

POVERTY

*“THE POLICY IS NOT WICKED
WE ARE.....”*

THE MAGIC

Warm Feet

*Brought the boots and winter socks last fortnight.
Can afford new coats today. We will be
mushrooming over the weekend.*

*If the \$550 stays we maybe able to afford a
kitten. It breaks my heart when “Pet Week” at
school - it is something that I dread.*



550 Reasons

Smile





78% Groceries

“for the first time in my sons 6 years of life we have been able to use the heater in winter.

We have actually been able to buy our own groceries, instead of relying on family or charity”



**Fresh food
and a treat at
the farmer's
market**



**NO
DUMPSTER
DIVING**



40% KEEPING A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS

“I’m a single mum with these two amazing kids. With hope there is happiness. I have paid off debt and look towards a brighter future. I have the hope that we can keep our family home and live in it until the kids are old enough.



Homelessness is not free

Could fix my back tyres.
Blew them whilst homeless and living
in my truck.



I can now pay my bills on time and suffer less
anxiety. I've also managed to get my brakes fixed
and the many other things that had gone wrong, I
saved up \$2500 for these repairs, that's how bad
a condition my vehicle was in. I have this van so
that I can feel safe from homelessness, it's a
home made camper van by myself.

55 % HEATING (WHITE GOODS)

Heating!! it's been 4 years!!!!

The house will never be put back together but I have heating for my children that's all I care about. Bugger plaster and walls



An old gas heater died and thankfully to the \$550 supplement I was able to go and purchase a new one straight away to keep my new baby and 2 other children warm at night (one has severe croup). I normally would not have had the money



45% Clothing

First birthday in three-years that I could afford to buy my son a present. happy 15th.

He always says that he does not want anything, he knows I can't afford a present. this year, we also had a cake. a proud mum with a boy who will now have warm feet.

My 15 year-old son is 5,8

The supplement has allowed me to buy him a pair of jeans and sneakers from the men's department in target.

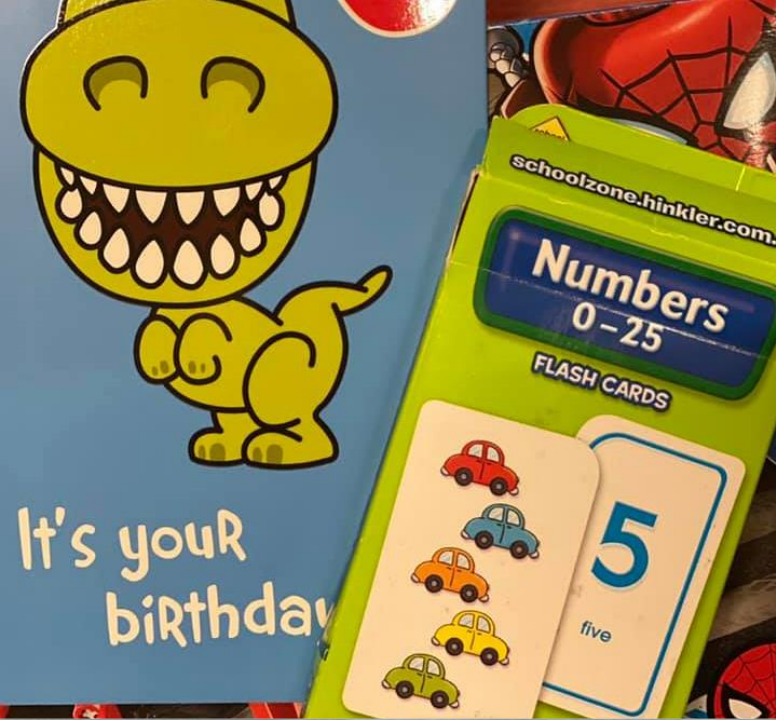
They fit perfectly, for the first time in ages he says he can move freely in his jeans. He looks totally slick in them too 😊

They were on sale, \$45 for the jeans and \$39 for the shoes.

No way could I have afforded them before; he was stuck in the ill fitting \$12 kind.

We are both so stoked to be able to pay for these for school ❤️





**SPORT,
BIRTHDAYS,
DOING 'KIDS
STUFF" &

DON'T FORGET OUR
PET**

22-Jul-2020 CTCL CT Calcium Scoring
22-Jul-2020 Time 1045hrs

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Payment Received for this Invoice :			\$135.00
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We have a number of convenient payment options for you.

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Bill code: 123117

Amount due on this invoice

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I HAVE A GENETIC CONDITION
THAT CAN AFFECT MY
ARTERIES.

TODAY I COULD AFFORD THE
SCREENING TEST TO SEE IF I
HAVE EARLY STAGE HEART
DISEASE.

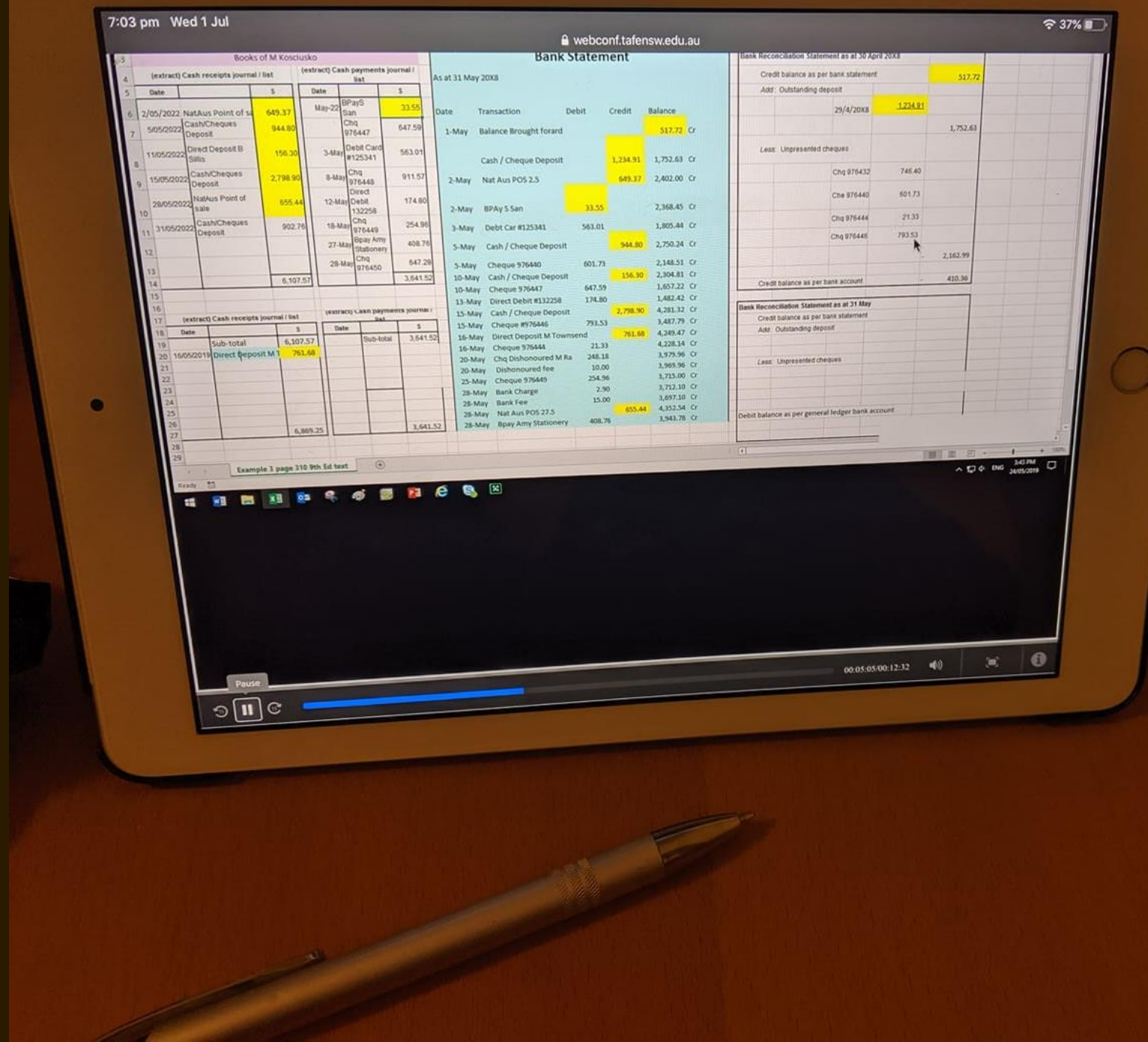
I WILL NEED THIS TEST AGAIN
IN MY LIFETIME BUT TODAY
WAS THE FIRST TIME I COULD
ACTUALLY AFFORD IT.

Youth Allowance - can
never afford basic
medication.



PRIDE & HOPE

Our family is healthier due to having enough food to eat and healthier options	70%
Reduced stress and anxiety as we can pay our household bills	88%
Sleeping better, not waking up due to money stress	64%
Stigma has reduced as we can afford clothing e.g. a coat for the winter, shoes that fit	46%



WORK READY

Here is my refurbished iPad. I was able to afford it, along with textbooks so I could enrol in a course and reskill. It is also used by my school aged daughter for schoolwork.

We've also been able to keep ourselves much warmer this winter.

IT`S GENDERED

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graph LR; A((We expect women to work as if they don't have children)) --> B((We expect women to raise children like they don't have work)); B --> C((PPS, FTB, $1.6 B Child Support Debt));
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We expect women to raise children like they don't have work

PPS, FTB,
\$1.6 B
Child Support Debt



I will struggle again.

My two children are 5 & 2 years. They will have less access to healthy food.

I'll have to start taking out payday loans again for Christmas presents.

I'll have to work something out for electricity, otherwise, living in an uninsulated NSW house in the hottest part of Sydney, I risk my babies getting heat stress.



Tumblr

CHLOE

550 has given myself and my two young children the opportunity to escape severe domestic violence, not only having enough to fill up the car to get away but also enough to purchase fresh food and needed medical items. I didn't have to choose between our safety or food.

This has been a life changer and may have been a life saver.

My children for the first time ever can have fresh food in a safe home surrounded by love. ♡





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