



Chatterbox



The newsletter for the SIM ChatClub
Australian Spring 2004



WELCOME!

Hello! I hope this finds you well and happy. This is the first newsletter of the SIM ChatClub. As a member of the ChatClub, I will be sending this newsletter four times a year. For those of you who are living in a country other than Australia, you will notice that up the top of the newsletter we are in the season of spring in Australia which is opposite for you.

There are now 58 members of the SIM ChatClub and they come from - The Philippines, Pakistan, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Mozambique, Thailand, Bolivia and Australia. There are another 70 Aussie kids waiting for pen pals so if you are in any of these countries and know of someone who would like a pen pal, go ahead and put them in contact with me. Our current Aussie kids who are waiting to write to someone are aged between 8 and 17 years and are all from Western Australia.

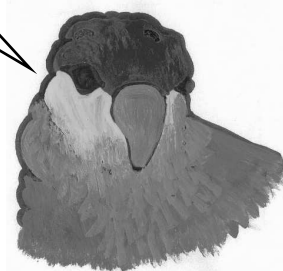
I hope you have all been writing to your pen pals and enjoying getting to know them. If anyone is having trouble with hearing from their pen pal, let me know and I'll see what I can do.

Enjoy the ChatClub and thanks for being a member!

Mrs Amanda Hunt

WANTED

If you have a poem or short story (100 words max) you would like to share about writing letters or learning something new about another culture, send it in (with written permission by your Mum or Dad) and it will be considered for the next Chatterbox.



"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

"...having someone I don't know send me a "just to say hello" card. Then maybe we could start writing or something...yes, having something sent out like good food and stuff would be really cool.."
~ 13 yr old Missionary Kid in Niger,

CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THESE COUNTRY NAMES?

(answers on the back)

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| uerp | eihlc | phiteiao | yaekn | hanag |
| pesniphliip | nausd | lapne | wbeazmib | |
| avbiloi | mabiza | stiriuamu | hostu carifa | |

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Facts and Trivia

The world's largest cattle station can be found in Australia and is 30,028.3 km². It's almost the same size as Belgium.

The lead pencil was in use as early as 1795 but it wasn't until 1812 that the American William Monroe invented a process still used today by which lead could be encased between two pieces of cedar wood.

Africa covers 23 percent of the world's total land area.

Australia is the largest continent occupied by one nation and is the least populated..

The ball point pen was invented in 1938 by the Hungarian brothers George and Ladislao.

<http://encarta.msn.com>
www.goway.com/downunder/australia/au-recipes.html

WHY WRITE LETTERS?

4 Reasons to write to your new friend...

1. There is a great example of letter writing in the Bible. Did you know that the New Testament was written mostly as letters? Paul was a letter writer who we can learn a lot from.
2. We are able to learn something new about another culture!

3. We can make new friends!

4. Our Heavenly Father wants us to encourage one another - Hebrews 3:13.

I hope you have enjoyed writing to your new friend so far!



Bangladesh
Peru
Philippines
Bolivia

China
Chile
Sudan
Zambia

India
Ethiopia
Nepal
Mauritius

Mongolia
Kenya
Zimbabwe
South Africa

ANSWERS

Pakistan
Ghana

See if you can send the letter to the letterbox through the maze!

