

G'day there!

It's great to be zooming back into your letterbox with all the latest Flying Doctor kids' news. Thanks to my high-flying fan club for your letters and artwork. In this edition, you'll hear from a couple of my mates who volunteer and fundraise for the Flying Doctor. Everybody needs a little help, and our Flying Doctor helpers make a big difference. Let's check in on the news and views of other Aussies.

Cheerio,

Flynn the Flyer



2,000 SIMULATOR SHOWS

This year Tom the Education Manager celebrated 2,000 simulator shows. Big, small, in the bush or city streets, Tom has visited schools, fairs and events across Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and NSW.

- Ultima Primary School was one of the smallest with just three students.
- The most remote was Murrayville College near the South Australian border.
- The biggest school was Mount View Primary School in Glen Waverly. They have 1,300 students, with 175 happy faces in Grade 1.

Many schools host fundraisers alongside class lessons to learn about the Flying Doctor crew. Some have dress up days to honour the work of the Flying Doctor. They dress as doctors, nurses, pilots, super-hero helpers and injured people.

I wonder if anyone has dressed as Flynn the Flyer?

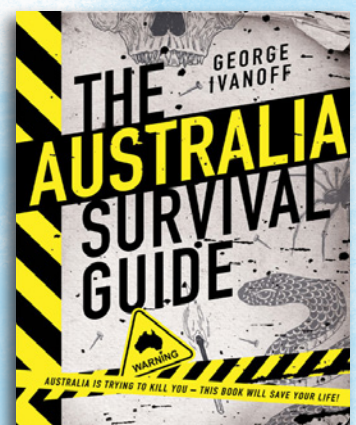


Book review

The Australia Survival Guide by George Ivanoff

Our amazing country has its fair share of dangers; such as sharks, snakes, cyclones and crocodiles. But don't worry, this book will help save your life by sharing how to survive in all kinds of Aussie conditions – in the bush, desert and at the beach.

There are loads of facts and information to help you with game-playing survival skills. George has written more than 100 books for kids, including the *Royal Flying Doctor Service Adventure* series and *You Choose* series. It's published by Penguin Random House.



Meet my mates!

Kids across Australia



Meet Clementine

Meet Lily & Tom

How old are you?

I'm 11.

Lily is 9 and Tom is 8.

What is the name of your town or suburb and what is special about it?

St Andrews Beach on the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria. We're in the sand dunes overlooking the Bass Strait Ocean.

Chum Creek, Victoria. We have lots of bush and native animals.

How many kids at your school?

357

68

What do you like to learn about at school?

Art, music and reading. Learning about climate change, the environment and history.

History, maths, science and art.

What do you like to do out of school?

Rehearsing for musicals and making things on my sewing machine. We go for lots of beach walks too.

Martial arts, knitting, cricket, netball, drawing, playing with the animals on our small farm.

CALL OUT FOR KIDS:

Win great Flying Doctor reads! We'd love to feature you in our next newsletter!

If your story is featured in the Kids Club newsletter you'll win one of two SIGNED RFDS Adventure book sets by George Ivanoff.



To enter, talk to mum, dad or your guardian first, and send your answers to these questions to flynntheflyer@rfdsvic.com.au

Win cool stuff!

Email us ...

- Your name, age and email address of your guardian.
- A photo of you.

Tell us ...

- What's the name of your town or suburb and how big/small is it?
- How many kids at your school?
- What do you like to learn about at school?
- What do you like to do out of school?

We love hearing from all our Kids Club members. Even if your story isn't published all entries will go into our yearly draw to win an RFDS prize pack.



Volunteering for good

In Australia more than 6.1 million people volunteer more than 713 million hours each week!

That's a lot of good being done by good people.

"When I grow up,
I want to be a
speech therapist."
- Vanessa Patey



We've all got things we're not good at. For some kids, communication is hard, and speech therapists can help that challenge become easier. I caught up with Vanessa Patey, a Flying Doctor speech pathologist who helps children learn new skills to feel confident.

"Sometimes kids have trouble saying certain words or sounds. This can feel frustrating because other people might have a hard time understanding what they're saying. Speech therapists like me can help them practice sounds and words through activities and exercises," explained Vanessa.

"Some might stutter or find it hard to say the 's' sound, and others find it tricky to work out the sounds words make."

I help them find strategies and practice sounds and speech."

Vanessa works in the small community of Robinvale. She grew up in a country town herself in Boree Creek so she knows what it's like living a long way from people who can help.

"Many of the children I meet live much further out of town, so we have sessions on the computer and talk to each other through our screen and microphone. Or, I drive to their community. Our sessions are lots of fun, and it's good practice to try out sounds and sentences together."

When Vanessa was in school, she wanted to be a nurse. Her favourite subjects were English, music and history and after Year 12 she studied a Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology. Vanessa loves visiting local kindergartens and schools, and playing speech therapy games like *Go Fish* and *Red Dog, Blue Dog*.

I love them too, and hearing how kids can feel better about speaking with confidence.

Good on you Vanessa!

Unscramble
each of the
sentences
below

Scrambled Sentences

Scrambled Sentences is a game speech pathologists use to help with sentence structure. **Let's play!**

1 plane on runway a lands the

2 Street Wattle 292 I at live

3 brush day your a twice teeth

4 wear we rain the gumboots in

5 can the kit you see first aid

6 hot on days hats we wear

7 the checking doctor the X-ray is

8 closes a driver the ambulance doors

Try testing an adult and time how fast they can unscramble the sentences.

Hooray for Ray

Meet Ray Conway

Ray has volunteered with the Flying Doctors for 40 years and helps with the Education program. He looks after the simulator maintenance and repairs, tows it to events and helps at school and community visits.

Ray feels good helping others. He loves meeting kids at country schools because they're our future pilots, nurses, drivers, service people, volunteers and helpers.

Ray always wanted to be a train driver, or an ambulance driver. Instead, he became a carpenter and a professional cyclist. But he always loved planes – and the Flying Doctor – and so volunteered.

Ray's top tip is: "Treat other people as you'd like to be treated."



Ray has helped so much that the Flying Doc's have named the simulator in his honour.



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Did you know?

In remote areas, Flying Doctor planes sometimes need to land in difficult places – on dirt airstrips, cleared paddocks, even roads and highways. Some long country roads have signs, gates and painted lines turning them into outback airstrips in an emergency.

Check out the PC24 medi-jet touching down on a rough outback landing strip.



Great Gumbootathon at Cowwarr PS

Cowwarr Primary School jumped in boots and all with this special fundraiser, the splash-tastic Gumbootathon! Sponsored students, teachers and the community enjoyed a squelchy walkathon in gumboots lapping the perimeter of the school.

With only 25 students at Cowwarr PS they booted the results out of the paddock, raising \$1,800 for the Flying Doctor.

Great gumbooting guys!



Come and say G'day

Come and meet my helper mates at these top events. Step aboard our simulator and meet our crew at:

Shepparton Show > 11 & 12 October

Nhill Show > 17 October

Moorabbin Open Cockpit Day > 26 & 27 October

Nhill Air Show > 2 November

Lilydale Show > 16 & 17 November

You can find out more about the Flying Doctor at www.flyingdoctor.org.au

See you next time Kids Club co-pilots!

Cheerio,

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