

# Boys are paid more pocket money than girls

**THEIR mums are generally paid less than men and now even little girls are hitting the glass ceiling when it comes to their pocket money.**

A survey has shown that, well before they enter the workplace, girls earn almost a dollar a week less than lads.

That may seem a trivial sum but it is a sign that wage inequality begins early – and in the home.

The New Generations 2008 survey of 1472 kids and their parents revealed that boys aged seven to 14 years score an average \$7.60 a week. Their sisters scrape by on \$6.80.

Director of Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace agency Anna McPhee said the disparity reflected the ingrained nature of gender inequity.

“In the workplace men and women may have the same education levels and experience yet female graduates earn less than their male peers,” she said.

Father-of-two Peter Augoustis said the pocket money he and his wife Nina gave to their children was near the average amount for their ages. He said their children Stephanie, 7, and Dominic, 8, received pocket money in return for helping with house duties and being well-behaved, but was also judged on age.



*Cashed up: Florence Georges, Despina Hatjinikitas, Dominic Augoustis and Stephanie Augoustis count their pocket money in Kingsford Picture: Sam Rutty*

Mr Augoustis said he was surprised that boys received more pocket money than girls of the same age. “I think it would be reversed in this house because our little girl is exposed to a few more duties with mum, and has more opportunities to (earn) it,” he said.

The survey also revealed that while more than two-thirds of parents stated they gave their children pocket money, 32 per cent of kids didn’t get a weekly payout.

Teenagers aged 13 and 14 pocketed an average of \$11 per week, the

highest-earning age group. Seven to 10-year-olds typically received \$5 and \$11 while 12-year-olds were given about \$7.30.

There search conducted by the Cartoon Network also revealed youngsters who had a boyfriend or girlfriend were more cashed up than those who didn’t.

Boys who received more than \$5 in pocket money were 80 per cent more likely to have a love interest.

*Article from the Sunday Telegraph by Elle Halliwell*

## THE CASH DIVIDE

- 32 per cent of Australian kids aged seven-up-to-14 receive no pocket money
- On average boys receive \$7.60 per week
- On average girls receive \$6.80 per week
- Boys are 80% more likely to have a girlfriend if they receive pocket money of \$5 or more per week



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