

Tween skincare TikTok warning; Scotland's Willy Wonka fail; Another wonky moon landing; and some really big Bluey news.

That's what's making news, kid's style...

THE LOWDOWN

Hands up if you've heard of the hashtag GRWM - which stands for Get Ready With Me? Or hands up if you've ever watched a TikTok video or Instagram story of a skinfluencer recommending the use of certain skincare products?

Because doctors around the country are becoming more and more worried about the skincare trend emerging among pre-teenage Australian girls sparked by social media influencers - with some even warning that products made for adult skin are dangerous when used on kids' skin.

There's a bit to this story - so let's break it down.

Social media platforms like TikTok and Insta and YouTube have seen an explosion in the past year of teenage 'skinfluencers' - mostly young girls sharing elaborate and expensive skincare routines with their followers. And this in turn has led to an explosion of even younger girls - some as young as seven years old - starting to spend a lot of time and money in shops like Mecca - as well as spend more hours than is healthy obsessing over their skin care.

Now - doctors all say that looking after our skin is really important - whether its protecting it with sunscreen or generally keeping it clean when we have a bath or shower.

But complex skincare routines involving products made especially for adults are starting to damage the perfectly good skin of young girls across the country - which has prompted experts to warn parents and kids to be careful.

People called body image experts have even warned that this is just another way that young people are made to feel bad about how they look.

Take it from me - if from no one else. There's only one of you in the world. One unique, special, amazing you. And you are more than good enough just the way you are.

And as Squiz-E the Newshound constantly reminds us: always Stop, Think and Check .. think about who is making the content you are looking at and what they are wanting you to do or feel - what reaction they are hoping to provoke .. and decide whether you want to be sucked in by it or keep it all at arm's length. I know what I would be doing ...

SPIN THE GLOBE

Each day we give the world globe a spin and find a news story from wherever it stops. And today we've landed in Scotland - in the UK - where a Willy Wonka-inspired kids' event has left many kids and their parents demanding their money back.

In the advertisements for Willy's Chocolate Experience, attendees were promised a magical experience like something straight out of the Roald Dahl book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - or from the recent Wonka film. But upon showing up, they were ushered into an almost empty shed with a couple of sad rainbows, a few lollies and someone dressed up in an outfit that did nothing more than make little kids cry.

Oh dear. Scottish police were called to the event where organisers were forced to hand back the money they'd taken from ticket holders.

Timothee Chalamet would not have been impressed ...

POP CULTURE CORNER

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Alright Bluey fans - prepare to lose it - with news yesterday that everyone's favourite blue heeler is returning to our screens in April with a special - get this - 28 minute world premiere episode called The Sign. (CHEER)

I know right! I'm cancelling all appointments on Sunday April 14 - closing the door and drawing the curtains - to settle in to see what crazy adventures Bluey, Bandit, Bingo and Chilli get up to.

It's the longest episode of Bluey ever made - and already the internet is fizzing with theories on what it will be about. Called The Sign - some people are saying it could be about something as simple as an actual sign, or something more abstract - like something happens to the Heeler clan which is itself a sign of other things to come.

Personally I don't care, as long as somewhere in that 28 minutes there's a good ol game of keepy uppy.

Oh - and that my favourite character from a Bluey episode ever - Janelle the NSW Blues barracking neighbour in the State of Origin episode makes an appearance.

SPACED OUT

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Remember earlier this week we talked about the US spaceship which landed on the Moon last week and decided to have a lie down? Well - not exactly a lie down. It just didn't quite land the right way up - and is now lying on its side, sending back photos that you presumably have to turn your head to one side to make sense of.

Well it seems to be something of a trend, with news yesterday that a Japanese spaceship that travelled to the Moon back in January and similarly landed the wrong way up sputtered back to life yesterday after weeks and weeks of lying dormant.

Lying dormant is a fancy way to say something is inactive, or having a bit of sleep.

The Japanese spaceship, called SLIM - or the Moon Sniper - came back to life after heat and light from the Sun finally reached its solar panels.

Nights on the Moon last two whole weeks. And temperatures go down to a crazy minus 130 degrees. Which is nuts, when you think about it.

I hope SLIM took along a really toasty doona - or an electric blanket - imagine trying to get a good night's sleep in that sort of cold.

THE S'QUIZ

This is the part of the podcast where you get to test how well you've been listening ...

1. In which country were police called to a Willy Wonka experience?
2. Which country sent a rocket ship to the moon called Moon Sniper?
3. What's the name of the 28 minute Bluey episode to air April 14?

SHOUT OUTS

It's February 28 The Matildas play Uzbekistan tonight in the second Olympic qualifier .. if they draw or win this game - it's off to the Paris Olympics they go! Kick off is in Melbourne at 7pm local time ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today ... Jake from Eltham North, Thea from Albury, Philippa from Launceston, Harrison from Ormiston, Reyansh from Canning Vale, Andrew-Michael from McKinnon and Ethan listening over in Reem Island in the United Arab Emirates.

Happy belated birthday to... Abby, Molly-Ann, William, Riley and Sho all from Abbotsford, Thomas from Willoughby, John from Yeppoon,

Queenie from Cabramatta, Catherine from Sydney and Natasha from Sheidow Park.

Classroom shoutouts today go to... Class 8B and Mr Forbes from Kingswood High School, class 5W and Mrs Waugh from Thomas Hassall Anglican College in Middleton Grange, class K6 Navy in the Autism Support Classes with Mr Dennett at Caringbah Public School, class 3W and Ms Watts at Macarthur Anglican School in Cobbitty and lastly for today class 5S with Mr Shackloth at Westside Christian College in Goodna.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Scotland
2. Japan
3. The Sign