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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 Thursday, May 15 -

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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Scientists will be carefully watching a patch of the sea-bed in the Pacific Ocean today as an underwater volcano threatens to erupt.

The volcano, which is called Axial Seamount, is located about 1 and a half kilometres below the surface of the ocean, off the coast of Oregon - a state in the north-west of the United States.

And if it erupts, as it's expected to do, it will be one of the biggest underwater explosions that has happened this year.

You're probably familiar with volcanoes located on land, right? They sometimes erupt and molten rock, ash or lava spews out and burns everything in its path? Well there are volcanoes located underwater too - on the sea bed. And when they erupt - the same stuff - molten rock - whose scientific name is magma - spews forth from the earth's crust.

The only difference being the magma comes into contact with water - or H<sub>2</sub>O - immediately and either vaporises or is turned instantly into a solid. Entire islands have been formed this way, including some parts of Hawaii.

And get this: according to the Smithsonian Institute - an important and respected scientific organisation - about 70 percent of volcanic eruptions in the world take place underwater - and most of them we humans never even notice.

Amazing ...

## ***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 Switzerland - where a duck has been busted speeding by a speed camera.

The mallard - which is a sort of duck - was photographed by the Swiss speed camera and clocked at doing 52 km/h in a 30 km/h speed zone.

Ask your mum, dad or teacher ... that sort of reckless speeding in a car would attract the attention of police at worst, or a speeding fine at best.

Police who reviewed the speed camera footage were astounded to see their camera had captured the speeding duck in full flight .. but without a licence plate to track it down - the duck got away scott free.

Lucky duck.

## ***SPORT TIME***

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As the NRL season heats up and competition to make the final eight grows with every passing week, there's a new battle going on between rugby league clubs ... namely, which club attracts the most fans to its home games.

For the longest time, the Brisbane Broncos have claimed the crown - with an average of just over 41,000 fans coming along to Suncorp Stadium to see them play.

But with a recent flash of form the Canterbury Bulldogs have emerged as pretenders to the crowd favourite crown.

A pretender to a crown is someone who is challenging to take it ..

Recent Bulldogs home games have drawn average crowds of just over 35,000.

Which are the other teams that attract the most fans to their home games, based on last year's numbers? No great surprises there with both the Sydney Roosters and the Penrith Panthers coming out near the top – but it's last year's wooden spooners, the Wests Tigers who have surprised - coming in fourth place. It's amazing what a few wins on the trot will do.

My team, the Sharkies, came in a respectable fifth place for crowd numbers last year. C'os they love their footy down in the Shire ...

## **NEWSHOUNDS**

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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, his snout is twitching after watching a video on YouTube about the 100 men vs a gorilla craze.

Last week in the pod we talked about how the internet has gone wild over the question of who would win in a battle between a gorilla and 100 men. So wild that Mr Beast posted to his social media about it. Which prompted one faker to create a video which is pretending to be a news report about Mr Beast actually creating the challenge for his wildly popular YouTube channel. The fake news report pretends that the challenge happened, that Mr Beast got 100 people to take on a gorilla - and that it went horribly wrong. The fake video - which I've linked to in today's episode notes - uses graphics to make it look like a real TV news report, has copied the format of a real TV news report and interviewed fake eyewitnesses - with really bad make up. Now - because we are Newshounds and we're always on the lookout for fakes, we know we should always STOP, THINK and CHECK before believing everything we see. But there are lots of folk out there who believe this stuff.

Be more Squiz-E people! And if you're a teacher and would like to join the 4,500 classrooms around the country who have signed up to do Newshounds - Squiz Kids very own, totally free curriculum aligned, Queensland University of Technology-tested media literacy program for primary school kids - then hop on over to [squizkids.com.au](https://squizkids.com.au) and sign up to a free account. Because we like to give.

## **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 which country was a duck busted doing 20 ks over the speed limit?

2. Starting with 'm' what's the scientific name given to molten rock that spews out of volcanoes?
3. Which NRL team is hoping to beat the Broncos to the title of biggest home crowd this year?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Thursday, May 15 ... today is the United Nations International Day of Families - recognising how important families are to billions of people all over the world.

Today is also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today...

Eliora (pron El-Ee-Oar-ah) from Vermont South, Halo from Oran Park, Adele from Indooroopilly, Winston from Essendon, Aditi from South Ripley, Asher and twins Riley and Brody from Maroubra and Theo B from Stirling.

And a belated shoutout goes to Anik listening over in Toronto, Canada.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 4/5M with Mrs McNab at Albury West Public School, class 5/6B with Mr Blain at Belmont Primary School, classes 3 White and 5 Green with Mrs Green and Mrs Failla at St Justin's Catholic Parish Primary School in Oran Park, class 5C with Mrs Corry at St. John's Anglican College in Forest Lake and class 3A with Ms Axiom at Eglinton Public School.

And finally, a very special shoutout to Jack and Grace from Sydney, who listen to the podcast with their dad, Paul.

And a *reminder* ... All Classroom Shoutout requests we receive during the month of May will go into a draw to have Bryce pay a virtual visit .. yes that's right ... Bryce will beam into the classroom of one lucky school that submits its classroom shout out this month. And he might have a book pack under my arm to give away to you too ...

**The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. Switzerland
2. Magma
3. Canterbury Bulldogs

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 the Kids vs Adults Weekly News S'Quiz.

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