I’ve a feeling you will be rich soon

Cayla Dengate

Punters should forget the facts and trust their gut feelings as new research shows people who are in touch with their emotions can predict the future.

Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh asked participants to predict everything from the Dow Jones Index, the winner of a college football championship game and the weather.

Despite the range of events, researchers said the results consistently revealed people with higher trust in their feelings were more likely to correctly predict the final outcome.

Each participant was assessed in terms of how much they trusted their emotions, and the high-trust category were 225 per cent more likely to predict Dow Jones movements and 17 per cent more likely to predict the winner of American Idol.

Head researcher Michel Pham said a hunch didn’t necessarily summaize for us, that allows us make better predictions.

“Trends, our feelings give us access to a privileged window of knowledge and information – a window that a more analytical form of reasoning blocks us from.”

PS, Bathurst is on track

The famous track around Mount Panorama could now be digitally immortalised and raced upon by many on PlayStation 3 gamers worldwide.

Gaming news website http://mg.ign.com reported several teams were spotted recording the Bathurst 1000 track during the past week.

A gamer asked what they were doing and was told they were collecting images for the upcoming racing game Gran Turismo 6.

It is not known when Gran Turismo 6 will be released but there was a five-year gap between GT4 on PlayStation 2 and GT5 on PlayStation 3.

Bummer

A teacher has been suspended for throwing a bucket of water on a schoolgirl during a maths class and hugging her in a US school corridor.

The 17-year-old student was found unconscious in the hallway of her school in the Washington suburb of Bethesda.

More than 100 students were rescued from the school and police were called.

No one was hurt in the incident, but the teacher has been suspended pending an investigation.

GIANT PIANO

Vandals destroy key safety message

A giant piano designed to teach parkgoers about bicycle safety has been ripped up and smashed by vandals.

The City of Sydney’s Cool It! Share It! 30m keyboard in Prince Alfred Park played safety messages and music when it was ridden over and walked on.

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said vandals smashed sound hollards and ripped up the piano keyboard at the weekend.

“This was pointless destructive of a public safety artwork,’’ Moore said.

“It’s like tearing up a zebra crossing, this fun footpath installation had a serious message, encouraging residents to share our roads and paths, on foot or bike.”

Moore promised that the Cool It! Share It! keyboard would be reinstalled with anti-vandal measures.

Looking on the satellitel side of life

Comics Matt O’Brien, Rhys Nicholson, Genevieve Fricker and Ronny Chieng will launch into next month’s Sydney Comedy Festival, with the program out today.

Picture: CHRI SPAVLICH

Qantas off to slopes

Skiers and snowboarders will again be able to fly from Sydney to Mt Hotham this winter with QantasLink set to operate 100 flights.

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