

**Queensland goes to the polls; LeBron makes history; Mt Everest meteorite; and Squiz-E sniffs a fake Swiftie.**

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 Thursday, October 24...

In Squiz Kids Today ... Queensland goes to the polls; LeBron makes history; Mt Everest meteorite; and Squiz-E sniffs a fake Swiftie.

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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Lucky Queenslanders! They get to go to school on Saturday this weekend ... as voting gets underway on a state election that the whole country will be watching.

With schools and church and community halls all over the state becoming set to become polling booths on Saturday, Queenslanders will be asked to vote for who they want to represent them in State Parliament in Brisbane ... and who they want to be Premier of their state.

You know how you have school and house captain elections at school? It's the same principle. The candidates have been out and about for the past couple of months, selling themselves to the electorate - that's anyone over the age of 18 and therefore eligible to vote.

The two contenders for the top job of being the state's premier? That would be the existing Premier from the Labor Party, Steven Miles - and his opponent from the Liberal National Party, David Crisafuli.

Labor has been in power for almost nine years. Will Queensland vote for a change? Or are they happy with what they've got? We'll know the answer to that question on Saturday night.

And if you're in Queensland, make sure you grab yourself a democracy sausage from the school sausage sizzle this weekend when the adults in your life go to vote.

## **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 on a basketball court in Los Angeles, in the United States where the Le Bron family has made a little bit of history.

You've heard of LeBron James, right? He's only the most famous basketball player in the world. Then you might also know that he has three kids - sons Bronny and Bryce and daughter, Zhuri. Bryce - hmm ... that's a good name ..

So - both Bronny and Bryce have followed their dad's size 15 shoes playing basketball to a very high level - and yesterday, Bronny helped make NBA history by playing his first game for the LA Lakers - which is his dad's team ... get this --- sharing the court with his dad.

It's the first time in NBA history that a father-and-son have played on the same team. And the combo was a winning won ... the Lakers beat the Timberwolves by 110-103.

## **SPACED OUT**

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Hands up who loves a story about outer space and meteorites and dinosaurs? Well you're in luck. Because there was news yesterday that an expedition in South Africa has managed to locate remnants of a massive meteorite that is believed to have smashed into Earth 3 billion years ago.

Yes, that's billion with a 'b'.

Scientists believe this meteorite was about the size of Mt Everest. 200 times larger than the meteorite that is believed to have crashed to Earth around the time of the dinosaurs and is believed to have triggered the Ice Age. And when this Everest-sized meteorite smashed into Earth, the explosion was so big it made the oceans boil. Can you even imagine?

But interestingly, it's believed the meteorite collision was so intense, that it kick started a lot of life on planet Earth - stirring up so many nutrients and minerals from the Earth's crust into the oceans, that plants and animals began to flourish. Amazing.

But don't worry - meteorites bumping into Earth like that only happen every 15 million years or so. So no need to wear your bike helmet around the back yard.

*MID ROLL - Newshounds Promo (EB has updated)*

(howl) Yes Squiz-E, I know you're impatient and want to get to the Newshounds segment - but before we do, I wanted to let listeners know that this is a very important week for you. It's Media Literacy Week all over the country - and to celebrate, we've given you a facelift (HOWL).

Yes - that's right - this week we've launched Newshounds 2.0 - a new and improved version of our media literacy resource for primary school classrooms proudly supported by the Google News Initiative - which to date has had over 3,500 Aussie teachers sign up to do with their students.

Help Squiz-E the Newshound become an Internet Detective Dog by gathering all the equipment for his online detective's kit ... and learn to spot misinformation and fake news along the way.

Teachers: sign-up for your free Newshounds account at [squizkids.com.au](http://squizkids.com.au) - or use your old log-in to access the new resource.

And as a special treat for Media Literacy Week - we've decided to do a book pack giveaway to two lucky teachers who join the Newshounds gang. All you need to do is sign-up for a free NEwshounds account between now and next Thursday, and you'll go into the draw to win an excellent Allen + Unwin book pack for your classroom or library...

## **NEWSHOUNDS**

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Speaking of Newshounds, it's time to welcome back everyone's favourite internet detective dog, Squiz-E - to see what fishy stories he's sniffed out online.

And today Squiz-E's nose is twitching following the appearance on social media of fake celebrity endorsements of election candidates.

You know that as well as a Queensland state election this weekend there's a US Presidential election coming up - right? Where Donald Trump is taking on Kamala Harris for the top job?

As the election race heats up - more and more disinformation is showing up on social media. Disinformation is stuff that is made up and spread online with the express purpose of tricking people.

Posts have been appearing with fake photos of celebrities next to Donald Trump - claiming to be evidence that those celebrities are endorsing him .. which is to say, supporting him to win. Elton John, Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson and even Taylor Swift have been caught in the scam - with supporters of Trump falsely claiming these famous folk are voting for him.

It's why we should always do as Squiz-E tells us: and that's STOP, THINK and CHECK before believing everything we see online. And maybe mention it your parents and grandparents too ...

## ***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. The meteorite that slammed into Earth 3 billion years ago was believed to be as big as which famous mountain?
2. Which Aussie state is having an election this weekend?
3. Which of LeBron James two sons played alongside his dad this week?

## ***SHOUT OUTS***

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It's Thursday, October 24 ... today is United Nations Day .. and if you haven't yet had a chance to listen to this week's Squiz Kids Shortcut on the United Nations - might I suggest you jump on in?

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today...

Ava from Oran Park, Anna from Middle Harbour, Sam from Nightcliff, Rosie from Forest Lake, Josh from Lakes Entrance, Sophie from Wirreanda, Ethan from Wilton, Jamison from Atwell and Darran from Frenchs Forest.

A belated shoutout goes to ...Lanii from Gladstone.

Classroom shoutouts go to... Year 5 with Mrs B at Majella Catholic Primary School in Balga, classes 1/2D and 3/4C with Miss Katherine, Miss Grace and Miss Alex at Flemington Primary School, class 6L with Mr Lawrence at Glendore Public School, years 3 to 6 with Mrs Wane at Blighty Public School, class 6N with Mrs Nicholls at Scots All Saints College in Bathurst and a special shout out to Room 1 with Miss Vandy at Ōtewā School\* in Waikato, New Zealand - one of our Newshounds schools in NZ. Kia ora Miss Vandy!!

**The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. Mt Everest
2. Queensland
3. Bronny

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 the Kids vs Adults weekly Quiz.

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