BOOK COMPETITION

Congratulations to our five winners of Paula Shaw’s Seven Seasons in Aurukun, courtesy of Teacher in association with Allen & Unwin. The winners are:

Janelle Turner, Sutherland Shire, New South Wales Department of Education and Training; Luke Ralph, Christian Outreach College, Brisbane; Melissa Amner, Queensland University of Technology; Candace-Maree van den hul, Queensland University of Technology; and Fiona Johnson, Australian Catholic University. We asked: where is Aurukun? For the record, it’s about 100 kilometres south of Weipa on the west coast of Cape York in Far North Queensland.

CORRECTION


QUILL AWARD WINNER

Teacher was honoured in the 2008 Melbourne Press Club Quill Awards when Steve Holden took out the Best Columnist: highly commended award for his Last Word column.

FAST FACTS

Percentage of females and males in rural Afghanistan who are illiterate: 90 per cent and 63 per cent respectively.

Percentage of females and males in Afghanistan as a whole who are illiterate: 82 per cent and 50 per cent respectively.

Number of students: about six million, 34 per cent of them female and 66 per cent male.

Number of students and teachers killed in the eight months to January 2009: 138, with another 172 wounded.

Number of students who are unable to go to school or gain an education because of security concerns: about 175,000.

Number of schools in Afghanistan: 12,000, roughly half without a school building.

Number of schools closed or destroyed because of insecurity or attacks in 2008: about 700.


QUICK QUIZ

1. Can an athlete’s motion be measured hundreds of times a second?
2. Was Olympic rower Natalie Bale aware of rowing before Sydney hosted the 2000 Olympics – when she was a student at Perth’s Penrhos College?
3. What percentage of children watch television?
4. What percentage of children play organised sport outside of school?
5. Is it possible to treat peanut allergies by feeding children peanuts?
6. Britain’s Aldridge Foundation funded a pilot program to improve students’ social skills and teamwork through ballroom dancing. True or false?
7. What should you do if subpoenaed to appear before the Family Court?
8. Should you seek legal advice if subpoenaed?
9. Great, but you can’t recover the costs of complying when subpoenaed. True or false?
10. For whom was the spirit-duplicated worksheet ‘a lilac-hued educational mayfly’?

Answers: 1. yes, through the use of inertial sensors, according to Daniel James; 2. no, she only discovered she was suited to rowing through an Australian Sports Commission talent identification and development program in 2001; 3. 97 per cent, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics; 4. 63 per cent; 5. yes, according to research by Dr Andrew Clark and a team from Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in England, but don’t try it at home; 6. true; 7. comply, since failure to do so may be a contempt of court; 8. yes; 9. false – the majority of any costs are generally recoverable, after compliance; 10. Mick ‘Purple Fingers’ Wilkinson.

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