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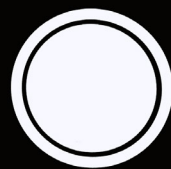
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Editor's Note

Dearest reader,

Welcome to yet another issue of *Figleaf*! It's the first of the year; unfortunately, COVID regulations held us back from our regular quarterly publishing last term. What matters, however, is that we're back, and if I may pat our team on the back for a second, I believe we've done a spectacular job.

That's considering that, especially with our return, many things have changed in *Figleaf*. Many of our team were composed of year 10s last year, who have in 2022 moved on to the bigger and brighter things. Now, the majority of our team is composed of year 7s and 8s who are entirely new to the newspaper, and it's been a joy working with them, as well as all other members of our group.

Another major change was that our previous mentor, Ms Lake, has gone on maternity leave, and Ms B has taken her place. In my new role as editor, I am lucky to work closely with Ms B and Tess Conroy, our sub-editor. Both have been a tremendous amount of help, and this issue would not be nearly as incredible without their efforts and talents.

I believe entirely that this issue represents change for *Figleaf*. As described above, the members of our team are much different to the previous editions of the newspaper, but this isn't all. Our social media team has been working hard to provide you guys with interesting posts three times a week during Mystery Monday, Weird Wednesday and Funky Friday. If you're a fan of all things intriguing, wacky or musical, check out our page at @hhhsfigleaf and enjoy!

The theme of this issue is animals and pets, and to a more specific degree our school mascot, the wonderful **Hunter**, whom we thank for his special appearance. The cover of this issue includes art of Hunter by Jocelyn Zhou, the winner of the *Figleaf* cover page art competition. The art is absolutely stunning and we thank Jocelyn for her contribution.

I'm undeniably biased, but when I read through this issue, I look at it with pride. I hope this page hasn't been enough to turn you away and that you continue to read on and form your own (very positive) opinions. I'm very glad we're back, and I hope you agree that we're also better than ever.

-Zeynep Erdogmus, 2022 Editor of the *Figleaf*

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Credits: Hunters Hill High School Figleaf Team

So, I was chatting with the stars yesterday (you know, as one does) and they had some messages for me to deliver. I won't make any comment surrounding how accurately I delivered those messages, and how free they were of bias, because that would really just make all of this boring, wouldn't it? Anyway. Have fun figuring that one out.

-Zeynep Erdogan

Aries -

You're so cool, Aries. Keep doing your thing. You're so smart Aries. All Aries are leaders of the future and destined to succeed. Something amazing is going to happen to you soon, Aries.

Taurus -

You figured out I'm an Aries. Good job, Sherlock. You'll need those deductive skills for what's happening later this week. Let's hope you start to run in time.

Gemini -

The planets have aligned perfectly for the first time in years for you to watch The Owl House. Maybe read my review of it on page 10 before you go do that.

Cancer -

This is the sign you've been looking for, Cancer. Leave your life behind and go live as a hermit in the forest. Your friends will miss you, but the stars demand you live your best cottagecore life, Cancer. Who are you to deny the stars that? Stop being so selfish, Cancer.

Leo -

Congratulations, Leo! One of your dreams will come true today. I can't tell you which one though. It's better if you don't know. Maybe you should get your affairs in order, Leo. Just a thought.

Virgo -

Happy birthday, Virgo! 'Oh, but it isn't my birthday,' I hear you say, to which I respond, 'time isn't real and you can celebrate your birth on any day you want, Virgo'. Every day could be your birthday, and you're a coward for not cashing into all the free gifts and cake you could be getting.

Libra -

It's time to put your foot down, Libra. Literally. Who's foot is that? Where did you find a human foot? Please step away, Libra. Slowly.

Scorpio -
You just lost The Game, Scorpio.

Sagittarius -

I'll be entirely honest, there's nothing too interesting happening to you at the moment, Sagittarius. Maybe binge your favourite show and have some fro-yo for the next couple of days, I don't know.

Capricorn -

If you don't have anything nice to say, Capricorn, you should start getting more creative. I mean, seriously, is it so hard to pay a compliment that you'd rather shut up? Go sit in the corner of the room, Capricorn, and consider taking a seminar or compliments or something.

Aquarius -

Stop having existential crises and just sit in a big swing and stare out into the bright sky for five minutes, Aquarius. Touch some grass.

Pisces -

Logic is dangerous, Pisces. Thinking can hurt. Questioning things is hard. Take up laughing instead. Don't concern yourself with trivial matters like whether you've wasted your life or the sources of the noise you hear at night. Just give a light-hearted chuckle and move on with your life.

Horoscopes



Art by Paige Diamond

"Whatever you do, always give 100%. Unless you're donating blood." -Bill Murray



A Wet Weather Guide to Survival

Is it raining outside? Don't know what to do? Do you know how you'll survive?! Well, lucky for you, the Figleaf has got an amazing wet weather survival guide for you! Following this guide, you can hopefully learn about how to survive such horrible days!

-Noam Silberstein

During Break Times -

Activities:

- The library - you can read, play chess or hang out; watch out for flooding, and remember to not eat food inside!
- Dry areas - here you can sit, eat and talk with friends
- Catch up on homework or assessments
- Play games on your phone or computer
- Explore new dry areas to sit in
- Buy a nice warm meal from the canteen

Notes:

- Always remember to bring along umbrellas and check the weather the night before to be prepared (lest you be burdened by soggy socks!)
- Still, you don't have to avoid the rain - it can always be something to enjoy, although there's the risk of getting sick

At Home -

Activities:

- Cook or bake - there's always the added benefit of getting to then eat anything you make!
- Paint or draw - what better time is there than the rain to get your imagination up and running?
- Play games
- Read
- Drink hot beverages - this one combines especially well with a good TV show, movie or book
- Yoga - a relaxing way to get warm that also improves your strength and increases your blood flow
- Study

"You define your own life. Don't let other people write your script." -Oprah Winfrey

Athletics Carnival



The Athletics Carnival did not go at all as expected. It was pouring rain, the field was covered in mud and people were slipping, sliding and falling as far as the eye could see. Despite the unfortunate series of inconveniences, the show needed to go on. And it did, even with all the rain and mud.

The cold wind made me eager to give some events a try. I came close to last place on all three occasions, but it was a lot of fun (at least, until I slid down a muddy hill and fell down onto my side!) Still, everyone had a laugh, and I hosed myself down before returning back to school.

While I wasn't one of them, I'm well aware there are many athletic students who don't participate just for the fun of it. Those are the people who have gotten to move forward to the Zone Carnival, and a luckier few to the Regionals, and they have my best wishes as they continue competing in representation of our school.

-Leonardo Chakma



"Some things are more precious because they don't last long." -Oscar Wilde

Live Forever: Part Two

In this thrilling continuation of her story, 'Live Forever' from the Spring 2020 issue, **Sienna Serrao** gives us the answer to the question we've all been waiting for: what's next for Blair and her strange ability?

Counting down in her head, Blair felt darkness surround her entirely.

3, 2, 1.

The darkness slid off her body like thick, black sludge, revealing midnight black fur and a pair of luminescent, tangerine-coloured eyes. In the arena, the dark silhouette of a feline paced left and right as it watched the man become disoriented and foggy, his focus slowly fading away. The last thing he saw was the black panther charging directly toward him to finish him off. As glistening orbs stared him down, his consciousness finally drifted silently away into the night. Blair's eyes drifted open, awakening to the golden sun rays that shone through the windows of her room. Rubbing her eyes, she kept thinking back to the masked man in her strange dream.

"Bzzrt! Bzzrt! Bzzrt!" A loud alarm rang out from her phone as it vibrated energetically on her bedside table. The sound pulsated in her ears, and as she woke up, the morning sunshine caught her attention. For the next hour, Blair went through her typical morning routine, eating breakfast, getting dressed, and heading off to school. Teenage life was a mundane chore, but the thought of the school festival happening that afternoon cheered her up. Nearing the end of her final year of high school, the excitement and freedom she felt were exhilarating. She was so eager to finally be able to live her life as she saw fit.

The black panther that slept within her had been there for as long as she could remember. It was generational, her father explained to her. Blair's dad's family carried a gene capable of something far exceeding scientific knowledge. Blair was the oldest of four siblings, and she was the one to receive this mysterious power. The only person aware of her powers was her dad who agreed that it be kept a secret. She didn't want any other family members to know of this extraordinary secret to avoid any unwanted problems and worries, especially from her mum. Finally reaching the front gate of her school after her long walk from home, she made it just in time as the bell rang for her first class.

After her classes, she left school and walked to the flashy Ferris wheel in the distance with her friends to join the school festival celebrating the graduation that was taking place a few streets away from the school grounds. The fun in the air was palpable as students rode the big rides, ate lots of food and enjoyed themselves.

Suddenly, a loud scream broke through the vibrant hum of the festival. Everybody turned in the direction of the sideshow alley. To all of their horror, an old man lay on the ground with a giant slash on his chest, bleeding out all over the grassy pathway. Confusion and chaos set in as some of her friends ran towards the body trying to call the police and others were screaming and calling out **"call an ambulance!"**. Blair turned away in shock; the moment she saw the body lying there, she realised their aura was gone.

Looking down at the body to see the cut, she noticed a looming, humanoid shadow slowly walking around the corner of one of the now-abandoned carnival stalls. Following but being careful not to get too close, the mysterious figure eventually stopped in a clearing near some of the stored equipment used for the festival. It was too dark to make out the person's features, as their pitch-black aura enveloped their body. Grabbing the back of her shoulder blades, Blair, transformed into her panther form, preparing to defeat this shadow. Lunging forward, she remembered the same attacks as her dream. A painful cut slashed across her torso.

Everything faded to black.

“Beep, beep, beep.” Slowly opening her eyes, confused about where she was, Blair looked over and saw a heart monitor beeping. She was at a hospital. As she tried to get up, sharp pains began to spread across her stomach. She looked down, seeing her chest wrapped in bandages. Lifting them up, she saw her wound quickly healing. This was one of her powers, but she knew if she stayed here long, the doctors would notice. She had to leave. She loudly banged on the door; the nurse on duty quickly ran over to Blair and tried to make her stop. She checked the charts and monitors, continuing to speak, but Blair wasn't listening. She was trying to piece together what happened last night at the festival. Those thoughts quickly morphed into wondering how she could escape from the hospital.

“What time is it?” Blair asked the nurse.

The nurse tucked Blair back in bed, “It's 2 in the afternoon. You were asleep all day. You need to rest a bit more and go easy for a while to recover. It will take a while to heal with an injury of this degree”. She left the room.

The room fell silent. Blair seized the opportunity, rushing out of the bed and bolting toward the door, swinging it open and rushing down the corridor, down the stairs and out of the hospital. She ran and ran non-stop until she reached home.



Art by Marnie Wollaston

“If at first you don't succeed, give up... and try a different angle.” -Jasper Pringle

One day later.

“Happy Birthday to you,” her family sang loudly.

Confused, Blair asked, “What’s the date today?”

“The 10th of June”, they all said in unison.

“Oh, yes.” she suddenly remembered. “It’s my birthday today!” She made her way to the lounge room with her family. They all sat down to eat cake and celebrate Blair’s 18th birthday.

“How was the school festival last night? How were your friends? Did you have fun?”

Blair didn’t know how to explain what had happened at the festival. “Mhm, it was great... we had fun.”

She tried to change the topic to something else, feeling uneasy talking about the school festival.

“This is a really yummy cake. Thank you!”

Putting down her plate, Blair ran upstairs to her room to check her laptop to see if the news update reported the incident at the school festival. Scrolling, she spotted it. ‘Murder at School Festival’. Closing her laptop and hopping into bed, Blair fell asleep thinking about last night.

The next day went by relatively quickly. The final bell rang and everyone started to leave. Blair and her friends decided to meet up at Horizon Park, where the school festival had been held and decided to find out what had happened.

As the sun started to set, her friends planned to hunt down the murderer, splitting into 2 groups of 5. But Blair decided to go on her own.

“It’s too dangerous,” her friends argued, not knowing of her special abilities, “what if you get killed or stabbed?”

Blair shrugged it off and made her way closer to the forest. With her eyes adjusting to the darkness, she noticed the masked figure standing by the trees and they noticed her in return. The pair made brief eye contact before the figure disappeared into the thick forest. Blair chased after them. As her friends noticed her taking off into the dark, they called out to her, “Blair! Blair! Bla-...” Their voices began to fade as she continued to run deeper into the dark, eerie forest.

Completely lost and alone, cold mist started swirling around her feet as she searched. In her mind, she wondered who this person was and why she had seen them in her dream. What was she supposed to do?

She turned to see a dark entrance of a tunnel in the forest. Knowing she needed answers, Blair bravely walked forward into the unknown tunnel, noticing a small light up ahead. Looking back over her shoulder, she couldn’t see anything; just pitch black. She knew that more than anything, the questions in her mind needed answers; she had to keep going. Moving forward one step at a time, Blair could see that the light ahead was getting larger and larger. She could actually make out on the sides of the tunnel. There was an entrance in front of her that lead into the arena. Carefully, she made her way in.

“Oh, my God...”

The thing in front of her appeared to be a portal. ‘That’s so cool,’ she thought to herself. As Blair stood in the arena looking around, she spotted the figure with the black aura. As she moved closer, she could clearly see the mysterious figure.

It was just like her dream. Standing, staring at each other. Blair felt the darkness envelop her body, swallowing her whole, revealing pitch black fur and luminescent vermilion eyes. In the arena, she paced left and right watching the murderer as he removed his mask, transforming into a darkness that only she knew. Charging forward to finish the job, Blair cut the air with a razor-sharp claw, slicing cleanly through, and unmasking the darkness as their consciousness drifted silently away into a void as dark as the night.

Moon Knight

Moon Knight is a series based on Egyptian mythology. It involves the gods going down to earth and meddling with the world and humans. In the story, the Egyptian gods have moved on from human affairs and roam the world similar to anybody else, not interfering even as the world turns into ruins around them. The story follows mercenary Marc Spector and his alter ego Steven Grant. This Marvel film is greatly liked because of the plot and the diverse cast (mainly composed of Egyptian actors). As one of Marvel's lesser known comics, Moon Knight was first introduced in the Marvel comic universe in *Werewolf by Night #32* (August 1975) and was greatly unknown but the great acting of Oscar Issac brought the brilliance of Moon Knight to the world.

- Joshua Rottanburg

The Owl House

The Owl House is a Disney cartoon show created by Dana Terrace. It tells the story of Luz Noceda as she enters a fantastical world called the Boiling Isles and explores its many magical wonders. On paper, the show has a typical, mediocre, feel-good fantasy plot, and if you don't watch past the first few episodes, the show doesn't seem to be that interesting. If you choose to endure through it, however, you see the show coming to life, becoming an enjoyable mix of detailed but digestible worldbuilding, creative character dynamics, a vocal cast with incredible emotional range, and a charming art style.

The main character, Luz Noceda, is an extremely relatable queer girl and fantasy nerd. The characters she meets in this wonderful new world such as Edalyn Clawthorne (also known as the Owl Lady) and King, Eda's 8-year-old demon roommate who's the proclaimed "King of Demons", are all of varied ethnicities, sexualities and genders. With a canonically non-binary character and an official sapphic relationship with an on-screen kiss, this show is the representation gift that keeps on giving.

While the first season is absolutely amazing, the show's stories and characters truly come to light during the second season, the finale of which was released on the 28th of May. What used to be a light-hearted fantasy with a few strong scenes has now become an intense and emotional ride with high stakes, incredible character development and a plot that grips onto you through the screen and refuses to let you go.

- Zeynep Erdogan

Pokemon Uranium

Pokemon Uranium is a very fun game to play, and is especially hard if you decide to do a Nuzlocke. A Nuzlocke is a challenge in which you use a set of rules to make the game harder. The rules of a Nuzlocke are:

RULE 1: You have to catch the first pokemon you encounter per route even if you do not like it.

RULE 2: If a pokemon faints it counts as dead and you're not allowed to use it anymore.

RULE 3: You have to nickname your pokemon to get more attached to them.

My own personal experience playing this game with these rules provided me with insights. This game is extremely difficult. I messed up so many times and eventually got the dreadful Game Over screen. While playing, I collected a rather strange crew of members. The story is slightly confusing but still interesting; the characters are very well-made. The textures are also high in-quality, making the game very appealing to the eye.

The Pokemon designs are incredible; the attention that was clearly given to even the smallest of details is enough to blow anyone away. The colours worked well with each other and every design implemented characteristics of what that specific pokemon was based on.

One feature that makes this Pokemon fan game stand out is the Pokemon Trainer Test. The Pokemon Trainer Test is a test that the player is required to do to get their starter pokemon. The starter pokemon is decided based on the answers that they give. This feature makes the game feel more personal and adjustable based on the player.

Overall, I would give this game a 9.5 out of 10. The only reason I don't give this game a full 10 stars is because of minor performance issues when streaming or recording it.

- Caleb Jones

Freddy Nights at Freddy's: Ultimate Custom Night

FNAF: UCN is a horror game in which you survive killer animatronics from 12 am to 6 am. The game starts off with a menu screen with all the characters you could add to your night and there are many different power-ups and looks for your office as well. You have a high score; if you beat it you could unlock a new office and probably get to watch a cutscene.

The night begins with a real shiver down your spine. It looks like a 3D game, even though the game is 2D. The freedom to customize the game is a great touch. The game even shows how it took years to make.

The problem is that there's an excessive amount of controls in the game, making it hard to remember them and the cutscenes are a big problem. Most of them don't make any sense and often don't relate to the story.

Due to this, I rate FNAF UCN 4 stars. Although not a five out of five, if you need a good scare or enjoy being challenged, this is absolutely the game for you and it's free on Gamejolt.

- Mayron Rubinsztein

Reviews

Solitaire

You've heard of Heartstopper. Even if you haven't read, watched or heard the basic plot of Heartstopper, you know of its existence as a new Netflix show. However, the universe of this series is much bigger than just the 4 comic books and the show. The story of Solitaire takes place halfway through the current story of Heartstopper. The book follows Victoria (Tori) Spring, a girl in her final year of high school. Heartstopper fans will know our protagonist, as she is the older sister of Charlie Spring, the main character of the comics. However, unlike her brother, Tori is antisocial, pessimistic and spends way too much time in her own head. She's lonely, having no real friends that she fully connects with or who understand her. That is, until she has a chance meeting with Michael Holden, an optimist and Tori's opposite in every way.

Over the course of Solitaire, the two grow closer and start understanding each other more through their investigations of the book's main mystery. Solitaire, a mischievous group, starts to pull pranks around the school, gradually becoming more intense and dangerous. The book follows Tori's social life, mental struggles and the mystery of Solitaire, which also affects the following books by Alice Oseman, all taking place in the same universe.

Overall, this book has my personal rating of 7 out of 10. Due to this being Alice's first publication, there are many places in which the writing falls a bit short, having aspects that even Alice herself isn't happy about, such as the lack of any racial representation. However, if you can overlook the issues of this work, it's a very interesting, relatable and enjoyable read.

- Pasha Kurskiy

Animal Facts

Ever wanted to know how many muscles were in an elephants trunk, or the oldest animal ever? Well, today is your lucky day, as **Lily Sarzentich** has many shocking animal facts up her sleeve! Did you know that...

A flea can jump up to 350 times its body length.



A garden snail has 14,000 teeth.



Crocodiles can't stick their tongues out.



Despite having white fluffy coats, a polar bear's skin is black!



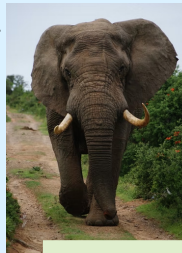
The brain of a cockroach is located in its body, not its head.



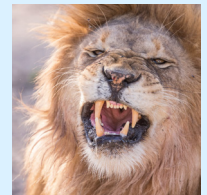
There once was a chicken called Mike who lived without its head for 18 months.



An elephant's trunk can contain close to 40,000 muscles.



A singular wild lion will typically make no more than 20 large kills in a year.



The oldest animal to ever be found was a clam named Ming, who had been estimated to have been 507 years old before it died.

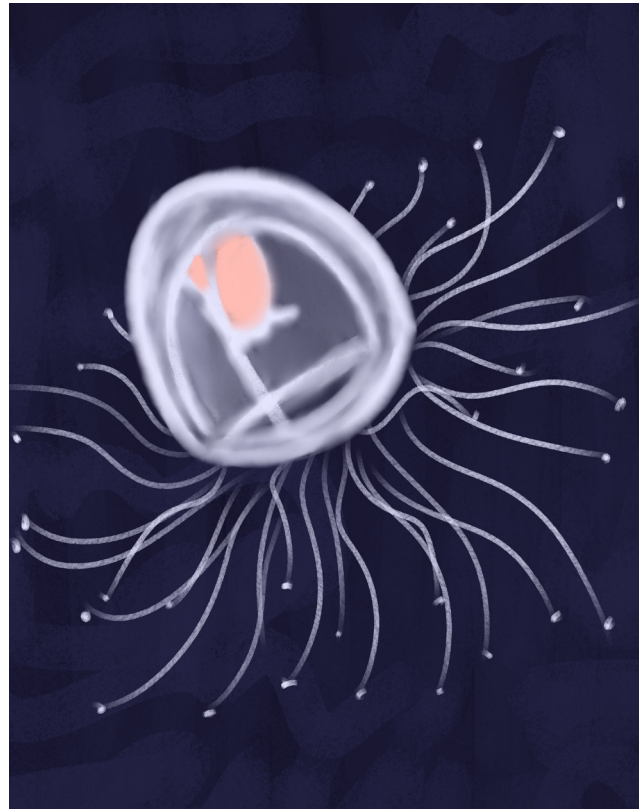


The largest amount of kittens a cat has ever had in a litter was 19 kittens, a lot larger than the common 2-8!



Immortal Jellyfish

Did you know that somewhere on our planet, an immortal animal exists? No, it's not humans (even though that would be cool), it is in fact...jellyfish! In the scientific world jellyfish are known as *Turritopsis dohrnii*.



Art by Emmy Woods

How are they immortal?

The adult jellyfish (4.5 mm-wide) makes a copy of itself into a younger form (which is the juvenile polyp state) and they can make copies of themselves over and over again, effectively rendering them undying. The only known ways they can die are by getting eaten by another animal or infected with a deadly disease making them pass away.

Where can we find these creatures?

It was entirely an accident that these creatures were found. Scientists do not know where they originate from, but they're mostly found in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. One of the first scientists to discover this jellyfish was Ferdinando Boero. These special creatures are increasingly found in oceans around the world, away from their habitats.

How do they migrate from the Mediterranean Sea to all over the world?

This migration is a result of ballast water being pumped out from ships to stay afloat. The jellyfish get attracted to the ballast water and are able to stay alive through that journey because of their ability to go back to their juvenile polyp state when they feel stressed or lack food. Their survival instinct makes them change forms. They prefer to stay in warm oceans but are sometimes found in colder seas as well.

What do they eat to survive?

Their diet consists of mostly plankton, fish eggs, larvae, tiny mollusks and many other tiny sea creatures. They have many choices in their underwater world.

What eats the immortal jellyfish?

Although I am sure this does not come as a surprise to anyone, humans eat jellyfish, though mostly their predators are larger animals such as sharks, penguins, and sea turtles.

- Lucy Stepanian

"If you try your hardest, there's no point worrying." -Josh Hesketh

Student Talk

Starting high school is a complicated experience for many year 7s; it's easy to feel alienated with your feelings and thoughts. So, here in the Figleaf, **Leonardo Chakma** and **Lucy Stepanian** decided to investigate year 7's opinions... via interview! The students interviewed were Sarah Owens, Leo Fernando and Oscar Cooper.

Q1 / What's the hardest subject so far?

Sarah: Science. I find the subject hard.

Leo: Music, because of the practical lessons.

Oscar: Music, because I am not great at memorising notes and playing the instruments.

Q2 / What's your favourite subject so far?

Sarah: Maths, because it's entertaining.

Leo: Maths, because I'm naturally good at it.

Oscar: PDHPE or Science, because of the practical lessons.

Q3 / Did you have a hard time adjusting to the school?

Sarah: Yes. Nobody from my primary school came here, which made it difficult to adjust.

Leo: It's been easy because I have moved schools many times.

Oscar: Not really, unless you count homework.

Q4 / Who is your favourite teacher?

Sarah: I like Mr Wang, and also Ms B.

Q5 / What is your favourite item from the canteen?

Oscar: It's gotta be those mango ice teas!

Q6 / If you could choose any superpower in the world, what would it be and why?

Leo: I'd like the power to manipulate others at will.

Oscar: I'd want to fix world hunger so nobody goes hungry.

Uncommon Pets

In this current age, pets are the one stop shop for companionship. Especially now, with the populace going in and out of lockdown. People start to feel lonely at home, and pets are their new-found cure. Everyone knows the classic dog or cat pet, but have you heard of some of these other unique animal companions?

-Tess Conroy

Pygmy Goats

Pygmy goats are miniature goats that have a range of different personalities. They are easy to care for and are friendly to everyone, especially children, but they also need a goat companion as they aren't solo animals. Pygmy goats also need to be entertained, or you might just need to say goodbye to that new shirt! They are also a great way to dispose of kitchen waste, as goats will eat just about anything.



Hedgehogs



Hedgehogs are small, spikey and adorable creatures that are easy to care for. They are quiet, active and don't crave human attention but will gladly take it if offered. Being spikey doesn't make them great cuddlers but they still recognise and appreciate warmth and affection from their owners.

Raccoons

Having a trash panda is a lot of work, especially if you're not used to having a pet, but this critter can be trained much like a dog and a cat. However, you might be in for a lot of trouble seeing as these animals are nocturnal and can become destructive and unpredictable. So this furry animal definitely won't be for everyone.



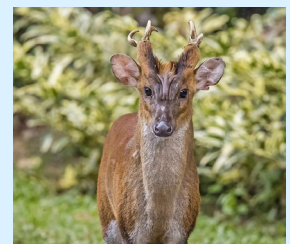
Sugar Gliders



Sugar gliders are small, cute and intelligent creatures that are able to learn their own names and do tricks. They are playful and sweet and require human interaction to remain happy, as well as being social animals so they do need a partner. However, be careful of your cables cause these little critters like to chew on everything. Sadly, these tiny gliders are illegal to own in NSW as they are a native species.

Muntjac Deer

Having a full sized deer in your home might sound like a lot of space being taken up, but Muntjac deer are quite small and compact; they're about the size of a medium sized dog. They are very friendly and affectionate (they love to give kisses) but they aren't great for inside enclosures. Muntjac deer are also very simple to take care of but you still need to be prepared.



"My answer to everything in life is a smile."

Art

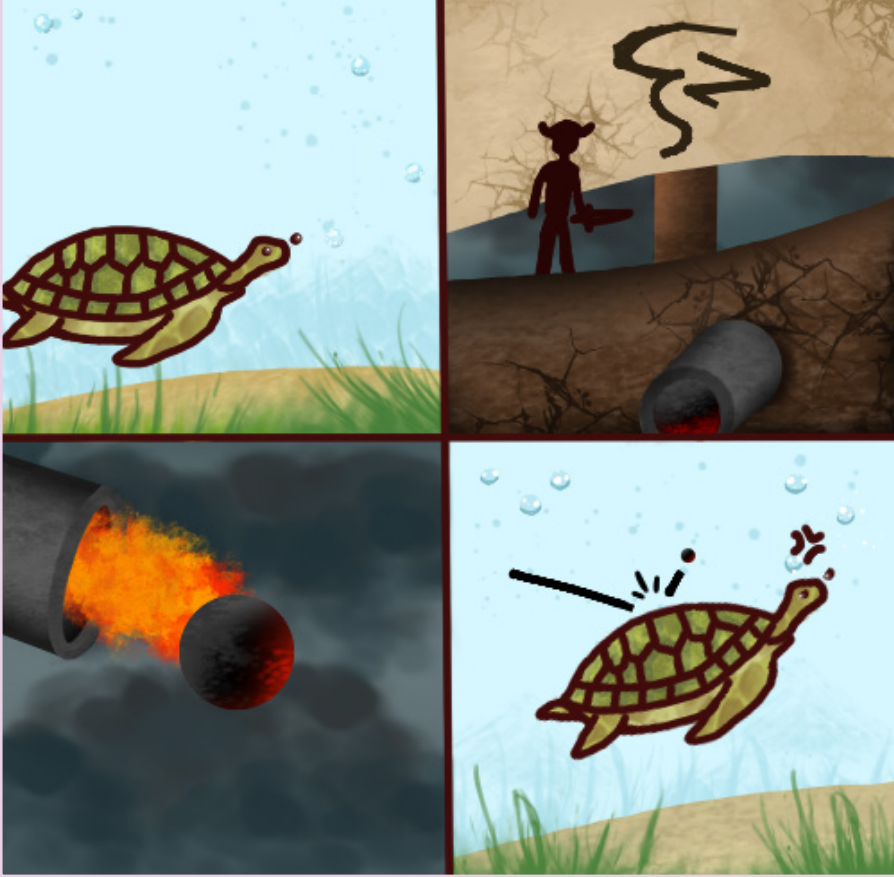


Illustration by Zoe Jordan



Illustration by Paige Diamond

“Shell Shocked” - Comic by Jasper Pringle



“Growth of a Grevillea” - Photographic Series
by Anais Handabak



“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” -Theodore Roosevelt

Doggy Jobs

Let's talk about dogs. Dogs are a common, furry pet that many people tend to enjoy spending time with. They are commonly loved companions and often are great company when you are feeling lonely. However, dogs are helpful for many more reasons. So, let's take a look at the different jobs that a dog does in our society!

-Lily Sarzentich

Police Dogs



The breed that is most common in the police force is the German shepherd. These dogs can catch criminals that run from the police and know many useful commands that helps them contribute to the public's safety, such as sniffing out and alerting the police of drugs.

Firefighting Dogs



When you imagine a fire dog, the usual image to come to mind is that of an adorable dalmatian working beside a firefighter. These dogs are often used by the firefighters to search through burnt and ash-filled buildings after fires, and to find any people or animals that may have been left behind.

Herding Dogs



Herding dogs, also known as shepherd dogs, are used by farmers to herd livestock, mostly sheep. There are many breeds used in herding; these include dogs such as the German shepherd, Australian shepherd, old English sheepdog, and the Caucasian shepherd.

Service Dogs



Service dogs can be used for many different reasons. There are service dogs who work with people that have various disabilities/disorders, such as blindness, cerebral palsy and epilepsy. These dogs aid owners in completing everyday tasks in their daily lives.

Therapy Dogs



Therapy dogs are popular throughout many hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, and hospices. Their main role is to provide people with affection, comfort, support; they're trained to care for a multitude of people. Therapy dogs can come in all shapes and sizes, which are generally used due to their fluffy coats and great social skills.

Search-and-Rescue Dogs



Search and rescue dogs are most commonly used to find missing people after disasters, man-made and natural alike. They sniff and find people in wreckages, then will either bark loudly for people to hear them and/or dig around the wreckage that the person is in to help them get free. Their strong sense of smell means they can detect people under water, snow, dirt, or collapsed buildings. These dogs are very helpful for the emergency services.

Guard Dogs



Guard dogs are dogs that are trained to guard places and people. They can guard homes, prisons and government offices. While most people think of a German shepherd or Doberman when imagining a guard dog, these dogs can be all different breeds.

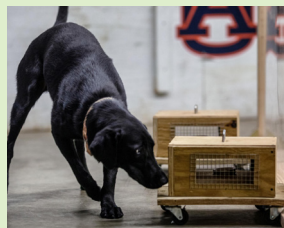
Water Rescue Dogs



Water rescue dogs are usually used by lifeguards. Their job is to pull a person back to the shore if they've wandered too far, or to help bring any injured people to the shore for help. Specific breeds are used as water rescue dogs because of their muscular builds, thick double coats, webbed paws and swimming abilities.

While these are just some of the jobs that dogs can do, there are too many to list. Dogs are amazing animals, and are some of the most important, especially in the ways they can help us. It's incredible how wonderful dogs can be!

Detection Dogs



Detection dogs are used to detect things that are often difficult for humans to. These things can include drugs, bombs, money, weapons, human bodily fluids, and even medical conditions such as cancer. Dogs are known for their amazing sense of smell, and they can be seen in many places, such as in a crime scenes with detectives, or in hospitals where they are used for detecting specific illnesses.

A Message from: The SRC

The Student Representative Council has had a busy first semester this year and have organised a variety of fun and positive events within the school.

We started off the year with an International Women's Day event in the Hall. Students got an opportunity to reflect on women's achievements and the importance of the day, with the purpose of spreading awareness. Participants discussed their experiences in groups.



The SRC organised a similar event for Harmony Day in which we presented a slideshow, covering the origins of Harmony Day and its continued importance today, acknowledging the beauty in our diverse community.

Excitingly, the SRC had an opportunity to host the school's first bake sale since the beginning of the COVID-19 restrictions. Alongside the bake sale, we coordinated a mufti day and raised funds for Mullumbimby High School who experienced major flooding in their region, heavily disrupting their students' learning and access to resources. This bake sale had an awesome reception, raising a total of \$1,474 worth of delicious treats, with all funds being donated directly to Mullumbimby to support their recovery.



Throughout the semester, the captains also committed to cleaning up the school grounds during break times on Thursdays to set an example for younger years about the importance of a clean learning environment.

The SRC will continue to organise these amazing events for the rest of the year and looks forward to seeing the school community grow to be the best it can possible be.

-Zac Modesto, School Captain

"Patience is the key to success." -Lily Sarzentich

A Message from: The Rainbow Project

Great success for the Rainbow Project's first ever event! Rainbow Day was celebrated this term in recognition of 'International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia'. A big thanks to everyone who wore their coloured socks and funky hair. I'm very excited to see new faces in term three (with some very fun events in the works also!). If you haven't already attended a meeting of the Rainbow Project, please do; there's something for everyone, whether you would like to get involved with planning events for the school community on Tuesdays or discuss LGBTQIA+ topics on Thursdays. Join us in the Living Room at the library during recess! If you have attended a meeting, invite your friends to join us in the HHHS gay-straight alliance.

As Violet and I get ready to graduate, the Rainbow Project will be looking for new leaders of the group. If you are going to be in year 11-12 in 2023 and are interested in getting involved with the group please keep an ear out for more information after the break.

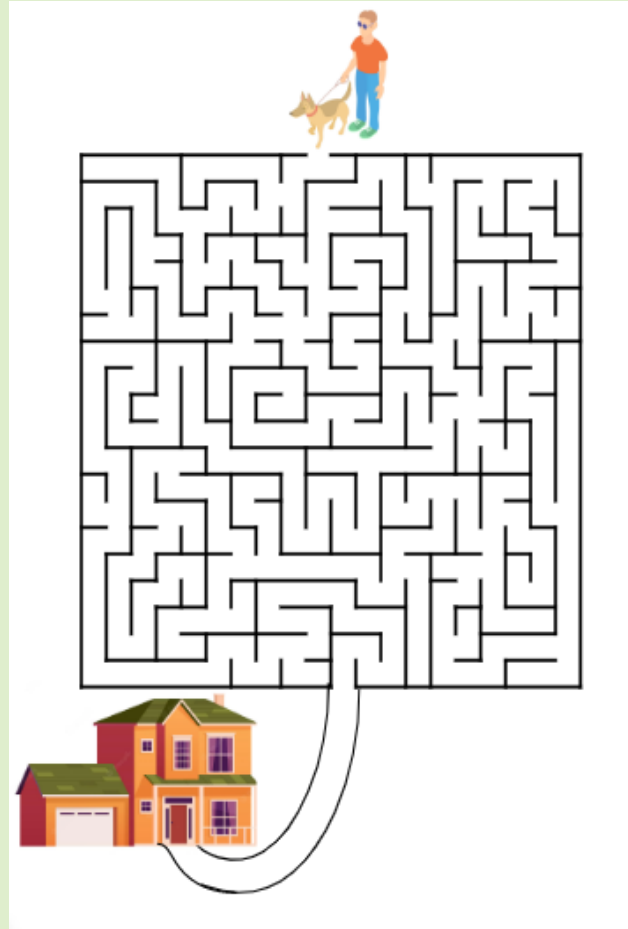
-Jocelyn Cameron, Co-leader of the Rainbow Project



"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." -Maya Angelou

Puzzles

Help the guide dog get the blind man back home:



Decode the message:

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If you enjoy these puzzles and simply cannot wait for the next issue for more, check out our Instagram at @hhhsfigleaf, which is updated with fun puzzles every Monday!

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Word List:

- bandicoot
- cockatoos
- echidna
- koala
- platypus
- tasmanian devil
- bilby
- crocodile
- emu
- kookaburra
- possum
- wallaby
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- mulgara
- quokka
- wombat

Puzzles

Nonogram

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How to Solve:

A Nonogram is a picture cross sudoku puzzle, you just need to follow the basic rules and logic to reveal the hidden picture. Squares on the board must be colored by number or left blank. Numbers show how many squares to color. The numbers above the column are read from top-to-bottom.

Answers will be on the following issue of the Figleaf!

CALLING ALL TALENT!!

Do you have a vast imagination that lets itself out through stories or poems?

Do you have opinions you absolutely have to share with the world?

Have you just played a game, watched a show or read a book that you want to make sure everyone else knows about?

Are you secretly (or not-so-secretly) an art genius who wants to promote their fantastic works of art?

Do you like to take pretty pictures that make people look at the world with a new-found appreciation?

If any of these apply to you (and also if they don't) and you want to see your work on our publication, we'd love for you to contribute to Figleaf!

Interested? DM us on [@hhhsfigleaf](https://www.instagram.com/hhhsfigleaf) or contact Ms B in room 308 or the English staffroom!

*While you're here, why not check out our posts, which get updated at least three times a week for **Mystery Monday, Weird Wednesday and Funky Friday**? Our posts range from fun games to funner facts, and our reserve of posts is only growing larger!*