

## **We're off to the Moon!; Blues win first Origin; Squiz-E sniffs a fake; and Britain's cheese rolling championships;**

Hello and welcome to Squiz Kids Today ... your fresh take on what's happening in the world around you.

I'm Bryce Corbett

It's Thursday, May 28 -

In Squiz Kids Today ... We're off to the Moon!; Blues win first Origin; Squiz-E sniffs a fake; and Britain's cheese rolling championships;

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

### ***THE LOWDOWN***

---

Warm up your jet packs, double check your space helmets! We're off to the Moon people - with the announcement yesterday from the American space agency NASA that a base will be built there within the next six years.

What that means is that humans will live semi-permanently on the Moon for the first time in the history of the human race. Which is just mind-blowing when you think of it.

So what will a permanent human base on the Moon look like?

Will it be like one of those enormous, domed-in interplanetary cities like you see in the Star Wars movies?

Well – not quite. It will all be VERY basic to begin with.

There will be specially-designed capsules for astronauts to live in - pressurised and fed with oxygen so people living there can live, eat and work. Then there will be a bunch of lunar rovers - which are all-terrain vehicles which can ramble across the uneven surface of the Moon and explore unknown nooks and crannies.

The lunar base will also feature hopping drones ... miniature, hopping spaceships which can be sent hopping across vast distances to explore valleys and mountainscapes that no human has ever visited before ... as well as lunar mining equipment to drill for signs of water - and an elaborate solar panel power system to capture the sun's rays and keep the lights on - and oxygen machines running around the clock.

2032 is the year NASA is hoping it will be ready to send the first astronauts to the Moon to live .. and of course - it won't stop there.

Once this simple moon base is established - it will be used to build a larger base - which will one day extend into a little township - that might - who knows - one day become a fully-fledged city on the Moon.

And somewhere in there - plans will be hatched to use the Moon base as a launch pad to send humans to Mars ...

All of which means - as I have always said - this truly is a remarkable time to be alive.

## ***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 England - where one of our favourite events of the year has just taken place.

I'm talking about the Cheese Rolling Championships - a competition that takes place every year and which just has to be seen to be believed..

Now it may surprise you to learn that cheese isn't just made in blocks or come pre-packaged in plastic-sleeved slices.

Traditionally, cheeses are made in what are called 'rounds' .. which is exactly what it sounds like .. a big round wheel-shape .. which is why you'll sometimes hear people talk about a 'wheel of cheese'.

And because they're the perfect shape and size for rolling down hills, a community in England has made a name for itself hosting the annual cheese rolling championships -

which involves people standing at the top of a very steep, very uneven, very grassy hill - rolling a large cheese wheel down the hill and then throwing themselves headlong after it ... tumbling, stumbling, tripping and toppling their bumpy way to the bottom.

Most years, there are injuries – broken ankles, wrist, elbows, legs and arms. And it's most definitely not something you should try at home ... but if you want to see some mad English men and women hard at it ... see the link to video in today's episode notes.

My body aches just thinking about it.

### ***SPORT TIME***

---

It's not quite cheese rolling, but the State of Origin rugby league series has kicked off with Game One in Sydney last night .... And the Blues have drawn first blood with a comeback win that almost no one saw coming.

Trailing the Queensland Maroons by 20 points to six at half time, the Blues looked as if they had no chance of winning - but a send off for Qld fullback Kalyn Ponga for a high tackle 17 minutes into the second half turned the tables ... meaning Queensland played with a man down for the rest of the game, allowing NSW to run in a couple of tries.

When in the final 30 seconds Blues fullback James Tedesco plucked the ball out of mid-air to score the winning try - the sold out crowd at Accor Stadium went wild. Or at least the ones wearing blue did ...

Final score - NSW 22, Qld 20.

Next stop for the men's Origin series will be the MCG in Melbourne in three weeks' time - when Victorians will have to pretend to care .. meanwhile, game three of the womens' state of origin happens tonight

## **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 cute little bloodhound nose is twitching after coming across untrue claims spreading on social media.

Right now, there's an illness call diptheria which has broken out in some remote communities in Australia.

It's serious enough that the government is taken action to control it - but not so serious that you need to worry about catching it ..

And even faster to spread than the disease itself - is the amount of misinformation that has begun to spread online - especially on social media.

Claims like the disease was brought to Australia by migrants or that the vaccine against diptheria is dangerous ... both of which are untrue and not backed by science.

It's moved scientists and the government to warn people not to believe everything you see online. To use your critical thinking skills and ask yourself: hmmm ... should I believe a random social media post, or should I perhaps use my Newshounds skills to STOP, THINK and CHECK and seek out real facts, from real experts? Like - you know - maybe trust people like actual scientists who go to university and do years and years of study.

Because this is the thing with social media: anyone can go on there and say pretty much whatever they want — whether or not its true .. .and often times because what is being said is so surprising or alarming - it spreads like wildfire.

Stop, Think and Check people .. it's really not that hard ..

## **THE S'QUIZ**

-----

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

1. By what year does NASA hope to have a base built on the Moon for humans to live in?

2. What's another name for a 'round' of cheese?
3. In which Australian city was last night's State of Origin rugby league game played?

## **SHOUTOUTS**

-----

It's Thursday, May 28 ... today my friends is International Burger Day ... so grab a bun and stick a patty on it today

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today... Samuel from Hawthorn East, Ayla from Seaforth and Jackson M from Williamstown.

Belated shoutouts go to... Jack from Brookvale, Miss Rudder from Gladstone and Ali listening over in New York, USA.

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 5/6 with Mrs Duncan at St Michael's Primary School in Heyfield, class 5/6B at Faith Lutheran College in Tanunda, class 1 Gold with Mrs Writer at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School in Ruse and class 5K with Mrs Kime at St John's Anglican College in Forest Lake.

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

1. 2032
2. Wheel
3. Sydney

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](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

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