1. When is Kevin Rudd planning to have the election?
   a. September - Kevin Rudd has decided to set the election for September the 7th.

2. Why has the US State Department issued a global travel warning and closed 22 of its embassies?
   b. they have identified a potential terrorism threat - The State Department warned American citizens of the potential for terrorism by Al-Qaeda particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, with a possible attack occurring or coming from the Arabian Peninsula.

3. A north Queensland fruit grower is claiming a first for Australia, installing a vending machine for his fruit in the centre of Brisbane. What type of fruit is it?
   b. bananas - The bananas are grown and packed in plastic at Tully and then transported to Brisbane to be stocked in the machine in a food court in the CBD. Packs of three bananas sell for $2 and five bananas for $3.

4. In what country has the re-election of Robert Mugabe led to claims of vote-rigging and corruption?
   b. Zimbabwe - The controversial leader, Robert Mugabe has been in power for 33 years. He secured 61.09 percent of the vote in a result that the main opposition says it will not accept.

5. Last week was National Missing Persons Week. How many people are reported as missing in Australia every year?
   b. 35,000 - Australian Federal Police say 35,000 people are reported missing every year in Australia - the equivalent of one person every 15 minutes. Twenty percent of these show signs of mental illness prior to going missing.

6. The international acts to headline the Big Day Out have been announced. What is the Big Day Out?
   c. a music event - The Big Day Out is a multi-artist concert held in major cities around Australia and NZ.

7. Last week, Spanish police managed to arrest a group that was selling millions of dollars worth of fake...?
   a. luxury cars - The fraudsters used fibre-glass pieces and faked deluxe model badges to transform the cars, which were then sold online at prices well below the market rate. They included Ferraris and Aston Martins sold at one-fifth of the real value.

8. Images have been released by a marine photographer that shows an extreme case of animal cruelty. What did the image show?
   c. a shark that had been drowned deliberately - Images were released after a marine photographer found a dead mako shark that had been deliberately strung up by the tail. The animal was tethered to a buoy within HMAS Adelaide’s exclusion zone off Avoca and Terrigal beaches.

9. What happened in the Libyan city of Benghazi?
   b. Over a thousand prisoners escaped during a riot.

10. Why has an 18-year-old student complained to the Human Rights Commission about an Officeworks store in Wollongong?
    b. they made him leave his bag at the door - An Officeworks store in Wollongong will no longer force school children to leave their bags at the door after an 18-year-old student complained to the Human Rights Commission that it was discrimination.

11. Where did an armed man manage to steal $57 million of jewellery in broad daylight from an exhibition?
    b. Cannes, France - The Carlton Intercontinental Hotel was hosting a temporary exhibition of $65 million dollars worth of jewels. Unconfirmed reports say the heist was made by a single gunman who stuffed a suitcase with jewels before fleeing.

12. True or false, the federal government has said the tax on cigarettes will increase by fifty per cent per year for the next four years?
    False - From December 1, the tax on cigarettes will rise by 12.5 per cent each year for four years, raising $5.3 billion. This will add $5.25 to the cost of a packet of 20 cigarettes by December 2016. Smoking kills over 15,000 Australians every year.

13. If something is ambidextrous, it can...?
    b. use either its left or right hands

14. Why is a former Cronulla player Isaac Gordon, set to sue Cronulla?
    a. he is claiming he suffered potentially life-threatening side effects from the club’s supplements program - Gordon was at the Sharks during the 2011 season, the year which is being investigated by ASADA as part of the ongoing drugs investigation. He says he suffered a blood thinning disorder, severe bruising in one leg and was told by doctors that a blow to the head could have killed him.

15. Which country has had to recall 1,000 tonnes of dairy products after a bacteria was found that can cause the potentially fatal botulism?
    a. New Zealand - Authorities in New Zealand have recalled up to 1,000 tonnes of dairy products across seven countries, including Australia, because of a contamination scare. New Zealand’s Ministry of Primary Industries has confirmed the tainted products include infant formula, sports and protein drinks and other drinks. Potentially fatal botulism is one of the most dangerous forms of food poisoning, often leading to paralysis.

VISUAL ANSWERS
1. Paris - The Arc de Triomphe
2. Keith Urban
3. The Brumbies - ACT Brumbies in the Super 15 final
4. Benji Marshall - switching from the West Tigers Rugby League team to the Auckland Blues rugby team.
5. Fiji