

A golden retriever is captured in mid-splash, moving away from the viewer into the ocean. The water is a vibrant greenish-blue, and white foam surrounds the dog's legs. In the background, a sandy beach is visible with several people walking. Further back, a large, modern multi-story building with a distinctive tower stands against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

# The Crown

*by the students, for the students*

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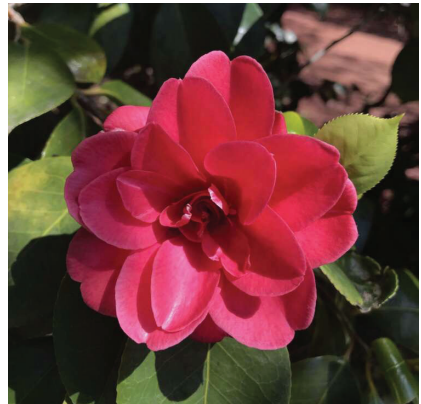
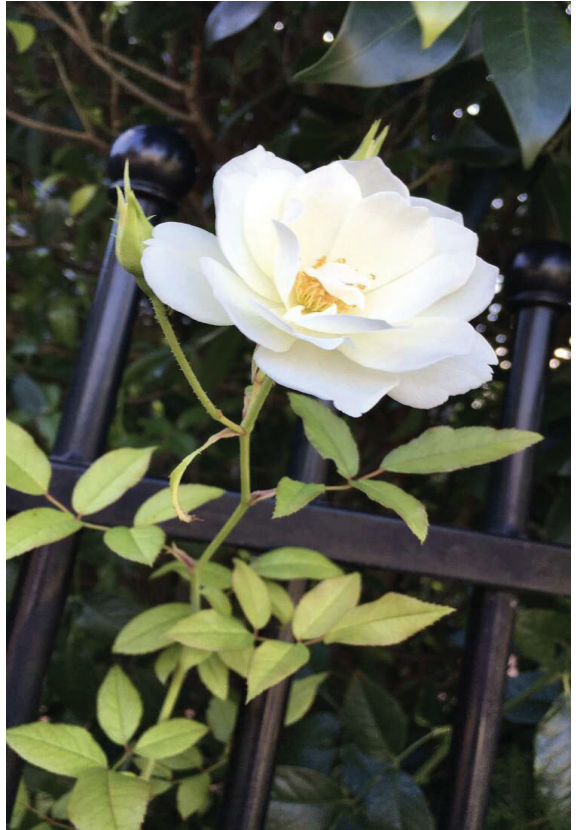
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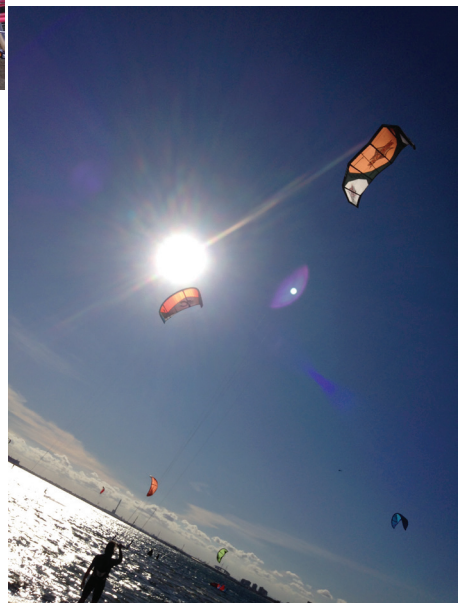


# Editor's Note

From the dizzying heights of Maximus Sandler's musings on the constitutional status of Australia

To the interesting alchemical article of how bacteria can turn lead to gold to the philosophical exploration of Zachary Baynash's views on Emet (a Jewish value) and the comedic brilliance of the year twelve spill the tea with me, edition 7 is jam-packed with variety and I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

-Emww



# Inter-Year Level Relations

## Year 7

**Name/s:** Max A and Jack

**What is your shoe size?** Max:5

**What colour is your tooth brush?** Jack: I have 2, ones blue and ones orange.

**Who is the 4th person in your missed calls?**

Max: Probably my mum or my best friend.

**what is your desktop/phone screen photo?**

Jack: My dog

**any secret talents?** Max: I'm good at eating and watching TV!

**If you could be any vegetable what would you be and why?** Jack: Pickle, coz i just like pickles.



## Year 8

**Name/s:** Charley, Alex and Jesse

**What is your shoe size?** Alex: ummmm I dont really know its always changing maybe 38?

**What colour is your tooth brush?** Charley: Yellow and black, they're for richmond

**Who is the 4th person in your missed calls?**

Jesse: Charley!

**what is your desktop/phone screen photo?**

Alex: Just white.

**any secret talents?** Charley: uhh no, I have no regular talents either.

**If you could be any vegetable what would you be and why?** Jesse: I'm a baby sweet corn. Coz to Charley im a baby and im sweet plus I eat a lot of corn! Charley: I am a potato :)))



## Year 8

**Name/s:** Ashley S

**What is your shoe size?** 6 and a half

**What colour is your tooth brush?**Blue

**Who is the 4th person in your missed calls?**

Dad

**what is your desktop/phone screen photo?**

A McDonalds symbol

**any secret talents?** Ummmmm... no

**If you could be any vegetable what would you be and why?** CUCUMBER! I dunno why, I just like cucumbers





## Year 10

**Name/s:** Jess R

**What is your shoe size?** Size 10

**What colour is your tooth brush?** Blue and purple

**Who is the 4th person in your missed calls?** Oh lol, it's some rando from Tunisia

**what is your desktop/phone screen photo?** It's a photo of a shop in Japan

**any secret talents?** I geuss I'm double jointed in my left hand

**If you could be any vegitable what would you be and why?** I dunno probs a cabbage, because theyre kinda like lettus no... like funky lettuce



## Year 11

**Name/s:** Ella F

**What is your shoe size?** U**What colour is your tooth brush?** purple and green

**Who is the 4th person in your missed calls?** Adam

**what is your desktop/phone screen photo?** The generic one

**any secret talents?** I mean I'm very talented so theres alot of options here.

**If you could be any vegitable what would you be and why?** Potato, coz its versitile, Like there are potato memes, they are used in so many different foods for example: Chips, hot or cold and they grow in the ground, and I like that.



## Year 10

**Name/s:** Adam K

**What is your shoe size?** \*takes off shoe\* 6-7 us

**What colour is your tooth brush?** White and light blue

**Who is the 4th person in your missed calls?** Some number from Senegal

**what is your desktop/phone screen photo?** A Mazda CX-9, same as the back of my jumper

**any secret talents?** My falsetto voice

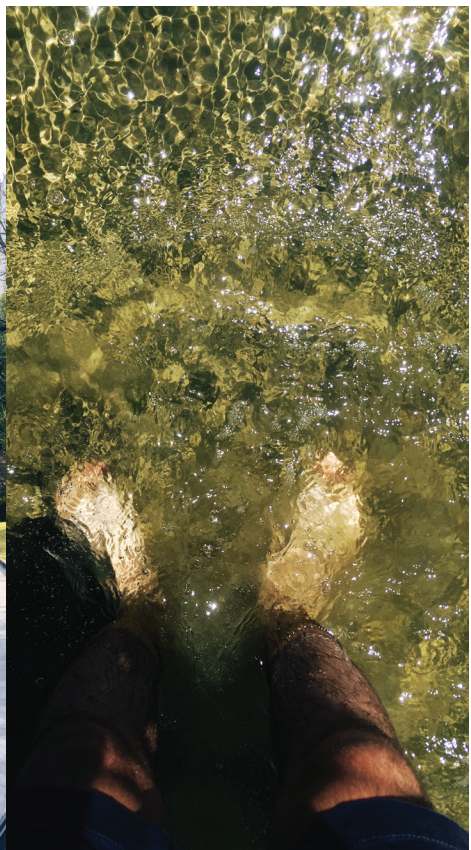
**If you could be any vegitable what would you be and why?** Oooo thats a tough one... The cucumber because they arent really a vegitable, like me.



# Photos by jonah epstein









# Why we are still effectively a colony

by max sandler

Why Are We Still Effectively A Colony?

The case for a republic has been in the public conscious for many decades now, its peak was perhaps the 1999 Republic Referendum, and unfortunately it was unsuccessful. However following the release of a new ResearchNow poll indicating that 52% of Australians would support a republic, it is time to re-examine the issue.

In our system, Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain is the person at the top of the political hierarchy. Whether you like it or not, she has the power to alter, strike or create laws and to sack the Prime Minister. Shockingly, it was precisely this that happened in 1975, when the Governor-General John Kerr, fired the then-prime-minister of Australia, Gough Whitlam, despite being democratically elected and holding a majority of seats. What is to stop a monarch from doing such a thing again? Why should the Queen have any power to remove a leader that Australians chose to elect?

To those who say 'the Queen would not do such a thing again', the point is not about whether she would, but the fact that she can. To prevent such gross interference in our political system, we must have an Australian Republic.

Monarchy in itself is an outdated feudal system. Where most countries on Earth are now republic, why are we so backwards? The idea that a person has a birthright to rule over others is simply disgusting. A person who inherits assets from their family is one matter, a person who inherits the right to power is a different matter. Yes, the Queen has done many good things, but power should be built on merit, not inherited.

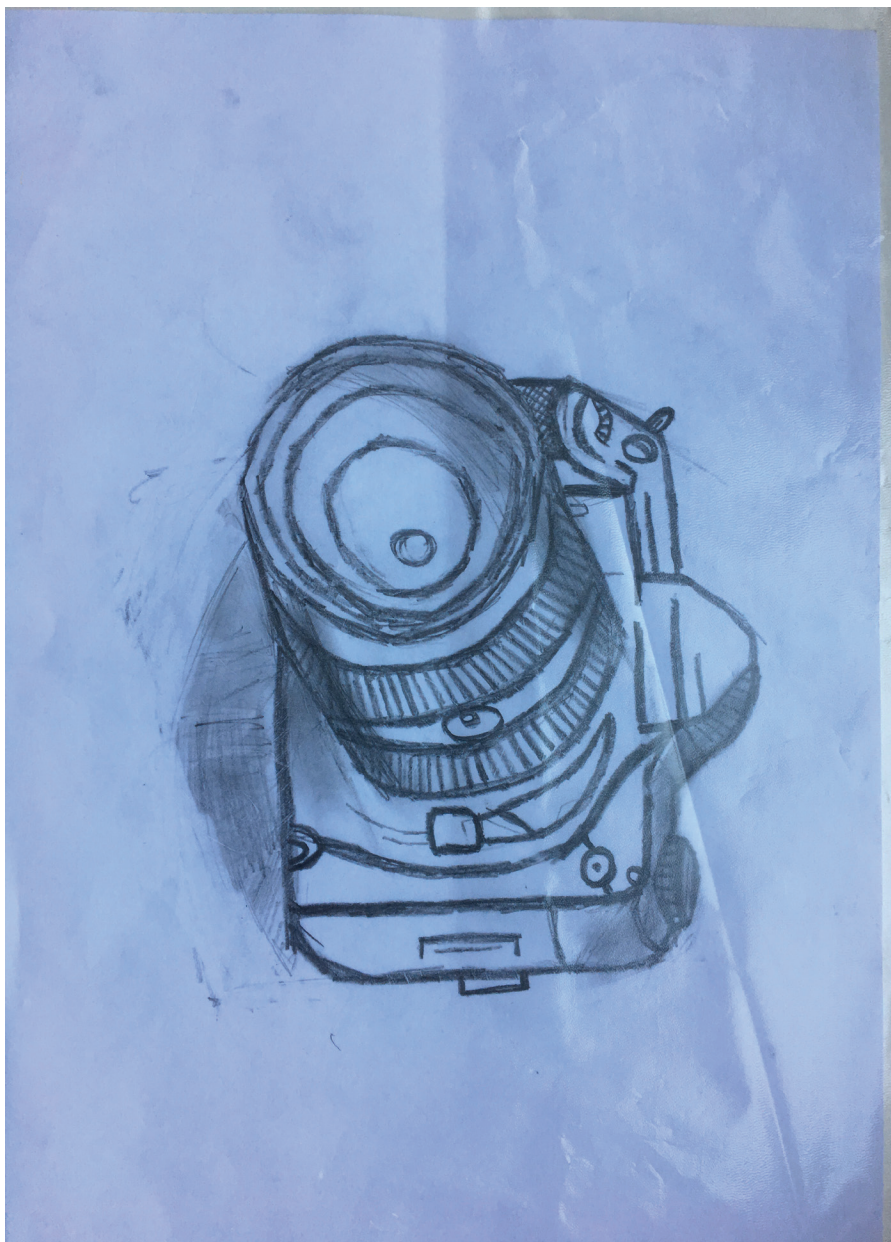
In addition, monarchy is symmetrically opposed to democracy. Democracy means that the people have complete power over the ruling of their country, in Australia this is done through voting Representatives and Senators. The Queen was not elected or chosen by anybody, yet she has unfettered

control over our country from thousands of kilometres away. Members of Parliament have been thrown out for dual-citizenship, however we have a dual-citizen case at the highest level of our country and that is apparently 'acceptable'. Perhaps, in a time when most Australians were from Great Britain, the monarchy was suitable, however, now we are a multi-cultural country who has forged our own identity and the Queen does not share this identity or connection. Therefore it is no longer suitable that she should rule over all Australians. Monarchy is simply incompatible with Democracy, and that is why we need an Australian Republic with an elected Australian leader. If we look at our Constitutional Monarchy, we can see that the Monarchy does little for our country. For most people, they know the Queen as 'the lady on our coins and banknotes, and all our institutions have 'royal' in their name. It is incomprehensible why a pretentious bobble-head, The Queen, should be our Head of State. For the most part, the Queen and the Monarchy should serve as a beacon of morality and ethical behaviour, although even this they cannot commit to. Scandal after scandal has

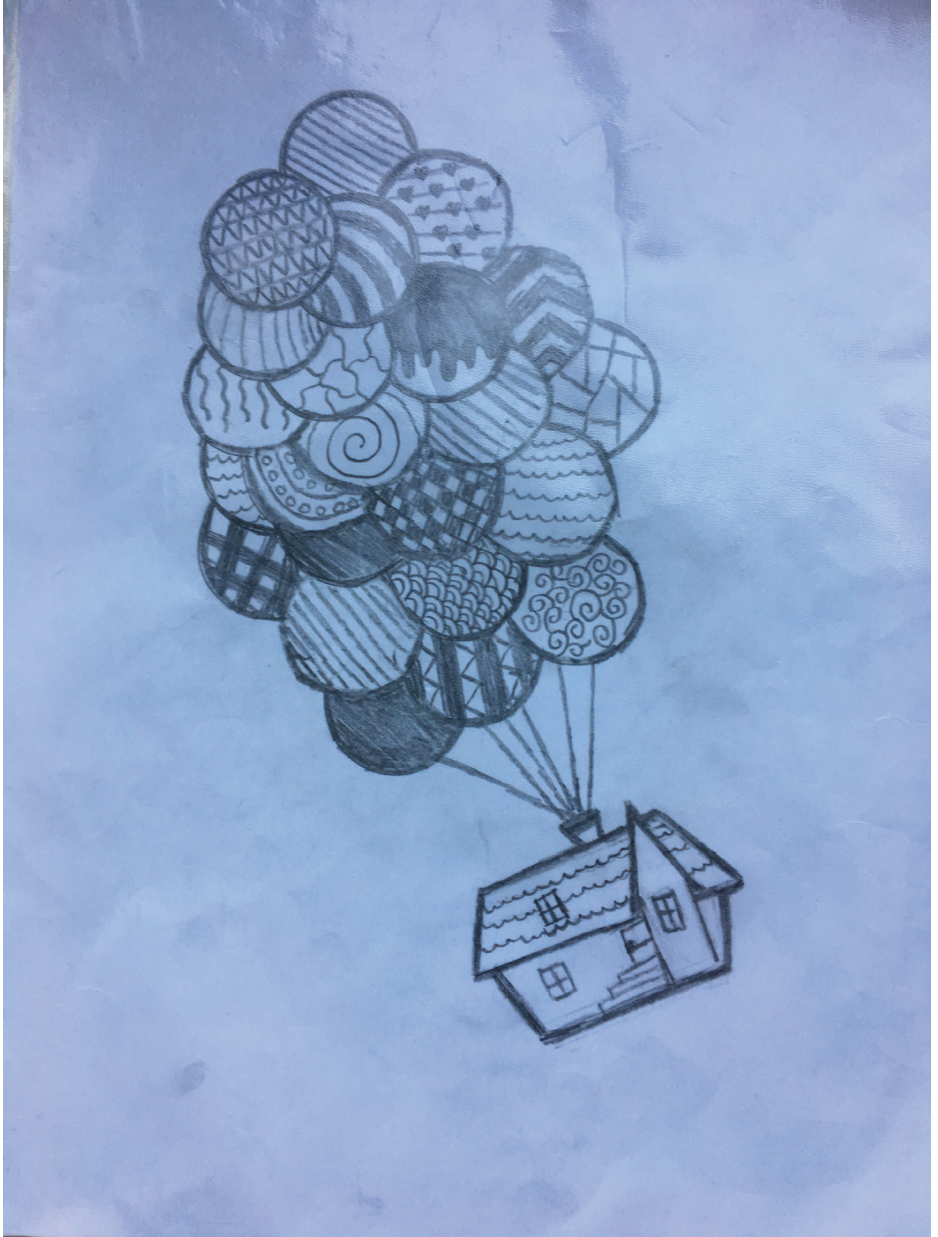
exposed the 'saintly' nature of the Royals, they have been philanderers, adulterators, Nazis (as in the case of 'Prince' Harry wearing a Nazi armband at a party), naked partygoers and the like. Furthermore, Australians are sick and tired of the Royal family's infighting and bickering, having seen it splashed on magazine front-covers on a weekly basis. Even Prince Harry has said that 'no one' wants to be King or Queen, if even the Royals don't want to rule, it is time for an Australian Republic.

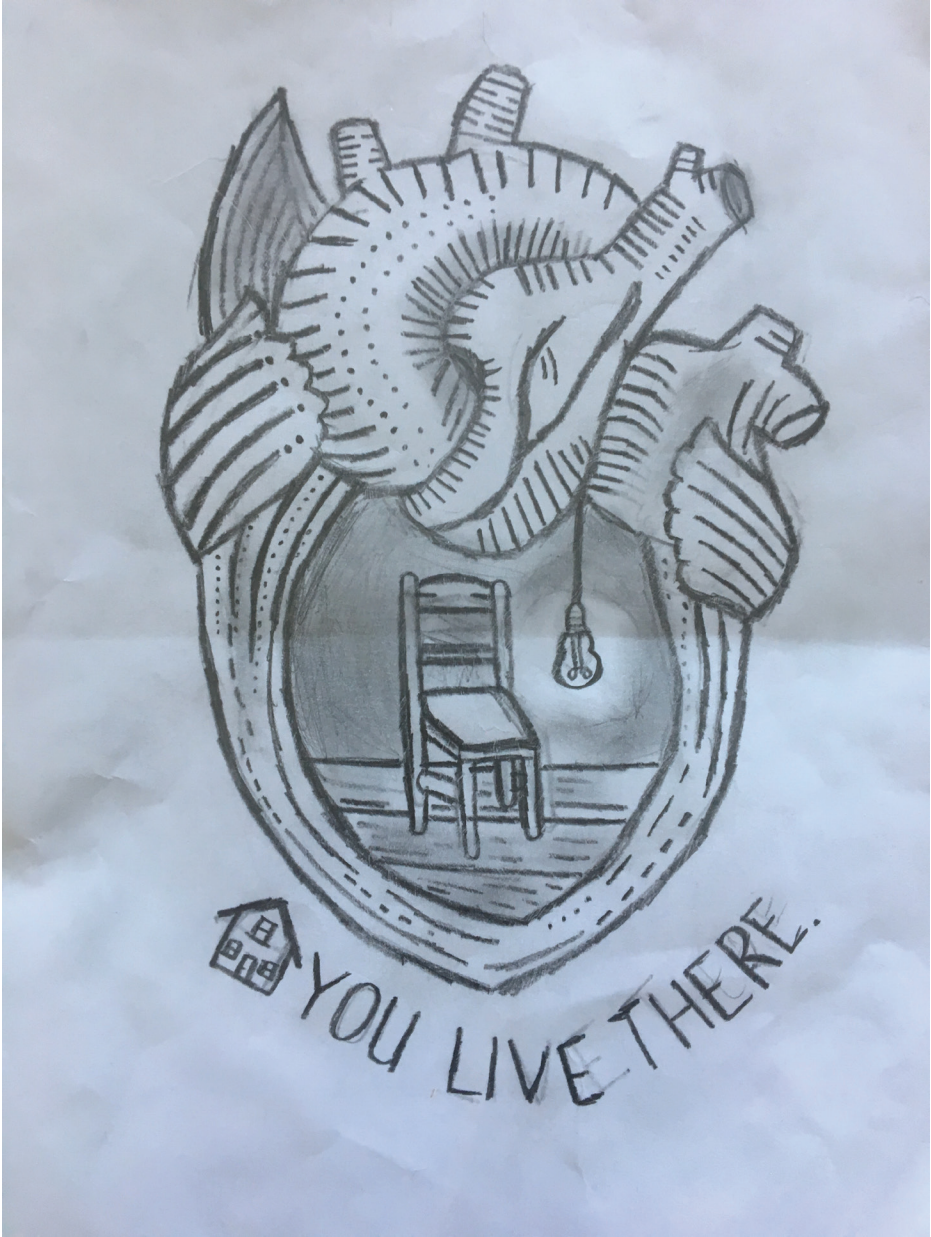
Whether you like it or not, Australia WILL become a republic sooner or later. It is our responsibility to re-start this all-important conversation so that we can prepare for the inevitable time when we will become a republic. The monarchy is a blight on our national dignity as an independent and democratic nation. In conclusion, the monarchy is undemocratic, elitist, inappropriate and simply useless and that is why we need an Australian republic.

# Drawings by charley coven









# Truth is better than lies

by theo boltman

Lies are all around the world. Everyone has lied at least once in their lives. In my opinion, lies are not only unacceptable, but they can ruin lives and affect relationships. Lies can sometimes become so ridiculous that there is no turning back from them. Is it really worth it to merge yourself into a massive complex of lies?

Lies can build your self-esteem. For example, telling people that you are better than everyone else at maths is a commonly used lie, but not only may it be false, it can also put other people down and makes them feel less intelligent and possibly insecure. This can result in them also lying, so eventually everything could lead into an enormous pack of lies.

Most of the time, when someone goes somewhere there is a group of people they have never met before, they lie about details of their life to make themselves look better. This ties back to the idea of self-esteem, when they think they are not good enough and that they have to add details to their

life story in order to be both accepted and liked by people.

Another issue with lying is physical and mental health. This is a serious problem in society because someone might have an eating disorder but they refuse to admit it to anyone. They might lie by saying that they are fine and healthy, resulting in their condition getting worse.

I would like to conclude by including a quote by Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States of America. He said, "No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar."



# The Crown survey by lily stein

The survey that I have chosen to write about is whether the year 7's prefer books or movies. I chose to write about this because I saw one of my friends had a t-shirt that said 'the book was better'. Then I heard someone tell them that it wasn't true. That gave me an idea of a survey for the whole year. The second survey topic that I have chosen is "Who is your favourite teacher?". I chose to write about this because many people in the year level argued about who is the best teacher.

## **Books:**

Name: Tara Rotstein

Argument: They have more detail than the movies.

Teacher: I don't have a favourite

Reason: They're all good.

Name: Sophie Popper

Argument: Because books take you to another world without the books telling you what it looks like and books are the reason I wake up in the morning. They mean more to me than my own life.-  
-Books. Are. Amazing.

Teacher: Lesley Wesseik

Reason: She's really understanding, kind and helpful.

Name: Theo Boltman

Argument: I prefer movies because I feel as though the characters can express themselves more through different emotions and actions.

Teacher: Ayal Nathan

Reason: because he's hilarious

Name: Shayna Epstein

Argument: Because it helps me fall asleep and you get to use your imagination. With a movie, you can't do that.

Teacher: Vera

Reason: She is hilarious

Name: Sasha Ernest

Argument: Because you can interpret a book however you want but when you watch a movie you can't imagine everything because the image is right in front of you.

Teacher: Randi Anderson and Drew Solewicz

Reason: Because they specialise in basketball and have both coached me.

## **Movies:**

Name: Tia Blumenthal

Side: Movie

Argument: Because I think there's more detail and you can actually see who the characters are and finally because they are shorter.

Teacher: Renay Hammerschlag

Reason: Because she's always really funny and she was my year 1 teacher so there are lots of memories.

Name: Cayden Vainer

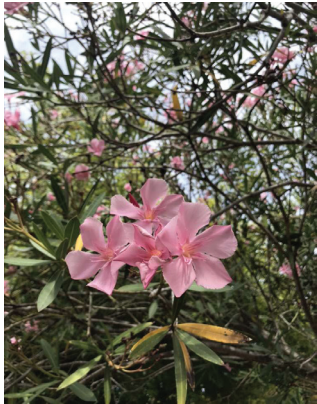
Side: Movie

Teacher: Julie Shields

Reason: I believe she is the best English teacher in the world and will be able to help me learn.

# Flowers

by oriana weinberger



# Bacteria turns lead to gold

by ari epstein

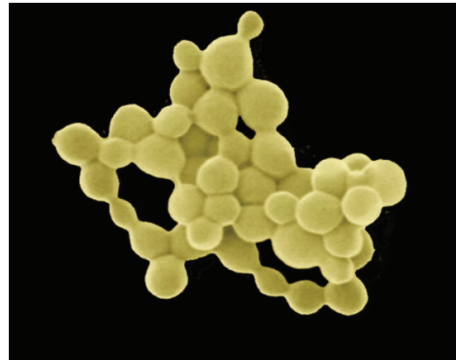
In the middle ages, alchemists dreamed of the Philosophers Stone, an object that could turn lead into gold. Now, scientists may have found the answer to the age old question, but it isn't a stone.

Cupriavidus metallidurans is a rod shaped bacterium. This bacterium lives in soils that have large amounts of heavy metals like lead and mercury. While the shells of gold that cover the bacteria are only a few billionths of a meter thick, they can clump together to form grains the size of sand grains.

The process starts when the bacteria encounters a gold ion. A gold ion is an atom of gold which has lost one or more of its electrons. Electrons are elementary particles that make up parts of all atoms. The gold ion can pass through the cell walls and cause damage. This is not the only ion present though. The bacterium needs trace amounts of copper to function, but too much is poisonous. The bacterium have a special enzyme called CupA, that disposes of excess copper. But when the gold comes in contact with the bacterium, it not only goes past the cell walls, but it stops CupA from working, releasing dangerous copper, harming the cell

with both too much copper and gold ions.

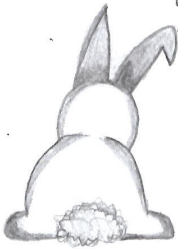
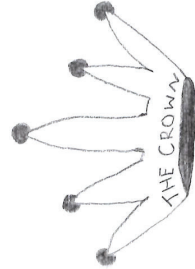
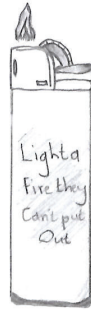
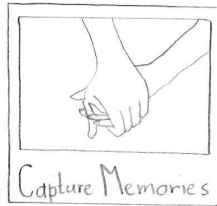
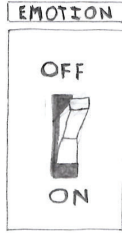
Luckily the cell has a workaround. It has another enzyme calle CopA. This enzyme rips electrons off the copper and transfers them to the gold. This stabilizes both the copper and gold. The copper is slowly consumed, and the gold just builds up in the outer layers of the cell wall. When there is too much gold, the outer layer of the cell wall breaks, and the cell has a shell of gold. The cell sheds the shell, and leaves it somewhere. Then the gold slowly clumps together and forms grains the size of sand.



The gold nuggets produced by Cupriavidus metallidurans.



# Doodles by chelsea mofsowitz



# Photography by freya boltman







# Spill the tea with me!

Welcome to this new segment in the amazing school magazine The Crown. It is called spill the tea, with meeeeeee. Year Twelves will be spilling the tea over tea. Enjoy this somewhat entertaining and low quality interview with cogent photography and stuff :)

\*Noa interrupts rudely\*

Noa: You haven't started yet

\*Noa ignores me whilst I try to start interview\*

Me: Hi Noa

Noa: Hello

Me: What flavour tea is that?

Noa: Twinings 'lemon with fruit infusion'

Me: Is it good?

Noa: It's great, it makes me feel satisfied in my life. Look how pretty the tea is

Me: Do you watch Rupaul's Drag Race?

Noa: No.

\*I cough\*

Noa: Don't cough on my tea!

Me: What shows do you watch?

Noa: Currently I've been watching 'Suits' and 'Queer Eye'

Me: Are you superstitious?

Noa: No I'm not.

Me: Well, nice interviewing you!

Noa: No write another question. You are aware if this makes me look bad it won't be published.

Me: What is something that you learnt today?

Noa: I learnt that drinking tea at school is a nice experience

Me: Thanks for joining me in this new segment.

Noa: It's been a pleasure.



Me: I have to interview you

Sarah R: No.

Me: Please, what type of tea are you drinking?

Sarah R: Peppermint

Me: Out of the people in year 12 who do you feel could be your sibling?

\*Sarah R ignores question\*

Me: Great, when was the last time you cried?

Sarah R: HAHA just put capital H capital A capital H capital A and that's it

Me: Who is your favourite teacher?

\*no response\*

Me: Cool

Sarah R: What time does this lesson end?

Me: Well thanks for coming

\*Sarah R waves without looking\*

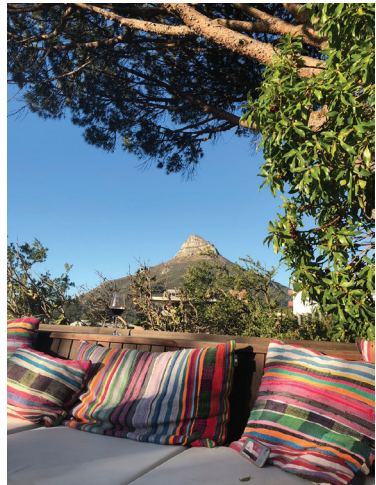


# South Africa

by shannan trakman







# Emet a Jewish value

by zachary baynash

Emet (Truth) one of the biggest religious values is EMET.

EMET is equality  
EMET is Freedom  
EMET is equality  
EMET is EMET

The King David School's values include Modern Thinking and Judaism. All of these somehow link to EMET.

" Truth is a core value of our school. It's what keeps our feet on the ground and keeps our shoulders raised high above our head. It allows us to have pride and also acknowledge what comes before us"

Adam Kaplan (Year 12)

EMET is truth and truth is EMET. You can stick with one opinion or make your own, but the value of EMET will never change