

## **Tropical island summit time; Botswana's great big diamond; Australia's youngest Paralympian; tomorrow's best games revealed.**

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, August 26 ...

In Squiz Kids Today ... Tropical island summit time; Botswana's great big diamond; Australia's youngest Paralympian; tomorrow's best games revealed.

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

### ***THE LOWDOWN***

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How good are tropical islands? Swaying palms ... turquoise waters. Lucky for us, we have some of the world's most beautiful tropical islands in our neighbourhood - maybe you've visited some of them? Like Fiji or Samoa or Tonga. Maybe your family comes from one of them - or you know someone who does.

Well this week is an important one for our Pacific Island neighbours as an important meeting of Pacific Island leaders takes place on the island of Tonga.

Aussie Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese will fly in, alongside New Zealand's PM and the leaders of 16 other countries in the South Pacific region.

The Pacific, of course, refers to the ocean that laps at all of our coastlines. The common space between us all.

And the ocean will be a big part of discussions - with talks expected to centre on the threat of rising sea levels because of climate change. A problem that is especially urgent in some Pacific islands which are barely above sea level as it is.

We'll keep a careful eye on proceedings through the week ...

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Speaking of changing climates .. weather forecasters say we are in the midst of an unusual winter heatwave across the country - following days of high temperatures in most capital cities. But that a wintry blast may be on the way later in the week.

The warm temperatures were to blame for massive storms that hit Adelaide and Melbourne yesterday .. hope you all managed to stay safe and dry!

### ***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. Today, we've landed in Botswana, a country in South Central Africa, where an enormous discovery has just been made. A massive 2,492-carat diamond, the second largest ever found, has been uncovered! That's carat, c-a-r-a-t, not c-a-r-r-o-t. Carats are a unit of weight used to measure gemstones, and one carat is about the weight of a small paperclip. So, a 2,492-carat diamond is incredibly heavy and incredibly valuable! The average diamond engagement ring is about 1.5 carats ... so a diamond that's 2,492 carats .. that's a whole thing...

This dazzling gemstone was discovered at the famous Karowe Diamond Mine, known for finding record-breaking diamonds. But how do they find such big diamonds without breaking them?

The secret is X-ray vision. And you thought only superheroes had that, right? Wrong. A new technology, called XRT, scans the rocks for diamonds by detecting their unique density.

Imagine wearing one of the biggest diamonds found in the past hundred years! Fancy!

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And there goes the Classroom Companion Clarion, signaling us to dive into our fantastic, teacher-crafted classroom worksheet! Today's activities are all about exploring the fascinating world of diamonds. We'll use what we learn to tackle some comprehension questions and engage in critical thinking. Check it all out, for free, at our website - [squizkids.com.au](http://squizkids.com.au) - or search Squiz Kids Classroom Companion in your favourite search engine.

## **SPORT TIME**

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It's only two more sleeps until the Paralympics begin in Paris - and I don't know about you - but I am here for it!

Because it's going to be full of incredible stories of amazing athletes - and today we shine a light on Australia's youngest Paralympian, 15 year old Holly Warn.

When she pulls on her swim cap in Paris and dives into the pool to swim for Australia, it will be with her proud brothers and sisters and parents and grandparents cheering on in the stands.

Holly has cerebral palsy - a condition which in her case means the left side of her body is weaker and gets tired faster than the right side. She tried netball and other team sports- but spent a lot of time on the bench. Then she found swimming - and she just blossomed. Now she will swim for her country in the 100 and 400m freestyle events at the Paralympics.

And Holly's catch cry? "Being a good person is more important than being a good athlete."

Holly Warn - Squiz Kids salutes you!

## **BREAK**

And if you are as excited as we are about the Paralympics - you're going to love tomorrow's Squiz Kids Shortcut on the Paralympics. A fantastic, ten minute deep dive on the history and origins of the big sporting event, plus all the Aussie athletes to look out for in Paris. Did you know that 'para' is Greek for 'beside' or 'alongside' - because the games are held alongside the Olympics? See? Learning by listening, people ...

## **POP CULTURE CORNER**

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Hands up if you like playing video games? Yeah - they're plenty fun, right. But did you also know that they can be a job? As in - games developer is an actual career, where you put to use your imagination and coding skills to create other worlds that other people love to play in.

And last week, a bunch of NSW's most promising game developers received money from the government - called grants - to develop their ideas and hopefully create the next world beating video game craze.

There's Deck & Conn - a starship combat game, Enfant, a 3D elephant game and Doggy Don't Care - where you play the role of a mischievous puppy causing chaos about the house. Sounds fun.

So as well as playing those games, keep working on those coding skills kids - because it might one day become a job.

### **BOOK WEEK PROMO**

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Whack-a-doodle! What a creative bunch you are!

Thank you to all of the Squiz Kids listeners who sent in photos of their Book Week costumes ... some of them are truly impressive!

Christie and I will pore over them over the next couple of days and announce the winners of the Allen & Unwin book packs before the end of the week ... watch this space!

And if you want to check out how creative your fellow Squiz Kids are - check out the gallery of photos on our Instagram page ..

AD STING

### **Mid-roll: Bounce**

If I told you that during these school holidays you could get your kids out of the house and into an activity that they will not only love, but will develop their balance, coordination and agility - you'd say: where do I sign up? Well, you sign up at your nearest BOUNCE - the indoor action adventure playground where the action is safe, supervised and a whole lot of fun. Stay and watch your kids master new tricks with an Allpress coffee in hand from the café. From miniBOUNCERS to freestyle adrenaline athletes, there is something for everyone at BOUNCE. Check it all out at [bounceinc.com.au](http://bounceinc.com.au). And for Squiz Kids there is 10% during these school holidays, just use the code SQUIZKIDS10 when booking online, NICE!

### **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. In which country has the world's second largest diamond been found?
2. On which Pacific Island nation is a big meeting of regional leaders happening this week?
3. Which swim stroke will Australia's youngest Paralympian Holly Warn be swimming in Paris?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Monday, Aug 26 ... it's International Dog Day! When we celebrate the special bond between human and dogs ... so a big shout out to my dog Louis - and my other doggy-friend, Squiz-E the Newshound...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Isabella from Yass, Lexi from Rapid Bay, Charli and Maggie from Aldinga Beach, Isaac from Templestowe, Kester from Dural, Zavier from Ultimo, Pippa, Courtney and Clove from Bannockburn, Cole from Meredith, Addie from Middle Harbour, Khloe from Larrakia Country, Atticus from Doncaster Beach, Josh from Tailem Bend, Aster from West Footscray, Olivia from Montrose, David from Williamstown, and Abby from Orange.

And belated shoutouts go to... Sophie from Wagga Wagga, Francis from Ermington, Jeremiah from Hinchinbrook and Koa from Jerilderie. And to me: who celebrated a birthday on Sat. Woo-hoo.

Today's classroom shoutouts go to.... Class 5M and Mrs McConaghy at St John's Anglican College in Forest Lake, class 4B and Miss Peters at Holy Trinity Primary School in Wagga Wagga, class 4C with Mrs Sellars at Queen of Apostles School in Stafford, year 3 with St Philip's Christian College in Waratah, class 4M with Mrs Matho at Dubbo South Public School and lastly Mrs Bradshaw and all the students at Brungle Public School,

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

1. Botswana

2. Tonga
3. Freestyle

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 a Squiz Kids Shortcut on the Paralympics.

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