

**Brisbane let the bird out of the bag; birthday buddies turn 227; 57 new sea creatures; and a teen artist takes a title!**

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

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In Squiz Kids today .... Brisbane let the bird out of the bag; birthday buddies turn 227; 57 new sea creatures discovered; and a teen artist takes the title!

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

## ***THE LOWDOWN***

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Do you know what a spoiler is? When someone gives away a surprise, like telling you how a movie or footy game ends before you've watched it? Have you ever accidentally let one slip?

Well, Brisbane's 2032 Olympic organisers have spoiled their OWN grand unveiling! They'd been revealing pieces of the Olympic and Paralympic emblems around Queensland, building towards a big reveal on Monday, but a preview image on their YouTube channel accidentally showed the finished designs days early. Whoops!

And some Aussie Cockatoos have scored the starring roles! A pink cockatoo for the Olympics, and a sulphur-crested cockatoo for the Paralympics.

And if you look closely, there are some other easter eggs hiding in those designs. The outline of Queensland, Olympic flames, and groups of three and two feathers... a sneaky nod to the year 2032.

The birds also have significance in First Nations cultures, as messengers connecting people to Country, stories and ceremony. I've stuck a link for you to take a look at the designs in today's episode notes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DzYOJawv2I>

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And speaking of special events,

Australia's oldest man, Ken Weeks, turned 113 on Monday, while Brazil's João Marinho Neto (*zhoo-OŨ mah-REEN-yoo NEH-too*), the world's oldest man, turned 114 on exactly the same day! The pair even exchanged birthday wishes.

Ken's family credits his long life to a simple routine and staying independent. If he can do something himself, he will.

Happy birthday, fellas .. that's a combined 227 candles. Hmm... maybe someone should check the smoke detectors!

## **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 Stockholm, Sweden... where the Nobel Prize announcements are underway.

You can think of the Nobels as a kind of celebration of people whose discoveries, ideas and efforts help humanity... and famous winners include scientists Albert Einstein and Marie Curie as well as education campaigner Malala Yousafzai. We have a Shortcut all about the Nobels if you'd like to learn more.

Monday's prize for medicine went to three scientists from Germany and America. Their research used light to help turn individual brain cells on or off. Amazing!

There are five other prizes for physics, chemistry, literature, peace and economics. The winners receive a medal, a special certificate and quite a bit of prize money. But winning apparently doesn't get you out of Dad duty. The American winner, Dr Karl Deisseroth, had to take a break from interviews to make his kids' school lunches. He might understand the mysteries of the brain... but those lunchboxes weren't going to pack themselves!

## **ANIMAL KINGDOM**

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If you think we've discovered all the animals on Earth, the ocean would like a word...because scientists studying deep-sea samples collected off the coast of Argentina have identified 57 species new to science... including corals, tiny crustaceans and a sea cucumber they've nicknamed Loki.

Loki was named for its pointy appendages that resemble the mischievous Norse god's horns. And the reason it hasn't been seen before, is that you have to travel two and a half kilometres down to find it. And finding these creatures is only part of the job. Then the taxonomists step in... Taxonomists are scientists who identify living things and classify them by studying their features and DNA and sorting them into groups according to how they're related.

And with more than a few samples from this expedition still waiting to be examined, there could be more surprises ahead.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ui8ydbYNvrs&t=74s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4kEW642Kjg&t=357s>

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And while we were on a break, the winner of Alaska's Fat Bear Week has been crowned! And this year's chunkiest brown bear was number 89 - Backpack! He's called Backpack because of the way he would climb on his mum's back in the river when he was a cub. Congratulations, Backpack, all that salmon-gobbling has earned you quite the fan club!

## **SQUIZ KIDS SALUTES**

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Now if I had to draw someone, I'd have to point out where the nose was and, yep... I promise those really are ears... Not so for 17-year-old Jazz Lancaster Merton, who took on a challenge and has been named Australia's Portrait Artist of the Year!

Think about everything a face can tell you without saying a word. A raised eyebrow. A cheeky grin. That look your teacher gives when the classroom gets TOO noisy. A portrait artist tries to capture some of that personality as well as the likeness of the person they're capturing.

And Jazz clearly has the knack!

Her winner's commission was a portrait of entertainer Justine Clarke, now hanging in Canberra's National Portrait Gallery. All while Jazz was juggling exams and school assignments! I've stuck a link to some of Jazz's work in the episode notes...

Jazz Lancaster Merton... Squiz Kids salutes you!

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-10-05/portrait-artist-of-the-year-jasmine-lancaster-merton/107204946>

## **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 birds are Australia's 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Emblems?
2. What is the nickname of the seacucumber discovered off the coast of Argentina?
3. Another animal one... Can you name this year's winner of Fat Bear Week?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Wednesday, October 7 – On this day, wayyy back in 1916, American college football team Georgia Tech beat Cumberland by... wait for it... 222 points to ZERO! Yep, two hundred and twenty-two to nothing, the most one-sided result in US college football history. Just wow!

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

Finn from West Albury, Charlotte from Randwick and Mr Andrews from Tanilba Bay Primary School.

If you celebrated a birthday over the recent break, your shoutout was featured in our Holiday Quiz episodes, released each Friday during the break. If you missed the cut-off, send us an email and we'll happily give you a belated birthday shoutout.

Belated shoutouts go to: Emily and Suhanyaa from Vermont South, Mex from Shoalhaven heads, Teddy from Petrie, Alex from Balwyn, Kayla from Kurri Kurri, Olivia from Thornleigh, Therese from Greystanes, Julian from Ashburton, Elijah from Lugarno, Oliver from Helensvale, Sarah from Maylands, Kento from Ryde, Theodore from Donvale, Edie from Rockhampton, Ivy from Kippa Ring and Nora from Manly West.

Classroom shoutouts are back next week! If you'd like us to give your class a shoutout, ask your teacher or a parent to send us an email with your school, class and teacher's name or complete the shoutout request form on our website.

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

1. Cockatoos! A pink cockatoo for the Olympics, and a sulphur-crested cockatoo for the Paralympics.
2. Loki
3. 89 - Backpack

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you'd like a shoutout, or if you want a classroom shoutout, or parents, if you'd like to shout out a class or a wonderful teacher... 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.