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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 Wednesday, September 4 ...

In Squiz Kids Today ... Snow in Tassie, fires in NSW; China's cat-friendly museum; the Demon's big win; and the sheep that go to school.

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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Tasmanians spent the day yesterday wringing out their socks after flooding along the River Derwent, and Victorians were in clean up mode yesterday as they took stock of the damage from wild winds that brought down trees and sank boats.

A cold snap that started in Adelaide on Monday and swept east and north through Victoria, Tasmania and into NSW caused wild weather havoc for thousands of Australians - with at least 40,000 Victorians waking yesterday morning to no power after winds brought down power lines.

Firefighters in NSW were meanwhile keeping a careful eye on more than 1,000 bushfires that had broken out across the state - while down in Hobart, snow dusted the top of Mt Wellington, where temperatures of minus 3 were recorded and left bushwalkers needing to be rescued from icy tracks.

And the wild weather wasn't just confined to land ... two sailors had to be plucked from their yacht by a Navy rescue off the coast of NSW yesterday after their boat got into trouble in six metre seas.

Stay safe out there people!

## **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 it's a special museum edition of Spin The Globe - with a stop in China, and then one in Israel.

To China first, where a museum in Shanghai has thrown open its doors to local cats. Why? Because it's current exhibition is a collection of incredible artefacts from an ancient Egyptian cat temple. In Ancient Egypt - so about 3,000 years ago - cats were believed to be magical creatures - with many families adorning them with jewellery.

And so to mark this special feline exhibit - full of statues and mummies of cats - real life cats are invited in to the museum once a week to have selfies with the ancient artefacts. Ah .. it's a cat's life.

Still in museum world - but this time in Israel - remember earlier this week we told you about the little boy who accidentally knocked over and smashed a priceless, 3,000 year old pottery urn? He returned to the museum at the director's invitation yesterday and was invited to take a proper look around. His last visit was cut short because he and his terrified mum did a runner.

The reason he knocked over the ancient urn? Because he wanted to see what was inside.

As they say: curiosity killed the cat - or in this case, smashed the vase.

## **SPORT TIME**

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Aussie tennis player Alex de Minaur continues his excellent form this year after beating fellow Aussie and good buddy Jordan Thompson yesterday in the round of 16 in the US Open - advancing to another Grand Slam quarter final.

The US Open is the big tennis tournament that happens every year in New York.

Alex now takes on big-hitting Brit, Jack Draper in his next match with the winner advancing to the semis. Go Demon, go!

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And speaking of amazing sporting achievements - our Paralympians in Paris were yesterday celebrating another haul of medals - 7 in fact - with the remarkable Alexa

Leary providing a highlight in the pool, helping Australia to gold in the 4x100 medley relay. But it was over on the track that history was being written - when Aussie Lauren Parket took out the gold medal in the triathlon - and will now compete for gold again in a completely different sport - on the cycling track. Just incredible.

## **ANIMAL KINGDOM**

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Hands up if your favourite school subject is maths? What about English? How about PE? Yes, I thought that might have been the case. Ok - here's one for you. For how many of you is your favourite subject sheep? As in, having sheep in the classroom and looking after them and shearing them and generally taking care of them?

Because that's what a bunch of high school students in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania have been doing at school these past six months - taking part in a sheep challenge to see which school can produce the healthiest, happiest, woolliest animal.

It's called the Merino Wether Challenge - Merino being the name of a type of sheep. And instead of doing more traditional school studies a bunch of Year 10 students studying agriculture have taken part in the sheep rearing competition - being judged on who can produce the finest looking animal.

I bet if you ask nicely your teacher would be more than happy for you to bring a sheep into the classroom ... Sorry teachers ...

## AD STING

### ***Mid-roll: Bounce (there is nothing allocated to Sept 4th)***

A message for the mums and dads out there... if you're like me, and looking down the barrel of the coming school holidays with a mixture of anticipation and dread, specifically around how you're going to keep the kids entertained - look no further than your local BOUNCE venue. The indoor action adventure playground is the perfect school holiday activity: get the kids out of the house with some freestyle physical activity they'll have so much fun doing, they won't even realise it's good for them. Watch them challenge their mates in dodgeball, or conquer new heights on the Cliff Jump, it's guaranteed non-stop fun!

Check it all out at [bouncinc.com.au](http://bouncinc.com.au) And use discount code SQUIZKIDS10 when you book online to get 10% off your entry these school holidays. T&C's in the episode notes.

## **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. Mt Wellington is a mountain that overlooks which state capital city in Australia?
2. Which ancient civilisation revered cats as magical creatures?
3. What farm animal do high school students in parts of regional Australia have in the classroom?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Wednesday, Sept 4 ... today is Indigenous Literacy Day ... a great day to celebrate the power of reading and how books can transform lives. I've stuck a link in today's episode notes to the website where Jess Mauboy will be live streaming an event this morning.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Zoe from Templestowe, Laura from Duncraig, Teingkah (pronounced Tee-ing-kah) from Heidelberg West, Ruby from Echuca, Lucas from Tennyson Point, Aiden from Guyra, Erisa from Doncaster, George from Kangaroo Lake, Ruby from Atwell and Harry listening over in Whitianga, New Zealand.

Belated shout outs go to... Leni from Yankalilla and Farper listening over in the United Kingdom.

Today's classroom shoutouts go to.... Class 4H and Ms Hicks at John Colet School in Belrose, class 5/6S and Mr Sargeant at Tregear Public School, classes 4/5/6 with Mrs Kennis at Aspect School in Wagga Wagga, class LA10 with Mrs Joyce at Atwell Primary School, the Kindergarten classes with Miss Anderson and Mr Price at Redlands School in Cremorne and class 4H at Olashore Nigerian Public School.

Lastly a special shout out to Rayna from Pymble - a late entrant in our recent book week competition- your outfit was amazing!

**The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. Hobart
2. Ancient Egypt
3. Sheep

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 with XXXX

In the meantime, get out there and have a most excellent day. Over and out.