

## **Cyclone bomb wreaks school holiday havoc; Taiwan's prehistoric paddle; do pets belong in bed?; and The Cat In The Hat is back.**

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 July 3 -

In Squiz Kids Today ... Cyclone bomb wreaks school holiday havoc; Taiwan's prehistoric paddle; do pets belong in bed?; and The Cat In The Hat is back.

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

### ***THE LOWDOWN***

---

School holiday plans were yesterday thrown into chaos as a cyclone bomb descended on Australia's most populated state, NSW - grounding flights, flooding caravan parks, saturating Australia's biggest city and forcing the evacuation of thousands.

In a wild winter weather event the likes of which we haven't seen for decades, the school holiday getaway plans of families all over the country were left hanging as the state bunkered down against what meteorologists were calling a 'bombogenesis - or 'cyclone bomb'.

Which totally sounds like something straight out of a horror movie.

It made for a very wet last week in school for NSW's hundreds and thousands of public school kids - and for teachers too, no doubt - as they tried to contain classrooms full of stir crazy kids.

Torrential rain and strong winds saw trees fall across powerlines, cutting the electricity to tens of thousands of residents on the south coast - where flash flooding was also causing havoc yesterday.

Meanwhile: on the other side of the Earth, in the northern hemisphere where summer is in full swing, Europe sweltered in a heatwave - with temperatures in some parts of the continent reaching the high 40s. Euuuw. That is hot!

In Paris, the mercury climbed so high that city officials had to close down the Eiffel Tower, refusing entry to its tippy top level for thousands of tourists who visit each day, for fears it was just too hot and too dangerous up there.

## ***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 Taiwan - where scientists have revealed the results of a most amazing experiment ...

Determined to work out how prehistoric man traveled across the oceans from one continent to another, the scientists made stone axes, cut down a tree, created a hollowed out log canoe and - using only paddles and the tides and currents - made their way from the island nation of Taiwan to islands on the edge of Japan - hundreds of kilometres away.

Using the data collected, they've been able to imagine how early humans hopped from one continent to another over 30,000 years ago - helping us to understand early human migratory patterns that created the races, ethnicities and countries that we know today.

Ah-mazing.

## ***ANIMAL KINGDOM***

---

Do you have a dog or cat at home? Does that dog or cat sleep with you - or another member of your family? I know our dog Louis loves to sleep with my son, Flynn. And now scientists are debating whether or not it's a good idea to have a furry friend in bed with us.

On one side, scientists who are in favour of doggy sleeping companions say it's good for both the dog and the human - with high levels of serotonin released ... serotonin is a hormone that is released in our brains to make us feel happy.

On the other hand, other researchers suggest that dogs in your bed can impact the quality of sleep you get - and it's a practice that should be discouraged.

Hmmm ... good luck telling that to Louis ...

## **POP CULTURE CORNER**

---

The Cat In The Hat is back ... or at least, he'll soon be back - with a trailer dropping yesterday for a brand new Dr Seuss feline-inspired animated movie starring everyone's favourite mischievous hat-wearing cat.

Due to hit cinemas next year, the movie sees the cat launch a mission to cheer up a couple of kids who have moved to a new town ... cue the madness.

And speaking of kids movies ... don't forget to check out our Squiz Kids Winter School Holiday content starting next week.

We'll kick off on Monday with our first ever Squiz Kids School Holiday Movie Guide ... where Christie and I preview all the awesome flicks on at the movies these hols - then from Tuesday, Christie's famous school holiday Brain Teasers will be back! She poses the question on the pod in the morning - and the answer drops later in the afternoon. Genius!

And because we know you like to gawk at screens - we're stepping up our YouTube content these school holidays. For the two Fridays of the upcoming school holidays, on the Squiz Kids YouTube channel, we'll be premiering our Squiz Kids Science Shorts - where Christie goes into mad professor mode to answer curly science questions that you've sent in.

Like: why do we fart? (FART SOUND EFFECT) .. oh, excuse me. And does a bigger brain make you smarter?

Be sure to check out our YouTube channel - like and subscribe and all the rest. It's going to be crackerjack!

## **THE S'QUIZ**

---

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

1. Which famous monument in Paris has been closed because of the heat?
2. Which island nation did scientists set off from to ride the ocean's currents, bound for Japan, like prehistoric humans would have done?
3. Name the famous kids' author who wrote the Cat In The Hat books .. and I'll give you a hint, his name starts with a 'Dr'.

## **SHOUT OUTS**

-----

It's Wednesday July 1... it's Territory Day in the NT - happy T Day terrorotians

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

Evie from Vermont South, Henry from Sunshine Coast and Oscar, Ollie, Paloma, Ale and Hamish all from Exeter.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 5/6 with Ms Walton at Dubbo Christian School on Wiradjuri Country, class 3/4Blue with Mrs Schafer at Holy Trinity Primary School in Wantirna South, class 5/6G with Miss Gaut at Lucas Heights Community School in Barden Ridge and class F7 with Mr Salvaire and class 28M with Miss Henson - both at Hammond Park Primary School.

And a reminder - if you celebrate a birthday over the coming school holiday break, we'll be announcing your belated shoutout when Squiz Kids returns to our normal podcasting schedule - the week commencing July 21.

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

1. Eiffel Tower
2. Taiwan
3. Dr Seuss

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

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