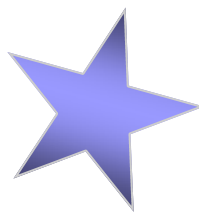


We continue to search for new talented child models, especially in the 8-16 age group, so if you know someone who has what it takes to be a little star, please ask them to give us a call!

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As the days get shorter and the mornings colder, hopefully our wrap-up of the summer '05/06 season will be just what you need to get through this winter! In this special edition of our newsletter, we are handing over creative control to our readers! That means this edition focuses more on the stories and letters from our little stars with a jam-packed **Achievements/Experiences** and **Letters** sections. But we've also managed to 'shoe-horn' in a more compact version of our usual segments including the **Latest News** and the latest **Jobs** section highlighting some of the work that our kids have featured in and cast for in the past few months. We're also running a great competition in this edition. See if you know the answer to the quiz question and you could run away with some great prizes! So without further ado, let's get into it!



### 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: Studio Bambini, Cancer Council, Metropolitan Water, Pram Safety, Kids Fashion Catalogue, Poltergeist, KFC Boneless Variety Basket, Freedom, Caltex, Wrigleys Juicy Fruit, Whiskas, Telstra, Happy Feet, Continental, Sony Dvd Handy Cam, Smiths Tazos, Mcdonalds, Forensic Investigations, Betty Crocker Cookies, Cheesy Pops, Target- Mothers Day, Gumboots, Health Assist (Govt), Victoria Toursim, Jeep 'Fountains', St George, Medibank Private, Mitre 10, Target-Telefunken TV, SIDS, Herald Weekly Times, McCain, Fast Lane, Bardot, Country Road, Dimmeys, Huggies, Neighbours – TV Show, Osh Kosh, Practical Parenting, Telstra, Kmart, Target, Myer, Run Scotty Run, Blue Sport, Kick, Nova 96.9, Mcdonalds, Pokemon, Whiskas TVC, Kellogg's Nutrigrain, Fiddler On The Roof, K-Mart Toy Sale, Power Rangers, Mitre 10 (6xTVC's), Target Mothers Day TVC, Autobarn, Cancer Council, W i g - gles, Apia and many more...

### Latest News

#### Kerry-Anne Kennerly Show

As part of Parenting Australia Expo's promotions for this year's event, we put on our Kindy Katwalk for TV viewers across Australia. Strutting their stuff in front of Kerrie-Anne and the Channel 9 crew were Lucy Crossing, Charlotte Gillman & Jamieson Burke. They all put on a magical performance and did Bettina Management proud! Thanks to all who participated and helped on the day!

**Aspire Media Group classes** The Aspire Media Group workshops have so far trained hundreds of our members and non-members alike. A range of new classes have been arranged for the coming school holidays. The classes will be covering Dancing, Personal Presentation, Finishing & Etiquette, Acting, Modelling & Auditioning. To secure your child's place or find out more call Marilyn on 1300 658 016.



Bettina with the kids on the Kerry-Anne set in Sydney

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**Happy Feet** A HUGE congratulation is due for our BIG 'little' star, Charlotte Gillman who features in the new Warner Bros animated blockbuster, 'Happy Feet'. This animated feature is about a misfit Emperor penguin who can't sing his mating song to his girl, so he learns to tap dance instead. Directed by George Miller (BABE), and starring Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman & Magda Szubanski - the film is released in Australia on 26 December 2006 (Boxing Day). Check out our **Achievements/Experiences** section to hear all about Charlotte's introduction to the world of movie making!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: We will be emailing all future newsletters to your registered email address rather than post. If we don't have your email address on record, please email it to newsletter@bettina.com.au with your child's name.**

### Achievements/Experiences

Charlie Dean – SPC TVC (Story by Julie Dean)



Charlie had been chosen for an interview for an **SPC** commercial. Nerves and pulses racing and armed with enough sprinkle sandwiches to fill all the kids on set, we arrived at the location and introduced ourselves. From that moment on we were looked after and spoilt unlike anything we expected. On the set, they had a room with two beds so the little ones could rest whenever they needed. There were enough toys to occupy an army of children. The caterers seemed to magically whip up a storm from their Catering Van with an "everything you can imagine" menu for Breakfast both days, and lunch on the first day was a sight to be believed. Whenever they thought (or we thought) Charlie needed a rest, he was given a break and with every step of the way, he was considered first. Everyone on the set was friendly, polite and included us in on everything. There was no tension at any time and we thoroughly enjoyed every minute. The first day saw us shooting Charlie's scenes for 4 hours. The second day we finished the other 3 in 1.5hours. According to all on location he was brilliant and they were delighted he performed so well putting them ahead of time. In a nutshell, the SPC shoot was pure class and everyone involved are to complemented. Charlie loved all the fuss and attention and of course enjoyed all the applause and cheer when he flicked his food all over the place as directed by the script - it took two days after the shoot to break him out of that one! Our 3 year old niece was the first to spy the ad. Apparently she ran into the kitchen screaming to her parents "Charlie is on TV". My brother rang and told us and we acted like he was just having us on.

### Letters

"Dear Bettina, Thank-you for Erion's castings, he had fun. Not sure if Erion is what the producers wanted but its all experience for him. He enjoys going to all castings as he said "mum, you never know...I have to go to them all". Personally, I think that was very smart of him! Your Erion takes it very personally and seriously so I am proud of him. Thank-you for giving my son, and your Erion a fantastic chance and greater confidence and a different life! Thank-you Bettina and to all the staff! You guys are the best! Love Erion and Diana Ramljak."....cont'd

### Closing

Thanks again for joining us on our exciting journey over the summer period. Expect to see our wrap-up of the autumn season very soon. Love to all and please continue to keep sending in lots of contributions to our newsletters. We really appreciate it! Love Bettina xxoo

## Latest News (Continued)...



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### Competition (Open to all current Bettina Management members)

Everyone's heard of Reese Witherspoon right? She took home the Oscar for Best Actress at this year's Academy Awards for her portrayal of June Carter in the hit movie, *Walk the Line*. But do you know what her first ever job was? If you think you can answer this question, send us your answer before August 31 and you will go in the running for one of the following prizes: **1 x Free photo shoot including photos to the value of \$200, 1 x Free workshop with AMG, value of \$60.** Send entries to [info@bettina.com.au](mailto:info@bettina.com.au) or 601/5 Caravel Lane, Docklands VIC 3008.

### Achievements/Experiences

...cont'd Yes, we thought it a great joke to play on our emotions as we all knew it was somewhere around the time the ad would be released but thought it cruel to rope in their daughter - after all, we hadn't told her about the ad. Even though we thought we had been tricked, we still channel surfed for commercials and ended up having dinner on the couch! We so do not do dinner on the couch in this house so it shows how much hope we had riding with us. Then we saw it. There was our Charlie flicking porridge with the best of them and giving his cheeky grin in all directions. Honestly, it was a proud and life altering moment. We will no doubt play the clip over and over and over. What a great experience it has been all round. I could never have imagined the high could be this high! Charlie is only two and has already done something in his life. He's only two and now has a resume! He's only two and he's on TV! He's only two and has no idea how significant this is .... for a parent! I just wanted to say thanks for opening us up to such a great experience. Heath and I couldn't have asked for better and we look forward to many more adventures with Bettina Management and Charlie. Thanks Jacintha for everything. Bye for Now, Julie Dean.

Charlotte Gillman – "Happy Feet" Movie (Story by Stephanie Gillman)

Hi Guys, Well it's been a long 3 days, but a great experience for both Charlotte and I on the set of "Happy Feet". We were treated like royalty, and all the cast and crew were like family by the time we had to say goodbye yesterday. **George Miller** (the Director) is a wonderful and talented man, full of encouragement and kind words. The team were professional and great to work with. We had three days of shooting, with the first focusing on Charlotte's solo scenes in the movie. Lots of close up camera work and 'tapping' routines to learn, which she mastered with the help of Wayne and Caroline (sound capture technicians). On the second day we met Charlotte's "Mum" and the two were inseparable. I must admit, I think Charlotte's favourite crew member was Toot the Clown/Stand in penguin! Toot was in charge of eliciting smiles and laughter on set whilst taking on the role of pretend penguin to give all the cast and crew a focal point, as this was a green screen type production where the animated penguins will be added later. Toot inspired with balloon animals and lots of nose picking to get the right laugh at the right time! On the third day it was time to bring in the extras, and there was about 30 of them all crowding around Charlotte and "Mum", but Charlotte handled it like a professional, receiving her applause with grace, poise (and a very big head) at the end from all the cast and crew for all her efforts over the three days. Charlotte has had a taste of stardom and likes it a lot! We are all definitely looking forward to seeing her on the big screen. So thanks for making it all possible, by introducing her to the movie making world, and we look forward to the next opportunity that comes our way. Thanks again and regards, Stephanie and Charlotte Gillman



Jameson Birks in action unleashing the dirty hands on the Four 'N Twenty TV Commercial

Jesse Taverna - The Society Murders (Story by Natalie Taverna)

Dear Jacintha, my name is Natalie Taverna, my son Jesse recently got an exciting role on a Tele-Movie (**The Society Murders**) thanks to the Bettina Agency. We were not quite sure what to expect when we arrived on set at 6:45 am. The crew soon made us feel extremely welcome and off Jesse went to make-up and wardrobe. The attention Jesse received on the two days he took part in this role was over whelming. Jesse also had the opportunity to spend the day with **Georgie Parker**; it was one of the highlights of my day. Whilst on set Jesse enjoyed being fussed over and had an absolute blast. The day was a great experience for the whole family. Now we are waiting for the airing of the Tele-Movie, so the excitement is building up in our family. Jesse can't wait to do it all again. We would like to thank Bettina for giving our son this opportunity and for all of your support. We would highly recommend Bettina to any one. Natalie Taverna

Jameson Birks - Four 'N Twenty TVC. Hi Jacintha, I had to get up really early and get ready for my **Four 'N Twenty** commercial. It was a long drive to the commercial and mummy was worried she was going to get lost. When I got there everybody was very nice to me. I had to get dressed in a big bus and have my hair done so I looked

good for the cameras. I got a white suit and had to pretend I was in a wedding. They asked me to do different acting stuff and sometimes I had to do it a lot. A very nice lady brought me juice and muffins when I got hungry. There was a really nice person who showed me all of the equipment and how it worked. It was really fun to do this, but the most fun was dipping my hands in chocolate and printing them onto the back of the white coat. I had a great time and really want to do more and I also want to be on TV as well. It's so much fun. Thank you Jacintha for making me get on TV I always wanted to do it. Love, Jameson Birks

Trinity Mai – Coles TVC (Story by Mai Nguyen)

Hi, my name is Trinity and I am now 9 months old, I had my first job on a **Coles** commercial on the 19th of January 2006. Myself and mummy had a great time although the hot summer day did make us feel a bit uncomfortable but all and all it was a great experience. The best thing about my first job is that I just had to lay there and be happy. I did have a few troubles here and there, where I didn't stay still and I kept rolling around. That's because I was happy that I had picked up on my rolling techniques and now I am crawling. My mummy loved the experience because she got to see all the exciting things that people do behind the scenes and that everyone was very friendly. I can't wait to see ME on TV and believe me, my mummy can't wait to see ME..... :) I would like to take this chance to thank Bettina Management for the opportunity that they gave me, so a **BIG THANKS** to Bettina Management. Trinity Mai (with Mum's help!)

**Letters** Continued from previous page.....Hi there Jacintha, It was a great experience for Jameson to appear on the **Kerrie Anne** morning show. He really enjoyed meeting other children from the agency and hanging out with them while they waited for their spot to be recorded. The children got on well together dancing to the singer while he was tapping and chatting to the other mums they were going to be appearing with. Jameson also loved the cool clothes he got to wear and loved the whole make up and hair thing. He was most excited about meeting Bettina because he wanted to thank her for getting him on TV which has always been a dream of his. Overall it was a good day. It's very interesting to have a behind the scenes perspective because it certainly takes alot of work and time to put together the finished product that we view at home. Thanks again for putting Jameson up for this opportunity, he did really enjoy himself and it has only left him wanting more. Kind Regards, ★ Carolyn Birks.

"Dear Carly, I love coming to your workshops. I have so much fun and it is the bestest thing that I love doing. I have learnt heaps and heaps of stuff and now when I go to my auditions I'm not scared or nervous anymore. My favourite thing is the catwalk and when I grow up I want to be Australia's next top male model or a famous TV star because it is so cool and I have mega fun. You are the best teacher and your workshops rock. Love Brody McPharlane."