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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 18 -

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

THE LOWDOWN

Did you feel the ground rumble a bit beneath your feet on Saturday morning? Did the pictures hanging in the hallway go a little bit skewiff? Or did the jars in the kitchen pantry rattle around a bit?

That's because Australia experienced an earthquake on Saturday morning ... and for the residents of the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane in Queensland, the 5.6 magnitude quake made the ground tremble for a few minutes.

It was only a small quake ... certainly nothing compared to the big ones that have happened in other parts of the world recently, but it was still enough to break a record, registering as the largest on-shore earthquake in Australia in fifty years.

Happily, there were no reports of significant damage, and no one was hurt - but seismologist - who are people who study the movement of the earth's tectonic plates - were nevertheless kept busy on Saturday morning, as houses shook, alarms started ringing and rail services were cancelled in the south east of the Sunshine State.

Why do earthquakes happen? I've stuck a link to an excellent Squiz Kids Shortcut on Earthquakes and Volcanoes in today's episode notes .. but in a nutshell .. our planet's surface is a bunch of enormous rocky plates, all pressed up against one another .. all

moving very very slowly in different directions .. and when they bump up against one another and get stuck and can't get past each other - the pressure builds to a point until it breaks, and the plates grind against one another into a new position. Hey presto, the grinding of the plates causes the ground to tremble. It's science, innit

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 China - where the robot Olympics have been held over the weekend.

280 teams from 26 countries submitted humanoid robots they had created to take part in running races, table tennis, soccer and even kick-boxing competitions .. I've stuck a link to video of it all in today's episode notes.

And while there were lots of mishaps - lots of robots falling over one another, or REALLY slow and actually not that interesting games of soccer between robots - these are just the beginning of what science is going to be able to achieve.

In your lifetime - robots will be created that are capable of doing all sorts of things that humans do now - and creating and programming them will be a really important, and really interesting job for some of you.

Sport Time

While we all slept on Saturday night ... tucked up in bed and snoring our heads off .. ok, maybe that was just me ... our national men's rugby team The Wallabies - were making a little bit of history in South Africa.

In front of a sell out crowd in the city of Johannesburg, the Wallabies broke a 62 year losing streak to come from behind and beat the Springboks in a 38-22 victory for the ages.

Yes that's right ... the Wallabies haven't won against South Africa at Ellis Park in Johannesburg for 62 long years ... but the boys in green and gold did it on Saturday night. And they did it despite going into half time down 22-5.

For those of you good at maths in your head, you'll know that means that when they ran on for the second half, they scored 33 points - to streak past the South Africans and claim the win.

How good ...

POP CULTURE CORNER

Speaking of making a little bit of history ... let's hear it for K-pop super-group Black Pink ... who this weekend became the first ever K-pop girl band to play Wembley Stadium in London.

Jennie, Lisa, Rosé and Jisoo performed in front of 70,000 adoring fans - not once, but twice over the weekend - as they joined the mega-pop star likes of Taylor Swift, Michael Jackson and their Kpop boy band counterparts BTS to play the famous London stadium.

The concerts are part of the groups' Deadline world tour - which sadly isn't coming to Australia - at least not yet ...

And if you're still sitting there going . Black What? Wrap your head around this.

When they released their new single Jump at the beginning of last month, it became the most watched video in a single day on YouTube - with 26 million views.

Wowsers ... I'm off to go and watch 'KPop Demon Hunters' ..

BOOK WEEK CALL OUT

Can you believe it!? Book Week is here!

Have you got your book week parade costumes ready? Is your mum and dad frantically glue gunning something together? Ahh ... what a time to be alive ...

And to mark the occasion - the Squiz Kids Book Week Costume Competition is back!

We're giving away brilliant book packs to the most creative, clever, or just plain hilarious costumes. To enter, have a parent or teacher snap a pic of you in your outfit, then post it to Instagram tagging @squizkids or using #squizkids — or email it to squizkids@thesquiz.com.au. Make sure you include your name, age, where you live, and who you're dressed as. You can enter by yourself, with your family, or even as a whole class. Entries close at the end of next week.

Plus — big news! TOMORROW, kids' author extraordinaire, Andy Griffiths is jumping into the Squiz Kids Q+A hotseat to answer the questions YOU sent in!

Yes that's right, the Andy Griffiths Squiz Kids Q+A drops first thing tomorrow morning - and it's hilarious!

Make sure to tune in to listen to Andy answer your questions .. including the one thing he always wanted to include in his Treehouse book series, but was never allowed to. It's VERY funny ...

Available tomorrow - right here on the Squiz Kids podcast feed ...

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. In which country were the robot Olympics held this weekend?
2. What's the name of the stadium that Black Pink played in London this weekend?
3. And in which city in South Africa did the Wallabies pull off their magical come from behind victory on Saturday night?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday, August 18 ... today is the National Day of Action Against Bullying – purple t-shirt day .. and this year's theme is Be Bold, Be Kind, Speak Up ... encouraging kindness and support and not being afraid to speak up and support a friend if you think they are being bullied .. because it takes a village ..

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

Ariya from Forest Lake, Tilda and Tyson from West Albury, Jack from Exeter, Myles from Lane Cove North, Ojasv (pron Oh-Ja-sev) from Glenwood, Jethro from Eglington, Hudson from Kingsley, Emma from Cremorne, Jake from Oran Park, Judah from Ashwood, Arshi from St Clair and Alicia from Toorak Gardens.

Classroom shout outs go to... Class 6S at Tregear Public School and happy birthday to Mr Sargeant who celebrated a birthday over the weekend, class 5GM and Miss Philip at Pacific Pines Primary School on the Gold Coast and classes 5A and 5C with Mrs Graham at Sheldon College - who are new listeners to Squiz Kids and are absolutely LOVING the daily podcasts and the Friday Quizzes.... Welcome Sheldon College!

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. China
2. Wembley Stadium
3. Johannesburg

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

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