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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 Thursday, September 18 -

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THE LOWDOWN

Australia's teenage sprint sensation Gout Gout took another confident stride into the record books last night - beating some of the fastest men in the world to qualify for a semi-final in the 200 metres at the World Athletics Championships in Japan.

With the eyes of the world on him, the 17 year old from Ipswich looked a little nervous as he took to the blocks – understandable given that he is the youngest man ever to be selected for a world championships in athletics.

And with half of Australia, a packed stadium in Tokyo and even the world's fastest man, Usain Bolt watching on, Gout Gout ran third in his heat, clocking a time of 20.23 seconds - winning for himself automatic qualification for the semi-finals tonight.

Speaking after the race, the kid from Queensland said being on the biggest athletics stage in the world was a bit nerve wracking - but he hoped to get a good start in tonight's semis and - and I quote - 'get off like a butterfly'.

How poetic.

It's been a remarkable year for the sprint sensation .. running a personal best - or PB as the athletes say - of 20.02 seconds over 200 metres.

His main competition at these championships? Take your pick ... its basically a gathering of the fastest men in the world - including Olympic champion from the USA Noah Lyles - who also qualified for the semis with a blistering fast run in his heat of 19.99 seconds.

The current world record time in the 200 metres is 19.19 seconds - set by Usain Bolt in 2009 ..

And a shout out too fellow Aussie sprinter, Torrie Lewis - who ran a PB 22.56seconds in her 200 metre heat last night and, like Gout Gout, is through to semis tonight.

I guess I know what I'll be doing tonight ...

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 New York City ...where the name Ryan could be heard echoing all over town on the weekend.

And that's because a special event called Ryttoberfest took place there ... where people called Ryan met up to try and break the Guinness Record for the number of people gathering in one place with the same name.

No news on whether they broke the record - exact numbers are still being counted .. but there would have to have been a lot of Ryans in attendance to beat the existing record .. which went to a gathering of Ivans who got together in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2017 ... and numbered an impressive 2,325.

That's a lot of Ivans ...

I wonder what the collective noun for a group of Ryans would be? You know how the collective noun for a group of lions is 'pride' or for a group of sheep is 'flock' – would it be a 'gang', a 'swarm' or a 'cluster' of Ryans? I like the sound of a cluster of Ryans .. has a nice ring to it

SPORT TIME

And it wouldn't be a Thursday in September without a Squiz Kids footy finals preview .. and what a weekend we have in store!

The NRLW finals kick off this weekend - with the big-hitting women of the national rugby league competition duking it out for a shot at the premiership ... Saturday will see the Knights take on the Titans in the first game of the day, followed soon after by the clash between the Sharks and the Cowboys .. or is it the Cowgirls? The winners of these two matches will go on to play the Roosters and Broncos in next weekend's semis ...

Meanwhile, for the fellas, this weekend will see the Raiders tackle the Sharks in the first NRL preliminary final, then on Sunday, the Bulldogs and Panthers battle it out - with the winners of those games winning the right to play in the semis against the Broncos and Storm.

Meanwhile, in AFL land - all eyes will be on the MCG tomorrow night when the Hawks take on Geelong - and then again on Saturday when reigning premiers the Brisbane Lions face off against Collingwood. The winners of those two games will go to Grand Final on Saturday week.

Because too much footy is never enough ..

NEWSHOUNDS

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Every Thursday, Squiz-E the Newshound sticks his snout into Squiz Kids HQ to report back on fishy things he's sniffed out on the internet ... and this week his nose is twitching after all of the mis- and disinformation that has appeared in the week since the death of Charlie Kirk.

When a big news event like that happens - there is always a spike in the amount of fake news that circulates online. Whether people have good intentions and accidentally share information that is not true - which is what we call misinformation – or whether they have bad intentions and use a tragic event like that to tell lies to try to make the situation worse or confuse or trick people into believing something that isn't true - which is what we call dis-information - it pops up everywhere - and is spread with alarming speed on platforms like TikTok, YouTube and Instagram.

Which is why we have to always have our Newshounds detective magnifying glasses handy - ready to scrutinise content we come across before believing it. Scrutinise is a fancy word for check to make sure it's real. And why we should always - after a big news event - STOP, THINK and CHECK whenever we come across a piece of content, a video, a story, a social media post - and make sure we are not being tricked.

Don't do it for me. Do it for Squiz-E.

SCHOOL HOL CONTENT + SHOUT OUT NOTE

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Listen,,, can you hear that sound? (SEAGULLS) .. it's the sound of holidays ... and they are almost upon us. If you're in Queensland or the NT or Victoria - tomorrow's your last day of Term 3 ... kids in the rest of Australia - soz, but you've got another week.

One thing you all have in common though is that we're going to have a whole lot of excellent school holiday content for you - as per usual.

Keep your ears out for bumper holiday quizzes, a school holiday movie guide, a chat with kids' author Annabel Crabb, a chat with Australia's first female astronaut, brain teasers and Science Shorts ... there's so much content you won't know what to do with yourself.

We'll keep up the daily news pod all of next week - as so many of you are still at school - but then follow the NSW, ACT + SA hols and switch over to our holiday content ..

And if your birthday falls between September 29 and October 12 - your birthday shout out will be in the daily pod when we return, the week commencing Oct 13.

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. In which Asian city are the World Athletics Championships taking place this week?
2. What was the name of all the folks who gathered at New York's Ryttoberfest?
3. The Guinness World Record for the most number of people with the same name gathered in one place belongs to a group of folk with which first name?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Thursday, September 18 ... Round One of the NBL - our national basketball league - kicks off tonight when the Tassie Jack Jumpers take on Melbourne United .. It's also National Cheeseburger Day in the United States ... i feel like maybe every day is National Cheeseburger Day in my teenage son's life ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today... Anneliese from Moorooka, Dustin from Bald Blair, Dally from Kurri Kurri, Brooklyn from Roseberry, Aaron from Perth and Edie from Brisbane.

And belated shoutouts go to...

Classroom shoutouts go to... Grades 4/5/6 with Miss Mirabito (mirror-beet-o) at Goornong Primary School, class 3W with Ms Walker at Viewbank Primary School, class 4HD with Mrs Hanley and Mr Dessent at Excelsior Public School and lastly a shout out to Jimmy and Dan from Blackburn who are homeschooling whilst they are travelling the Western Australian coastline.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Tokyo
2. Ryan
3. Ivan

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 kids v adults weekly news s'quiz ...

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