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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 Monday, May 19 -

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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And welcome back listeners to what we're officially going to be calling Media Literacy Monday ...

Why?

Because for the first time in Australian schools history, media literacy - and specifically, now to recognise fake news - has been added to the Australian curriculum and will now be part of lessons from kindy to high school.

What's the Australian curriculum? Well, put simply, it's the list of things teachers have to teach you at school. What? Did you think they just made that stuff up? No - every teacher across the land has to follow a list of subjects and stuff within those subjects to make sure your brains are as stuffed as possible with things that will make you a constructive and useful member of society.

Because, just like Thomas the Tank engine, we should all just be working to become a really useful engine.

So what does it mean practically? Well it means your teachers will be invited to explore media literacy teaching tools to help them meet this new part of the curriculum.

And lo-and-behold - one of the resources that's being recommended is Newshounds - Squiz Kids' very own, very free media literacy resource for primary school kids (KIDS CHEER) – the classroom resource that teaches you how to spot misinformation when you come across it online.

Why? Because you guys have more information coming at you than at any other time in history – whether via YouTube or elsewhere on the internet, there's a flood of content behind flung at you. Learning to be a clever Newshound - capable of sniffing out the stuff that isn't real - is going to become a really important life skill.

Stay tuned later in the week when we'll have an interview with ACARA CEO, Stephen Gniel to explain this major development. And teachers/parents - if you're keen to check out Newshounds and join the more than 4,500 classrooms around the country who have already signed up to do it - check it out at [squizkids.com.au](http://squizkids.com.au).

## ***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 the mid-west of the United States - where tornado season is in full swing and has already caused widespread devastation.

In one city, more than 5000 homes have been torn apart, entire trees uprooted and hurled across streets, and windows blown out.

A tornado is a massive column of violently spinning air that reaches down to the ground and sweeps up everything in its path. Sometimes called 'twisters' they happen every year in this part of the world - where residents have purpose-built underground shelters to hide in for safety.

And while Friday's storms left some without loved ones, thousands without homes and millions of dollars worth of damage - weather forecasters were yesterday warning there are more storms to come.

Sending all of our best Squiz Kids wishes to everyone affected - including the many listeners we have in that part of the world. Stay safe out there.

## **SPORT TIME**

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One hundred and sixty four years is a long time to wait ... especially if you're a footy fan and it's taken your club that long to win a premiership.

And that's why fans of the English football team, Crystal Palace, were yesterday crying in relief, surprise and absolute, unmitigated joy after their team won its first FA Cup final since the club was created 164 years ago.

Palace beat Manchester City in the cup final yesterday by 1 goal to nil ... after a brilliant volley into the back of the net only 16 minutes into the game by their forward, Eze.

And to all you kids out there playing netball or footy and maybe not winning the competition - remember this. The Crystal Palace football club was established in 1861 and went professional in 1905 ... now *that's* a long time to wait for a trophy ...

And honourable mentions today to the Western Bulldogs - who smashed Essendon on Saturday by 91 points ... ouch ... and to the Sharkies - my team - who edged out the Melbourne Storm in their NRL clash on Saturday to stay within coo-ee of the competition top four ..

And NSW and Qld kids - brace yourselves for Origin madness after the teams announcements last night and today ... bring it on.

## **POP CULTURE CORNER**

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Speaking of massive wins ... and the European country of Austria has emerged victorious in the music equivalent of the State of Origin ... we're talking of course about the Eurovision Song Contest - the final of which took place yesterday in Switzerland.

Austria's contestant, JJ belted out a power-opera-ballad-techno-dance anthem, as you do, to take out the winners trophy - ahead of Israel, who came in second place and Estonia who took out third place.

And yes: well done to those of you who know your world globe well enough to spot that Israel is not a part of Europe. But neither, for that matter, is Australia - yet we were still part of the competition.

Sadly, our entrant, GoJo - was knocked out of the competition on Friday - when his song Milkshake Man failed to capture the imagination of the judges and audience.

Personally: I didn't think Austria's song was nearly silly enough to win Eurovision ... now Sweden's entry, about the joys of the Scandinavian past-time of saunas - now THAT's a Eurovision winner in my books.

I've stuck links to video of Austria's and Sweden's songs in the episode notes - you be the judge.

### **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 English soccer club that just won the FA Cup final?
2. Starting with 'c', what's the word for the program of subjects that teachers have to teach?
3. Which country came second in the Eurovision Song Contest?

### **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Monday, May 19 ... today is National Walk Safely to School Day .. are you doing the school trudge today?

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Emma from Innaloo, Charli from Walkervale, Oliver from Gloucester, Poppy from Cannon Hill, Annabel from Roseville, Henry from Torquay, Remy from Sydney, Mac from Middle Park, Bentley from Goonong, Isla from Ferny Grove, Santana from Paraburdoo, Maddy from Fernvale, Flynn from Macksville, Cooper from Kew East, Estelle from Glen Iris, Charlie from Box Hill, Ahmad from Punchbowl and Emily listening over in Bandar Utama, Malaysia.

Belated shoutouts go to Evelyn from Paradise, Aveline from Botany and Theodora from Kennet River but currently travelling in the south of France.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 2TS at Greenhills Primary School, class 5/6 Stingrays with Mr Simone at Mount Riverview Public School, the Chrysler class with Miss Cooper at Oran Park Public School, class 5H with Ms Hilli at Ashgrove State School and 5G with Ms Gunson at St Ives North Public School.

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. Crystal Palace
2. Curriculum
3. Israel

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 Squiz Kids Shortcut to Ancient Egypt.

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