

## Questions for discussion

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### Aussie News

1. Why was the budget big news in Australia this year?
2. Not all budget cuts were passed in the Senate. Why?
3. Why were some people calling for the burka to be banned?
4. Who is Australia's new Governor-General?
5. Give an example of one of the powers of the Governor-General.
6. Which former Prime Minister of Australia died this year?
7. What did he introduce while he was PM?
8. Why was the Great Barrier Reef in the news?
9. Which members of the royal family visited Australia this year?
10. What do you think was the biggest Aussie news event this year? Explain your answer.

### World News

1. Where did Australia sent troops to fight this year?
2. In Gaza, fighting broke out between...
3. Which country is now claiming part of Ukraine?
4. Where did the MH17 plane crash happen?
5. The MH370 was travelling to \_\_\_\_\_ when it disappeared.
6. Where was there an outbreak of Ebola this year?
7. What did an international court decide about Japan's whaling program?
8. How many years has it been since the start of WWI?
9. When did WWI end?
10. How did some of the world news stories this year make you feel?

### Kid Causes

1. The Ice Bucket Challenge raised money for which disease?
2. Why is the cause important to Trinity?
3. What part of the body does Cystic Fibrosis affect?
4. Which campaign was raising awareness about body image issues?
5. Why did Claire write to the Prime Minister?
6. What did UNICEF Youth Ambassador Josh tell us about?
7. What is Tahlia passionate about?
8. Describe Malala Yousafzai's story.
9. How was her work recognised this year?
10. Which story about kids did you find the most inspirational this year? Why?

### Rookie Reporters

1. Discuss the *Rookie Reporters* story with another student.
2. What was Eliza's story about?

3. People with dyslexia have trouble remembering how...
4. What did we learn from Declan?
5. What does Jack have and how does it affect him?
6. Which rookie reporters travelled overseas to tell their stories?
7. What was your favourite rookie reporter story this year? Why?
8. Which BtN story had the biggest impact on you? Explain your answer.
9. If you were a rookie reporter, what would you report on?
10. Find out more about being a rookie reporter for BtN. Go to <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/rookie-training.htm> and check out some stories from kids around Australian and the world for inspiration.

### Bloopers

1. What do you think was the funniest moment on BtN this year?
2. Choose your top 5 stories from BtN this year. Briefly explain why you chose the stories.
3. What topics or issues would you like to see reported on BtN next year?
4. What changes would you make to BtN?
5. Choose your favourite story on BtN this year and write a brief summary of what the story was about.