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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, November 27 -

In Squiz Kids Today ... Fire and ice in wild summer onslaught; Colombia's sunken treasure trove; AFLW final fever; and Crikey! Robert Irwin's a winner.

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

THE LOWDOWN

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Were you sweltering in Sydney yesterday? Or sitting in the dark dodging icy hailstones on the Sunshine Coast? Maybe you were nervously sweating under a total fire ban in NSW? Or perhaps you were among the hundreds in Darwin still without power following Cyclone Fina last weekend?

Well - settle in folks - because if the past week has been any guide, we're in for a wild and wooly summer, weather-wise.

Sydney sweltered yesterday before a massive thunderstorm swept through and drenched the joint. Welcome to our life, said south east Queenslanders - especially those from around Bribie Island - some 30,000 of whom were without power for the third day after a massive storm swept through on Monday ... followed by another one on Tuesday.

You think that's bad? Asked residents of Darwin - who are still cleaning up after Cyclone Fina smashed into the coast last weekend. Hundreds of Territorians were still without electricity yesterday - five days after the cyclone.

Meanwhile: a catastrophic fire danger warning was issued for Western NSW - where dozens of schools were closed yesterday. Oh - and summer still doesn't officially start for another five days ...

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On the subject of things heating up ... it was crikey! I've won! for Robert Irwin - of Australia Zoo fame - yesterday after he was crowned winner of Dancing With The Stars in the United States.

The Aussie wildlife warrior - who swapped work boots for dancing shoes and khaki for sequins - has spent the past few months wowing US television audiences and the internet with his smooth dance moves.

And yesterday: it all paid off. Despite suffering a rib injury - Robert and his danc partner Witney wowed the judges and won the audience vote to emerge victorious.

To Robert Irwin - and every boy out there who dances or thinks they might like to give it a try - Squiz Kids Salutes you.

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 Colombia ... in South America - where sunken treasure more than 300 years old has resurfaced and kicked off a battle for ownership.

Is there anything cooler than the idea of an old ship carrying trunks of gold coins being sunk in battle hundreds of years ago but then no one really knowing where it went down.

For years now, a secretive mission has been underway to find the sunken treasure - some 11 million gold and silver coins, if you don't mind - and this week a handful of priceless golden coins were put on display as just a sample of the treasure that has finally been located and is slowly being brought back to the surface.

It's estimated that the treasure is worth - get this - more than 30 billion dollars .. that's billion with a B ... so it's no wonder that several countries are claiming ownership of the sunken ship - with Spain, the United States and Colombia all saying it belongs to them.

If you can't decide who they belong to ... I'm very happy to take a crate of those golden coins off your hands, folks .. here to help.

SPORT TIME

All eyes will be on Melbourne's IKON Park on Saturday night when the AFLW season comes to an explosive end with the grand final clash between the North Melbourne Kangaroos and the Brisbane Lions.

This is the third AFLW final in a row in which these two teams have met. And so far - they go into this third clash with one win each.

Can the Roos continue their winning streak? They haven't lost a game all season. Or can the Lions rain on their parade? Afterall ... the last time the Roos lost a game it was to the Brisbane Lions ... so footy fans from the Sunshine State will be hoping that's an omen.

Last year, when these two met in the final, the Lions won by 17 points. Can they do it again? Or is it the Roos year?

If you need me on Saturday night, i'll be on the couch ...

NEWSHOUNDS

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 today, his trusty snout is quivering because he's just read the news that Robert Irwin - our newly crowned Aussie champion of Dancing With The Stars - is moving to America!

Crikey Robert! Say it isn't so!

According to multiple posts on social media - the Irwins are selling off Australia Zoo and packing up to chase their dancing dreams in the United States.

But Squiz-E - and his friends from the International Fact Checking Network - have put these claims under his magnifying glass - and discovered its all a lie .. that these are fake headlines, designed to shock and get people to click on links taking them to external websites full of scams, ads and malware.

Luckily though - you might be among the 5,000 classrooms around Australia whose teacher has signed up to do Newshounds - our free, plug + play media literacy resource teaching you to STOP, THINK and CHECK before believing everything you see online.

If you're not = get your teacher to sign up to a free account at squizkids.com.au ... it's the perfect end of Term 4 activity.

And a shout out to my friends at Jolimont Primary School in Perth and St Francis Assisi Primary School in Canberra .. I'm heading your way in the next couple of weeks to show off Newshounds to independent MP, Kate Chaney and the Governor-General Sam Mostyn, respectively. Can't wait to see you!

XMAS PROMO

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(sleigh bells) Can you hear that? That's the sound of Christmas fast approaching .. and we couldn't be more excited.

As we continue the countdown to the most magical time of the year - Squiz Kids is getting into the Christmas spirit.

As per Squiz Kids tradition, we've managed to convince Santa Claus himself to hop into the Squiz Kids Q+A hotseat again this year – answering ANY questions you might have for him. It's your chance to say hi to the big fella and ask him how he makes the magic of Christmas work - from reindeers, to elves, to toy workshops and sleighs. If you have a question you'd like Santa to answer - email it through to squizkids@thesquiz.com.au.

And because too much Christmas is never enough .. we're launching an Elf On The Shelf competition too ... Elves will be arriving in households around the country in the next couple of weeks .. and we want to see what wacky places they find themselves in in the lead up to Christmas. Email photos of your Elf to squizkids@thesquiz.com.au and we'll share them on our socials .. and there'll be a prize for the weirdest and wackiest Elf hiding spot. Those crazy elves ..

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. Off the coast of which country in South America has sunken treasure been retrieved?
2. Name one of the two teams competing in the AFLW final this weekend?

3. What's the name of the TV dance show that Australia's own Robert Irwin has just won?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Thursday, November 27... today is Thanksgiving in the United States .. one of the biggest holidays of the year - where families and friends get together to stop, reflect and give thanks ... which we should all try to do at some stage today ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today... Junaid from Bradbury, Peter from Exeter, Chase from Albury, Jasper from Lobethal, Amy from Devonport, Lily from Brighton, Ariana from Peakhurst and Georgia from South Australia.

Belated shoutouts go to...

Classroom shoutouts go to... Class 2N with Miss Nobile at Townsville Grammar - North Shore, class 5C with Mrs Corry at St John's Anglican College in Forest Lake, year 3 with Miss Mooney-Doe and Miss Knight at Pimpala Primary School in Morphett Vale, class 4S with Ms Bartlett at St Clement of Rome Primary School in Bulleen and class 6E with Ms Crawley at Blackburn Lake Primary School.

And a reminder - if you celebrate a birthday over the Christmas break, send us your birthday shout-out by Friday December 12, and we'll make sure to include you in the weekly Quizzes that will be going out each Friday of the school hols.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Colombia
2. Brisbane Lions or North Melbourne Kangaroos
3. Dancing With The Stars

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 the Kids vs Adults Weekly News S'Quiz.

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