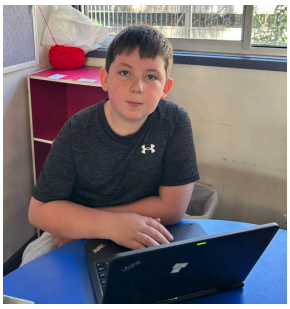
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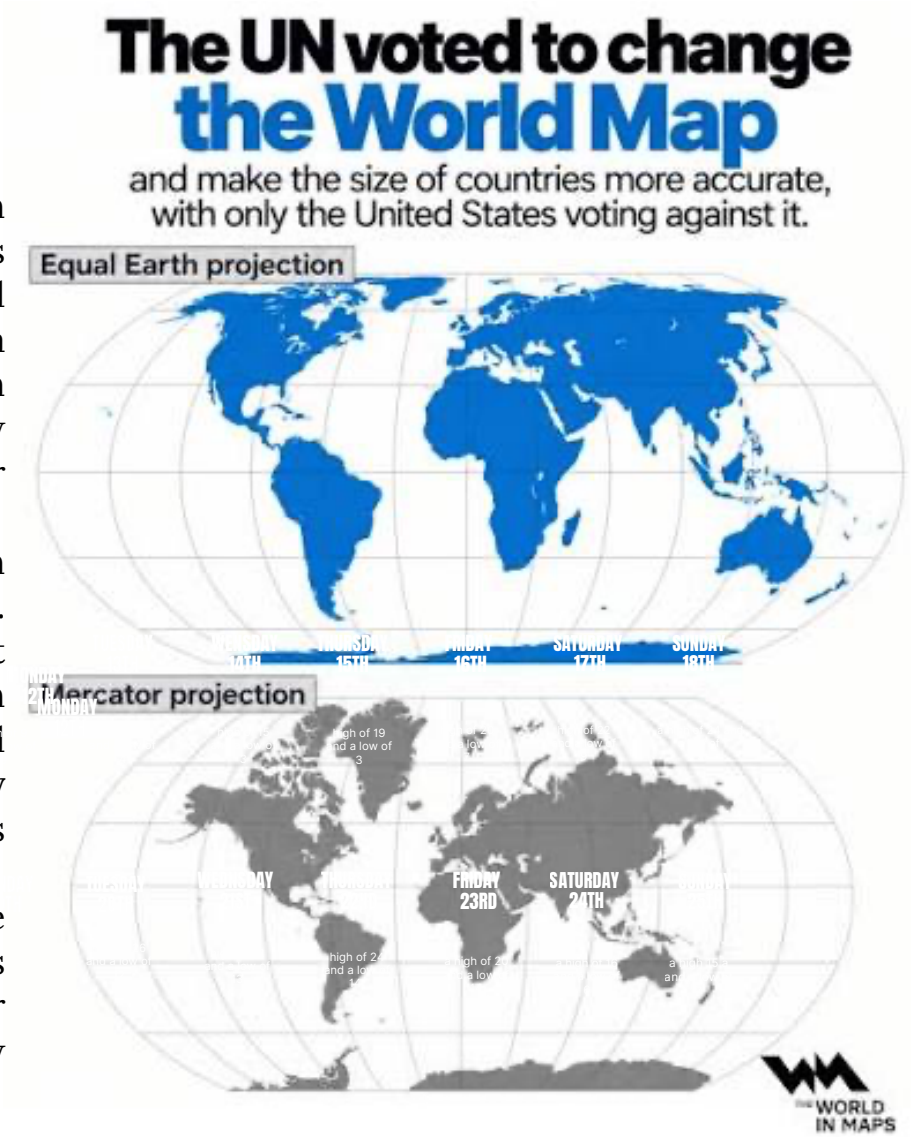
The World Map is Changing

UN votes to adopt new map that shows countries true sizes



Cooper [redacted]
Head News Reporter

Recently, there was a vote about changing the world map in a controversial meeting at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. The vote was passed on September 4th 2026 despite the United States being the only country to vote against it. 164 other countries voted yes. The United Nations decision is non-binding. This means it doesn't have to become a law.

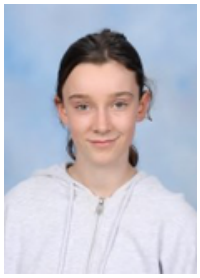


The movement was led by Togo on behalf of African Union Nations because they want to show the world how big Africa really looks. Australia appears roughly 10 percent larger on the Equal Earth map compared to how it looks on the traditional Mercator projection.

The 16th century Mercator projection was designed for maritime navigation. In doing so, it severely stretched out landmasses near the North and South poles, making places like Greenland and Europe look much larger than they actually are while shrinking regions near the equator, like Africa.

The resolution doesn't want to ban the Mercator map, it just encourages schools, governments and other organisations to use maps that show how big countries really are.

FEATURE



Vienna Jewels Stolen

Frankie [redacted]
Features Reporter



The treasure was discovered by archaeologist José María Soler in 1963. Museum of Villena

At 5:20am on Thursday morning the Villena jewels vanished in an extreme heist. The thieves exited the building in only 4 minutes taking almost every treasure. All the systems were triggered and accurate though the thieves still escaped. The thieves smashed the glass taking the artifacts before they fled the scene. The estimated value of the gold is 1.7million, but when the worth of the artefacts are calculated, the price is incalculable. The Villena Museum was in shock as the artefacts were the centrepiece of the museum. The civic guard of Spain is now hunting the criminals.

The thieves entered at 5:16 left at 5:20 and the police came to the scene only 4 minutes later. There have been several heists all across Europe in the same nature as this one. Again all the artefacts stolen were mostly gold and jewels, the only exception is the 80 million art theft in Messina, Sicily, which occurred only last month. A famous heist that happened includes the Crown Jewels from the Louvre stolen late 2025 in a similar scenario of brilliant timing and speed.

Questions remain: Are these heists connected? Is there a person behind all the operations? Are more heists to come? Some targets include: The Prado Museum, The Uffizi Gallery and The Vatican Museums. Though these museums have not been stolen from, their artefacts make them big targets for similar robberies like these. Though the mastermind behind the heist is still unknown, the police will be searching left, right, and centre for these criminals who have not just stolen treasure and jewels but a part of these peoples culture.

“We are absolutely devastated, I'm even trembling. The truth is that for those of us from Vilenna, this destroys us. It's part of our heritage, of our wealth.” said Fulgencio Cerdán, the Mayor of Villena. "If the underlying motivation is limited to the economic value of the gold, the possibility of irreversible economic destruction becomes evident. I am terribly sad and terribly enraged." from Ignacio Montero Ruiz. "The theft committed at the Louvre Museum is an attack on a heritage that we cherish because it is our History. We will recover the works, and the perpetrators will be brought to justice." said Emmanuel Macron. And Gérald Darmanin described it as caused by the event, adding that the loss was felt collectively by "the French people, [who] for the most part, feel as though they have been robbed."

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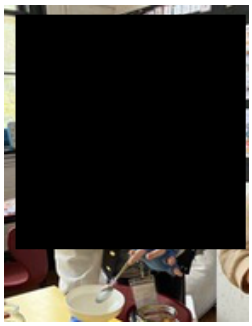
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Who is John Pork?

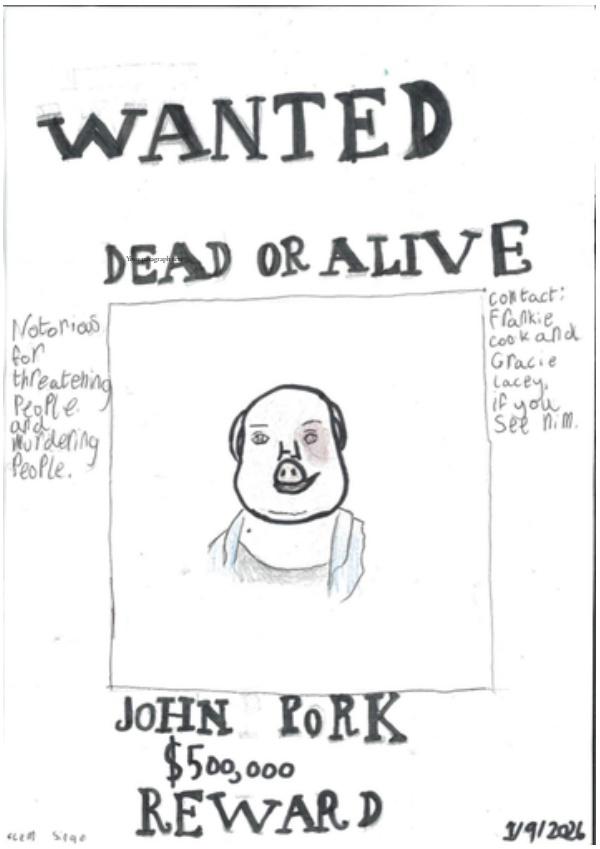
Our Crime Reporter is close to solving this mystery.

Gracie [redacted]
Crime Reporter



If you have any information about the mysterious criminal, please contact Gracie.

If you have more details of what John looks like, contact Clem to create a new forensic sketch.







Clem Singe
Illustrator

LOCAL WEATHER WITH IVY

WEATHER OF THE WEEK



IVY GI[redacted]

MONDAY 12TH	TUESDAY 13TH	WENSDAY 14TH	THURSDAY 15TH	FRIDAY 16TH	SATURDAY 17TH	SUNDAY 18TH
high of 9 and a low of 9	high of 14 and a low of 4	high of 15 and a low of 3	high of 19 and a low of 3	high of 20 and a low of 7	high of 22 and a low of 9	a high of 24 and a low of 9

MONDAY 19TH	TUESDAY 20TH	WEDNSDAY 21ST	THURSDAY 22ND	FRIDAY 23RD	SATURDAY 24TH	SUNDAY 25TH
high of 20 and a low of 10	high of 26 and a low of 12	high of 22 and a low of 13	high of 24 and a low of 14	a high of 20 and a low of 14	a high of 16 and a low of 6	a high 15 a and a low of 7

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Locals flock to Kyneton for a festival so bright it hurts your eyes!



Rosa [redacted]
Local News Reporter

Looks like the sun decided to grow on a stem! The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival was on Friday the 4th to Sunday the 13th of September. The theme of the Daffodil Festival was the "Bulb and the beautiful". The highlights included; the Golden Mile of Daffodils, the Open Gardens and the Community Arts. As well as the lovely daffodils, there were dozens of markets! Even our own Taradale was filled with beautiful daffodils.

The Daffodil Festival originally started when farmers in the central Victorian Highlands grew large fields of daffodils that bloomed beautifully every Spring. Over decades, the flower display expanded to include local arts and community crafts and over time grew into a massive yearly celebration that now includes parades, open gardens and quirky contests!

According to Vega, a student from Taradale primary, "… During the parade it was very fun to see all the kids connecting to the community". Perla, another Taradale student, said "The festival was okay I guess". Levi a grade-six student commented that "He was just chillin".

Everyone hopes it will be as beautiful next year as it was this year.



the ONION

Lily [redacted]
Satire Columnist



Heidi [redacted]
Cartoonist



If our faithful leader Jess stood next to a giraffe exhibit wearing a yellow shirt, would you notice she's not a giraffe? Even if the giraffes saw, they would think that Jess isn't a giraffe, not because she has a human body and face, but because she's even taller than the giraffes!



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CLASSIFIEDS

Important Events



Ulla [redacted]
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Happy Birthday to these Taradalians:

Bobbie: 17th of October

Gus: 19th of October

Odette: 20th of Octber

Asha: 21st of October

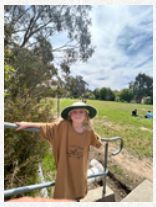
Jax: 23rd of October

Gracie: 29th of October

Percy: 29th of October



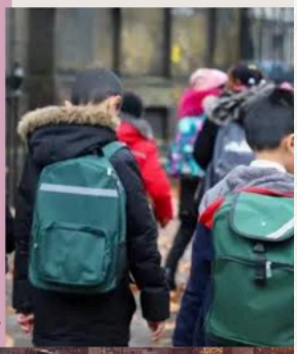


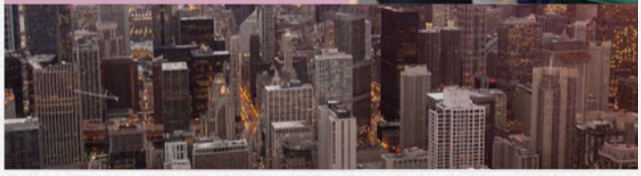




Everybody get ready for the Grade 5/6 Urban Camp.

On the 25th November the grade 5/6 kids will arrive in Melbourne. They will visit many places including the Museum, Old Melbourne Gaol, Skydeck, Parliament House, ACMI, the Zoo, the Shrine and O'Briens Icehouse. They will return home on the 27th.





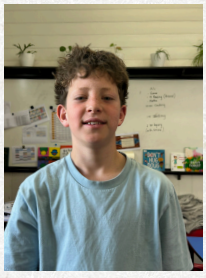
Fwoggy Advice



Grace [redacted]
Advice Columnist



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LEXI F[redacted], SPORT REPORTER

SPORTS CARNIVAL DAY

On Friday the 4th of September the grade 3 to 6s from Taradale Primary went to the sports carnival day at the Wesley Hill sports complex. Students from Castlemaine North, Maldon, St Marys, Castlemaine, Chewton, Newstead and Winters Flat Primary Schools were also there. The sports they played were tennis and cricket and it was organised by Sam the PE teacher. This event was to help kids learn skills, practise teamwork and to have fun.



















All the 5/6 students went to the Castlemaine tennis courts. The kids played doubles for seven minutes then the kids with odd numbers on their hands did a 1v1 game first. After seven minutes the even numbers had their turn playing tennis. The Taradale kids had a bye on the last round so they played against Chloe (ES) and destroyed her.

All the 3/4 students went to the Wesley Hill oval and played cricket and tennis. The tennis had two instructors who ran multiple incredible activities that taught the students the skills for tennis. Then they finished the day by playing cricket. There were lots of volunteers for the students to learn the skills of cricket. They played eight different games before heading back to the school.

At the end of the day the 3/4 students were picked up first before heading to the tennis courts to pick up the 5/6 students. They went back to school. ‘The tennis was fun and the sports coach kept saying let’s go team’ said Sid from grade 4. ‘It was fun but also hard ‘said Ivy from grade 6.

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LEXI [redacted] SPORT REPORTER

WE DON'T LIKE CRICKET... WE LOVE IT

Cricket is a bat-ball game played between two different teams of eleven players on a grass-filled oval with a 22-yard pitch in the centre.

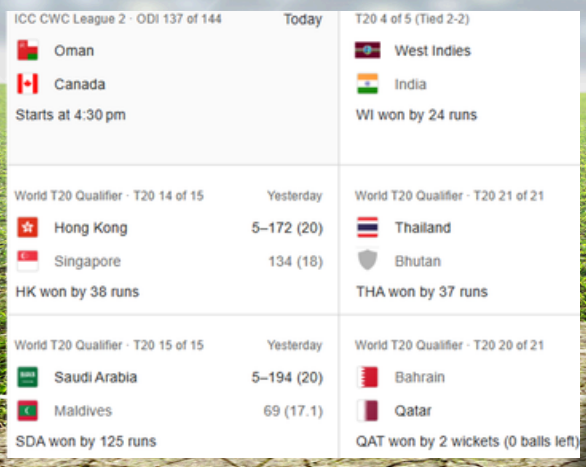
Cricket was first played in southeast England in the mid-17th century with the earliest recorded match taking place in 1646.

In 2012, West India's batsman Chris Greyer became the first player to hit a six off the very first bowl of the Test Match.

The length of the 22-yard pitch is the only law in cricket that has remained unchanged throughout the sport's history.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) manages global cricket, while the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in London maintains the official Laws of Cricket.





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PUZZLES OF THE WEEK



Jayden [redacted]
Puzzle Editor

Can you solve the word search and spot the odd one out?
And if you've got a sharp eye find the hidden candy corn.
There are eleven to find!

Halloween Word Search

C A T G T U D Z Q D U L U J Z R V T C G B Z I M
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WITCH
BOO

SKELETON
HAUNTED
SPIDER
CANDY
BLACK
CAT







FUN FACTS

- Platypuses secrete milk through pores instead of nipples.
- Lobsters have blue blood.
- Some fish can walk on land.
- Octopuses have three hearts