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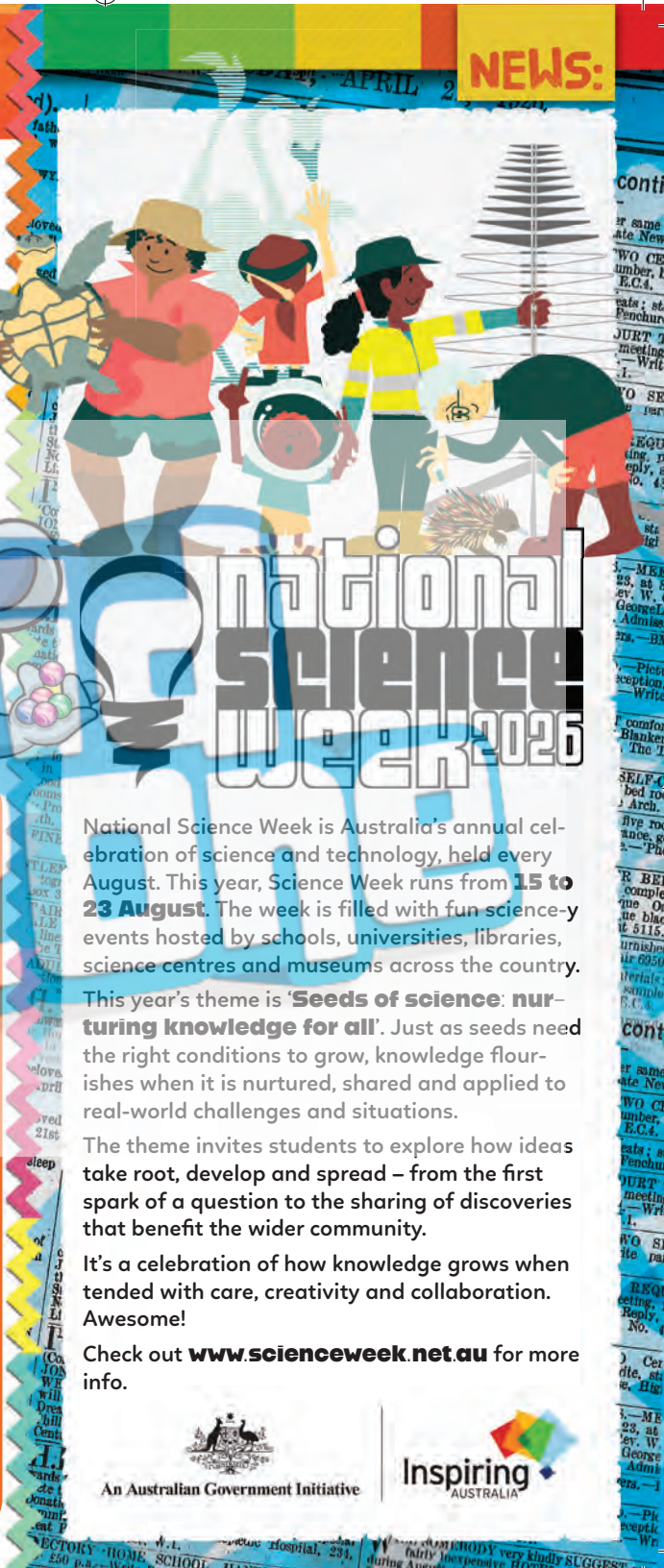
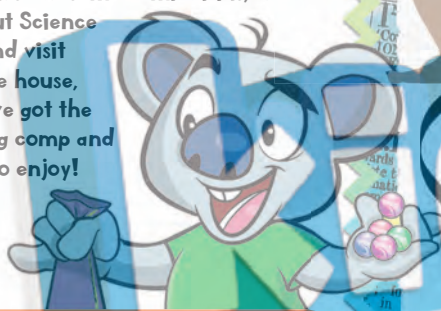


# k THIS Week...

NEWS:

Roll into this week's *Kidzone* as **BitBoy** plays a fun new game: 'Cozy Marbles'.

Make a marble cake with Cheffy and do some marble painting with Oliver! Find out what happens when Oliver tries to build the world's largest marble run in this week's awesome comic! Plus, we check out Science Week and visit CK's tree house, and we've got the colouring comp and puzzles to enjoy! Happy reading!



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National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology, held every August. This year, Science Week runs from **15 to 23 August**. The week is filled with fun science-y events hosted by schools, universities, libraries, science centres and museums across the country.

This year's theme is '**Seeds of science: nurturing knowledge for all**'. Just as seeds need the right conditions to grow, knowledge flourishes when it is nurtured, shared and applied to real-world challenges and situations.

The theme invites students to explore how ideas take root, develop and spread – from the first spark of a question to the sharing of discoveries that benefit the wider community.

It's a celebration of how knowledge grows when tended with care, creativity and collaboration. Awesome!

Check out **[www.scienceweek.net.au](http://www.scienceweek.net.au)** for more info.



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# CHAMPIONS

**CHAMPIONS FOR:**

working on a school project to help the Salvos help people in need.

## What did you have to do for this school project?

**AMELIE:** "We got to choose what we did for this project but it had to be something that benefited the community or our school, or be about sustainability, creativity or STEM."

**PAIGE:** "Next we have to showcase our projects in front of the school at the end of term."

## What did you choose, and why?

**PAIGE:** "We decided to choose a project to help the community."

**AMELIE:** "We made birthday cake boxes and gave them to three of the Salvos' food pantries (Warragul, Pakenham and Waverley) to help people who find it hard to get enough money to have a cake for their birthday. We want them to have a fun birthday."

## What was in the cake packs and how many did you create?

**AMELIE:** "There is a can of soft drink, a packet of cake mix and little decorations like balloons and candles. Oh! And icing. It's all packed into a small box that includes a foil tray so they don't have to have their own baking trays."

**PAIGE:** "Our aim was to build and donate 20 packs. We were able to get enough ingredients to build and donate 90 packs."

## What was the most challenging part of your project?

**PAIGE:** "We went to places in the community to ask for donations to buy the ingredients, but talking to people to explain why we wanted their help was really hard."

**AMELIE:** "We spoke to a lot of people in different shops. I found it really tricky to speak to them about the project but I got a lot better."

## What was the best part of working on your project together?

**AMELIE:** "Paige is my best friend and everything we do together is fun. But this time, because it was a project and we felt we were doing it for a really important reason, it felt really special like a little celebration for ourselves."

**PAIGE:** "Working with my best friend. We got to hang out more and we got to help the community together by giving something back to help other families celebrate birthdays."

**AMELIE (12)  
+ PAIGE (13)**

Girls with Gracie from Waverley Salvos

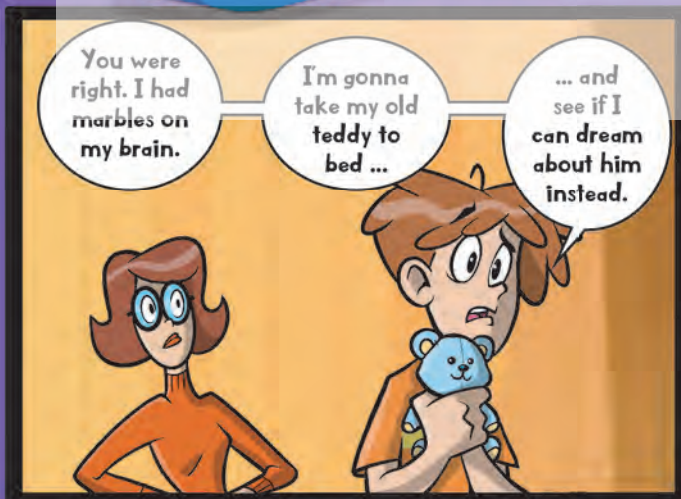
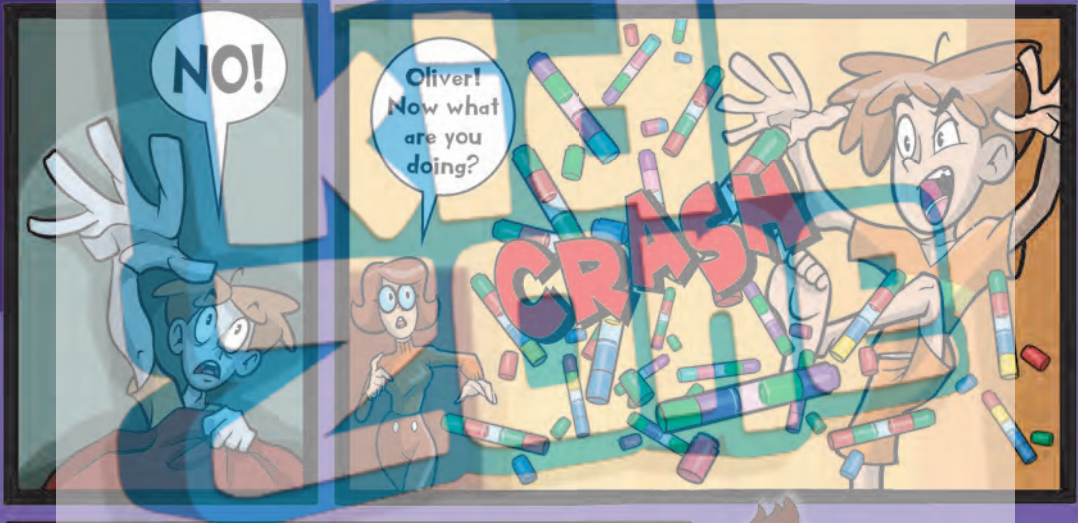




# MARBLES? RUN!

by Rod Allen





**BIBLE MESSAGE**

**Fill your minds with thoughts about good things**

Phillipians chapter four, verse eight



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## AUGUST

SAT 15

Koa Mason (9),  
Anaya Akhtar (12)

SUN 16

Scarlett Lulic (12)

MON 17

Lilibet Wood (9)

TUE 18

Indy Knibbs (14)

WED 19

Mackenzie Knight (7),  
Chiara Leigh (12),  
Austin (9),  
Denzel Oko-oboh

THU 20

Josiah Justus (11),  
Brianna Baraiya (8),  
Eleanor Stokes (7)

FRI 21

Jackson Clifford (13),  
Myles Bartlett (11),  
Hudson Pippin (9),  
Xavier Brooker (7)



# CK'S TREEHOUSE

Dear Kidzoners, Thanks for all your letters, photos and drawings – I love collecting them, so keep sending them to me so I can hang them up in my tree house. I can't wait to hear from you!

-Cousin Koala (CK)

Send your letters to:  
Cousin Koala, 95-99 Railway Rd,  
Blackburn Vic. 3130

Message: kidzonemag.com.au/cktreehouse

## EMAIL

Hi Cousin Koala,

I went to Hillarys Boat Harbour and learnt all about sustainable fishing and how we can only take a certain number of fish and they have to be a certain size. I love going crabbing. Do you like fish and crabs and do you go crabbing or fishing yourself? By the way, what is your favourite seafood? Mine is crab sticks and fish and chips.

Do you like electric cars? I do. I would like my name on the Kidzone mag birthday list. My birthday is on the 14/01/2011 and I'm turning 16 years old next birthday and I know I'm not really a kid anymore but can you please make an exemption for me as I have got autism and ADHD.

Kind regards, Travis

Ps. I wish I had a drawing, colouring or picture for you but I don't. SORRY! But I have an image of a finished maze for you Cousin Koala.

Hello there Travis!

Thank you so much for writing to me!

Sustainability is so important to learn about. I really enjoy fishing. It takes a lot of patience though and you have to be super quiet so Izzy finds it hard. I haven't been crabbing though. Is it easy to do? What equipment do you need?

I like flake and chips especially with chicken salt. I also really enjoy fried dim sims and crab sticks.

I heard you can do 'car-eoke' in electric cars! The little screens show the song lyrics so you can have a sing-a-long! That sounds really fun! I've also heard some funny sounding car horns!

I am so happy to have you join my birthday list! And I am always happy to hear from you whether you have the time to attach a picture or not, but I'm impressed you made your way through our maze – it's a tricky one!

Bear hugs, CK



Please put my name on the  
**BIRTHDAY LIST**

Full Name ..... Birth Date ..... / ..... / .....  
Age Now .....  
Parent's signature .....  
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(Include a letter in your own handwriting and permission (signature) from your parent to have it printed.)

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FROM CLARA

Hey CK,

What's up? How have you been?  
I just emailed you to show you a drawing I did! I hope you like it!

Oh also ... if you could have any mythical creature as a pet, as an example a unicorn or dragon etc. what one would you choose as your companion?

I would choose a phoenix for three reasons ...

- 1) Their wings would keep me warm in winter! I wouldn't need a bed!
- 2) Uh oh, time for school. I have five minutes until the bell rings so what do I do? I call on my phoenix and we fly to class!
- 3) Imagine flying! Like that just sounds and would feel so cool!

God bless, from Iluka

Hi there Clara!

Galloping gumleaves you are a fabulous artist! And I love that you've included Diesel and Marco!

Izzy looks like she is rolling on the floor laughing! I must have said something really funny!

Thank you for sending me your drawing!

Bear hugs, CK

G'day again Iluka!

I love this picture! I look like Aquaman! I love my fishy friends, too. We all look so happy to be chillin' together.

A phoenix sounds like the perfect choice! You have really thought about it! It would be helpful to get to school or kids church quickly. And it takes me a long time to climb down from my tree house so I could do with the ability to fly! Maybe a unicorn horn would make for a great letter opener!

Bear hugs, CK

I love to play hide-and-seek. Can you find me on one of this week's Kidzone pages?



FROM ILLUKA





LOADING...  
**Lock**  
with  
**BitBoy**

# Cozy Marbles

'Cozy Marbles' is a comfy game about building marble runs. Using a huge range of bits and pieces from charming homes, fairytale realms and starlit spacecraft, fit together the marble course you've always wanted to build and play with.

Engineer the marble run of your dreams. No need to get it perfect - just release your marbles and let the good times roll.



## • ENJOY YOUR OWN MASSIVE TOY BOX:

Tinker with freeform construction tools and a rich library of parts. Design awesome spirals, twists and drops, then roll your marbles off on their adventure. Take "playing with marbles" to a whole new level by guiding them across complex courses, bouncing over obstacles with boosters, ramps and cannons, floating dreamily through anti-gravity fields and even making music with xylophone blocks.

• CUSTOMISE YOUR MARBLE MARVEL: Build your marble run from wood, metal or plastic, choose its colours and give it a name. Customise your marbles with a range of colours, patterns, national flags, facial expressions, stylish hats and silly little arms that flail while rolling. Beat challenges to unlock even more customisation options, track pieces and environments.

• MESS AROUND AND FIND OUT: 'Cozy Marbles'

is a little game with a big brain. Plan a course with all sorts of marble constructs, from rollercoasters to wacky apparatus. Watch your marbles flow through carefully laid out tracks or watch them wobble off track!

• SET UP MARBLE RACES: Assemble a course, drop your marbles and watch them race to the end. Use checkpoints to split the track into multiple start and finish lines wherever you like. Make your race sweet and simple, or make it complex with tons of laps and hundreds of marbles. May the best one win!

• SHARE THE JOY: The next step in perfecting your marble masterpiece (and avoiding the marble trap) is to share it with the world. Export and import courses to show off your builds to everyone else's.



PLATFORM: PC | AVAILABLE: SOON (DEMO NOW AVAILABLE)



**ABLE ON STEAM]**

**To make a smooth path for the marble, sometimes a marble run needs some tinkering or even rebuilding.**

Sometimes our lives need a little tinkering too to make sure we're on the right path! We don't always make the right decisions in life. We all make mistakes sometimes. That's why it's the best idea to ... "trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track." (Proverbs chapter three, verses five and six\*).



# EATS

## MARBLE CAKE

### what you need:

an adult's help, 20cm square cake tin, baking paper, 200g butter (softened, plus extra to grease the cake tin), 1 cup caster sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 3 eggs, 1 cup plain flour, 1 cup self-raising flour, 1/2 cup milk, 1 tablespoon cocoa, red or pink food colouring. For the icing: 100g butter (softened), 2 cups soft icing mixture, 2 tablespoons milk, 1 tablespoon cocoa

### directions:

**1** Ask an adult to help you preheat oven to 180°C. Lightly grease the cake tin with butter and then line the base and sides with baking paper.

**2** Add butter, sugar and vanilla to a mixing bowl and beat with an electric mixer until creamy and pale. Add eggs one at a time and mix well after each addition.

**3** In another bowl, sift the flours together. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the milk and set aside. Fold half the flour mix into the butter mixture and stir in half the remaining milk. Repeat with the remaining flour and milk and mix until well combined.

**4** Divide the cake batter between 3 bowls. Mix the cocoa with the reserved milk and then stir through one portion of the batter to make it brown. Add a few drops of food colouring to

another portion and mix well to make it pink.

**5** Dollop spoonfuls of the 3 colours of batter into the cake tin. When filled, tap the base of the tin on a flat surface to spread the mixture evenly. Use a knife to gently swirl the colours together and create a marble pattern.

**6** Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a skewer or toothpick comes out clean. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes before turning onto a rack to cool completely before icing.

**7** To make the icing, place the butter in a mixing bowl and beat briefly with an electric mixer until creamy. Add sifted icing sugar and cocoa and beat until combined. Add the milk and beat until light and fluffy.

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# HEY CRAFTY CREW! NO SEW MARBLE POUCH



**What you need:**  
material (fleece or felt),  
pen, plate (for tracing  
around), scissors, cord  
or thick  
string,  
pony  
beads

**1** Lay your material flat and place your plate on top of the material. Trace around the plate to create a large circle.

**2** Using two fingers to measure, draw pairs of 1cm marks around the edge of the circle. Space them out like numbers around a clock face.

**3** Cut out your circle.

**4** Fold the edge of your circle over slightly so you can snip the 1cm marks with a pair of scissors.

**5** Using a cord or string 70-80cm long, thread through the slits around the edge of your circle.

**6** Once threaded the entire way around the circle, pull the cord to close the pouch.

**7** Add beads to the ends of your cord. Three or four is perfect. Tie the ends to secure them in place.

**8** Add your marbles to the pouch and tie a bow to secure!



## BIBLE MESSAGE

Playing marbles is fun – and takes a bit of skill! Have you played the classic marble game where you draw a big circle on the ground and put 13 marbles in a cross shape in the centre? The idea is to use a bigger marble to knock them out of the circle. Sounds easy – except the bigger marble doesn't always go where you want it to when you flick it! Sometimes it hits the other marbles, sometimes it misses altogether. It's good to know life is not hit and miss when God is in charge! "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans ... to give you a future and a hope," (Jeremiah chapter 29, verse 11<sup>o</sup>).



# Wacky FACTS

Are you mad  
for marbles?  
These wacky facts  
will tom-bowl-er  
you over!



The Guinness World Records holder for the longest marble run measured 2,858.9 metres and was built in Switzerland in 2017.



Marbles weren't always made of glass. Marbles get their name because early types were made from pieces of marble and stone.



Japanese marbles are flat, oval-shaped pieces of glass. They are called 'ohajiki' which translates as 'to flick'.



In New York City in the 1600s, it was illegal to play marbles on Sundays. In some European cities in the 1500s, you could get fined for playing marbles on church grounds.



Toy marbles are classified by their material, pattern or size. Some common types are cat's eye, aggies, alleys, bottlers, clearies, pee-wee.



Marbles are one of the world's oldest toys. They were found in ancient Egyptian tombs. As early as the fourth century, ancient Greeks and Romans played with clay and stone marbles.



The Australian Marbles Championship is held each year during the Old & Gold Festival in Brunswick Heads, NSW.







**Design a marble run for Cousin Koala!**

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Entries will be judged on artistic merit.



**Design Competition**  
Kidzone has three Australian  
Geographic Eco Workshop  
Marble Runs to give away!

\*style may vary



**SEND YOUR ENTRY (BY FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2026) TO:**

Kidzone's Colouring Competition, 95-99 Railway Road, Blackburn VIC, 3130

**OR HEAD TO [kidzonemag.com.au/competition](http://kidzonemag.com.au/competition) TO UPLOAD YOUR ENTRY.**

Full Name

Age

Address

Postcode

Parent's signature

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# Competition winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

ISABELLA R  
(5 - WA)

JORDAN T  
(10 - QLD)

SOPHIE A  
(11 - NSW)



**YOU HAVE WON**

... a Toy Story prize pack

**NEXT WEEK**  
IN kidzone

**YOSHI**  
and the Mysterious Book

## COLLECTOR CARDS

Collect a new card every week!

1. Carefully cut along the dotted line to remove your card from the magazine.
2. Fold in half.
3. Now stick together and you're done!

**FAVE BIBLE VERSE**  
"She is clothed with strength and dignity,"  
(Proverbs 31:25).

Pepper is Oliver and Oliver's loving and very involved mum. She is heavily involved in her church and enjoys singing in the choir. Her favourite puzzle is sudoku but she likes to relax with a wordsearch or a good cross stitch pattern.

- Orange
- Netball
- Caesar Salad
- Christmas movies
- Women of the Bible
- What's wrong, sweetheart?

**FAVES**

**PEPPER PICKLE**  
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**PEPPER PICKLE**



# Maze

Make your way through the maze to help Oliver's marble reach the centre of the pile!



# grid it

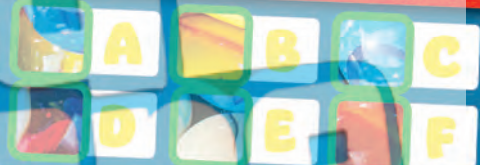
Can you work out the coordinates of the small squares which are taken from the big picture?



Note: some squares may be rotated.

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# Spot the diff

Can you spot eight differences between these two pics?

