



Scraaark—do we have an explosive issue for you! National Science Week is this month, so guess what we've put in *Countdown*? A fantastic science experiment—you can make your very own volcano. (Warning: it's messy!)

August is also the month for Book Week. Do you celebrate it at your school? This year, it's all about 'One world, many stories'. We've crammed in a LOT of stories this month, including the magical ending to 'Aladdin and his wonderful lamp'. Best of all, there's a new competition for you to enter—we want YOU to write something! Turn to page 7 for the details.

Then turn to all the other pages. Happy reading, coppers!

Yakka

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HERDING TREES



Your Squawkins

Scraaaaaaark! We've had a wonderful time reading all of your emails and letters this month. Yip does a yippee dance every time we get something from a new reader. It was so exciting to hear from our friends at Albion Park PS; Berry PS; Connells Point PS; Mary Brooksbank School; St Andrews PS; and lots of other terrific places. Remember to include your name and your school's name when you write to us.

Dear Yakka and Yip

Could you put in some stories about BMX bikes, please? I like all of the poems so can you please put some more in your next mag?

From Andy

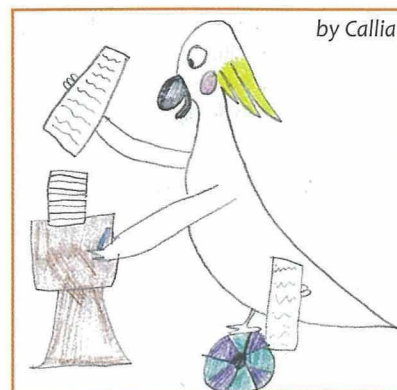
Scraaaaaark! If you like BMX bikes, Andy, next month's article will have you doing wheelies!

Dear Yakka and Yip

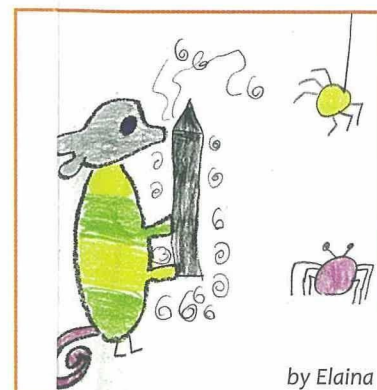
I really enjoyed reading 'Yakka and Yip and the Purloined Pencils' in the first *Countdown*. I also enjoyed the Nippers article. Can you please put some more jokes in your mags?

From
Emily

Well, Emily, Yakka and I love having stories written about us. There are some jokes just for you on the next page.



by Callia



by Elaina



Dear Yakka and Yip

I really enjoyed making the pancakes—I like to bake things. My whole class loved 'Tiddalik the Frog' [Countdown 1] and we love doing the plays. I also like reading the jokes in your mags. They are very funny.

From Skye

I like baking too, Skye. Birdseed pie is my absolute favourite! Hopefully this month's jokes will have you grinning from ear to ear.

Dear Yakkka and Yip

I like your comics that you guys made. The first story that I read was 'Yakka and Yip and the Purloined Pencils' [Countdown 1]. You guys are awesome! I liked it when Bard stole the YIPPEE pencils. I can't wait till when the next comic magazine is out!

From Aaron

You liked it when the pencils were stolen? We thought it was a worry! But everything worked out in the end, didn't it?

Dear Yakka and Yip

I love all the magazines! My favourite story is 'Magic Daze'. It was funny when Woobie magicked up a wolf instead of a cute puppy!

I think Yip is so cute and Yakka is so cool.

From Tiarna

Funny! Yes, but we were also terrified!

YAKKA'S YUK-YUKS

Laugh at these and then send me your own faves!

1. When does the alphabet have only 24 letters?
2. What do sea monsters eat?
3. What did the volcano say to the other volcano?
4. How do echidnas play leapfrog?
5. What do elves learn at school?
6. Why was the broom late?
7. What did one wall say to the other wall?
8. What gets wetter the more it dries?
9. What did the spider do on the computer?
10. What fish only swims at night?

Answers on page 34!

by Mackenzie



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