



# You've got mail.

“Vicki and Kaylee, could you go to the letterbox and see if there is any mail please?” asked Auntie Chris. The girls got on their bikes and rode down the driveway and then a kilometre down the road to the highway to where the farm’s letterbox stood with about 10 others. There was a letter from mum and dad so the girls excitedly raced each other back then called Sean to hear the news from home.

## Listen to God!

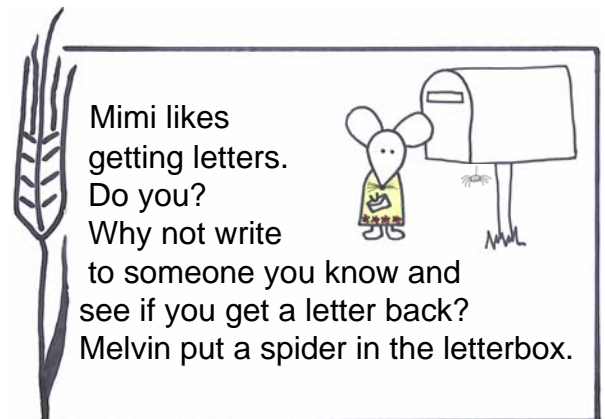
### Colossians 1:1-4, 3:12-14

In Bible times letters were important for sharing news and staying in touch. There were no emails, text messages or twitter. There wasn't even a telephone! Many of the books in the New Testament are copies of letters; letters that shared news, encouraged, gave advice and taught about following Jesus. These letters were written to real people in real places like the Colossians who lived in the city of Colossae.

They are also letters to those of us who read them today. They are letters to us from God because they are in his book, the Bible.

### Complete the quiz from Colossians

1. Who wrote the letter? (1:1)
2. Who was it to? (1:2)
3. What does Paul pray for them? (1:2)
4. What does he say about them (1:4)
5. What advice does Paul give? (3:12-14)
6. If you lived in Colossae, would you like to get a letter like this?



Mimi likes getting letters. Do you? Why not write to someone you know and see if you get a letter back? Melvin put a spider in the letterbox.

## Talk to God!

Dear heavenly father, thank you for the letters in the Bible. Thank you that they bring us good news about you.