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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, October 23...

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

THE LOWDOWN

On Monday, Bryce told us about some very special visitors to Australia: King Charles and Queen Camilla! They've been busy making public appearances, including a trip to Parliament House in Canberra, and yesterday attending a BBQ in Sydney's Parramatta cooked by some expert sausage chefs, those brilliant Surf Lifesaving volunteers. Mmmm... can you smell those sausages sizzling?

This morning, though, the royal couple is saying goodbye to Australia and heading to the Pacific Island nation of Samoa. King Charles has an important job there—he'll be attending CHOGM. Wait, what's CHOGM? It stands for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. It's a meeting held every two years where leaders from the 56 Commonwealth countries come together to discuss big issues like trade, education, democracy, and—hot topic alert—climate change.

As well as the country's leaders, more than 4,000 officials, diplomats, and media are expected to arrive in Samoa's capital, Apia, this week. And that's a lot of people for a country with a population of just 220,000! To help out, they've brought in a massive cruise ship to act as a floating hotel for some of the visitors. Pretty cool, huh?

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 Pennsylvania, USA, where former President and current presidential hopeful Donald Trump, has been spotted... working at McDonald's over the weekend!

No, Mr. Trump hasn't switched careers—he's been scooping fries in an attempt to win votes with the US Presidential election just two weeks away. But why in Pennsylvania? Well, Pennsylvania is a "battleground state," meaning voters there have swung between Red (Republican, that's Donald Trump) and Blue (Democrat, that's Kamala Harris) in past elections. It's a key state for candidates to win.

The McDonald's restaurant was briefly closed to ensure Mr. Trump's security while he donned the famous apron. His visit came after his opponent, Ms Harris, revealed she actually worked at McDonald's in the 1980s.

As for McDonald's, they've said they're staying out of politics—no red or blue for them, just the classic golden arches! And, of course, I've got a link to a video of Donald Trump making those classic French fries in the episode notes. You're welcome!

BIGGEST, FURTHEST, LONGEST

Get ready for this one, dog lovers! A Canadian man in South Korea just broke a Guinness World Record by walking 38 dogs—at the same time! Woah! I have trouble with one. That's right, Mitchell Rudy led a pack of 38 leashed pups on a walk over one kilometre to claim the record for the most dogs walked by one person at once.

These weren't just any dogs, though. Many of them were rescues from the Korean K9 Rescue shelter, with some coming from tough situations. You see, dog ownership is relatively new in South Korea, only really starting in the 1990s. So, not everyone knows what great companions pooches can be. This record-breaking walk wasn't just about the achievement; it was a way to promote dog adoption and prove that, with a little care and training, rescue dogs can do incredible things—like all walk together in one big, happy pack! That's pawsome!

POP CULTURE CORNER

Woooooo [Ghost noise] Did I scare you? No? Well, maybe that's because Halloween is just around the corner, and the spooky season is creeping up on us next week! If you're like me, you've probably already picked out the biggest, roundest pumpkin to carve and maybe even scouted out the perfect coffin—kidding... sort of. But there's one thing I still haven't figured out: what costume to wear!

Lucky for us, one media outlet has done the hard work and rounded up the top Halloween costumes for 2024! It's no shock that Wolverine and Deadpool are on the list (because who doesn't love a superhero with attitude?), Beetlejuice has made the cut. Even Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, is getting her wicked on! But taking the top spot this year is none other than Australia's very own breakdancing Olympian—Raygun! She might not be your classic Halloween spook, but throw on that Aussie tracksuit, bust out a few breakdancing moves, and maybe add a pouch for stashing all your Halloween treats—you'll be a hit for sure!

And speaking of Halloween, mark your calendars! Our Squiz Kids Shortcut next Tuesday will be all about Halloween, and we've got a special spooky edition coming your way on Halloween night. You won't want to miss it!

MID ROLL - Newshounds Promo (EB has updated)

So we thought long and hard about how we were going to celebrate the fact that this week is Media Literacy Week .. and we figured there was no better way to mark it than release Newshounds 2.0 - our new and improved free media literacy resource for primary school kids proudly supported by the Google News Initiative - teaching them how to spot misinformation when they come across it online.

Jump on in via squizkids.com.au, sign-up for your free account, and get amongst the brand new lessons on AI-generated content and image manipulation. Join the growing community of 3,500 Aussie school teachers already using this curriculum aligned, plug + play resource to make critical media consumers of their students. With a brand new user interface designed with teachers in mind - it's never been easier to integrate vital media literacy lessons into your schedule. The perfect end of Term 4 activity. Because: we owe kids the truth ...

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. What is the name of the meeting of Commonwealth leaders taking place in Samoa this week?

2. The Republican Party, Donald Trump's party, is represented by which colour?
3. How many dogs did Mitchell Rudy walk together at one time to earn a Guinness World Record?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Wednesday, October 23 ... International Children's Day! Now I know we give gifts on Mother's Day and Father's Day ... sooo does that mean all kids should be getting gifts today? What do you think?

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Lexi from Aldinga Beach, Dexter from Bundaberg, Jack from Dubbo, Skylar from Burpengary, Eden from Launceston, Michelle from Leppington, Miller from Boronia and Eddie from Maiden Gully.

A belated shoutout goes to Amtul from Sydney.

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 3 Red with Mrs Hamilton at Mater Dei Catholic School in Wagga Wagga, the students in Miss Julie's class at Wambanglang Public School in Dubbo, class 3BR with Mrs Batistich and Mrs Richardson at Lindfield Public School, class 3/4D with Ms Bryony at Brunswick South West Primary School and class 3K with Miss Gehir at Lauriston Girls School in Armadale.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. CHOGM
2. Red
3. 38

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

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