

SQUIZ KIDS TODAY

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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, March 27

In Squiz Kids Today ... Salmon stoush in Tassie; Soccerroos revive World Cup hopes; tackling ADHD misinfo; and Toy Story has a birthday.

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

THE LOWDOWN

Mmmmm ... salmon. Easily my favourite fish to eat. Whether its grilled, air-fried, oven baked or raw in sushi - it's just the yummiest. And it's really good for you too.

But have you ever stopped to think where the salmon you eat comes from? I mean, from the sea, obviously, because it's a fish - der.

But lots of the salmon we eat comes from salmon farms. Which are great big, netted off areas in the sea where the fish are grown until they're big enough to be eaten.

And it just so happens that there are a bunch of salmon farms off the west coast of Tasmania. And right now, they're at the centre of a political stoush - which is a fancy way of saying they're at the centre of a fight, in this case between politicians and people opposed to salmon farming.

You see, there's a fish called the Maugean skate - a strange, flat, sting-ray like native fish that lives in Macquarie Harbour in Tassie - where a bunch of salmon farms have also been set up.

And it's an endangered species - and environmentalists say the salmon farms are making the skate even more endangered. But the salmon farms not only supply a lot of the salmon we love to eat - but also provide a lot of jobs to people in Tasmania. And people need jobs.

It's a classic example of needing to balance the impact that human activity and behaviour has on the environment with the creatures that call it home.

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 China ... where the Socceroos have taken one step closer to playing in the World Cup after beating China 2-0 in a qualifying game on Tuesday night.

Fresh from their victory over Indonesia, the boys in green and gold turned in a strong performance against host side China - in front of a record crowd - comfortably beating the national Chinese soccer team.

It means the Aussies are now in second place behind Japan in their qualifying pool - three points ahead of Saudi Arabia and four clear of Indonesia. One more win should mean they have a guaranteed place at the 2026 World Cup - to be held in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Australia hosts Japan in Perth in June, before facing Saudi Arabia to end this stage of qualifying.

C'mon Aussies! You've got this!

POP CULTURE CORNER

If you were to look at Buzz Lightyear and Woody - and all of their Toy Story friends - would you believe me if I was to tell you that they're all 30 years old?

Well ... that's to say - the Toy Story movie series is 30 years old - with Pixar studios this week releasing social media posts marking 30 years since the first Toy Story movie - and Buzz first dreamed of going to infinity and beyond.

And how have the creators of the toy box movie phenomenon decided to celebrate their 30th anniversary? Why - by starting work on the next Toy Story film. Toy Story 5, my friends, is already in production - and due for release next year. Because you just can't keep those toys in their toy box ..

NEWSHOUNDS

Every Thursday - Squiz-E the Newshound sticks his snout into Squiz Kids HQ to report back on fishy things he's sniffed out on the internet .. and this week, he's worried about a lot of fake health advice being handed out by influencers on TikTok.

It follows a study by the University of British Columbia in Canada which analysed health advice about ADHD being published on TikTok - where at least half of the information was scientifically wrong.

And this is a huge problem on social media. Lots of people offering lots of health advice despite not being doctors or properly qualified health professionals.

It's why whenever we're online - we always have to do as Squiz E tells us and that's Stop, Think and Check whenever we come across a piece of content - especially content posted to social media. Because a lot of the stuff published there is just not true.

And it's another reason to sign our government petition to make digital literacy education a part of every Aussie kids' education. Because without government funding - Squiz-E may have to hang up his magnifying glass. And no one wants that.

The link to the petition is in today's episode notes and also on the squiz kids website.

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. Which country did the Socceroos beat on Tuesday night to keep their World Cup dreams alive?
2. Name the three countries where the 2026 football World Cup will be held?
3. What birthday is Woody, Buzz, Jessie and Bullseye from Toy Story celebrating this year?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Thursday, March 27 ... today is World Theatre Day ... have you seen a piece of live theatre? With actors on a stage? Maybe you've been in a play or musical yourself? Well - today's the day to celebrate how important theatre is as an art form.

Today is also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Elliana and Mia from the Gold Coast, Manny from Walkervale, Henri from Mount Riverview, Everett from Wellington Point, Minnie from Fitzroy North, Eleanor from Kew, Oliver from Ormiston, Sergio from Maroubra and Sereyna and Maisy from St Clair.

A belated shoutout goes to... Amaan from St Clair.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 5H with Mrs Mooney at Christian College in Geelong, class Honey 4 and Smile 3 with Miss Hanson and Miss Struthers at Banks Public School in St Clair, class 3SH with Mrs Hickey and class 3KP with Ms Kate at North Ainslie Primary School in Canberra and class 3W with Miss Walker at Viewbank Primary School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. China
2. United States, Mexico and Canada
3. 30th birthday

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 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.