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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, kids' style ...

THE LOWDOWN

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It was the race that stopped the nation yesterday, but not everyone chose to watch. While some Australians donned their fanciest hats and fascinators to celebrate Melbourne Cup Day, others took part in “Nup to the Cup” events, raising concerns about horse welfare and problem gambling, with more than \$220 million expected to be bet on the race, nationwide.

At Flemington Racecourse, where more than 90,000 spectators turned out under clearing skies after heavy rain, 24 local and international horses lined up for the 3200-metre race and a share in a whopping \$10 million in prizemoney.

And it was a horse called Half Yours who stormed home to victory, followed by Goodie Two Shoes and Middle Earth. The winning horse was ridden by Jamie Melham, who made history as only the second female jockey ever to win the Melbourne Cup, after Michelle Payne's famous win in 2015.

But that's not all — Jamie also won the Caulfield Cup just a few weeks ago, becoming the first woman in history to take out both of Australia's most famous races in the same year. It was a very emotional win for the 29-year-old, whose grandfather passed away

last week after watching her Caulfield Cup victory. I'll bet he was up there cheering her on!

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 Barcelona, Spain, where one of the world's most famous churches last week reached record-breaking heights.

The Sagrada Familia, a gigantic cathedral that's been under construction since 1882 (that's 143 years ago), has officially become the tallest church in the world after cranes lifted the top section of one of its central towers into place.

Designed by legendary Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí, the cathedral looks like something straight out of a fairytale.

The new tower stands 162.9 metres tall — that's taller than the Sydney Harbour Bridge, about the height of a 50-storey building. When finished in a few years (yep... it's still growing), it will stretch to 172 metres. Now that will be a sight to behold. I've stuck a link to pictures in the episode notes.

ANIMAL KINGDOM

Two runaway animals found their way home this week, starting with an emu called Frank in the US state of Arizona.

Locals were stunned, and emergency 911 calls came flooding in to police about an emu running through traffic and even wandering the Walmart car park. One confused eyewitness thought the tall, feathered Aussie was a baby giraffe! What the!?

Police gave chase, and with emus able to run up to 50 kilometres an hour, it wasn't easy. But after learning one quirky fact, that emus can't walk backwards, officers cleverly cornered the bird and got it safely home to its owners' property.

Meanwhile, back in Australia, Queensland cattle farmer Bronwyn Betts has been reunited with one of her prize cows, almost two years after it was swept away in floodwaters. A tip-off led to a happy surprise. The cow was found 30 kilometres away,

safe and sound, with a healthy calf by her side. Talk about ‘udderly’ incredible! [MUM JOKE BUZZER] Setting off the Mum joke buzzer for that was totally worth it.

POP CULTURE CORNER

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It’s now only 36 days to go until Australia’s new social media age ban comes into effect... meaning kids under 16 will no longer be able to have accounts on TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, or YouTube, amongst other platforms (sorry kids). The new rule is really important because it’s designed to protect young people from the pressures and risks that come with social media, like online bullying, harmful content, and spending too much time scrolling (i feel ya)... and tech companies that don’t comply could face fines of up to \$50 million.

But, not everyone is cheering. Perth-based influencers, The Empire Family, who have millions of followers, have announced they’re moving to London so their 14-year-old daughter can keep posting. The family says they understand why the ban is being introduced, but believe social media can also be a force for good when used responsibly.

And just so you know — Squiz Kids isn’t on the banned list. You can still tune in every day for news that’s made especially for kids.

Yay!

THE S’QUIZ

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

1. What is the name of the horse that won the 2025 Melbourne Cup?
2. In which Spanish City is Sagrada Familia cathedral located?
3. What did one American shopper mistake Frank, the runaway emu with?

SHOUT OUTS

It’s Wednesday, November 5 ... and for all you star-gazers out there, tonight’s the Beaver Supermoon will be the biggest and brightest of the year. The name comes from the

Northern Hemisphere, where beavers are busy building their winter lodges right about now. So if you can, look to the east at sunset and watch it rise in all its glowing glory.

Today's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today... Julie from Vermont South, Faateh from Parraburdoo, Saachi from Indooroopilly, Justice from Kallangur, Cruz from Rowville, Jono from Riverwood, Summer from Ambrose, Flynn from Malala, Sienna from Yarralumla and Macsen from Mount Macedon.

Belated shoutouts go to... Robyn from St Clair, Xavier and Allanah from Riverwood, Savannah from Illawong and Adelaide from Kurri Kurri.

Classroom shoutouts go to... year 4/5/6 in Buninje Class with Miss Wilkinson, Miss Kidd, Miss Bridget and Aunty Nia at Tabulam Public School, students with Mr Pan and Miss Tucker at St Luke's Catholic College in Marsden Park, class 5C with Ms Clark at Burwood Public School and Room 12 with Miss Kos and Mrs Hughes at Newborough Primary School in Karrinyup.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Half Yours
2. Barcelona
3. A baby giraffe

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.