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SURVEY

Hi there - Bryce here - just jumping in to the top of the pod with a request for help.

Right now, the Federal Parliament is looking into social media and its impact on Australian society. We're making a submission, based on the success of Newshounds - our media literacy program for primary school students now in more than 2,500 classrooms and counting. Now - we'd love you to be part of our submission by filling out a survey we've created. You'll find the link in the episode notes.

Put simply: if we can't get the Federal Government to help fund Newshounds, we may no longer be able to produce it. So please: help us so we can help your kids.

INTRO

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

I'm Bryce Corbett

It's Thursday June 20 ...

In Squiz Kids Today ... Nuclear power in play; Egypt's Marge Simpson mummy; Social media warning; and Mbappe's nose and Ronaldo's return.

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

THE LOWDOWN

A word you're going to hear a lot in the next couple of days in the news is 'nuclear'. And specifically, nuclear energy and nuclear power stations. And that's because the Federal Opposition - the party that is not running the country but would like to - yesterday named seven places in Australia it build a nuclear power plant if it wins the next election.

So - what's nuclear power? It's power for things like lighting and heating and electrical appliances - that is generated in a nuclear reactor using a scientific process that involves the splitting of atoms to create heat which is then used to turn water into steam, which then turns turbines to make electricity. And fans of it say one of its benefits is that it requires a lot less fossil fuel than other forms of energy creation - like power stations that burn coal, for instance.

And that all sounds very straightforward, and certainly lots of countries around the world generate nuclear power - but it can also be a highly dangerous way to make electricity - and there have been very famous nuclear reactor meltdowns around the world that have had a terrible impact on people, animals and natural environments near the reactor. And as we enter an election year - meaning our politicians start to put forward policies to convince us to vote for them - you can expect to hear a lot more on this topic.

– BREAK

Speaking of electricity ... heaters and air conditioners up and down the east coast of Australia will have been working overtime this week as winter temperatures sank to record levels.

Sydney and Melbourne recorded their chilliest mornings of the year yesterday when the mercury could only manage 6.5C in Sydney and a chillifying 1.4C in Melbourne. Brrrr.

And the Sunshine State has been anything but this week, with Queensland's inland recording the coldest night on record on Monday night. Now where did I put that 'oodie of mine?

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 Egypt ... where archaeologists have discovered a 3,500 year old mummy that looks suspiciously like Marge Simpson ...

So we know Marge is a mummy, right? To Bart, Lisa and Maggie .. but now it seems, she has an actual Egyptian mummy likeness - with the unearthing of a coffin featuring a drawing of a woman with a tall column of blue hair, yellow skin and a green dress.

Uncanny.

Archaeologists - who are people that dig up the past for a living - have unfortunately shot down the theory doing the rounds of the internet that Marge is a time traveller by identifying the mummified remains as belonging to the daughter of an ancient high priest.

I think i like the Marge theory better.

SPORT TIME

Are you sleep deprived and bleary-eyed? Have you been burning the midnight oil to get caught up in all the Euro 2024 action? Then you'd know that the tournament has all of Europe on the edge of their seats - watching to see which European country of the thirty taking part emerges with the championship trophy.

It's early days in the competition - which is still in the group stage - but the favourites to win are currently France, England, Portugal and Germany ...

France's chances took a blow this week when champion striker Mbappe broke his nose in a game against Austria - and Cristiano Ronaldo cemented his place as a crowd favourite returning to play for his country, Portugal.

Game on!

NEWSHOUNDS

Every Thursday, Squiz-E the Newshound pops his head into Squiz Kids HQ to report back on fishy things he's sniffed out on the internet .. and today, his big old bloodhound chest is puffing with excitement after America's top doctor - a person called the Surgeon-General - has said social media is like cigarettes -and should carry the same warning labels.

The US Surgeon General yesterday wrote a newspaper article in which he described social media as really bad for teenage mental health - and suggested social media platforms should carry the same health warning stickers that packets of cigarettes have.

The doctor pointed to a 2019 survey which showed that teens who spend more than three hours a day on social media had double the chance of being depressed or anxious.

It's why we've developed - and Squiz-E really wants you to do - the Newshounds program - teaching you about media literacy - and the importance of stopping, thinking and checking every time you are online - to make sure what you're seeing is real, to make sure you understand why people make social media content and what impact it can have on you.

Thanks Squiz-E ... what would we do without you?

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. What sort of energy is the Federal Opposition suggesting Australia develop?
2. What did French striker Kylian Mbappe break in his country's Euro 2024 game against Austria this week?
3. Archaeologists in Egypt have uncovered a mummy that looks like which cartoon character?

SHOUT OUTS

It's June 20 ... today is World Refugee Day ... a refugee is someone forced to flee their home country and find refuge in another country. Australia is lucky enough to be home to many refugees and their families- and a big shout out to all listening today.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today ... Maximus from Ellenbrook, Danjiel from Woongarra, Saskia from Tempe, Derek from Rochdale, Natalie from Ballarat, Lachlan from Forest Lake, Leila from Mount Annan, Shelby from Tailm Bend, Zane from Medowie, Amaya from The Gap and Lily from QLD.

Belated shoutouts go to... Braxton from Darwin

Classroom shoutouts today go to... the students with Mr Brooks and Mr Martin at the Repton School in Abu Dhabi, classes 4, 5 & 6 with Mr Kennis at the Aspect School in Wagga Wagga, class 5/6SA with Mr Anderson at Cannon Hill State School and lastly Enoch and Tangi who are homeschooling with their Mum, Ms Nas in Collingwood Park.

And a special shout out today to all the kids of 4AH and 4MA and their excellent teachers at St Francis Xavier Primary School in Montmorency - it was such a pleasure to visit and meet you all on Tuesday - and see what great progress you're making becoming Newshounds. You guys are the best!

And finally a special shout out to class 6C and Mrs Clark at Wellington Point Primary School ... I hope you've enjoyed having my friend Miss Taoso in your classroom ...

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Nuclear

2. His nose
3. Marge Simpson

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 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.