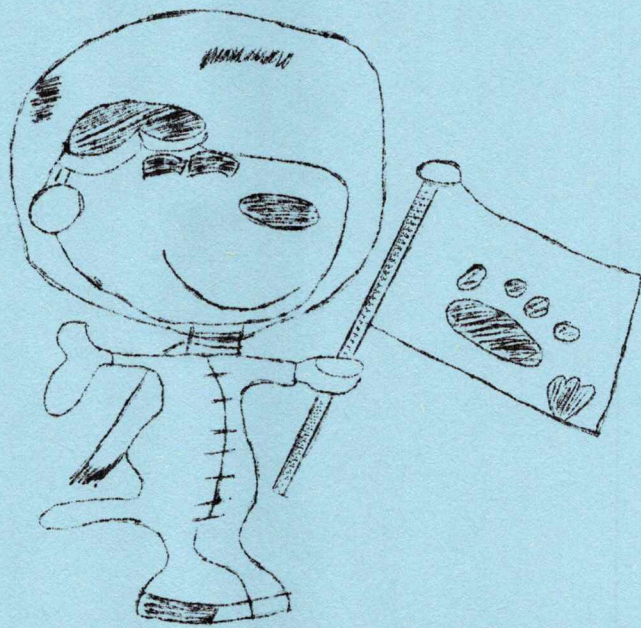


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Well, it's contribution time again and I've only finished the mailing comments for ANZAPA 111! With the backlog I've got, my next contribution will be a novel!! [ITA - in that case, the impudent typist hands in his notice.]

Anyway, on to the task in hand (at least that's finished).

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Mailing Comments on ANZAPA 111

Would Rambo Eat Tofu Computers - argh - what frustrating beasts they are! We finally got to see "The Quiet Earth" and "The Gods Must Be Crazy" at the beginning of the August holidays. We almost ended up having a private screening as an extra screening (the one that we turned up for) had been accidentally advertised. At first we were told we'd made the mistake but, when more people turned up, they called us back into The Valhalla as they felt obliged to abide by the ads. Anyway, I loved "The Gods Must Be Crazy". I don't know whether I just needed some good, straightforward comedy but I don't remember laughing so much for ages. As there were only twelve to twenty people in the audience, there were no distractions. "The Quiet Earth" was interesting and certainly had a lot of potential but it didn't quite work. I'm very glad I got to see both films and would recommend them.

RYCTO me. I'm sorry, I'm rather intolerant of rock music - I didn't watch "Max Headroom" at all. If he comes back on, I'll give it a try but I don't know if I can stick it through the rest.

Land Of 10,000 Loons RYCTO me. I have to wear a surgical mask because I am very allergic to flowers like jasmine. The problem is that, instead of sneezing, I become very light-headed and find it difficult to breathe at all! The effects take quite a while to wear off. Although I'm only affected if I'm close enough to smell the flowers - mind you, my sense of smell is pretty strong - I don't know whether I'd be better off with this form of allergy or hay fever.

Sigh. Could I impose on you to send me a photo of the tigers. I'd love to see them.

(Aside: Although we had to cut down the Trouble Tree, we found one of its "young" in the back garden. It'll still have to be moved but, as it's small, it shouldn't be damaged in the process.)

I don't object to Monteith but I thought it was funny that a dentist should have "teeth" in her surname.

Loved the new words. May I use them?

Kyfho Kronicles E 1 (No # on the Apple huh?) [Yep, and no pound sign on Eccles either.]

RYCTo me. Thanks for your advise regarding having the eye drops. I'd love to have that effect on kids. Should I use the drops before I meet 180+ Grade 6 kids on December 9th?

I'm afraid I'm still not that enthusiastic about computers. Maybe when I don't have to do things it will be better.

I Don't Want to be a Bit Player in the 1980s Remake of "On the Beach"

I found your trip both thought provoking and amusing in parts. I went through a similar experience when I stayed with my sister after not seeing her for a few years. To a less obvious degree, I've noticed the changes in my relationship with my parents, particularly since I've been married. We're much closer now.

Regarding Libya, it was quite a while before we realized what had happened. The first reactions went from absolute fear and horror to anger. Why should our lives be put at risk because two groups of fanatics had to score points off each other? There were many of us who believed that we were probably on the brink of WW III. One of the teachers, who is another Tom Lehrer fan, looked at me and we both started "We'll all go together when we go". Despite the humour that Lehrer generally evokes, we were all very serious and Sarah was particularly upset as she had a two year old child and was expecting her second. The uneasiness and concern was very obvious in the staffroom. Only the principal thought the bombing was a good idea - and this caused a heated argument between him and many of his staff, both teaching and office. Even Phil, the petrol station attendant, and the girls in my hockey club were very worried. Those few hours after the news broke were the worst but the depression was still evident the next day. The early morning group was sitting around having coffee when Anna commented on how grey and drab the morning was.

"I'd be more worried if there was a sudden flash of light," was Sarah's comment.

On the lighter side, the issue caused a heated debate at the local ALP meeting. After almost an hour of fruitless debate, I got so frustrated that I said "Look, as far as I'm concerned, they should take Reagan and all his advisors and Gaddafi and all his fanatics, put them in VFL Park, add the VFL and bomb the bloody lot!!!"

"Yeah."

"Sure."

"I agree."

Then, suddenly

"What do you mean add the VFL???"

At least we've lived to laugh about it - but I'd rather not had the experience at all.

Illegitimi Non Carborundum I hate any airport unless my stay is very short. The security at the Federal Parliament House is weirder than Melbourne Airport's. I won a small screwdriver, with a clip so you can wear it in your pocket, like a pen, at a local fair. I had it in my bag, as I sometimes needed to tighten the screw in my glasses. Would you believe that they took the screwdriver from me but let me keep the little penknife attached to my keys!!

I'd love to get involved in Genealogy. My sister tried to trace our family but the Italian records are hard to get access to. Also it costs a fortune to get someone to do it for you. As Southern Italy was often conquered, it'd be interesting to know how our family was affected.

Fan'attic 2 Your problem with the ticket reminded me of the idiot who insisted, when I was taking my Education Department Physical, that I do my eye examination without my glasses. As I'm "legally blind", I tried to explain that I'd never teach without glasses or contact lenses as I wouldn't even be able to find my way out of the house, much less get to school and find the class! The rather young public servant still insisted. So I removed my glasses.

"Okay, read the chart."

"Where is it?"

"On the wall."

"Which wall?"

"Oh, um, you'd better move forward until you can see it."

So I carefully moved forward until I was about two feet from the chart. After squinting a great deal I said "I think the first letter is a 'B'."

"Boy, you are short-sighted. You'd better put your glasses on!"

Aargh! When will they learn to listen?

Gnomic Rhubarbing 2 I found your comments about England and Australia very thought provoking. I still think we (Aussies) don't really appreciate our country and are easily fooled by the "images" of other countries.

Just Another Statistic....in the Population Explosion Have you heard back from the Census Department? Your answers are really quite intelligent, but I bet "they" weren't impressed. Personally I don't mind filling in a Census as I often use the information from them at school.

[ITA. I just had a vivid mental image of Cath standing in front of a class and saying "So, from these figures, you can see that Sally Beasley and Dave Luckett have conformed to the mean average income for their socio-economic bracket."]

Buttermilk 1 Nice to meet you in ANZAPA.

The Dilettante's Journal 7 Being one of those who was there in Perth when the Ditmar Bob was "created", could I please have copies of some of the photos?

RYC To me. Thanks Womble! At least we get a better deal with the extra responsibility. As well as a time allowance - This year all co-ordinators get five periods per week. Next year mine will be increased to six, as I have just under 190 students coming in. - we get a Special Duties Allowance. Exactly how this is distributed in the school is up to the SDA and Administration Committees. I don't know how you cope if you're expected to do all the duties we do as Level Co-ordinators. I always use up my whole week's time allowance in the first few days. Mind you, I think I'm well into next year's time already!

Gerald: Re corporal punishment, my attitude has changed a little. I once opposed corporal punishment in any situation, as I believed that there had to be a better way to control kids than beating them. (I firmly oppose the idea that any classroom teacher should be able to simply hit a kid whenever he/she feels justified. I know that, on a few occasions, had I been able to hit a child I would have nearly killed the kid.) However, after years of teaching and dealing with kids who, after being helped by so many, are still just revolting little beasts, I wonder whether a good thumping would do them good. It's a last resort and probably done out of frustration but the Department (excuse me, The Ministry) has tied our hands so much, making us vulnerable to such temptations. I know that violence is a bad way to resolve a problem but until the Ministry gives us the resources and the back up, I think a belting needs to be there, at least to make some of the smart arses think twice.

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Thanks to the rest for the interesting reading.

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I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and New Year break.

Take care,

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