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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, June 15 -

In Squiz Kids Today ... Super Socceroos World Cup win; Knicks win NBA championship; deep sea whale graveyard; and the kid playing cricket for his country.

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

THE LOWDOWN

The Socceroos have kicked their way to a sweet game one victory in the FIFA World Cup, yesterday beating pool favourites Turkey in a stunning two-nil win.

If you've ever had a coach tell you defence wins games - then that was the story of yesterday's game as green-and-gold supporters crowded into a Vancouver soccer stadium to watch Australia's men's team chalk up a glorious round one victory.

The Aussie defenders fought off wave after offensive wave from the Turks to keep the red-team scoreless across 90 nail biting minutes - with a special shout out to Socceroos goalie Patrick Beach.

Which left it to Aussie striker Nestory Irankunda to send one into the back of the Turkish net in the 27th minute, followed by a screamer of a left-footer goal by teammate Connor Metcalfe 74 minutes in.

The Aussies will now meet USA on Saturday. If they manage to finish first or second in their pool - they will advance to the round of 32.

And the stunning Socceroos victory could not have come on a better week.

This week is Refugee Week in Australia ... where we celebrate the many wonderful contributions made to our country by refugees.

A refugee is a person who is forced to move from their home country - often by war or because they're unsafe.

The hero of yesterday's game, Nestory Irankunda? He was born in a refugee camp in Tanzania in Africa before his parents moved to Australia.

Nestory's team-mate Mo Touré - another star of the team - started his life in a refugee camp in Liberia - also in Africa - before his parents moved the family to Australia in search of a new life.

And what a contribution they have made since ...

From refugee camp to playing for the Socceroos ... 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 New York City - which has erupted after home team the New

York Knicks came from behind to break a 53 year dry spell and win the NBA championship...

We're talking basketball people. And we're talking what seemed like the entire population of New York City taking to the streets to celebrate the Knicks' 94-90 point victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

The last time the Knicks won a championship was 1973 ..

The win came only three days after the New York team clawed back the biggest deficit in NBA finals history to win by a single point at Madison Square Garden on Thursday - in front of a crowd that included Taylor Swift and Timothee Chalamet.

And so it was again yesterday - that the Knicks came from behind to take down the Spurs and their MVP, the ridiculously tall Victor Wembanyana.

The celebrations are expected to go for days ...

ANIMAL KINGDOM

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And so - from the soccer pitches of the World Cup and basketball courts of the NBA we head now to the depths of the Indian Ocean - far off the coast of Western Australia - where a remarkable whale graveyard has been uncovered, stretching for hundreds of kilometres along the deep sea bed.

Scientists are calling it a 'whale necropolis' .. a necropolis is a large burial ground - because there are the remains of so many whales - some dating back millions of years.

Yes that's right .. the bones of whales that died millions of years ago lying largely intact on the bottom of the ocean.

And when I say bottom - I mean deep, deep down.

The Diamantina Trench, which is where the bones were located, has an average depth of between 5,000 to 8,000 metres ... that's 5 to 8 kilometres underwater ... or between 50 to 80 soccer fields' deep ... can you even imagine?

So why are all the bones located in the same stretch of deep sea? It just happens to be below a popular whale migration route ..

Amazing ..

SPORT TIME

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From soccer to basketball - and now cricket - is it just me or does today's pod have a very heavy sports bent ...

But we couldn't go past the story of 15-year-old Indian cricketer Vaibhav Sooryavanshi - who was this weekend selected to play for his country in an upcoming T20 series in Ireland and England.

If he takes the pitch on the upcoming tour, the left-handed opener could become India's youngest ever debutant, beating the legendary Sachin Tendulkar who was 16 and a half when he played his first Test match way back in 1989.

Who is this wonderkid? Just the most talked about teenager in Indian cricket - where the sport is practically a religion.

PLaying for the Rajasthan Royals, Vaibhav topped the batting charts with 776 runs — including no fewer than 105 half-centuries — and was named the IPL's most valuable player.

Right - that's enough sports talk for one pod ... and to think we didn't even get to talking about the Wednesday's State of Origin .. I may never leave the couch this week ...

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 deep sea trench where a whale graveyard has been discovered?
2. Who won the NBA Championship for 2026?
3. Which country did the Socceroos beat in their first World Cup game?

SHOUTOUTS

It's Monday June 15 – today, as I said, marks the start of Refugee Week in Australia - let's hear it for the amazing contribution refugees have made to our country. And it's also the start of Learning Disability Week where we're reminded learning comes easier to some than it does to others ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow ...

May from Ashmont, Noah from Bald Blair, Isabella from Geelong, Fraser from Townsville, Bodhi from Belmont, Arlo from Banora Point, Archie from Goornong, Lucas from Goonellabah, Orlando from Pullenvale, Jack from Gladstone, Lachlan from Mansfield, Clancy from Glen Huon, Grayce and Ruby from Kurri Kurri, Flynn from Kallangur, Lilibeth from Leura, Mia from Camberwell, Scout from Pomona, and Braemar from Secret Harbour.

A belated shoutout goes to... Violet from Lismore

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 4C and Mrs Conroy at Central Coast Grammar School in Erina, grades 4, 5 and 6 with Miss M, Wendy and Riley at Goornong Public School, class 5B with Mr Murphy at St John the Baptist School in Maitland and class 5 Red with Mrs Hamilton at Mater Dei Catholic Primary School in Wagga Wagga.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Diamantina Trench
2. New York Knicks
3. Turkey

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 a brand new Squiz the World, and Christie will be taking you on an audio excursion to the Philippines. We'll meet giant eagles, tiny mouse-deer, and discover why, according to superstition, you should never, ever, whistle at night...

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