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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, September 30 ...

In Squiz Kids Today... Global chocolate meltdown; Brisbane Lions big win; Ancient mummy in cheese necklace; and here comes the mini-Moon.

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

THE LOWDOWN

There's a chocolate meltdown brewing, people. And it just might mean a lot less of the brown stuff for ... wait for it ... Christmas! (DA DA DUUUUM!).

So you know the chocolate bars you love to eat? They start their lives as a seed on a tree called the cocoa tree.

The cocoa tree grows in countries in West Africa including Ghana and the Cote d'Ivoire - and recently, bad weather there and poor farming conditions have seen the number of cocoa trees there bearing fruit slump.

And when there are fewer cocoa trees producing cocoa seeds, there are fewer ingredients to go into the most popular of cocoa's products ... chocolate.

It's called the global supply chain. And it means that bad weather in a country in Africa can impact prices in a supermarket in Australia.

You might start to see price rises for chocolate in your local supermarket over the next couple of months in the lead up to Christmas - with dark chocolate becoming more expensive more quickly. But who likes dark chocolate anyway .. only old people eat that.

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 China - where a mummy has been discovered wearing the world’s oldest cheese necklace.

Oh yes, friends - this story has it all.

So first of all, we’re talking about a mummy - like the Egyptian kind, you know, bandages and dead bodies and stuff - not the mummy you probably saw this morning and had breakfast with when you woke up. This particular mummy is 3,600 years old - so, pretty ancient. And when its coffin was first dug up, archaeologists thought it was wearing a necklace - a piece of ancient Chinese jewellery. But the jewels were sent off for testing it and it turned out they were pieces of cheese.

Now I like a good stinky cheese as much as the next person – but I reckon this is where I would draw the line.

SPORT TIME

Ahhh ... footy! Is there anything better? And yesterday AFL fans in Brisbane were still celebrating after their team, the Brisbane Lions smashed rivals Sydney Swans in a grand final for the ages.

Taking an early lead in the game, the Lions never looked like they could lose, eventually claiming Aussie sport’s most coveted trophy with a thumping 120 points to 60 point win.

Coveted is a fancy word for something lots of people really want.

Ace midfielder Will Ashcroft won the Norm Smith medal for best on ground - not bad for a 20 year old in only his second year of professional footy. And the fans celebrated long into the night ...

Meanwhile: the Penrith Panthers showed why they have won the last three NRL premierships in a row, beating the Cronulla Sharkies in wet conditions in Sydney on Saturday night. They’ll now face off against the Melbourne Storm in the NRL Grand Final next Sunday. Because too much sport is never enough.

SPACED OUT

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It's a special week for the Moon as it gets a little friend in the shape of an asteroid which for the next two months will orbit the Earth just like our Moon does.

Called 2024 PT5 - the tiny asteroid, measuring only 11 metres across - is part of a big cloud of asteroids that happens to follow an orbit very similar to the one that our planet Earth follows. An orbit is the big circle that we make as a planet around the Sun.

The mini moon will streak across the night's sky close to Earth for the next two months, before spinning off back into space.

But it's so small - and at a distance of 4.5 million kilometres from Earth, compared to the Moon's 458,000 kilometres from Earth - unless you have a mega-powerful telescope, you won't have a hope of seeing it.

But nice to know the Moon has a little friend for the next couple of months, nonetheless.

AD STING

Mid-roll: (EB updated - from Tenita)

Hey students and teachers—what if I told you that you could win BIG prizes AND help save the planet too?

MobileMuster - aka, Australia's biggest phone recycling program - has officially launched its mega Schools Competition - and it wants YOU to get creative around the theme "What's in a phone?" Whip up a mind-blowing drawing, sculpt a masterpiece, or even create a short film.

There are a whopping 13 million broken, unused phones in our drawers that could be recycled. Your entry could help save the planet by encouraging the 3 in 5 Aussies hoarding an unused phone to recycle it.

Head over to mobilemuster.com.au to check out last year's winners, grab some incredible resources, and find out how to recycle your broken phone. You'll learn exactly what's inside a phone and why recycling them is so important— and trust me, the facts will surprise you!

What's in it for you... other than being an eco-hero? The epic prizes up for grabs: a Virtual Zoo visit by Taronga Zoo and a \$4,000 JB Hi-Fi gift card for the winning class! Plus, three

runners-up will snag \$1,000 gift cards, too! Don't miss out! Submit your entry before November 1 at mobilemuster.com.au and help make a real difference!

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. The mini-moon which will be orbiting Earth for the next two months is what sort of space rock?
2. In which country have archaeologists found a mummy wearing a cheese necklace?
3. Which team won the AFL Grand Final on the weekend?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday, September 30 ... first day back at school for Queensland kids ... though I'm thinking a lot of you have pupil free day today? It's also International Podcasting Day - so happy International Day to us.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Alice and Jack from Yass, Zara from Brunswick, Emmy from Ashmont, Emma from Charlestown, Thomas from Stirling, Penny and Eliza from Warrnambool, Jeremiah from Sydney, Isaac from Bardon, Alex from Cannon Hill, Hazel from Clovelly Park, Lachlan from Adelaide, Isla from Geelong, Harry from Rosemont and Maddi and Anabella from South Ripley.

If you celebrated a birthday during our recent podcast break - check out the Bumper Quiz for the week in which your birthday fell ...

Otherwise belated birthday shoutouts are going out today to a bunch of kids whose birthday fell during our recent break, and who missed the deadline for submission ... a very happy belated birthday to ... Mohammed from Newcastle, Oliver from Willagee, Eamon from Burpengary East, Finn from Thornbury, Annabel from the Rock, Kayden from Rochedale South, Gabrielle from Finlay, Mia and Zara from Southbank, Rosie from

Turrumurra, Raffy from Tocumwal, Angus from Glen Iris, Eli from Wagga Wagga, Hudson from Adelaide, Leo from Cairns and Vedansh listening over in Sweden.

Classroom shoutouts will resume next week.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Asteroid
2. China
3. Brisbane Lions

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 the Kids v Adults Weekly News S'Quiz.

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