

PROFILE

WILLIAM OLSEN // 12,
FUTURE PROBLEM
SOLVING TEAM MEMBER

Students from St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, shone at the annual Future Problem Solving Australian Finals. William Olsen, front left, and his four team-mates, Geordie McGrath, James O'Sullivan, Declan Sela and Oliver Wightman, were among 450 representing the top 15 per cent of Australia-wide students.

The competition, held at AB Paterson College on the Gold Coast, focuses on developing creative skills such as design, problem solving and devising positive ideas for the future.

"We are confronted by new problems almost every day, so it's essential that we have the resources to be able to solve them," says the Year 7 student, of Oxley.

"Through this competition, I've learnt



how to be strategic in both my thinking and writing."

William, whose team came second in the junior division and is now eligible to compete in the finals at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in the US next year, also plays violin and piano at the Young Conservatorium. St Joseph's College also won the action plan skit presentation with its production of *Counterfeit: the Musical*.

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It's never too early to learn about finances, and GLAM (Girls Learning About Money) is hosting an event to encourage nine-to-13 year olds to become financially savvy. The event promises lots of fun activities to introduce girls to the world of money and how to take care of their own financial needs. A representative from Suncorp Financial Planning will be on hand to provide advice. Thu, Nov 5, 4.30pm, \$30, Summit Events Centre, Iceworks, Level 5, 157 Given Tce, Paddington. www.girlslearningaboutmoney.com

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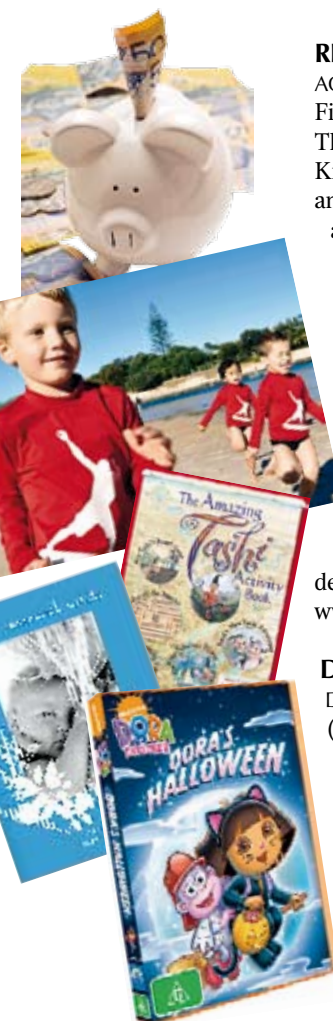
ACTIVITY BOOK, by Anna and Barbara Fienberg, (Allen and Unwin, \$19.99). This charming book, illustrated by Kim Gamble, is full of short stories and activities, including a board game and a dragon mobile. There are also delicious and easy-to-prepare recipes for the kids to make alone, or with an adult.

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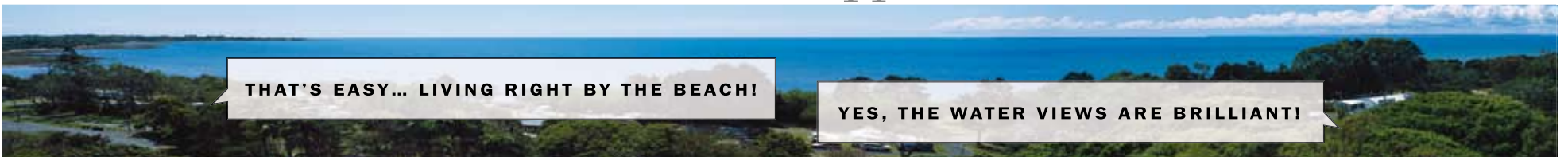
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