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BARGAIN OF THE WEEK

WHAT: Vitamin E Lipcare SPF15+**WHERE:** The Body Shop**PRICE:** \$8.95**DESCRIPTION:** Protect your lips from the harsh summer sun with this soothing lip care stick

END of year summer holidays are my favourite kind. Tired after a year of hard work and months of public holiday-free weeks, this is the best time to recharge with a week or two of fun in the sun. Whether you're planning a trip interstate, overseas, or just relaxing at home, I have everything you need to make the most of your summer break.

MAGIC MUSIC

HELP keep travelling children amused with some new toys. The little ones will love a musical plush Pillow Pals Brown Owl from Annabel Trends in small (\$24.95) and large (\$39.95) sizes. Bigger kids will be entertained for hours with a vintage Ladybird Tricks and Magic Kit (\$29.95) from Lark. Stockists at www.annabeltrends.com and www.larkmade.com.au



GOOD HAIR DAY

SUMMER is all about sitting in the sun, dipping in and out of the pool and spending entire weekends on the beach. While this is a great way to spend the season, your hair needs extra TLC to cope with the conditions so protect it with ghd's five must-have summer hair care items.

After swimming in chlorine or salt, wash your hair with ghd purifying shampoo (\$35) to protect highlights from discoloration. Use the remedy cream (\$32) after washing to protect hair from UVB rays and repair damage then apply ghd thermal protector (\$30) to prevent damage from thermal styling tools. Finish your style with ghd shining serum (\$35) with UVB protection. Once a week apply the opulence mask (\$45) for extra nourishment. As a regular pool swimmer, I can guarantee this hair care regime will make your hair look and feel much better. Stockists at www.ghd.com.au or phone 1300 880 209.



EMU FOR SUMMER

EMU is synonymous with winter sheepskin boots but they also make comfortable and chic summer footwear for the whole family. Made from soft premium leather straps with comfortable moulded gum rubber soles, EMU thongs and sandals are great summer staples. For the kids, try Shorem thongs (\$39.95) in bright red. Mums will love the Bellbrae sandals (\$59.95) in tan, while the Bayslide (\$69.95) is a stylish alternative to thongs for Dads. Stockists at www.emuaustralia.com



SUNNY DAYS

AN Australian summer is all about the beach and for beach days you need accessories that combine style with functionality and fun. SunnyLIFE delivers all of this plus more. Towels (\$59.95) are large and luxe in bright colours and seats (\$59.95) allow for greater comfort during the day. Listen to your favourite tunes on the Avalon Beach Sounds system (\$49.95), or make your own music with a Wategos Ukulele (\$29.95). Provide shade for the family with a beach umbrella (\$79.95) and keep them entertained with a soccer ball (\$29.95). SunnyLIFE is available at David Jones.

WORLDLY STYLE

GET the look of a seasoned traveller on your summer break, without having to leave Brisbane. Add exotic and unique accessories that look like they've been bought in foreign market places to an outfit of tribal prints and colourful cottons. The look is all about boho-chic. Think Julia Roberts in *Eat Pray Love* and you'll be on the right track. Try the Cristiana Copacabana Beaded Necklace (\$74.95) made from coco pukulet beads from the shell of the coco palm tree. It comes as three strands that can be worn individually, together or even wrapped around your wrist. The Cristiana Katarina beaded bracelets (\$25 each) feature motifs of saints for representation and protection. Stockists at www.cristiana.com.au