

## **Prayers for the Pope; Flying car takes flight; Wicketkeeper runs bonanza; and turtle salami for dinner.**

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

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In Squiz Kids Today ... Prayers for the Pope; Flying car takes flight; Wicketkeeper runs bonanza; and turtle salami for dinner.

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

### ***THE LOWDOWN***

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You're going to hear a lot in the news this week about the Pope and his health, as the world's attention was drawn to Italy this weekend with news he's in his sick bed and not doing so well.

There's a bit to unpack here, so bear with me.

First of all - who's the Pope? Right now, it's a fellow called Pope Francis - and he's the head of the Catholic Church. And given there are believed to be anywhere up to 1.4 billion Catholics in the world who all pay attention to what he says (more or less), that's quite a thing. He's one of the most important religious figures in the world - and one of the most famous men in the world.

Why is he in Italy? Because the Pope lives in a place called The Vatican - which is a portion of the city of Rome, in Italy, carved out specifically for the Catholic Church. It's actually a city-state - which is to say, it's a separate country to Italy, despite the fact it sits right in the middle of Rome, Italy's biggest city.

And why is he in his sick bed? Because for a week or so now, the Pope has had a lung infection. Which may not be such a thing, except that he is 88 years old. And for those of you with grandparents, you'd know that old folk have to be a little bit more careful when they get sick - because their bodies and immune systems aren't quite as strong as the ones you young folk are lucky enough to have.

There will be lots of people of the Catholic faith praying for the Pope to make a speedy recovery this week. Here's hoping he gets well soon.

## **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 in Pennsylvania - in the United States - where sting rays, raccoons, beavers and squirrels are all on the menu at a special wild game buffet.

Yes you heard right .. all of those most unusual meats make it onto the menu every year at a local feast designed to introduce folks to foods they wouldn't usually eat.

It's called 'game meat'. And its not meat you push around your plate and play games with instead of eating. Because we only do that with veggies, right?

Game meat is what we call meat that comes from wild animals. Cows and sheep and pigs are not wild animals. But anything that roams around a forest or jungle before ending up on a dinner plate - that's game meat.

So the folks in Pennsylvania last week tucked into such delicacies as wild boar ham, coyote teriyaki, alligator steaks and snapping turtle salami.

Now excuse me while I go and quietly vomit ..

## **SPORT TIME**

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Speaking of vomiting .. that's what much of the Australian sports loving public felt like doing on Friday after the Matildas turned in a pretty ordinary performance against Japan - losing 4-0 in the first round of the She Believes Cup.

The result was the biggest ever loss by the Matildas to Japan - who are ranked world number 8 compared to the Tillies world number 15 ranking.

And things only get more complicated for the Matildas - with their next scheduled match against the United States first thing this morning ... Who are world number one. So .. you know ... might be best that we manage expectations ...

Go Tillies??

Meanwhile - over in Pakistan - Aussie wicket keepers Josh Inglis and Alex Carey put on a winning partnership over the weekend to snatch a stunning come-from-behind victory over England in the first round of the Champions Trophy. The duo chased down England's impressive total of 351 in what was the highest ever successful run chase in all ICC one day internationals.

Now that's more like it ...

## **BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

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Have you lot ever watched a movie called Chitty Chitty Bang Bang? Or maybe seen the stage show? All about a car that flies? It's pretty cool, right? Well - the concept of us all getting around in flying cars took one little step closer to reality over the weekend when an aeronautical company in the United States released a video of their newest invention: a car that can fly.

I've stuck a link to the video in today's episode notes. And at first, my Newshound nose was twitching - as I thought maybe the video was fake. But I checked it against other reliable news sources, including the BBC - and it's real.

It's only what's called a 'prototype' - which is to say, an early model created for experimenting. But the company hopes to make them available for sale soon ... and you only need \$470,000 to buy one.

I think I'll stick to my scooter.

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And there's the Classroom Companion Clarion.

Today's Classroom Companion worksheets are all about different points of view.

Students are going to read two opposing viewpoints—one celebrating the possibilities that flying cars might bring, the other warning of the risks—then answer questions that explore both perspectives. They'll be considering issues like fairness, safety, and the environment while forming their own opinions. Let the debate begin!

## **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. Which country do the Matildas play this morning in the SheBelieves cup?
2. What do we call meat that comes from wild animals?
3. What's the name of the movie and stage show about a flying car?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Monday, February 24 ... today is National Quiet Day in some countries - where we're encouraged to stop talking for moment, turn off all devices and outside noise, and enjoy the silence .... ahhhhh.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Beau from Collaroy, Tanish from Narre Warren, Robert from Turrumurra, Ana from Lugarno, Sandra from Cherrybrook, Nikki from Chinchilla, Mason from Kilsyth, George from Hawthorn East and Hamad listening over in Tehran, Iran.

Belated shoutouts go to... Sophia from Atwell, Estella from Miles, Eddie and Milla from Belmont and Lucas from Geelong.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 3/4 Magpie with Miss McFarlane at Mount Riverview Public School, class F7 with Mr Salvaire at Hammond Park Primary School, classes 5/6 A&B with Miss. H, Mrs. Holmes and Miss Briggs at Emerald State School, class 5C with Ms Ozolins at Patricks Road State School in Ferny Hills and all the students at Merewether Public School.

## **The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. USA
2. Game meat

### 3. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you want a shout out - or, if you're after 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 a brand new Squiz The World episode on Qatar ... the fascinating country in the sand dunes of the Arabian Peninsula ... Squiz The World, of course, is our special podcast series that introduces kids to the countries of the world.

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