took Shaun and I and another leader up to the escarpment behind the camp (15 minute walk) through the bush (bushwalking!). Beautiful but dangerous rocky view and took some pics. That night we all went to a restaurant (The Brier) right across the street from Capernwray for a celebratory end of camp meal with the leaders. I ordered a great big steak, biggest I ever saw in my life and we had to cook our own food. Amazing thing around here is that you don't tip or pay pennies. Good price on the meal as well - around \$21.00 for a huge steak meal. We had our own room reserved and I sat with all the guys at one huge table while all the girls sat at another. Great way to end the camp off as we all had some funny laughs.

Saturday Jan 25th

Spent day at the mall and capped the rest of the afternoon at the beach with Jonny and Barry. Bought tons of stuff for the kids and Jude. I had to get the sales person to try on the Rugby sweater I bought for Jude to make sure it fit properly. Jonny and Barry thought that this was funny. Then the beach. At night we watched "Last Man Standing" - a typical Willis flick that Jonny loves. Barry wants to come to Toronto in the summer and teach the staff puppeting. Sounds good to me.

Sunday Jan 26th

Barry and Jonny went to a movie and I tried to get some last day of my trip hours on the beach. Swam, ran and read a lot of the book I bought (The Bible as a novel). I took them all out for dinner (including Jonny's parents) to Hog Breathe's pub. Good steak. Had fun with Jonny's parents and Jonny's dad sure talks loud and long! Barry rented "The Mothman Prophecies" and we watched it at night. I told them that Australia has all sorts of weird and dangerous creatures but they are lucky not to have mothmen like we have in North America. Maybe that was what the stewardesses were spraying for in the plane - Mothmen repellent!

Monday Jan 27th

I am on the plane back to T.O and look forward to seeing my beautiful family again. Can't wait to hug and kiss my wife and hug the kids. It should be great!! But the flight will be a long one for sure. This morning I was up at 6:30 a.m Oz time, showered, had breaky and then off to the airport with Jonny where we spent a bit of time together

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and boom here I am. Can't wait to get home.

Well there you have it. Oz as seen through the eyes of a Canadian!! Please keep writing to Colin, Shaun and Jon as I know they would love to hear from everyone.

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Connexion report

Ladies and Gents, yet another Breakaway connexion has been and gone. And might I just say that it was EXCELLENT!

This time we met in the not so cold Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre for a BBQ lunch provided by the wonderful Robyn and Martin Reurich.

Then, Luke led us all for the inaugural walk to the near by escarpment. This was a monumental event as for a very long time we were unable to successfully access some of the track. But, saws and axe in hand, the Breakaway Trail Blazers (aka the BTB's) hacked their way through fern and scrub, vine and tree to overlook the amazing valley below.

Others stayed behind and sipped coffee and confused each other with brain hurting puzzles.

Either way fun was had by all.

Once the BTB's returned from their trek and were watered and rested, Grumbleface MCDed a fabulous BLAST where we were taught about God's

justice and righteousness by Donna. We sang our favourite camp songs (well almost all of them) and Leise taught us a memory verse.

Phew... a jam-packed but great day. And then when we all thought it was over Kirralee announced that the BIG SWING was open for use and we swung our way through dusk screaming and laughing our heads off!

It was a great day. So great in fact that we are going to have another one!!!! J

So right now go and grab your diaries, flip to **Saturday 18th October**. Then get a thick texta and some highlighters and write in big letters: **BREAKAWAY CONNEXION!!!!**

SOME wEiRd STUFF!!

- From an email that was sent to us from Kylie Robinson—thanks Kylie!!

- 1 Butterflies taste with their feet
- 2 A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- 3 In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.
- 4 On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year
- 5 On average people fear spiders more than they do death
- 6 90% of New York cabbies are recently arrived immigrants
- 7 35% of the people who use personal adds for dating are already married
- 8 Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
- 9 Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

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10 It's possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.

11 Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

12 It's physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.

13 The main library in Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

14 A snail can sleep for three years.

15 No word in the English language rhymes with 'MONTH'

16 Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.

17 Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

18 The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

19 All polar bears are left handed.

20 In ancient Egypt, priests plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eye lashes.

21 An ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain.

22 TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

23 'Go'; is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

24 If Barbie were life size, her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches tall.

25 A crocodile cannot stick it's tongue out.

26 The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

27 Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza everyday.

Editors' note: I'd like to know how they worked out number 8, 14, 19 and 25!! If anyone has any ideas send me an email and we will include them in the next edition of BIOB. I have personally done number 10!! Ahhh year 12 muck up days in the early '90s against a rival high school. Man that was fun!! - Kyls

A Grumbleface Description...

The time is fast approaching where some of you are preparing for end of year and HSC exams. Grumbleface has just learnt about the English grammar idea of "Metaphors" and has been trying some out.

- He spoke with the wisdom that can only come from experience, like a guy who went blind because he looked at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it and now goes around the country speaking at high schools about the dangers of looking at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it.
- She grew on him like she was a colony of E. coli and he was room-temperature prime English beef.
- She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.
- Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.
- He was as tall as a six-foot-three-inch tree.

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- The revelation that his marriage of 30 years had disintegrated because of his wife's infidelity came as a rude shock, like a surcharge at a formerly surcharge-free ATM.
- The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.
- McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like ahesion bag filled with vegetable soup.
- From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and "Sex in the City" comes on at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.
- Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.
- The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot oil.
- John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.
- Even in his last years, Grandad had a mind like a steel trap, only one that had been left out so long, it had rusted shut.
- The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law Phil. But unlike Phil, this plan just might work.
- The young fighter had a hungry look, the kind you get from not eating for a while.
- He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, either, but a real duck that was actually lame. Maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.

- The ballerina rose gracefully en Pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.
- She walked into my office like a centipede with 98 missing legs.
- It hurt the way your tongue hurts after you accidentally staple it to the wall.

TP'S Favourite songs:

Burn, Baby Burn, Disco Inferno—some 80's band

Burn for You—John Farnham

I see Red—Crowded House

Come on baby light my fire—The Doors

HA HA HA HA

Sorry Paul—couldn't help myself—Kyls.
:) xxoo

How weird is this...

While sitting down make clockwise circles with your right foot.

While doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand.

What direction is your foot going now?

Next Connexion is 18th October at FFCC. Lock it in. Phone a friend. Just be there!! Cause it's fun!!

An email from Alo Baker for everyone to read...

Hay everyone

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I hope your all doin well.... I am going fine and I have a job at the moment as a check out chick. In 2 weeks time I start a part time job as a motel cleaner so I am going to have two jobs going for me...

My walk with God is going awesome and I am leaning new experiences by the day.. I am also meeting heaps of cool people and my future is getting wider opportunities than ever before...

Like most Christians I am struggling to have a set (quiet-time) or as I call it M,A,G time which stands for Me and God.

I feel my faith growing still and I cannot wait to find out where God leads me...

I am living in a cornerstone team house in Bourke. .. Which is pretty action packed. There are 8 of us in the one house which means VERY SHORT SHOWERS!!

It is also very different from any other household because half of my house mates are from overseas or from QLD and there are only 2 of us from NSW.

We have heaps of mission stuff going on at the moment in our house. Just some of the stuff that we organize is mainly with high school aged kids around the ages of 13-17 years 7-10.

We help on camps and run junior youth groups and we organize cool stuff to do on weekends with kids. Eg we might camp out for 2 nights etc.

We really enjoy getting into stuff with kids and spending one on one time with them to know where they are all at.

I am really loving every minute in this house and I cannot wait till camp next year so I can hear what you were all up to and how your walk is going.

PS. Try to read your Bibles as much as possible and if you don't know where to start then try one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) and try to keep a regular MAG time going..

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CONNEXIONS

Why have them?

We love see you all at camp, and we're heaps keen to catch up with you guys and gals during the rest of the year more regularly. We appreciate that Fitzroy Falls is a long way to come for some of you campers, but when you think about it, about 70% of camp live in the Highlands or surrounding areas. So we plan to have a mini camp - a BREAKAWAY CONNEXION. A few hours of fabbo fun and fellowship every so often during the year this year.

In January, Colin came all the way from Canada and convicted a lot of us about accountability. (How do I know this? - People were talking about it). It's always easy to be a Christian at camp, but it can be hard at school, hard at home and even hard at church or youth group. So what better way to keep striving for God than to meet together and remind each other of the fantastic encouragement Colin's talks were to us.

Hebrews 10:25. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A Thought from Grumbleface...

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When a cat is dropped, it ALWAYS lands on its feet; SIMILARLY when toast is dropped, it ALWAYS lands with the buttered side down. Therefore, I propose to strap buttered toast to the back of a cat. When dropped, the two will hover, spinning inches above the ground, probably into eternity. A “buttered-cat array” could replace pneumatic tires on cars and trucks, and “giant buttered-cat arrays” could easily allow a high-speed monorail to link Sydney and Melbourne...

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