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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, May 25 -

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

THE LOWDOWN

The world had its fingers and toes crossed yesterday that there might finally be an end to the war in Iran - and an re-opening of the Strait of Hormuz.

You remember how there's been a war going on in a country called Iran, located in the Middle East?

And you will also remember how because of that war, a stretch of sea called the Strait of Hormuz has been largely closed - preventing ships from passing through it.

Ships carrying - among other things - oil - which is used to make petrol (or gasoline as it's called in the US) - meaning that the cost of everything from petrol at the service station to apples in the supermarket has gone up.

There were reports yesterday that Iran had agreed to a plan to end its war with the United States and Israel - and that a truce was imminent.

Truce is the word for when two sides in a war agree to stop fighting. And imminent is a fancy word for something happening any minute now ..

Of course, it's not the first time in the last few months that we've heard talk of a truce - and each time so far it has failed to happen .. but experts yesterday were hopeful the end may finally be in sight.

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 Dallas, Texas - where plans are afoot to bring a prehistoric bird back from extinction.

The giant moa is bird that once walked the plains and forests of New Zealand. Standing at up to 3.6 metres tall, and weighing anywhere up to 200 kgs - they were triple the size of your average emu, before they were hunted to extinction.

But now, with the invention of artificial eggshells - scientists are saying they are confident they can bring the moa back from the dead.

The science involves using a 3D printer to mimic the lattice pattern of bird's eggs.

So far, scientists have managed to hatch a bunch of baby chickens - or chicks - using the technology - and are watching to see how they grow.

Just remarkable ...

SPORT TIME

And it's a mixed Sport-Time and Squiz Kids Salutes segment today as we start by saluting AFL player, Scott Pendlebury who this weekend broke the game's all-time record for the most number of games played.

Running out onto the MCG in front of a 90-000 strong crowd to take on the West Coast Eagles, Pendlebury - who wears the number 10 jersey - made his 433rd appearance on the paddock as a professional AFL player - in a footy career that started back in 2006 — that's 20 years ago!

And it was a festival of 10s at the MCG for the occasion ... with Collingwood winning the match by 10 points, the crowd bursting into Pendlebury celebration at the 10th minute -

and the oddly serendipitous fact that taken together - the numbers 4-3-3 add up .. that's right ... 10.

Serendipitous means happening by chance in a pleasant way ..

Meanwhile: over the ditch in New Zealand and Auckland FC were celebrating after defeating Sydney FC 1-nil in the A League final .. the first New Zealand team to win the soccer competition. Well played Kiwi cousins ..

SPACED OUT

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And it's been a busy few days in outer space ... with lots going on in the dark skies above our heads.

First there was the meteor that streaked across night skies on the east coast of Australia last Thursday night – believed to have been about the size of a basketball as it burned up in the sky above us ... with scientists asking people to keep their eyes on the ground for any space rock that may have made it to Earth - saying it would look like dog poo ... eugh ... who'd want to pick up that?

Then there was news yesterday that scientists have uncovered evidence that our galaxy, the Milky Way, had eaten up a smaller, neighbouring dwarf-galaxy some 10 billion years ago. Ok - that number is so big it hurts my head ...

And finally a new SpaceX rocket successfully completed a test flight over the weekend - popping up into space before making a controlled landing back in the sea.

Oh - and the Mandalorian and Grogu hit big screens at the end of last week - and rocketed quickly to being the number one, most watched film in US cinemas over the weekend.

Because this, apparently, is the way.

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. What's the name of the narrow stretch of water near Iran through which ships carrying oil sail?

2. What's the name of the prehistoric bird from New Zealand that scientists think they can bring back from extinction?
3. What number jersey does Collingwood's Scott Pendlebury wear?

SHOUTOUTS

It's Monday, May 25 ... today is National Tap Dance Day in the United States - and as a card-carrying dance dad - I reckon we should adopt it here in Australia too. Here's to all the kids out there - boys and girls - who troop off to dance class each week - what you do in those classes each week is just remarkable ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Sebastian from Vermont South, Hudson from Mount Coolum, Billie from Balmain, Reyan from Edmondson Park, Jorja and Willow from Guyra, Matilda from Camberwell, Matilda from Buxton and Makoto listening over in Ishikawa, Japan and Alyssa listening over in Auckland, New Zealand.

A belated shoutout goes to... Jackson from Tanunda

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 5/6S with Mrs Duncan at St Michaels Primary School in Heyfield, class Atticus 5 with Mrs Ribeiro and Mr Pan at St Luke's Catholic College in Melonba, class 5KG with Mrs Gallagher at Proserpine State School and class 5/6 Opal with Mr H at Goonellabah Primary School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Strait of Hormuz
2. Giant Moa
3. 10

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you'd like a shoutout, or if you want a classroom shoutout... 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 an excellent new Squiz The World – as we pay a visit to the United Arab Emirates ...

Squiz The World is the fortnightly podcast that takes kids on a virtual excursion to a different country – and right now, the UAE as it's known, is very much in the headlines thanks to it's proximity to Iran ...

The podcast will drop on this channel first thing tomorrow ...

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