

The Billetin

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There are three advocates hidden in this week's *Billetin*!



Welcome back! Hope you've all had a great break. There's a lot on this week, with the GSA High Table on Wednesday, Pride Buttery night on Thursday, Cup day on Friday, and Big Night In on Sunday. Don't forget some people still have exams this week, so be mindful of those trying to study!

CRC Minutes Highlights: February 20th

(People don't seem to notice that I'm not changing the date)

We're coming 4th on the Sports Shield!

We're coming 3rd on the Arts Shield!

Contact an arts rep if you're interested in performing at Big Night In

Pride Buttery Night, this Thursday 8:30pm!

Cup Day this Friday!

"First Years are lovely" – Max Moffat

What's on in Canberra? (surprisingly, a lot)

The Earth Festival

When: 21st and 22nd April, 10am – 4pm

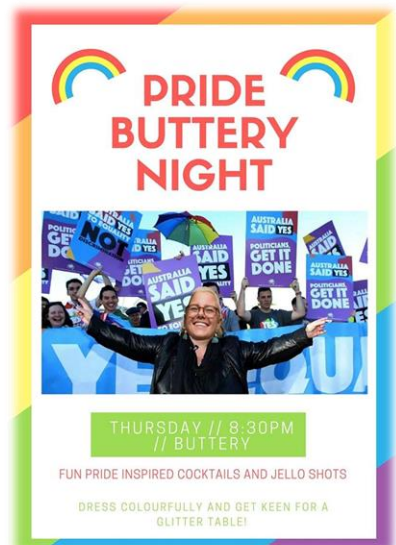
Where: Botanic Gardens

This event is a forum on how to live in a manner which is sustainable for the environment. There will be markets, workshops and speeches.



Question of the Week

If you had to cut a finger off, which one would you choose?



Big Bruce Events

We've got a few big events coming up around Bruce soon to get excited about!

Pride Buttery Night – 19th April

Big Night In – 22nd April

Big Night Out – 27th April

World's Greatest Shave – 5th May



Most students spent their holidays at home, relaxing, or catching up on studies. One resident took the opportunity to conduct a social experiment over the break.

'Upon seeing each other, Brucies will often share a variety of greetings. "How you doing", "G'day", "Suh Dude", or "Hey Gorgeous!". Could we revolutionise the way we communicate with each other? To bring more smiles to people's faces? To improve each other's days? As it turns out, probably not.

The hypothesis to be tested was whether or not greeting someone with a "congratulations" led to a positive outcome. This was over text and in person communication.

Messages along the lines of "hey, congrats" and "hey, well done" were sent to random individuals on the experimenter's friend list. One error this caused in the data collected was a higher percentage of people who were 'done' with the experimenter's BS. This led to responses including "Go away", "a**hole" and that included in the figure below. 33% of those surveyed were unhappy as a result of being pestered.



44% of those who received an online message had a somewhat positive response, for a variety of different reasons. These included laughing at the notion of this experiment, and another because they had actually done something they felt meriting some congratulations. The latter represented 11% of the population, and of course the experimenter had no clue (or care) of the achievement beforehand. 89% of participants surveyed were confused at some stage; the other 11% were annoyed because they'd already been pestered about this once before.

Of those who were congratulated in person, 25% had a positive response. This was mainly due to laughter after having already been congratulated by the experimenter a few days earlier. One individual was congratulated whilst the experimenter was writing the article, which led to a quick change in the statistics due to the incredible improvement this made to the sample size.

75% of people who were congratulated in person were quite confused. Of those who weren't, this included one first year who simply chose to ignore the experimenter (a wise decision).

Overall, the majority (82%) of individuals who received congratulatory messages as part of the experiment where confused. This was not as significant as the portion of individuals surveyed (120%) who were confused by the decision to even conduct the experiment (responses included "you're cooked mate"). The small sample size used also cast doubts over the validity of the statistics compiled.

The experimenter recommends no follow up research, as this experiment was a pretty big failure. Hopefully the end of the mid-semester break sees enough distractions to stop the experimenter annoying any other Brucies.

Trivia

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| 1. Who is (as of April 15) coming second on the Commonwealth Games medal tally? | 6. More than 1.6km below the surface of the ice in western Antarctica, last year scientists found 91 what? |
| 2. Battery Point is in which Australian state or territory? | 7. Which spice is derived from the crocus flower? |
| 3. In what year was the Ouroboros first published? | 8. Which ocean is the Bermuda triangle located in? |
| 4. Which punctuation mark has the same name as part of the human body? | 9. How many Australian Prime Ministers have died in office? |
| 5. Who were voted Wisden's leading male and female cricketer for 2017 last week? | 10. What is the term for the minimum number of moves (20) required to solve a Rubik's cube? |

Answers

1. England, 2. Tasmania, 3. 1968, 4. Colon, 5. Virat Kohli and Mithali Raj, 6. Volcanos, 7. Saffron, 8. Atlantic Ocean, 9. 3 (Joseph Lyons, John Curtin, Harold Holt), 10. God's Number

