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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 July 15...

In Squiz Kids Today ... Gunshot that shocked the world; Euro 2024 grand final; Mr Beast breaks a record; and the tinned tuna Olympics.

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

THE LOWDOWN

It was a gunshot whose echoes will be heard around the world as the US election race heats up. A gunshot that tragically killed an innocent man - and injured a Presidential candidate - as the world woke in shock yesterday to the news that Donald Trump had survived an assassination attempt.

Assassination is the name given to when someone tries to kill a public figure. Trump - as you might know - used to be the President of America - and is running for election again.

Whilst speaking at a rally of his supporters yesterday, Trump was the object of an assassination attempt.

The next few days and weeks will be dominated by this news. And lots of claims and counter claims will be made about the how and why of it - as police and investigators try to work out who tried to shoot the former President and why. The important thing to remember - and to remind your parents - is that while lots of stuff will appear on social media, claiming to know the truth of what happened - only credible sources of news and information should be trusted. Actual newspapers and radio and TV news bulletins, and websites from real news organisations - not some random who posts on YouTube or Instagram or Facebook. As Squiz-E the Newshound reminds us: Stop, Think & Check.

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Ah Queensland ... beautiful one day ... snowy the next ..
Wait. What?

Yes, you heard right. As winter takes hold around the country, some parts of the normally sunny state of Queensland are bracing themselves for mornings of sub-zero temperatures - with the real possibility of snow falling.

It's sent weather chasers into a frenzy - who are already planning trips to NSW northern tablelands and Queensland's Granite Belt to capture this rare meteorological event.

And a special welcome back to school for all Squiz Kids in Victoria - for whom chilly mornings are typical. And to you too over in WA. And of course our Queensland listeners - who have been back on deck now for a week. Isn't it great to be back?

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 Berlin, the capital of Germany - where thousands of football fans from the countries of Spain and England are screaming their teams to victory as we go to air this morning in the final of the Euro 2024.

The Euro 2024 is the UEFA European Football Championship - the competition where all the football playing countries of Europe compete against one another. It's been going on for three weeks - and everything has led to this moment this morning - where England is hoping to overcome the odds and beat favourites Spain to take home the trophy in front of a capacity crowd of some 75,000 football fanatics. And that's not to mention the many millions who'll be watching on around the world this morning.

All eyes this morning were on 16 year old Spanish sensation, Lamine Yamal who - in the space of the past few weeks has become one of the biggest names in the sport - including thanks to a goal against France which I've stuck a link to in today's episode notes because it truly is a thing of beauty.

SPORT TIME

Now that the European football championships are over - the eyes of the sports-loving world will turn to Paris as we count down to the Olympics. The opening ceremony is now only 11 days away .. which means athletes from all over the world are on their way to France.

Including the Australian Olympic team. At a news conference last week to announce the final members of the Aussie team, it was revealed that along with our 460 athletes, we're sending three tonnes of canned tuna, 10,000 muesli bars, 2,400 pies and almost 10,000 slushies to keep them

watered and fed. If it were me: and I was going to be in Paris for two weeks - I'd be eating nothing but croissants. But that's maybe why I'm not an Olympic athlete.

And to make sure YOU don't miss a thing .. we'll be producing a daily update each morning during the Paris games - called the Squiz Kids Olympic Sprint. All the action from Paris that's happened overnight while you've been sleeping. Because too much Olympic gold is never enough.

POP CULTURE CORNER

He's given away millions of dollars, created a real-life Squid Game competition, found homes for hundreds of rescue dogs and staged some of the nuttiest stunts that YouTube has ever seen.

And as of last week, Mr Beast - real name, Jimmy Donaldson - has become the first person to amass 300 million subscribers on YouTube. 300 million people ...

That's, like, the entire population of Australia times eleven ..

But it's worth noting that it's taken him 11 years to get here. Eleven years of consistently creating content - even on days when he maybe didn't much feel like it, or days when he only had 100 followers and couldn't see the point of continuing.

It's a lesson in being consistent, my friends - and putting in effort when no one is watching. Especially when no one is watching. Because the practice and the discipline will bear fruit in years to come: and that's a lesson you can apply to anything: be it school work or sports or dance or drawing. Happy term 3 people!

JULIE INMAN GRANT

A quick message to the big people listening .. the mums and dads, teachers, carers and guardians ..

Keep listening at the end of this podcast and you'll hear the very first of what we expect will be a new series called Squiz Kids Conversations - where we sit down and have a chat made for adults about a topic we think is important to our big people listeners.

Today's chat is between me and Australia's e-Safety Commissioner, Julie Inman-Grant - about kids and social media.

Especially timely as the Australian Government conducts a parliamentary inquiry into social media and Australian society - an inquiry to which Squiz Kids has made a submission arguing the importance of media literacy education at primary school.

I've written an op-ed on the topic that was published over the weekend in the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age - which you'll find a link to in today's episode notes.

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. Which two countries are duking it out for the Euro 2024 trophy this morning?
2. In which city will the Olympics kick off in eleven days' time?
3. How many subscribers has YouTuber Mr Beast reached this weekend?

SHOUT OUTS

It's July 15 ... on this day in 1799, a very famous stone called the Rosetta Stone was discovered .. it had Egyptian hieroglyphics on it, which had been translated into Greek - which provided a sort of dictionary for deciphering Egypt's famous ancient script. Confused? I've stuck an explainer video in today's episode notes.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow ... Corey from Ashmont, Dante from Chermside West, Larry from Gulgong, Frankie from Norman Park, Ayaan from Forest Lake, Elijah from Grovedale and Ned from the Glasshouse Mountains.

And A LOT of you celebrated a birthday during the recent school holidays whilst the Squiz Kids team were having a well earned rest - and we don't want you to miss out on a shout out so we'll work our way through all of these shoutouts over the coming week... And I reckon we crack out the 'ol birthday reggae tune... hit it!

It's a happy *belated* birthday to... Delta from Attwood, Morgan from Cessnock, Jude from Tingalpa, Eleni and Olive from Wynnum, Hugo from Middle Harbour, Lachlan from Mount Barker Summit, Dean from Dubbo, Lucy from Sydney, Aziza from Cronulla, Sylvie from Bethanga, Brooklyn from Old Bar, Hunter from Wagga Wagga, Abbey from Bayswater, Nickolas from Mount Gravatt, Leo from Cheltenham, Amelia from Leura, Amalia from Eltham, Izack from Gulgong, Simon from Ashwood and Lachlan, Matthew, Komli, Roma, Aarush and Quang all from Forest Lake.

Classroom shoutouts will resume next week.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. England + Spain
2. Paris
3. 300 million

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you want a shout out - or if you want a classroom shout out - 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 special, pre-Olympics episode of Squiz The World as we pay a virtual visit to my favourite country in the world - my former home - France.

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