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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, April 27

In Squiz Kids Today ... Record crowds for ANZAC services; ancient killer octopus discovered; new evidence of life on Mars; and the world's fastest corgis.

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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From Broome to Hobart, Townsville to Bunbury - and as far away as the fields of France, shores of Turkey and jungle mountains of New Guinea - Australians of every shape, size, age and colour gathered set the alarm for an early wake up on Saturday to take part in Anzac Day services.

Organisers of dawn services all over the country reported record numbers of Aussies turning out for the annual commemoration as the nation paused to remember service men and women who have served their country and helped to deliver the peace that we are so lucky

As wars in the Ukraine and Iran continued to be fought, Australians watched the sun rise quietly over thousands of towns and cities across the country and gave thanks to the men and women of the armed forces who have - for over a hundred years - fought to secure the harmonious way of life for which our nation is renowned.

Not even the booing of Welcome to Country remarks in Sydney and Melbourne could dampen the Anzac Spirit - with the vast majority of people paying respects on Saturday understanding the day was as much about celebrating how Aussie diggers had fought in wars overseas throughout the decades to protect a society built on tolerance, multiculturalism and mutual respect.

In France and Gallipoli in Turkey - hundreds stood in fields where many thousands of Aussie soldiers perished in the First World War, while on the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea's jungles, heads were bowed remembering those who fought in the Second World War.

Lest we forget.

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One story you're going to hear a lot about today - and throughout the week - is the incident involving US President Donald Trump in Washington DC yesterday.

At around lunch time Australian time, the President had to be evacuated from a gala dinner of American journalists after shots were fired in the lobby of the hotel the function was taking place in.

The President, First Lady Melania and other members of the US government were uninjured in the incident - and at the time of recording today's podcast, it was unknown who was responsible or why it happened.

## ***SPIN THE GLOBE***

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Each day we give the world globe a spin and find a news story from wherever it stops - and today we've landed in the Czech Republic, in Europe - where the world's least likely sprinting dog has proven it's faster than the world's fastest man.

Hundreds of corgis have taken part in the corgi 100 metre dash in the city of Prague .. and despite their stubby little legs, long barrel bodies and completely non-aerodynamic design, one of the pups sprinted the 100 metres in 8.9 seconds.

That's almost a whole second faster than the Usain Bolt - the Jamaican sprinter who still holds the world record for the fastest speed across 100 metres ... at 9.58 seconds.

The only time my dog Louis runs that fast is when its dinner time and he's making a sprint for his bowl.

## ***ANCIENT WORLD***

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I tell you what ... if I had been alive in the Cretaceous period - which is a period of the Earth's history about 100 million years ago - you wouldn't have caught me dead swimming in the ocean.

Especially not since the discovery this week of the fossilised remains of a killer octopus that is believed to have measured up to 20 metres long ..

That's like almost two buses long ...

Can you even imagine?

Scientists have found the fossilised beak of an ancient octopus - which they say provides evidence these ancient octopus were apex predators of the ocean during the Cretaceous period — an apex predator is a predator that sits at the top of the food chain and is so big and so dominant it essentially eats every other creature around it.

Ancient giant killer octopus ... now tell me that's not a big budget popcorn movie waiting to happen ..

## ***SPACED OUT***

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I don't know about you - but everytime I think about this - it makes my head spin a little ..

Right now up on the planet Mars - there's a machine built by humans, controlled by people down here on Earth, just rumbling around the surface of the red planet picking up rocks, testing soil and otherwise performing experiments which scientists here on Earth are using to helping them work out whether there is life up there.

An experiment conducted recently on a piece of Mars rock by a rover called Curiosity discovered a whole bunch of organic molecules that had never been found up there before.

Evidence, according to scientists, that billions of years ago, Mars may have been a planet teeming with alien life forms.

The same Mars rover has also found evidence that there was once water on Mars.

Ah-mazing.

### ***PM FOR A DAY***

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Remember last term we held our PM For A Day competition - and were overwhelmed with almost 500 entries from around the country?

Well - we're producing a special podcast and video for our YouTube channel - with a wrap of the day in Canberra - when 12 yo Jett Jarvis from Dalveen in country Queensland went to Parliament House in his big ol' hat and showed our elected leaders how the country would go if kids ran it ...

It will be in your ears - and ready for your eyeballs - in the coming weeks - so mark your diaries and stay tuned ...

### ***THE S'QUIZ***

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

1. Which period of the Earth's history did massive killer octopus swim the oceans?  
Was it a) the Jurrassic b) the Cretaceous or c) the swinging 60s?
2. In which country has a corgi just proven it's faster than the world's fastest man?
3. Curiosity

### ***SHOUT OUTS***

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It's Monday, April 27 ... a public holiday in NSW, Western Australia and the ACT .. lucky ducks ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Treeni from Kallangur, Lachy L from Exeter, Avreen from Chirnside Park, Rachel from Eagle Vale, Harrison from Mosman, Sonia from Forest Lake, Ruby from Paraburdoo, SAM from Belmont, Heidi from Mount Riverview, Calvin from Thornton and Ben, Mia, Arianna, Timmy, Alex and James - all from Arundal.

Belated shoutouts go to... Jonathon from Sydney, Ivy from Yass and Kurtis from NSW - and happy belated special birthday to my good friend, Lorna.

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 2CA with Mrs Ayala from Donvale Christian College, classes prep to 6 with Ms Scheiwe at Prairie State School, class 3B with Mrs Borg and class 3L with Mr Lawton at Eltham East Primary School, class 5A with Mrs Krogh at Willows State School and classes K-6P and Mrs Perfect and Mrs Graham at Bradbury Public School.

### **The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. b) Cretaceous
2. Czech Republic
3. Curiosity

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](mailto: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 a Squiz The World episode where we're paying a visit to the smallest country in the world ... a place called Vatican City. It's a fascinating listen - be sure to tune in.

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

