

March / April

IN 35 DAYS WE GO FROM LIVING
A NORMAL LIFE TO BEING HOMELESS,
SEE HOW IT HAPPENS...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 <i>Today, I slipped at home and hit my wrist. Rang work they didn't sound pleased.</i>	2 <i>Doctor said I have to rest and physio my wrist for 2 weeks! Work will hate me.</i>	3 <i>My kid Amy is doing lots of stuff for me which is nice but I feel bad. Driving is hard.</i>	4 <i>Work rang & said they have to let me go they need someone. I cried. I need the \$\$!</i>	5 <i>Not going to physio can't afford it...Amy knows I'm sad and wants to skip school.</i>	6 <i>My friend Jenny rings and asks how I am? I say terrible and she visits after work.</i>	7 <i>Amy has a birthday party and we haven't bought the pressie and I can't drive anymore.</i>
8 <i>I call Centrelink for help with everything and they were pretty good. I feel better.</i>	9 <i>Bills are coming in so I ring Mum and tell her most of it and she yells at me for not visiting.</i>	10 <i>Amy's Dad rang me out of the blue...he's not supposed to contact us. I feel sick.</i>	11 <i>My wrist has blown up like a balloon and Amy is scared.</i>	12 <i>Went to Emergency & waited forever till they saw my wrist. Physio they said, yeah yeah.</i>	13 <i>I tell Jen about Dave and she said to ring the police. I wish life wasn't so full of crap.</i>	14 <i>Amy said at school news she told them about my wrist. I feel embarrassed.</i>
15 <i>Estate agent rang and asked me to come in for a talk, yeah I know why here goes our home.</i>	16 <i>The new café near home serves wine, I count my coins and sit as if I can afford it.</i>	17 <i>I pack the unit in secret, I can't face telling Amy. My mobile rings it's Dave...</i>	18 <i>He comes around while Amy is sleeping. He's real angry. I ask him to leave and dial 000.</i>	19 <i>I wake up at the doorstep groggy and hurting. A cop is asking me my name.</i>	20 <i>Mum visits & pretends she helping yelling at me and throwing stuff into a packing box.</i>	21 <i>Amy has been quiet these days. She knows we have to leave and live with mum for a bit.</i>
22 <i>I ring a shelter, I ring Amy's school, I ring the public hospital physio, I feel better.</i>	23 <i>Jen visits and takes me to a women's refuge to put my name and no. down, she's fab.</i>	24 <i>Amy hates living in nana's 1 bed flat and wants to move back home. I am tired.</i>	25 <i>My wrist is easing up so I'm driving Amy across town to school everyday.</i>	26 <i>A shelter rings with good news, a 2 bedroom unit is available for 2 weeks!!!!</i>	27 <i>I drive the car with boxes to the units and I meet Mel who shows me our new home.</i>	28 <i>Amy is better now, so glad she didn't have to change schools. We have a floor picnic.</i>
29 <i>Mel chats with me about work and stuff. I think I am nearly ready. We smile.</i>	30 <i>The shelter common room has women and kids of all ages! Tears creep up.</i>	31 <i>First visit to the physio, he thinks it will be okay in a week if I do the exercises. Cool.</i>	1 <i>The shelter notice board says it's Easter on Sunday—a special lunch. I ring mum.</i>	2 Good Friday <i>Amy brings home lots of bunny drawings and we stick them up. Mobile rings it's Dave.</i>	3 Easter Saturday <i>Feel good that I hung on him. Amy has a birthday party so we make a card & pressie.</i>	4 Easter <i>The shelter has an egg hunt for the kids. Amy giggles while she runs about, life is that simple :)</i>