

## **Landslide in Aussie election; Thailand's long-haired school kids; its' meteor shower time; and 100 men versus a gorilla.**

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 Monday, May 5 -

In Squiz Kids Today ...Landslide in Aussie election; Thailand's long-haired school kids; its' meteor shower time; and 100 men versus a gorilla.

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

### ***THE LOWDOWN***

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In electoral terms: it's called a landslide. When one political party dominates an election to such an extent that the opposing side is left dazed, confused and wondering what went wrong.

And that was the outcome of the Australian federal election at the weekend as Anthony Albanese claimed victory and Peter Dutton got bundled out of the competition with his tail between his legs.

After millions of Aussies trooped off to school halls and community centres on Saturday to cast their votes - and maybe scoff a democracy sausage - it only took a few hours after polling booths had closed for the outcome to become clear. And Albo's Labor Party swept the pool ... with experts yesterday predicting they could have as many as 95 seats in the next Australian Parliament ... where a party only needs 76 seats to win.

What does any of this mean for you? It means Anthony Albanese will be our Prime Minister again - most likely for another three years. Poor old Peter Dutton not only lost the election, but also lost his job - with the search on now for a new Opposition Leader.

And if all of this election-ing has whet your appetite and you want to learn more about how our system of government works - jump on over to our website [squizkids.com.au](http://squizkids.com.au) and listen to our excellent four-part series The Sensational World of Civics - all about how elections work and what it means when we elect someone to go and represent us in Canberra. Because it's your democracy - and you should know how it works.

### ***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 Thailand - where school kids will finally be able to grow their hair if they want to.

For the past 50 years or so, school kids in Thailand have had to take part in hair-length inspections by their teachers. For boys, they all needed to have buzz cuts, and for girls, everyone had to wear their hair in a short-cropped bob. No ponytails, pig tails or even braids.

But since the law about kids haircuts was overturned in March - more and more Thai school kids have been letting their locks grow out. We're not quite talking Rapunzel - but long ponies for girls are becoming more common - while fades, fringes and floppy mushroom cuts for boys are becoming all the rage.

Imagine having your teacher wander through the classroom with a set of clippers and shaving your head if they thought it was too long! Yikes.

### ***SPACED OUT***

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Hands up if you had a shower this morning? Or maybe last night? How about if I told you that tonight you could have a meteor shower? Because the annual light show in the night's sky is about to kick off again as the Eta Aquariid meteor shower takes place above our heads.

Every year around this time Earth is peppered with bits of space rock - which, when it encounters our atmosphere, burn up and send meteors streaking across the sky.

They'll be visible all week, and expected to peak on Thursday - but you'll need to set your alarm and be ready to get up between 3am-5am to see them. Yikes.

In good news for star gazers - there's no full Moon this week which means the sky is darker and they'll be easier to see. And of course: if you happen to live out in the country, where there is less light pollution from street lights and city lights - you'll have a much better view too. Happy star gazing!

## **BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

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It's the question that has the whole internet buzzing ... in a fight between a gorilla and a hundred men - who would come out on top? The question was posed on social media last week and its since gone viral - with everyone from Elon Musk to Mr Beast weighing in - with Mr Beast even jokingly suggesting the competition would make for an excellent new Mr Beast challenge- and was anyone up for the challenge.

One animal expert gave his own opinion on the matter to news outlets over the weekend, suggesting that a) gorillas are actually gentle creatures and b) if every one of the 100 men were committed and acted in unison - they would very likely smother and overcome the gorilla. So that means I've won the bet with my son ... one point to Dad.

## **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. Name the bloke who won the Australian Federal election at the weekend to become our Prime Minister, again ..
2. In which country can school kids now grow their hair out?
3. Mr Beast has weighed into a debate that's gone viral on the internet .. who would win in a battle between 100 men and what animal?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Monday, May 5 ... It's World Hand Hygiene Day - so make sure you wash 'em well today. And it's also World Laughter Day - because laughter just makes every day better.

Today is also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Daveena from Oran Park, Amelia from Wagga Wagga, Indi from Glen Huon, Sophia from Baulkham Hills, Asha from Surrey Hills, Caleb from Kurri Kurri, Marc W from South Ripley, Austin from Killarney Heights and Amelia listening over in Wellington, New Zealand.

Belated shoutouts go to... Celeste from Wollstencraft, Sebastian from Hornsby Heights, Sebastian from Coromandel Valley, Hugh from Northmead, Jett, Marlie, Henry, Mason and Lilly - all from Kurri Kurri and lastly a special belated shoutout to Jacob from Narrabeen who we accidentally missed last month.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... grades 4, 5 and 6 with Miss M at Goornong Primary School, classes 9.2 and 9.3 at Champion Bay Senior High School in Geraldton and class 5 Blue with Mrs K at Holy Spirit Kurri Kurri Primary School.

And for the month of May - we're introducing a new Classroom Shout-Outs promotion – if you send in your Classroom Shout in the month of May - your class will go into the draw to have me pay a virtual visit .. yes that's right ... I'll beam into the classroom of one lucky school that submits its classroom shout out this month. And I might have a book pack under my arm to give away to you too ...

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

1. Anthony Albanese
2. Thailand
3. Gorilla

Otherwise ... 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 Shortcut on The Making of A Pope .... As cardinals from the Catholic Church gather in Rome this week to choose a new pope - we've created an excellent Shortcut explaining how it all works and why.

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