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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 August 4 -

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

THE LOWDOWN

They call it the Sunshine State - because it's regularly the warmest, sunniest place in Australia. But yesterday, there was snow in Queensland as winter delivered a cold snap to remind us Jack Frost isn't quite ready yet to head back to the northern hemisphere and make way for spring.

The good folk of Stanthorpe in Queensland had a flurry of snow late Saturday and a good dusting of frost Sunday morning as temperatures there sank towards zero.

But it was across the NSW Northern Tablelands that the snow chucked it down ..

Guyra and Armidale copped a dump on the weekend, which saw kids racing outside to build snowmen and make impromptu sled runs, sheep and cattle shiver in their paddocks - while planes were grounded at Armidale airport because of the snow.

It was less winter wonderland and more wild weather for other parts of NSW who were lashed by crazy strong winds and heavy rains, causing flooding again on the Mid-North Coast - with emergency crews responding to over 1,500 calls for help.

Floodwaters rose quickly in the Hunter Valley region, with emergency warnings issued in the towns of Scone, Muswellbrook and Cessnock.

Squiz Kids in those flood affected areas - stay safe out 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 Pennsylvania, in the United States where a hot dog highway has just opened up.

Well – it was a perfectly normal highway - until a truck carrying a container load of hot dogs crashed, sending sausages all over the road.

Now the thing about hot dogs, which perhaps you might not know, is that once smeared all over bitumen, they make the road incredible slippery.

Think, Mario Kart sliding around corners slippery - but with less control.

Luckily no one was hurt in the hot dog highway incident – but presumably a lot of people at a party or baseball stadium somewhere went hungry for the day ...

SPORT TIME

The game was stopped half way through because of lightning, the weather was atrocious, but the Wallabies managed to pull off an impressive win against the British and Irish Lions at the weekend - showing what's called in sport circles as 'green shoots' - which will hopefully grow to make the boys in green and gold a formidable force in the Rugby World Cup to be held in Australia in 2027.

Not even the driving rain in Sydney on Saturday night was enough to stop the Wallabies - our national mens' rugby team - from steam rolling to an impressive 22-12 win over the visitors.

And while the series was the best of three - and the Lions had already won the first two matches in Melbourne and Brisbane - it provided enough of a glimmer of hope for the rugby true believers that the national team might just rise to world beating status again.

POP CULTURE CORNER

Hands up who loves the movie Zootopia? Me too! Then you'll be just as excited as I am to learn that there's a Zootopia 2 coming to cinemas soon - and the trailer dropped on Friday.

Hopps and Wilde are back ... this time with wily fox Nick Wilde officially part of the Zootopia police force, and partnered with police officer extraordinaire Judy Hopps ... and when a snake makes its way into Zootopia, chaos ensues ...

I've stuck a link to the trailer in today's episode notes ..

It's been going off online ... the first Zootopia made over \$1 billion at the box office - that's billion with a b - and earned an Oscar for Best Animated Film.

And the best news, for mine ... the sloth who works at the motor registry is back too ..

It's funny 'cos it's true ..

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On the subject of all things cool and pop culture .. thanks to the hundreds of kids who have sent in questions for our upcoming Andy Griffiths Q+A .. the response has been overwhelming .. Remember - tomorrow's your last day to submit a question .. flick 'em on through to squizkids@thesquiz.com.au.

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. What's the name of the Australian mens' national rugby team?
2. Name the bunny rabbit police officer making a return to the big screen in Zootopia 2?
3. Which stupidly popular kids' author will be returning for a Squiz Kids Q+A later this month?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday, August 4 ... today is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day .. celebrating the next generation ... I've stuck a link in today's episode notes a website with heaps of info and classroom resources ...

Today is also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Avni from Vermont South, twins Isobel and Lucille from Haberfield, Lucy from Ourimbah, Olivia from Springvale, Sarah from Jerilderie, Robin from Gippsland and Alyssa from St Ives.

Belated shoutouts go to... Harry from Warners Bay, Erin from Oyster Bay, Harriet from Sandringham, Hazel from Jerilderie, Teddy from Hunters Hill, Amelia from Baldivis and Asher from Doncaster.

Classroom shoutouts go to... year 4/5/6 with Mrs Currie at Dunoon Public School, class 5/6T with Mr Meeson at Belmont Primary School, class 6A with Mrs McIver at Kallangur State School and welcome back to Mrs Hutt from years 5 and 6 at Exeter Public School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Wallabies
2. Judy Hopps
3. Andy Griffiths

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

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