

# SQUIZ KIDS TODAY

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## **INTRO**

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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 Wednesday, March 26

In Squiz Kids Today ... Brisbane Olympics stadiums revealed; Valerie the adventurous dachshund; Mars rover find signs of life; and why kindness makes you happy.

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

## **THE LOWDOWN**

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Where will you be in 7 years' time? Reckon you're a chance to represent Australia at the Brisbane Olympics? Can you see yourself wearing the green and gold and going for gold?

Well - you can now add to that daydream a whole new bunch of stadiums and venues after the Queensland government yesterday announced where the 2032 Games will take place.

A brand new Olympic Stadium will be built in central Brisbane - in a place called Victoria Park - which you're going to hear a lot about for the next little while - not least because eventually cricket and AFL will move from the Gabba to the new Vic Park 60,000 seat stadium.

But it's other parts of the Sunshine State that will be feeling the Olympics love too - with announcements of 2032 Olympic events taking place as far afield as Cairns, Toowoomba, Rockhampton and the Whitsundays.

Swimming will be held at a brand new National Aquatic Centre, to be built just outside the central business district - football and basketball will be held in Cairns, sailing will take place in the Whitsundays and the waters off Townsville.

And if you're a rower: that event will take place on a river in Rockhampton .. where there are apparently definitely not crocodiles ... at least not all of the time. Should make for an interesting event.

So - now we've got the venues sorted - we just need to fill them with athletes. Might that be you? You've got approximately seven years' time to practice. Time to get training people!

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The other thing you're going to hear loads about today of course is the Federal Budget. What's a Federal Budget? It's when the country's Treasurer - who is the politician in charge of how Australia spends its money - sets out their plan for the years ahead. In the same way your Mums and Dads work out how much money you have as a family and make plans on how to spend it - the Government has to make a budget too. And if you're interested in money and budgeting and goal setting - then be sure to have a listen to our special Squiz Kids series - Money + Me - where Biz-E the Bee saves to buy her own mobile phone. I've stuck a link to it in today's episode notes - or it's available for a listen any time on the Squiz Kids website ...

## ***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 Finland ... which has once again been named the happiest country on earth.

Finland is a country right up near the North Pole. During winter, it is dark and very very cold for most of the day. And yet, they've once again been named the happiest country in the world. And according to researchers, a lot of the happiness comes down to kindness.

The authors of the report found that doing something nice for someone else makes you feel generally happier. Kindness makes you happy. Another great reason for us to all practice one act of random kindness every day. What will yours be today?

Seems Australia could do with a bit more kindness. We ranked 11th in the world for overall happiness. I'm sure with Squiz Kids legendary kindness - we'll do much better next year.

## **SPACED OUT**

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Gosh it's been a busy week in space ... last week we had the exciting story of astronauts returning to earth after an unexpectedly long stay on the International Space Station.

And today we have news that the robot on Mars that we sent up there a couple of years ago, has found evidence in Martian rocks that indicate it's possible there was life on the red planet billions of years ago.

The Curiosity rover has dug up organic compounds in its travels across the surface of Mars - found inside a rock estimated to be about 3.7 billion years old ... owch - that number is so big, it hurts my head.

And while it's not evidence that Martians once walked about the red planet - it's more evidence that it's possible some sort of life form may have existed there when the planet was warmer and wetter.

Just incredible ...

## **ANIMAL KINGDOM**

They seek her here, they seek her there - Valerie the dachshund's owners seek her everywhere. But for 500 days - she's been missing on Kangaroo Island - off the coast of South Australia - after she did a runner from her owner's camp site.

For the longest time, Valerie's owners thought they would never see her again - but they received fresh hope yesterday after locals reported seeing a sausage dog matching Valerie's description romping about in paddocks on the island.

All attempts to catch her and return Valerie to her owners have so far proved unsuccessful ... you might say they've hit a SNAG (DAD JOKE ALARM) ... oh dear - there goes the dad joke alarm ... apologies - i couldn't help myself.

If you're out there and listening to this Valerie - please send a postcard or email to your owners to let them know you're ok.

## **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. In what year will Brisbane host the summer Olympics?
2. Which country has been named as the happiest in the world?
3. What sort of dog is Valerie, the adventurous pooch lost on Kangaroo Island?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Wednesday, March 26 ... today is World Maths Day! So celebrate by doing some multiplying or dividing or subtracting or adding ... the maths world is your oyster - knock yourself out.

Today is also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Isla from Geelong, Isla from Freshwater, Clara from Cherrybrook, Molly from Little Bay, Isabel from Pymble.

Belated shoutouts go to... Chelsea from St Clair and a special belated shout out to Hudson from Ivanhoe who was accidentally missed in the episode on Monday! Apologies Hudson.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 5SM with Miss Maas at Moranbah East State School, class 5HD with Mrs Hanley and Mr. Dessent at Excelsior Public School, class 3M with Mrs Symington at MacArthur Anglican School in Cobbity and class 6C with Miss O'Connor at St Kevin's College in Toorak.

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

1. 2032
2. Finland
3. Dachshund - or sausage dog.

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

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