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Welcome to our brand-spanking new newsletter where we bring you up to date with the latest and greatest things to happen at the agency over the past few months. As always, the focus is once again concentrated on the achievements of our little stars that have again been busy with castings right across Australia.

As is our usual custom, we will start with the **Latest News** and our headline story is about the very recent release of some very special movies with some very special Bettina Management kids grabbing much of the attention.

Our **Jobs** section lists many of the companies, brands and agencies who our kids have been casting and starring for since our last newsletter. And our most popular sections are back with more **Stories/Experiences** to entertain and inform you. Don't forget to also take a look at some of the

**Letters** the agency has variously received from our clients, parents and the little ones who make it all possible. Sit back, relax and enjoy the show!

## Jobs

Following is a list of some of the TV and print work that our kids have cast for or featured in since the last newsletter:

Aldi, Animal Kingdom (Short Film), AXA TVC, Barcelona Expandable Booster, Bardot for Kids, Best & Less, Betts Kids, Beyond Blue TVC, Big W, Birds Eye TVC, BK Clothing Design, Bonds, Boys Are Back In Town, BP, Breast Cancer TVC, Bright Boots, Brisbane Tourism, Brushing Teeth (On-line Video), Castrol TVC, Channel 7 'Sunday Night' (TV Show), Channel 7 'Triple Zero Hero' (TV Show), Chatroom Chick (TV Series), City Beach Surf, Clear Communications, Coke TVC, Country Road TVC, Cuddly TVC, Cussons TVC, David Jones TVC, Dept of Transport, Dimmeys, Disney Channel, East West 101 (Mini Series), Eraser (Mini Series), Federal Government TVC, Foxtel TVC, Grazia Magazine, Hamper King, HBF, Highlander Display Homes, Hill & Knowlton (Short Film), Home & Away (TV Show), In House TVC, John West, Just Jeans, KFC, Kmart, Korean Energy, Lincraft, Lockie Leonard (TV Series), Mad Gear, McDonalds TVC, Melanoma Foundation TVC, Mercedes-Benz TVC, Minihaha, Mission Foods TVC, My Make Believe, My Place (ABC Mini Series), Myer, Neighbours (TV Series), New Balance, Nickelodeon Kids TVC, Now Creative, OMO TVC, Ortolan, Outback Steakhouse TVC, Pacific Fair Fashion Parades, Panasonic TVC, Paul Scott Photography, Pioneer TVC, Practical Parenting Magazine, Quakers Oats, QV Skin Care, R.B Photography, Raymond Clothing, RB Photography, Real Estate Development TVC, Red Dust to Colours (Feature Film), Richard Weinstein Photography, RM Williams Fashion Parade, Russell Athletics, Sandcastle Kids (TV Series), SGIO TVC, Solutions Knitwear, Speedo, St John's Ambulance, Studio Bambini, Sunbuster Suncream, Sunday Telegraph, Super Q Supermarkets, Sustainability Victoria TVC, TAC TVC, Target Catalogue, Target TVC, Telstra, The Developing Foundation, The Distance Between (Short Film), The Face Euro, The Natural Confectionery Co, Tontine, Uncle Bens, Underbelly (Mini Series), Verizon TVC, Vic Roads, WA Office of Road Safety, Wellcom, Willow & Fin, Yellow Pages and many more!

## Latest News

### Movie Updates!

Our little star of the BIG screen, **Tiahn Green** has been getting rave reviews for her leading role in '**Closed for Winter**' (previously titled 'Elise'). The movie is about the story of Elise, a beautiful young woman haunted by a tragic event in her youth. The 'young' Elise is played by Tiahn and the 'old' Elise is played by **Natalie Imbruliga**.



Natalie Imbruliga and Tiahn Green in 'Closed for Winter'

While we don't have space to cover all of the reviews of the movie and Tiahn's outstanding performance, here are a couple of snippets... **David Stratton** from the ABC's **At the Movies** said "TIAHN GREEN is excellent playing Elise as a child 20 years earlier" and **The Age & Sydney Morning Herald** film reviewer **Giles Hardie** talked very favourably of the "excellent performances by Imbruglia and debutant Tiahn Green as Elise".

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### Other News Headlines:

**L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival, Australian Fashion Festival Parade - Pacific Fair, Success with the Major Retailers.**

## Stories/Experiences



Alanna being filmed in the Holden Captiva

**Alanna Purchase - Holden TVC.** Hi Anna, Dad and I had the best time at Phillip Island filming the Ad for **Holden**. It was so cool, I was a big sister with a new mum and dad and a little brother, and a

puppy called Murphy. At the start we had the best brecky even though we got up at 6 o'clock, and it was still dark when we finished eating. After brecky Nadia chose my clothes to wear and Eve put my hair in a ponytail for my look. When everybody was ready Lucy (producer) drove us to the holiday house where the car was already being filmed on its own. After a little while, we did our family poses filming with a different colour car, before another car was brought in for me and "my brother" to be filmed by our self through the back hatch. I was looked after all the time by Jess and the girls and they kept me warm when we weren't filming. I liked pretending to be a family and the other actors were really lovely. I

loved doing the ad and I can't wait to see what it looks like on tele. Thank you sooo much Anna for putting me up for the Ad and I can't wait to do another one. Bye, Alanna xx (as told to Dad)

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## Letters

"Just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the staff of Bettina Management and to **Andy Tavares** of **Attitude Studios**. Since our first phone

conversation a week ago to yesterday's portfolio photos we have encountered nothing but professionalism and enthusiasm from everyone. All have shown an understanding of a child's nature (especially that of a toddlers) and has let him be his natural self which has allowed him to enjoy every minute of it showing in his confidence to interact with the management team. **More Letters on Page 4**

## Closing

Well, that wraps things up for this, our latest edition of the newsletter...bringing straight to your home, the latest and greatest news from the agency. From the headline makers to the heart breakers, we had it all. If you would like us to share your story or experience with our readers in the next newsletter, please send it in to [info@bettina.com.au](mailto:info@bettina.com.au). But for now, stay warm as we head into winter and keep an eye out for our next newsletter hitting your inboxes in around 3 months time. Until then, take care, Love Bettina xo





## Stories/Experiences (Continued)...

Hi Anna, I just wanted to send you a quick note to thank you for your assistance and advice last week. Alanna and I had a great time at Phillip Island filming the **Holden Captiva** shoot. It started with very nice accommodation at the Quays Motel at San Remo. The great team at AJF Partnership (Production Team), who took good care of us - especially with a gourmet breakfast (at 6:00am), then wardrobe and makeup before being driven to the set. Everyone made sure we were fed, comfortable, and involved with what was filming at all times. Alanna was fussed over and responded with great performances (as director Cameron said). She was so excited having a "new family" and a puppy to hold in a few of the takes, and her enthusiasm made the crew laugh. It is due to be screened from the 13th of April nationally. What a wonderful industry and so interesting from behind the camera. The confidence it has given Alanna is fabulous and shows, as she is not fazed by cameras, props or anything put to her to try. It was a fantastic opportunity and an experience we won't forget. Thanks Anna! Best Wishes, Andrew (Alanna's Dad)

### Jacob and Caleb Howard - Chanel 9 Pilot Show

Hello everyone, during the first week of the October school holidays we went for our first audition. We had to go to a place in Stanmore and we had to pretend to interview people. It was fun. Some of the questions were very silly. A week later they called mum and asked if we could go back but this time if we could be dressed up in suits (smart clothes). It was pretty much doing the same thing as the first audition. About two weeks later Mum got another call to say we got the job! Wow, it was so exciting! We had to go to **Channel 9** studios and interview **Deni Hines**. On the day, we had to be there by 8:30am. Then they took us to have our hair done. **Georgie Parker** stopped us in the hallway and gave us a hug and wished us luck. Then it was time to get into our tuxedos. When we were dressed we were taken to where we had to interview Deni. The place was great for hide and seek. We had fun interviewing Deni and she had her photo taken with us. We like Deni, she was really nice. Now we are waiting to film in front of a live studio audience with the host. We will let you know when we are going to be on TV. We are so excited to be doing this! Jacob and Caleb Howard

### Montana Banning - Bloch Shoes



Hi everyone at Bettina's. Montana Banning here (7 years old), to say thank you for my first ever modelling job with **Bloch shoes**. I really liked all the shoes and clothes, in one photo I had to wear 9 tutu's as one dress, it was lots fun. I had my hair and makeup done by Paul and I was dressed by Peter. I got to hold all different things like balloons and sunglasses but everything was white except for the shoes. I made a new friend...her name is Lauren, and everyone was really nice. I can't wait to do some more modelling jobs. Lots of Love Montana

### Lily Millington - Golden Crumpets TVC

Hi Anna, just a quick note to say Lily had a fab time on Thursday filming the **Golden Crumpet** commercial. It became very hot by the



afternoon in the kitchen she was filming in but she kept on going like a true professional. I had some lovely feedback from everyone there, so it was quite difficult getting my head out of the door at the end of the day. I hope you receive the same and they weren't just being nice to me. Thanks again for everything you have done. Regards, Lily and Lily's Mum, Tina.

### Tyla Korvema - 'Tomorrow' Short Film



My daughter Tyla Korvema was called in for a casting to be in a short film production called "**Tomorrow**". Being a shy girl I was surprised when we received a phone call saying that Tyla had got the part. The first two weeks were hectic with photo shoots and on location rehearsals. The main shooting of the film happened in the first week of the NSW School Holidays and Tyla attended shootings at Petersham Railway Station, Balmain Hospital, Botany Bay National Park and a Suburban Street. There are 4 main characters in the film with Tyla playing the character of Amy. Tyla's Great Grandmother was asked if she could attend a shooting where only her hands would be filmed knitting the "yellow scarf". Tyla was thrilled and so was her Great Grandmother (Mary), you're never too young to learn new things! Tyla thoroughly enjoyed the experience (she doesn't stop talking about it) and I wish to thank Bettina Management for putting her forward. Christie Korvema

### Indiana Garlick - Milo TV Commercial

Hello Everyone, I am so excited to tell you all that I am featured on the new **Milo TV Commercial**!!!! I am the little netballer. My name is Indiana Garlick and I am 8 years old. I have long brown hair and green eyes and am looking very serious in the ad! I have seen it about 10 times in the last few days, so exciting!!! I had the BEST time making the ad and would like to say a HUGE thank you to Bettina Model Management for inviting me to the casting. It was an unbelievable experience and I can now say - I have the acting bug! Thank you to everyone involved in getting me my first job, I now look forward to many more. Many Thanks, Indiana Garlick.

### Kai Dickson - New Idea /Target Shoot

Hi Anna, Kai and I had a great time at the shoot thank you so much to Bettina, the whole photo crew and fashion people were lovely. I can't believe just how much Kai loved it and didn't complain once when he was wearing tracksuits on a very hot day. Hehe... he had so much fun. It was such a beautiful spot too where the shoot was at the Basin. We had a bit of a scare with some big goannas which actually made the day even more interesting. When we got there we found out that we knew the other 4 year old girl in the shoot too which was good. Anyway thank you again and Kai cant wait to do further shoots that might come his way. Kai and his Mum

### Kanoie Holland - K-Mart Photoshoot

Mummy drove me to Noosa. I watched the babies do their photo's first. Then it was my turn with another funny boy. Amber tickled me alot and I laughed and smiled. My baby brother, Chi was watching me. I jumped and splashed in the water, that was fun. I can't wait to do it again. I smiled lots and lots and lots. I had lots of fun. By Kanoie



## Latest News (Continued)...

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So it appears unanimous! Tiahn's movie debut was "excellent"! And we wholeheartedly agree. What a talent we have here! The premier of 'Closed for Winter' is occurring at the end of April (while this newsletter is in production) and Tiahn's whole family will be flying in for the big event.

We are so excited for Tiahn and her family and we look forward to bringing you news of her next project in the near future. Keep your eye out for this rising star of the Australian film industry and our little agency!

Another movie that you may have heard of (and many will have very recently seen) is 'Knowing' starring **Nicholas Cage, Rose Byrne** and nine-year-old US actor **Chandler Canterbury**. Bettina Management's very own **Mark Trainor** played Chandler's double in the movie, as Nicholas Cage's son. Since being released in late March, the film has already grossed US\$75Million in the States alone!

Here are a couple of comments from the reviewers for this blockbuster, filmed just 600 metres from Bettina Management's head office in the Docklands. **Margaret Pomeranz** from the ABC's **At the Movies** gave the film 4/5 stars and said "I really loved (Knowing)...I think the special effects are fabulous... it's a super film." And arguably America's best known critic, **Roger Ebert** said "Knowing is among the best science-fiction films I've seen - frightening, suspenseful, intelligent and, when it needs to be, rather awesome."

Brilliant reviews indeed for another locally made film! Hats off once again to Mark Trainor, and the other Bettina Management members who were extras in the film. It takes up a lot of paper, but they all deserve a mention too! Congratulations again to **Aaron Ford, Adam Balli, Adele Reardon, AJ Michael, Alana Dobbs, Alanna Purchase, Ali Simpson, Alicia Granata, Annabelle Mummery, Ashley Neville, Brenton O'Dwyer, Brittany Hastings, Caitlyn Harry, Caitlyn Williams, Campbell De Kreger, Callie Wilson, Casey Jones, Charlie Levine, Charlotte Ford, Cynan Baugh, Dale Marshall, Ellesha Hardeman, Hannah Smith, Jade Sandkuhl, Kaela Martin, Lachlan Ford, Liam Fothergill, Liam Richards, Lloyd Hillard, Madeline Galea, Madison Hall, Madison Williams, Magenta Townsend, Mary Ngoma, Maxwell Norton, Michael Hastings, Mitchell Chapman, Morgan Galea, Natasha Slater, Nicholas Bishop, Olivia Havers, Sabit Esati, Sarah Thompson & Tayla Harry!**



### L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival

On March 19, 2009 it was **Bella McCarkell, Harry Durand, Jordan Bralic & Coco Batey's** turn to hit the catwalk at the Mini-Me parade as part of the **L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival**. Our little models got the gig ahead of around 500 other hopefuls to walk the stage in fashion labels including **Big by Fiona Scanlan, Country Road, Elodie & Elvis, Bardot, Replika, Megan Park** and **Peter Alexander**.

Some of Australia's biggest sporting and TV stars and their little ones also joined our kids on the catwalk as part of a show that received wall to wall media coverage with all the major TV networks and papers. It really was an amazing achievement for Bella, Harry, Jordan and Coco to be successful with so much competition for a place in the show. They deserved all of the attention including spots on the nightly TV news and in the newspapers the next day! A real achievement that they (and no doubt their families and friends) should be proud of for years to come! Well done again from all of us here at the agency too!



### Australian Fashion Festival Parade - Pacific Fair

There has been no shortage of action on the catwalk for Bettina Management kids of late! In early April, **Prue Hartley, Rosa Belle James, Morgan Sanderson, Bella Sommer Ball, Mieszko Gorczyński, Jett Lintmeijer, Keely Lintmeijer, Hannah Dallon, Victoria Brough, Cooper Voll** and **Oliver Jeffery** hit the stage modelling fashions at the Gold Coast's **Pacific Fair**. Put your hands together for these kids as they all did an absolutely outstanding job and did the agency proud once again! Congrats kids!



### Success with the Major Retailers

If someone put together a list of Australia's biggest retailers, the names you would likely find at the top of the list are...**Myer, Target, K-Mart, Coles, Big W, Aldi, Best & Less** and **David Jones**. One other thing these retailers have in common is that each and every one of them has been using Bettina Management kids over the past year to advertise their products. We are very proud of this fact and in this latest edition of the newsletter, we would like to make special mention of the newest two stars from the agency to make it. Hats off to **Max Thronsen**, who has been modelling for **David Jones** over recent months and **Jade Bell** who is literally a weekly regular in the ALDI catalogues. Well done to Max and Jade!





## Letters

Yesterday's photo shoot with Andy was fantastic. Blake felt at ease the whole time and didn't stop talking about it with his dad later on in the night. I was very pleased when Andy had enough time to take a few photos of myself with Blake even managing to make me look good too - I cant wait to show them to the family when they arrive. Sincerely" **Melinda Livera (Mother of Blake - 25 months old)**

"Hi Anna, we would like to say thank you for the castings you have sent Baeley. He enjoyed the **Aqua Blu** shoot but the **Aldi** shoot he loved. He loves the beach and enjoyed his shoot in the water even though it was cold. Also the parading of **RM Willams** clothing at Milson's point (where) he (really) enjoyed strutting his stuff. Thank you for the joy of watching his confidence grow with each casting or shoot he goes to." **Kerrie Recchia (mother of Baeley)**

"Dear Anna, my daughter, Penny Cafios (2 ½) recently appeared in **Shop 4 Kids**. This was her first photo shoot with Bettina Management and she absolutely loved the whole modelling experience. Penny was already a confident child,



but something about wearing gorgeous clothing, getting her hair and make-up done (Penny was the only child there that did not hesitate for make-up touch ups) and taking photos, has made her more confident. She was delighted to see herself in the magazine and cannot stop talking about the whole experience. I have recommended Bettina Management to two of my friends, both have little boys. One has already signed up and the other is in the process of coming in for an interview. I would like to thank you so much for the wonderful experience and I hope that more work comes Penny's way in the future. Kindest regards" **Gabriella Cafios (Mother of Penny)**

"Hi Anna, we would like to thank you all for your help and suggestions for our recent **Suncorp** campaign. The agency has shortlisted the job to 4 girls which they will be organising recalls for. The agency was very impressed with the amount of excellent talent that were available and we would like to thank you and your talent for the effort that was put into the auditions. Look forward to working with you all on the next one. Regards" **Ben and Michelle, Ben Parkinson Casting (Suncorp Campaign)**

"Dear Bettina Team, just a short note to thank you for giving Rosie the opportunity to participate in the **Australian Fashion Design Festival** parade at Pacific Fair on Thursday. She had a wonderful time, her mother was much more nervous!! It was valuable experience for her and she is already asking when her next "job" will be! Many thanks" **Rachel James (Mother of Rosabelle)**

"Dear Anna, thank you so much for recommending Erion for a part in **Home & Away**. Don't think he got this one. What they asked for was how tall all the boys are. Erion has grown and was the tallest of all the boys there. Maybe they were after a certain height, but he always comes out laughing and tells me "that was fun!" Thank you for giving Erion a great future. With all the experience, we don't give up. Anna, thank you for believing in Erion. We both love you." **Erion Ramljak & Diana Ramljak**

"Hi Anna, just wanting to thank you again for the opportunity to get work, and finally see the results. I have just checked the **Just Jeans** website and I am on there. I had such a great time doing the shoot and the girls from Just Jeans, the makeup artist and photographer were so much fun. Also I just picked up the **Chem-Mart** catalogue and I am on the front page with little Freddie. I have attached the front page for you to see." **Ashlin Collins**

"Thanks again for assisting and pass our best onto little Amelia – she was an absolute angel truly! Best regards" **Hollie Felstead (Publicist referring to Bettina Management's Amelia Grace)**

"Here is the final image we went with that will be used in the upcoming **Sony** campaign, they will be in store and in the press! Thanks for helping us out and thank **Hannah** for me! The shots came out great; she must be a natural." **Sarah Kozien (Production Coordinator referring to Bettina Management's Hannah Dallan)**

