

# That's the story

## kiwi stories for kiwi kids

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Thirty days hath September, April, June and November,  
All the rest have thirty-one, Excepting February alone,  
Which hath but twenty-eight days clear,  
And twenty-nine in each leap year.

# WOW, it's 2008

**H**appy New Year! Hope this year is filled with wonderful firsts, fabulous seconds, and a whole heap of stuff that you've always really wanted to do. You might have noticed that the 'That's The Story' TV station has suddenly disappeared from the website? DON'T PANIC: it's not for long... we've got a whole heap of builders in, and they're building us a **brand new TV station for 2008**. It's gonna be bigger, better and brighter than ever before, so keep your eye out for its re-launch. And, remember that if you'd like to make a programme for 'That's The Story' TV, then go ahead and make one. We are very keen to receive them!

This year we also have a new feature as part of the 'That's The Story' writing competition. You know how every single week we give away **\$150** to our winning story writer, and we play their story on the radio show? Well, this year we're upping the stakes a little. From now on if your story is picked we will be inviting you to illustrate it too and to win another **\$100 cash** for your efforts. **That means that you could earn yourself \$250!** WOW, how cool is that? AND, once your story is illustrated, we'll put it onto the website for the whole, wide world to see. **You could be famous!**

**THE VOTE** is coming to 'That's The Story' soon. Starting in late February and going right through to March, we'll be giving your school the chance to win **\$1000 worth of books and YOU the chance to win \$400 worth of cds**. All you have to do is visit the 'That's The Story' website and vote for your school. Make sure you only vote once. Each voter is in to win that cd prize pack. Keep your ears and eyes open for more news about THE VOTE and make sure you tell your teacher about it when you're back at school.

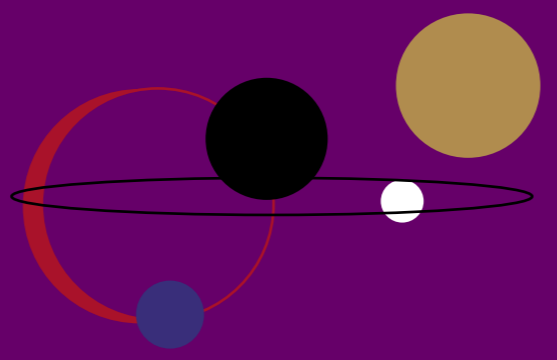
Enjoy the last part of your holidays. Keep safe in the water. Don't forget your sunnies, sunblock and hat, and do something creative this year. See ya Sunday... *Ronnie*

### Calendar Stuff:

As we start a new year, it's interesting to think about our calendar and how it was made. Did you know that the days of the week are named after planets?

- Sunday is named after 'Sun's Day. In Anglo-Saxon it is Sunnan Daeg.
- Tuesday (Mars Day) is Tiewes Daeg in Anglo-Saxon.
- Tiu is an Anglo-Saxon spelling of Tyr, the Norse God of War.
- Wednesday (Mercury's Day) is Wodnes Daeg in Anglo-Saxon.
- Thursday (Jupiter's Day) is also named after Thor, the Norse God of Thunder.
- Friday (Day of Venus) is named after Frigg, the Norse God of Love.
- Saturday (Saturn's Day) is Saeternes Daeg in Anglo-Saxon.

Taken from "Everything You Need to Know" by Simon Eliot.



### Brain Teaser

It's nearly time to head back to school. That means it's time to put your thinking caps on again. Try these simple questions to help warm up your brains. The answers are upside down below :-)

1. What do you call a whole heap of seagulls?
2. What is the capitol of England?
3. Who is the Prime Minister of New Zealand?
4. Traditionally, who lived in wigwams?
5. Sweet potato is also known as...?
6. What is a carnivore?
7. What is the chemical name for water?
8. The emergency telephone number is what?
9. A hexagon has \_ sides?
10. What colour eyes do Siamese cats have?

1. A flock 2. London 3. Helen Clark 4. Indians (Native American Indians) 5. Kumara 6. A meat-eater 7. H2O 8. 111 9. Six 10. Blue

### Congratulations

To **Kirsten Sturley**. You've been drawn from all of our newsletter subscribers to win a great 'That's The Story' cd. Don't forget that we have a special prize draw every single month for all of our newsletter fans so make sure that you and ALL your friends have subscribed.



### Make Their Day

Make someone in your family **SMILE** by writing them a letter or sending them one of your drawings. Do you know that a stamp in New Zealand still only costs 50cents! If you don't have anyone to write to, then write to us. We'd love to hear from you...



### Be in to WIN

Get drawing this summer and you could **WIN a cool art prize pack worth \$50**, just by sending us one of your hand-made pictures.



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