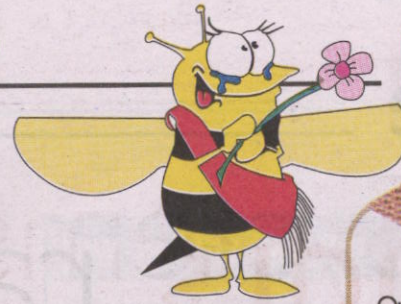




Hello, Beehivers



Lotza Laughs

- Q: What happened when the cow jumped over the barbed wire fence?
A: It was an udder catastrophe.
- Q: What is grey, has four legs and a trunk?
A: A mouse going on a holiday.
- Q: What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?
A: Stop going in circles and get to the point.
- Q: Why did the girl keep a ruler on her newspaper?
A: Because she wanted to get the story straight.
- Q: Why was the father centipede upset?
A: Because all his kids needed new shoes.
- Q: Which animal never stops talking?
A: The yak.
- Those great jokes were sent in by **Gwen Thompson, 11, Berkeley.** Keep a look out for your three-point merit certificate in the mail. If you have some jokes to share with the Beehive Club, send them to: **The Land Beehive Club, c/- The Land, PO Box 999, North Richmond, NSW 2754.**

Buzz's Birthday Calls...

March 6

Annalise Martin, 10, Mullaley; Sheriden Bennet, 12, Hampden Hill; Katie Holmes, 10, Hazelbrook; Jack Goodear, 8, Cassilis; Nicholas McPherson, 7, Bogan Gate; Joey Galvin, 6, Glendon Brook.

March 7

Hannah Smith, 12, Toongabbie; Jackson Graham, 12, Adjungbilly; Zane Walker, 11, Charlestown; Josie Platts, 12, Ando; Isobelle Deshon, 9, Mendooran; Brianna Randall, 11, Lockhart.

March 8

Monica Rixon, 12, Razorback; Alyssa Hodges, 11, Bogan Gate; Jack Jeffs, 10, Coonabarabran; Annie Christensen, 11, Dunedoo; Jennifer Cross, 12, Temora; Ned Kennedy, 7, Trangie.

March 9

Anthony La Delfa, 10, Douglas Park; Jay-Dee Craft, 12, Wallabadah; Emily Taylor, 10, Quipolly; Adelaide Haddrill, 10, Naradhan; Disa Swiftie, 9, Wallaroo; Forbes Murdoch, 8, Tamworth.

THIS week's book, *Paruku*, by Jesse Blackadder, is the perfect story for animal lovers of all ages.

Twelve-year-old Rachel was born into a family of horse lovers – Dad is a vet, Mum trains and breaks horses in, and her sister is a champion show-jumper – so it's no surprise Rachel just loves trail riding and brumbies.

However, she's fast outgrowing her first pony.

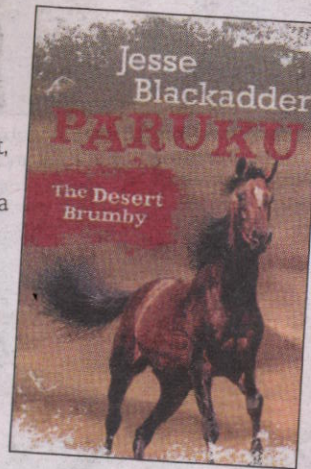
When her Dad is approached to catch and deliver 12 wild brumbies from Western Australia to a Sheik from Dubai, Rachel is determined to be a part of it.

Captivated by the wild power of Paruku, a

young bay stallion, Rachel finds herself confused by the prospect of taking away the brumby's freedom or the chance she could keep Paruku for herself.

Based on a true story, *Paruku* is a terrific read and is available from ABC Books.

■ Please keep sending in those hilarious jokes for your chance to earn some merit-point certificates. Send all entries to: **The Land Beehive Club, c/- The Land, PO Box 999, North Richmond, NSW 2754.**



Cheerio,
Queen Bee
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RIGHT: Katie McKay, 11, "Mawood", St George, Queensland, has drawn a beautiful picture of a beehive hanging in a tree.

