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

THE LOWDOWN

What will you be doing in 2032? Me? I'll be sitting in the stands watching the Olympics in my home town of Brissie. Whatever your plans might be for seven years' time - it's probably best to not be on the surface of the Moon - not least because there's an asteroid the size of a small building that astronomers are worried might crash into it.

Right now, clever scientists with super strong telescopes are keeping an eye on an asteroid which is currently on the other side of the Sun - but which is due to be back in our celestial neighbourhood in seven years' time. And while at first, it was thought it might crash into Earth - the latest calculations suggest if it's going to crash into anything - it's more likely to be the Moon.

Happily though - if that happens, it's not expected that there will be any impact for us down here on Earth - except maybe a bit of Moon dust flying around above our heads for a bit. Which is good, because I'd hate for my Olympics watching to be interrupted by a pesky asteroid ...

How good is rain! Said no one ever. Except maybe ducks. Oh - and farmers in South Australia. Who were yesterday celebrating the big dumps of rain that fell on SA over the weekend - bringing much needed water to their drought-affected paddocks and livestock. With more spring rain on the way in the long-range forecast - there are hopes this could be the weather to break the back of what has been a very dry six months.

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 Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic in Europe - where zookeepers are playing at being puppeteers to feed a baby vulture chick.

The zookeepers have had to put on a vulture puppet glove, complete with trademark yellow beak to hand feed the chick - which is an endangered species.

The zookeepers have used this method before with other species of bird - with great success.

A bit like when you lot were little and your mum and dad had to pretend the spoon full of food was an aeroplane coming in to land in your mouth ... or was that just my house?

Ahhh parenting ... the things we do to get you people to eat your vegetables ...

SPORT TIME

Oh what a weekend in sport ! This time of year is always so hectic - you're all out playing footy and netball and every sport in between - and the telly is a riot of league and AFL and - in the case of the past few weeks, the British and Irish Lions playing the Wallabies in rugby union. And it was heartbreak for Aussie rugby fans on Saturday night when the Wallabies - after leading for 79 minutes - had a soul-crushing - and controversial - try scored against them, seeing them lose the series against the visitors. Poor Wallabies ...

Meanwhile - in the AFL world, the North Melbourne Kangaroos were making headlines for all the wrong reasons at the weekend .. they're not having an exactly stellar season -

made worse on Saturday night when Patrick Dangerfield, captain of Geelong, the team they were playing - went off mid-game to eat a kebab.

Geelong won the game by over 100 points ... ouch.

That's what I call rubbing chili sauce into the wound.

SQUIZ KIDS SALUTES

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In this segment, we salute the doers, the achievers - the people getting out there and taking a big old bite out of life ... and today we're sending a great big Squiz Kids Salute to Western Australian grandpa, John Haddow.

The 71 year-old last week took out the Surfing Australia over 70s Long Board championships at Kingscliff Beach on the far north coast of NSW.

Dedicating the win to his grand-daughter Mina, who lost her battle with brain cancer at the age of only three, John said when he rode the winning wave, he could feel Mina right there with them.

Speaking after the win - he said: everyday is precious and we need to make the most of every single day ..

John Haddow - Squiz Kids Salutes you ...

((Q+A CALL OUT

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Hands up if you've heard of a book called the Thirteen Storey Treehouse? Then you probably also know the 26, 39, 52 and all the way up to 169 Storey Treehouse books ... and you quite possibly know the author, Andy Griffiths.

Well Andy is great friend of Squiz Kids – and on the occasion of the impending release of his new book, You and Me & The Peanut Butter Beast - Andy has bravely agreed to take the Squiz Kids hotseat and take part in another Squiz Kids Q+A ... (CHEER).

This is your chance to ask ANYTHING you want of one of the most popular and successful kids' authors in Australia.

How and where does he write? How does he come up with his kooky ideas? Who was his favourite author when he was your age? What does he do when he's not writing? Anything at all.

And here's the fun part ... The ten best questions will win a copy of Andy's new book .. AND the best question - as judged by Andy - will win a double pass to see Andy in person - like IRL - at his Opera House show in Sydney in September (CHEER)

So - don't just sit there - send in your questions already! Email them to squizkids@thesquiz.com.au - before Tues Aug 5 ...

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. What sort of bird are zookeepers in Prague rearing using hand puppets?
2. What year are scientists worried an asteroid could crash into the Moon?
3. How old is Australia's grandad surfing champion, John Hadow?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday July 28 ... it's Peter Rabbit author Beatrix Potter's birthday .. and on this day in 1900, the hamburger was invented ... think of the joy that invention has since gone on to bring the world ... mmmm .. hamburgers ...

Today is also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Maya from Springvale, Mochi (pron M-OW-Chee) from Pakenham, Zhima (pro Zi-Ma) from Waterford, Miranda from Perth, Anay from Forest Lake, Liam from Yeppon, Dolev from Chatswood and Hugh from Roseville.

Belated shoutouts go to... Bosco from Oatlands, Thales from Marsden Park, Allbie from Maiden Gully and Leland from Bradbury.

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 5/6A with Miss French at Springwood Road State School in Springwood, class 6C with Mr Kev at Hume Anglican Grammar Freier Campus

in Micklelem, class TA19 with Mr Hampshire at South Ballajura Primary School and class 3S at Bella Vista Public School and happy birthday to their teacher Mrs Sargeant.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Vulture
2. 2032
3. 71

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 with our Squiz Kids Shortcut on the Tour de France - it's an excellent explanation of the bike race that stops the world.

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