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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 Wednesday, Aug 7 ...

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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And first up today, here's a heartwarming reminder that the Olympics are about more than just sports; they're about making friends and creating memories with people from all over the world. Because, it's not just the medals or mascot plushies that are in high demand—it's the team pins that everyone wants!

There's a cool tradition at each Olympic Games where teams bring pins to trade with other athletes and to collect. This year, some athletes have upped the stakes, including American gymnast Simone Biles, have their own individual pins made. Even Olympic super fan and now NBC news correspondent, Snoop Dogg, has his own pin, making these unique accessories the hottest items around.

What do you think? A new event: the Olympic Pin Scavenger Hunt!

***BREAK***

On a more somber note, Aussie Digger Tom Pritchard passed away over the weekend at the age of 102. Tom was an Anzac and served Australia during World War II. He was the last remaining members of a group of 14,000 Aussie service people nicknamed The Rats of Tobruk. The Rats played a crucial role in preventing German and Italian forces from capturing a port in North Africa, which would have given them access to Egypt and the Suez Canal.

Tom lied about his age in 1940 to enlist in the army and served as an ambulance attendant, helping his mates as best he could in the midst of the unimaginable horrors of war. He never accepted the honors offered to him, and his grandson says that “His legacy was one of disgust toward war in all forms.” Tom Pritchard, Squiz Kids salutes you.

### ***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 Denmark, a northern European country this sits above Germany, where a group of scientists devised a somewhat quirky research program. Imagine Leonard, Sheldon, Raj and Howard ala The Big Bang Theory and you get the idea, because these scientists have been studying the physics of... paper cuts. And, it turns out, it’s fascinating.

One of the scientists was getting a lot of papercuts and wanted to know why. So, they gathered all sorts of paper - tissue, toilet, books, business cards, magazines, office paper and photographs. Then, they built a robot.. (because of course they did...) to push the paper samples into a blob of gelatin, which looks a bit like really firm jelly.

And the results? The paper most likely to cause papercuts is printer paper that is 65 microns, or 65 millionths of a metre thick. But they didn’t stop there. These curious scientists went on to create their own ‘papermachete’—a paper knife that they used to cut cucumbers, apples, and even chicken... until it got too soggy.

Don’t knock science class kids. There are still so many mysteries to solve.

### ***SPORT TIME***

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We've had a lot of sports already this week, but I can't let this one go unmentioned. Last week, Australia's National Ploughing Competition took place in Western Australia, and it's a huge event for rural Australia.

Now, for you city kids who might not know, a plough is a big piece of farm equipment used to prepare the soil for planting seeds. It turns the soil to make straight rows of ridges with dips, called furrows, in between. Imagine it like corrugated roofing or cardboard. Ploughs used to be pulled by horses or oxen, but these days, they're often mechanical and pulled by tractors.

This year's National Ploughing champion is 25-year-old Scott Loughridge, and this was his fourth national title! Scott is proud to keep the art of ploughing alive and will travel to the Czech Republic next year to represent Australia in the World Championships. Go for gold, Scott!

### ***BELIEVE IT OR NOT***

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Do you have a dog? Does it have its own jacket or a sparkly collar? Do you dress it up on special occasions or take it to the groomers for a hair and nail session? Well, my friends, if this sounds like you and you have a spare one hundred and sixty dollars, this next story is for you! Luxury fashion brand Dolce & Gabbana has just released their first-ever pet perfume. It's called Fefe, named after D&G founder Domenico Dolce's own precious pooch.

The fashion house says that the fragrance is alcohol and irritant-free and has been approved by vets, so it can safely be used to turn any walk into a fashionable affair with the wafting aroma of ylang-ylang, musk, and sandalwood. And, the bottle even features a 24-carat gold-plated paw print!

Honestly, I'm not a fan of dog smell, but at that price, I think I could live with it!

## **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 items, apart from Olympic medals, are the most sought after by Olympic athletes?
2. Here's a tough one, in which country, is next year's Ploughing World Championships taking place?
3. What is the name of the new Dolce & Gabbana pet perfume?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Wednesday, Aug 7... The National Indigenous Fashion Awards are being held today on Larrakia Country in Darwin. If you're a fashion lover, keep an eye out for pictures of some fabulous fancy frocks from that event in the next few days.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Sarah from Jerilderie, Richard from Cherrybrook, Owen from Curtain, Lilly from Appin, Louis from Plympton and Sophie from Oak Park.

Belated shoutouts go to... Jack from Stafford, Beau and Neva from Floraville, Majella from Hartwood, Emma from Preston and Annika from Carlingford.

Today's classroom shoutouts go to... Room 4 and Room 7 with Ms Bramley, Miss Holly, Mrs Hocking and Mrs Brookes at Moana Primary School, class 5/6 Aussies with Ms Lenehan at Bald Blair Public School, class M19 with Mr Sinclair at St Eugene College in Burpengary, class 6S with Ms Smyth at Maroubra Junction Public School and class 5/6JP with Mr P at Mancel College in Fig Tree Pocket.

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

1. Olympic Pins

2. The Czech Republic

3. Fefe

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](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 with xxxx

And don't forget, speaking of the Games, every morning of the Olympics we'll be bringing you the Squiz Kids Olympic Sprint — a quick catch up on what's been happening in Paris while you've been asleep.

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