

Hi FINSOC readers!

Congratulations to everyone for finishing (and surviving) the grueling finals. No small feat, especially if your world was turned upside down with the whole election debacle. But for some of you, the three and a bit months that lie ahead pose another dilemma – *what on earth do I do with this glorious time?* Some of you lucky ducks may be jetting off elsewhere to escape the Sydney heat. But for those sitting at home twiddling their thumbs, here's something that might interest you...



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That's it folks! And if this is the longest chunk of text you've read since your finals paper, pat on the back for reaching the end. No, go and reward yourself with some Netflix – go on, we'll make sure to keep you updated.

Oh and here's two for the festive season...



"I have nothing to declare but the fact that I'm completely skint."

