

Activity Vibe



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Pick up a copy of this month's *Deadly Vibe* magazine, the special Deadlys edition, and complete the following activities.

★ READING

Read the articles on Casey Donovan, the Donovans and Chris Sarra and answer the following questions.



Casey's star shines bright

She's not just our Idol – she's also officially deadly.

Casey Donovan has been winning hearts and wowing audiences across Australia with her powerful voice and quirky personality, and no-one could be prouder of her than her own community.

The *Australian Idol* finalist was the winner of the Most Promising New Talent in Music award, and her popularity was evident as the crowd roared at the announcement of her name.

Casey was unable to attend the Deadlys because she was in lock-down for *Australian Idol*, however, her family was more than happy to accept the award on her behalf.

Michael, Ashley and Merv Donovan had already been on stage to accept their award for Band of the Year, but the close-knit family were bursting with pride for their youngest star.

"It's about time our young people were recognised for the talent that they can bring to the Australian music industry," said Casey's dad Merv.

The pizza principal

Chris Sarra wasn't the only one celebrating his education Deadly.

Cherbourg State School students would have been cheering at the news that their principal Chris Sarra had scored a Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

The first thing Chris did after returning from Sydney to collect his award was to throw a pizza party for the kids, and a lunch for his hardworking staff.

Chris said it was important to share the joy of the award because "it's just as much about them as it is about me – the kids and the staff have all worked really hard".



This year has been a huge year for the principal who has turned around a struggling, chaotic school; improving attendance and attitudes to learning, as well as literacy and numeracy rates.

A few months ago, Chris was named Queenslanders of the Year, and he was also featured on ABC TV's *Australian Story*.

Chris said about winning his Deadly: "I've got other accolades but there's something extra nice about this one. It's really special to be nominated by your own mob."

A family affair

A commitment to community and a love of music keep these brothers strong.

The Donovans have been playing together for longer than they can remember. Ask them when their first gig was, and you'll prompt some communal head-scratching. But they do remember what their first gig was like.

"It was a Fire Brigade ball in Mt Druitt," Michael recalls, "and we forgot our microphone stands.

"We didn't know what we were going to do, as we all play instruments and couldn't hold our mics. So we got three wire coat hangers and hung 'em around our necks with a hook for the mic and played that way – no problems."

The Donovans have come a long way

since those early days of improvisation. They took home this year's Deadly for Band of the Year, and have a fan base that stretches across the entire country.

"We played about 300 gigs this past year," says Merv. "That's not many nights off, but we love it – we wouldn't be doing it if we didn't love it. We love to stay in touch with the community and to share our music with them."

And is a gig with the entire Donovan clan on the cards?

"Well, I launch my solo album later this year," says Michael. "I'd love it to be a family-orientated show."





COMPREHENSION

★ Answer true (T) or false (F) to the following statement:

The Donovans have played about 300 gigs in the past year. _____

★ Underline the correct answer.

A few months ago, Chris Sarra was named:

- a) NAIDOC Person of the Year
- b) Queenslander of the Year
- c) Principal of the Year
- d) Australian of the Year

★ Why is Chris Sarra referred to as 'The Pizza Principal'?

★ In your own words, describe what Chris Sarra has done for Cherbourg State School.

★ Name the winner of the Most Promising New Talent in Music award at this year's Deadlys.



CAPITAL LETTERS AND FULL STOPS

★ Insert capital letters, commas and full stops in the following passage.

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SPELLING TRAPS

★ Some words sound the same but are spelt differently.

THEY'RE/ THEIR/ THERE

They're is used when you want to say 'they are'. Their is used to indicate that 'they' own something. There is used when you want to say 'there is' or 'there are' or when you want to indicate a particular place.

TO/ TWO/ TOO

To is used in phrases such as 'to school' or 'to the football'. Two is the number 2. Too means 'also' or 'as well'. Too can also be used in phrases such as 'too much' or 'too small'.

ITS/ IT'S

Its means that 'it' owns something: 'The wombat went to its burrow'. It's means 'it is': 'It's time to say goodbye'.

★ In the paragraphs below, circle the correct word in each sentence. Check your work against the article.

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★ SPELLING TRAPS continued

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★ HYPHENS -

Hyphens are used between numbers written as words (twenty-one); in between fractions (seven-eighths); in between colours (blue-black); often between a prefix and word beginning with a vowel (non-event); when single letters are combined with words (X-ray); to join a double-barrelled name (Nova Peris-Kneebone) and to form compound words (ice-cream.)

★ Write three examples of words using a hyphen from the articles above.

★ Write words of your own that use a hyphen in each of the following ways:

Between numbers written as words

Between fractions

Between colours

Between a prefix and word beginning with a vowel

When single letters are combined with words

To join a double-barrelled name

To form compound words.

 **DASHES –**

Dashes separate an aside or short explanation from an initial statement, eg: *She's not just our Idol – she's also officially deadly.*

★ Rewrite the sentences that use a dash, from the article titled *A Family Affair*.

 **WRITING**

★ What makes a good school teacher?

Write a letter to your school principal explaining what qualities make a good teacher.

★ What makes a good school principal?

Make a list of qualities that you think a good school principal should have.
