

EDITORIAL

The official theme for the Beijing Olympic Games, 'One World One Dream,' 'expresses the common wishes of people all over the world, inspired by the Olympic ideals, to strive for a bright future.... In spite of the differences in colours, languages and races, we...belong to the same world and we share the same aspirations and dreams.' 'One World One Dream' is the 'profound manifestation of the core concepts of the Beijing Olympic Games,' but with just weeks to go, the Beijing Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (BOCOG) introduced a different concept: tighter control over Chinese 'fixers' who work for foreign journalists and over all foreigners visiting China during the Olympic Games. According to Reporters Without Borders, BOCOG guidelines ban 'terrorists,' sex workers, drug traffickers, people with AIDS or tuberculosis, 'subversives' and people carrying material that is critical of China from entering the country, while no public gathering can take place without police permission. Dave Gordon, head of major sports events for the BBC, told London's *Daily Telegraph* that covering Beijing had become 'more difficult' for broadcasters than the 1980 Moscow Games. BOCOG, however, insists it will help local and international journalists to arrange visits and interviews and will serve as a source of detailed information through its dedicated press centre. If you think politics has no place in sport, keep in mind one of the great moments of the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games, when German long jumper Lutz Long encouraged a nervous Jesse Owens who almost failed to qualify for the final. Owens went on to win gold, while Long posthumously received the Pierre de Coubertin medal for sportsmanship. Let's hope we really do 'share the same aspirations and dreams.' **T**

FAST FACTS

The internet evolved from ARPANet. America's Advanced Research Projects Agency was created after the Soviet Union launched Sputnik in 1957, got a satellite up in 18 months and then focused on computer networking. The mechanics for the internet came about in 1973 when Vint Cerf and Robert Kahn developed the TCP/IP protocol for the transfer of files. The www goes back to 1989, when Tim Berners-Lee at the Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire proposed a 'vague, but exciting' system to share files. The first 'microcomputer' was the 1975 Altair 8800 from Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems. Arguable contenders for the world's first computer game are Alexander Douglas's 1952 *OXO*, Martin Graetz, Steve Russell and Wayne Wiitanen's 1961 *Spacewar!* and Ralph Baer's 1972 *Pong*. The world's first .com was ClariNet, an online newspaper founded in 1989.

QUICK QUIZ

1. Which industry accounts for approximately 40 per cent of the world's energy consumption, and generates 30 per cent of the world's waste and 30 per cent of the world's carbon emissions?
2. Who wrote *The Incredibly Boring Monotonous Family*?
3. Classroom management consistently rates as among the strongest of teacher stressors: true or false?
4. What is the official name of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games?
5. When will they occur?
6. No one has ever travelled unsupported across Victoria Island in the Arctic: true or false?
7. Who won this year's inaugural TROP Jr competition?
8. What is the TROP Jr signature item for 2009?
9. What's the difference between teaching and stand-up comedy?
10. What is David Rish's suggestion for improving learning?

Answers: 1. the building industry; 2. St Rita's College, Brisbane, secondary teacher, Philip Barry; 3. true, according to Ramon Lewis, author of *The Developmental Management Approach to Classroom Behaviour*; 4. the Games of the XXIX Olympiad; 5. 8-24 August; 6. false; 7. Chris Bray and Clark Carter have good luck; 7. Guy Verge Wallace with his film, *Poor Joshua Verde*; 8. squeeze; 9. not a lot, according to Mark Butler; 10. encouraging graffiti, tattooing and car-related studies.

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