

## **Kings and soldiers celebrate D-Day; Rocket collects moon rocks; State of Origin blockbuster; and Squiz-E sniffs a deepfake.**

Hello and welcome to Squiz Kids Today ... your fresh take on what's happening in the world around you.

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It's Thursday June 6 ...

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

### ***THE LOWDOWN***

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A long way away - on the coastline of France - a King, lots of dignitaries from many different countries and a handful of very old soldiers will gather to remember a really important day in history.

Today is the 80th anniversary of something called the D-Day Landings. The D-Day Landings were a massive military operation that saw 156,000 soldiers storm the beaches of Normandie - on the French coastline - to try to turn the tide of the Second World War.

Most were troops from the United States, Britain and Canada - but approximately 3,300 soldiers who bravely jumped from boats and made their way up the beaches of Normandie whilst enemy gunfire rained down on them were Australian.

And so today, the King of England, King Charles, his son Prince William, Australia's Governor General John Hurley, French President Emmanuel Macron, US President Joe Biden and Canadian PM, Justin Trudeau will gather at a place called Omaha Beach to remember the important battle.

You know how here in Australia we pause every April 25 to mark Anzac Day - and an important battle that happened in a place called Gallipoli? It's a similar occasion.

And while all of those presidents and prime ministers and kings and princes are all very important - the most important people there today will be the handful of now very old former soldiers who were actually there on the day the D-Day Landings took place .. old men who were once young soldiers who selflessly risked their lives so that we can enjoy the relative peace we have today. The real heroes of D-Day.

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Meanwhile- still in France - and at the time of uploading this podcast this morning - Australia's great hope at the French Open tennis tournament, Alex de Minaur was one set down to Germany's Alexandr Zverev .. come on Demon! We're rooting for a good ol' Aussie fightback!

## ***SPIN THE GLOBE***

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Each day we give the world globe a spin and find a news story from wherever it stops .. and today we've landed .... On the Moon ... so, you know - not exactly on the world globe, but kind of hovering off in orbit around it .. where a Chinese spaceship has become the first ever to collect rocks from the far side of the Moon and is preparing to bring them back to Earth.

So what's the big deal about rocks from the Moon? Well - firstly, as we discussed on Monday's podcast, the Chinese space mission to land on the far side of the Moon is on the second time a country has managed to do that - because we can't see the far - or the dark side of the Moon - it makes it really tricky to land rockets there. And now the Chang-e 6 as the rocket is called, has collected a bunch of rocks and dirt and is making its way back to Earth for scientists to study.

Mission almost accomplished.

Why is any of this significant? Because there's something of a space race going on at the moment, between countries of the world like China, India and the United States to see who can get humans back on the Moon the soonest - and who can build a permanent human base there.

## ***SPORT TIME***

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It all came unstuck for NSW eight minutes into the State of Origin last night as a high tackle on star Queensland fullback Reece Walsh saw the Blues forced to play one man down for almost the entire match - seeing them lose the first game of the series by 38-10.

In front a huge crowd in Sydney, the Queensland Maroons were just too strong, running off the field with the biggest ever win for a Queensland side in a State of Origin held in Sydney.

The Blues came bursting out of the half-time sheds with a renewed sense of energy and purpose - and for a moment, it seemed as if they might present a challenge.

But finally, it was a largely one-sided affair, including a hat-trick of tries for Dolphins fullback, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow.

Next stop for the NRL State of Origin circus is Game 2 at Melbourne's MCG in three week's time.

## **NEWSHOUNDS**

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Every Thursday, Squiz E the Newshound sticks his head into Squiz Kids HQ to report back on fishy things he's sniffed out on the internet - and today his nose is twitching wildly having just seen gotten back from the UK where fake news on TikTok is spreading like wildfire as the country goes to an election.

As we've mentioned here on the pod before: the United Kingdom is in the midst of an election campaign - meaning the people are being asked to decide who should run the country. And as often happens at the time of elections, social media becomes flooded with memes and misinformation and fake news from people trying to influence the outcome.

Right now TikTok in the UK is full of with deep fake videos of the British Prime Minister appearing to say stuff he's never said, and other videos of making untrue claims about other candidates in the election. And the problem is: because very few people have learned to spot disinformation when they come across it online - they're taking them at face value and believing what they're being told.

Luckily - as Newshounds - we know better than to automatically believe everything we see, read or hear online. We know to do as Squiz-E the Newshound is always telling us: and that's to Stop. Think and Check. And remember: if you and your class want to become Newshounds - get your teacher to sign up to Squiz Kids' very own, totally free media literacy program, Newshounds - at [squizkids.com.au](https://squizkids.com.au). You'll be mighty glad you did.

## **THE S'QUIZ**

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

1. On the coast of which European country did the D-Day landings take place 80 years ago?
2. Squiz-E the Newshound has been sniffing around elections taking place in which country?
3. What precious cargo is the Chang-e 6 rocket ship bringing back from the Moon for scientists to study?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's June 6 ... two big sporting events on tonight ... there's game 2 of the Womens' State of Origin rugby league in Newcastle, and also the men's

World Cup soccer qualifier between Australia's Socceroos and Bangladesh ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Xavier from Yass, Olivia from Sydney, Valentina from Greystanes, Mia from Caversham, Molly from Botany, Wynner and Amalia from Brisbane, Benji from Randwick, Isabella from Belrose, and Adrian from Warren South. And a special shout out to Addyson in Botany from her special friend, Amanda.

Belated shout outs go to... Tammy from East Ulverstone, Abigail from Dolans Bay and Sagoon listening over in Bangkok, Thailand.

Classroom shoutouts today go to... the Grade 6 classes at Our Lady Of Fatima Catholic Primary School in Caringbah, class 5/6B and Miss Barrett at Mandama Primary School, class 6G and Mrs Goulding at Hilltop Road Public School in Merrylands, class 6J with Miss Jones at Gulgong Public School and class 5/6 with Mr Buttsworth at Bayanami Public School in Parramatta.

**The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. France
2. United Kingdom - or Britain
3. Moon rocks

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you want a shout out - or if you want a classroom shout out - drop us a line at [squizkids@thesquiz.com.au](mailto:squizkids@thesquiz.com.au) or fill out the form on our website.

Well - that's all we have time for. Thanks for listening to Squiz Kids Today -We'll be back again tomorrow  
In the meantime, get out there and have a most excellent day. Over and out.