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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, August 14 ...

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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Imagine you're settling in to watch Friday night footy with your family. But instead of just enjoying the game, you're hit with ads encouraging you to bet on the match, showing people winning big and making gambling look fun. Sound familiar?

The Australian government thinks this is a problem and plans to introduce new laws to protect kids and adults from these ads. They want to ban gambling ads during children's programs and around live sport events and limit them to just two per hour at other times.

Some people from all sides of politics, including former Prime Ministers John Howard and Malcolm Turnbull, believe there should be a total ban on gambling ads.. They're concerned because studies show that 75% of kids aged 8 to 16 can name at least one sports betting company. Even more worrying, 25% of kids can name four or more.

The issue is that gambling can be addictive. Once someone starts, it can be hard to stop, and they might lose money needed for important things like food and rent.

With two thirds of the Aussie community last year expressing concerns that there is too much gambling advertising, we're sure to be hearing more on this in the future.

And if this story has raised any concerns for you, we've added a link to Kids Helpline in our episode notes. They're there to help if you need someone to talk to.

## **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 New York City, where performer and tightrope walker Phillippe Petite, nearly 75 years old, last week walked a tightrope six metres above an audience at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. But that's not the most remarkable part.

You see, Phillippe's show commemorated a daring walk he took 50 years ago, wayyy back in 1974 when he was just 25. Phillippe and three friends illegally snuck to the roofs of the 110-stories-tall World Trade Centre towers in Manhattan. You may have seen pictures of them... they're the ones that were destroyed in the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

They fired an arrow from one roof to the other, stringing a cable between the Twin Towers—over 40 metres apart. Just after 7am, Philippe stepped out, armed only with a balancing pole, and walked, sat and lay down on a wire, 400 metres above the ground.

I've added a link to the trailer of a documentary about this event, *Man on Wire*, in the episode notes. And needless to say, kids, don't try this at home!

## **ANIMAL KINGDOM**

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Teachers, have you ever come into school over the holidays to prepare for the next term? If so, spare a thought for an elementary (that's primary school) teacher in California who was doing some photocopying during term break and returned to her classroom to find a bear eating from her lunchbox.

The quick-thinking teacher, Elaine Salmon, yes her name really is Salmon, immediately shut her classroom door and phoned her husband, a retired police officer, to come and

help.

Mrs Salmon then distracted the bear while her husband ducked into the classroom and hid behind the door, holding it open to allow the bear to leave.

And, the social media savvy Mrs Salmon filmed the whole thing. Yep, the link's in the episode notes. Make sure you watch til the end to hear Mr Salmon growling at the bear.

### **SQUIZ KIDS SALUTES**

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The Olympics may be over, but we can't move on without saluting one of its true heroes: Australia's own breakdancer, Rachael Gunn, better known as Raygun. Despite not advancing past the round-robin stage and scoring zero points, Raygun made a lasting impact with her kangaroo-inspired moves and patriotic tracksuit, becoming one of the most talked-about athletes of the games.

And although some internet trolls tried to bring her down, Raygun's energy and enthusiasm never wavered. She was later filmed giving a spur-of-the-moment performance for the Australian team, where she was carried on the shoulders of rower Angus Widdicombe wowing everyone with her signature moves. There's a link for you in the episode notes.

One of the judges said, "Breaking is all about originality and bringing something new to the table... and this is exactly what Raygun was doing." Even the Prime Minister gave her a shoutout for having a crack.

Remember, it's not about winning, but about giving your best and being proud of what makes you unique. Rachael Gunn, Squiz Kids salutes you!

### **BOOK WEEK PROMO**

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In the spirit of Raygun and the great Aussie ethos of havin' a go - we've launched a Book Week costume competition - looking for the best and worst Book Week costumes out there in Australia.

Whether you're a craft queen with the glue gun, or really quite rubbish but still want to celebrate having had a go - we want to see what you've come up with.

(ADULT SCREAM) Ahh yes ... do you hear that? That's the sound being made by parents all over Australia as they realise Book Week is fast approaching - and they haven't yet worked out their kids' costumes for the parade ..

Well - because we love Book Week as much as the next parent - we're launching a competition for the best outfits - and the best attempts at outfits. All you have to do is take a photo of your Book Week outfit, and upload it to your mum or dad's Instagram account with the hashtag, SquizKids or by tagging us, @squizkids- and we'll re-share them.

Thanks to our friends at Allen+ Unwin, we've got some super-cool book packs to give away to the best and worst outfits. And teachers: we've got a prize for the best dressed teacher too.

Book Week starts on Monday August 19 - but we're taking entries from now until the end of the big event. So don't just sit there - get busy!

## ***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. How many storeys tall were the World Trade Center twin towers?
2. What did Mrs Salmon find the bear doing when she returned to her classroom?
3. What is the performing name of Australia's best female break dancer, Rachael Gunn?

## ***SHOUT OUTS***

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It's Wednesday, Aug 14... today is World Lizard Day ... which is pretty awesome! So if you have a lizard or see one today, give it some love.

Also on this day, waayyy back in 1966 NASA's Lunar Orbiter 1 became the first US Space craft to successfully orbit the moon. A few days later it captured the first-ever photo of Earth from the Moon. If you'd like to take a look, there's a link in the episode notes.

It's also National Creamsicle Day in the United States and I've also stuck a link to a recipe for a delicious homemade version in your episode notes. You can thank me later.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Bella from Castle Hill, Emily from Curtin, Xavier from Tennyson, Amelia from Maudsland, Rizzler from Waterloo, Harry from Upper Coomera, Liam from Pascoe Vale and Samantha from Buninyong.

A belated shoutout goes to... Jacob from Kyle Bay.

Today's classroom shoutouts go to... class KS with Mr Sipple at Woollahra Public School, class 2D with Mrs Davey at St Brendan's Catholic Primary School in Mackay, class 4KB with Mrs Burman at Mount View Primary School in Glen Waverley, class 5D with Mrs Prior and class 3D with Miss Mitchell at Sheldon College in Brisbane, class 5/6 with Miss Lukong at Maitland Lutheran School and class 4C with Mrs Sellars at Queen of Apostles Catholic Primary School in Stafford.

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

1. 110 storeys
2. Eating from her lunchbox.
3. Raygun

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.

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