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Mystery over text about 'Darren'

5:06PM The text message instructed Nectaria Alex to pay $2500 to a man named Darren. She claims she had no idea what it meant, or even who sent it.

'It's my son': a family's grief

Hedi died under a tree in a playground. His wife and parents are begging for answers.

Crowdfunders have a Greek solution

If everyone chips in a few Euro, then the Greece situation can be sorted, fundraisers claim.

Bad news with looming cold front

5:23PM Temperatures are set to drop in Sydney but cold burst brings little good news for ski slopes.

Immigration cashes in on love

Lovestruck Australians tying knot overseas tomorrow will be kicking themselves they didn't do so today.

Abbott plays on our overblown fears

5:55PM Comment: The PM knows he's good at running scare campaigns. His latest has a purpose. 190

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From McEnroe's meltdown to Roddick's "stay in school" rant, relive some of the best (and worst) on-court tennis tantrums.

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Kristen's 'dramatic gesture' on ship

They took a cruise to strengthen their relationship. But then Kristen Schroder tried to 'alarm and test' Paul Rossington.

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- NSW councils are rich - and getting richer
- Archie's fatal fall at QVB
- Man killed in Sydney park

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Prisoners trying to break out of jail

5:55PM VIC Police use tear gas as inmates are believed to be trying to force their way into control room at remand centre.

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Air force plane crashes into houses

5:23PM Authorities scramble to identify casualties after Indonesian Hercules transport plane crashes into houses in Sumatran city.

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- Donald Trump fired by NBC
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Hockey wins defamation payout

Joe Hockey has had a partial victory in his defamation case against Fairfax Media. The Treasurer has been awarded $200,000 in damages.

ALP silent on refugee protection

Labor's draft national platform omits any reference to the principle that protects refugees from being returned to a country where they face harm. 29

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Christians want marriage equality too

MARGARET MAYMAN | Ireland's decision was cast as a victory against the Catholic Church. But it was also a victory for ordinary Christians.

Abbott's scare campaign hides the truth

ROSS GITTINS | 5:55PM Am I the only person who isn't cringing in fear, hoping Tony Abbott and Peter Dutton will save us from the tide of terrorism? 190

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Trillions spent but crises persist

5:36PM Beyond Greece and Puerto Rico, high borrowing is also bogging down the globally significant economies of Brazil, Turkey, Italy and China. 'We refuse to accept it': Greece

Late rally ends dismal quarter for ASX

6:05PM The ASX rallied late on Tuesday, but slid 7.3 per cent over the quarter.

Coles told to pay suppliers $12m

5:56PM Coles told by independent arbiter Jeff Kennett to refund small food and grocery suppliers.

Buffett in local healthcare insurance

Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway is expanding into Australian healthcare insurance.

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IPO heat wears off

VANESSA DESLOIRES | The IPO market started the financial year with a bang and ended with a whimper.

Crowdfunders have a Greek solution

COLIN KRUGER, CBD | As the musty world of banks and bureaucrats fails the Greek people, the digital world is stepping in to rescue an economy on the brink.

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- How the Greek debt crisis is hitting financial markets

Money

Funds fear rise of lawyer-led claims

SALLY PATTEN | Super funds have grown increasingly concerned that lawyers are becoming involved in claims from an early stage.

Super savings hit by Greek crisis

Greek tragedy may not be a problem for the economy, but it is costing super fund members plenty in lost retirement savings.

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The gym offering its members free pizza

DREW HARWELL | A gym with a free monthly pizza night has become a surprise fitness heavyweight.

Small Business

Seven crowdfunding tips

CHRISTOPHER NIESCHE | Learn how to raise money from the people who have generated tens of thousands this way.

This is why it pays to proofread

KATE JONES | Meet the business owner who learnt why it's essential to never leave the letter f out of the word shift.

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The home item to judge your date on

CASSANDRA BYRNES | Want to know if someone is a keeper? Here's the quick way to do it.

First home buyers to get first dibs

ANTONY LAWES | But don't expect to get a leg up close to the city, experts say.

One of da Vinci's cheapest works

ALEXANDRA SPANGARO | 5:18PM An unusual work by the Renaissance artist is for sale.

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Zaky Mallah affair dominates Q&A

01:25 Debate over Zaky Mallah's appearance on Q&A last week dominates Monday's show with panellists criticising the ABC's editorial decision and the government's "emotional" reaction.

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PETER VINCENT | 4:56PM Did Britney Spears just go all 'Scarface' at Iggy Azalea on Twitter? 1

Fifty Shades author's live chat backfires

JOSEPHINE TOVEY | 'What do you dislike more, independent, strong women or the English language?'

When Obama met Attenborough

EBONY BOWDEN | 6:15PM Barack Obama, David Attenborough discuss the Great Barrier Reef tonight.

- Momentum gaining: Same sex couples to be wed on TV
- 'Lefty lynch mob': Leak: ABC staff have been put at risk
- Joni recovering: Joni Mitchell to make 'full recovery'

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Would you do yoga with your partner?

NEDAHL STELIO | With #fitspo filling up Instagram faster than an Olsen twin fills up on Starbucks, couples are joining the revolution.

Douglas sorry for oral sex comments

It was meant to be tongue in cheek. Or something. But Catherine, and women in general, didn't see the funny side.

Is spontaneous dressing dead?

ELIZABETH CLARKE | In our age of Instagram anyone can be fashion royalty – and that's a problem.

- Public welcome: You're invited to Princess Charlotte's christening
- It's complicated: Avril Lavigne's 'second shot at life'
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Hartsyard pastry king goes it alone

SCOTT BOLLES | Hartsyard's Andrew Bowden is becoming a pop-up pastry chef.

Long Chim ups the stakes in Singapore

TERRY DURACK | Raw power and wild flavours up the stakes for David Thompson's new casino restaurant.

Bennelong is back, baby

CALLAN BOYS | After two years of uncertainty, the Opera House's dining room is back in business.

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Humiliating women for 'entertainment'

CLEMENTINE FORD | Is there a particular pleasure TV producers take in pranking women on-air?

The campaign to stop 'mancrimination'

JENNY NOYES | Is this real or a brilliant parody of the men's rights movement?

What about Q&A's other misogynists?

Zaky Mallah was not the first guest to respond to ideological differences with sexist, violent language.

- Secret misogynists: When you learn your fave is problematic
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- Seeing double: Guess who: famous actor or stunt double?

Parenting

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The baby with 100,000 Facebook fans

She may be only eight months old, but this little Australian has already amassed an international following.

Why Hana, 7, can't stop gaining weight

LIVIA GAMBLE | Hana Tarraf's body is hard-wired to put on weight, reaching 57 kilos this month. But Australian specialists couldn't help her.

Hilarious lessons on sex from my kids

ALISON BRADSHAW | Have your children ever shared with you what they know about sex? You might learn something new.

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Economy class actually is getting better

The focus has been on business and first-class, but airlines are now starting to up their game in economy.

Stop trying to cram everything in

THE BACKPACKER I used to try and see as much as possible, as quickly as possible. Not anymore.

Twenty reasons to visit this paradise

Blue lagoons and mystic mountains are just part of the allure of these idyllic islands.

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Batman's near-flawless finale

Review: Despite some controversy, nobody can deny this game is a grand and entertaining superhero epic.

SpaceX picks up pieces after explosion

SpaceX searches for what destroyed its Falcon 9 rocket after liftoff over the weekend, leaving its schedule in tatters.

Apple Music: what you need to know

Apple's new streaming service will be available in Australia soon. Here's how to get it.

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Twitter risks losing most valuable users

PETER WELLS | Comment: Twitter has been ignoring the nerds. I would just love a few signs that we still matter.

Aussie mine sitting on magical material

Mine is at the forefront of producing a magical material that could revolutionise the way we make everything around us. 1

Telstra's $90m Centrelink black hole

NOEL TOWELL | ACT Telstra is haemorrhaging money in its deal to manage the Centrelink phone lines, insiders say. 2

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Lexus brings turbo power to IS-Series

DAVID MCCOWEN | Upgraded sedan offers significantly more power than current V6.

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The new Ford and Holden rivalry tested

DAVID MCCOWEN | Traditional foes do battle on the hot hatch front.

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Tomic declares Hewitt a true mentor

MICHAEL CHAMMAS | 4:53PM Six years ago not many would have imagined Bernard Tomic and Lleyton Hewitt would now be such close allies.

Brit twins get Orica-GreenEDGE call

RUPERT GUINNESS | 5:21PM Only three Australians have made the Orica-GreenEDGE team for the Tour de France that starts Saturday

Hughes tragedy affected my pace: Mitchell Johnson

Mitchell Johnson says the impact of Phillip Hughes' death played a part in his recent slip in pace.

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Ennis to contest high-tackle charge

Cronulla hooker Michael Ennis will face the NRL judiciary on Wednesday night to fight his grade-one careless high-tackle charge.

Blues name Farah despite injury

MICHAEL CARAYANNIS | Blues coach says hooker will be given every chance to play.

Jennings would have accepted axe

4:44PM NSW centre Michael Jennings says he would've accepted his fate had Blues coach Laurie Daley dumped him for the Origin decider.

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