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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, November 11 ...

In Squiz Kids Today ... Social media ban for kids; the great ape escape; Wallabies win in England; and the how and why of Remembrance Day.

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

THE LOWDOWN

TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat are all set to be out of bounds for kids under 16 under new laws the Australian government is proposing to introduce next year.

After meeting with all the state premiers on Friday, Aussie PM Anthony Albanese announced a ban on social media platforms for under 16s, saying that the damage they can do to young minds meant keeping kids off was the safest thing to do.

There were lots of parents who welcomed the announcement on Friday, just as there were lots of teenagers who said it either wasn't fair, was misguided or simply wouldn't work.

The Prime Minister however seems determined to make the ban happen - but said that tech companies who own these platforms would have a year to figure out how to make it happen.

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At 11 minutes past 11 o'clock this morning, many Australians will stop what they are doing and observe a minute's silence. Maybe your class and your school will be among them.

And that's because today is Remembrance Day - also known as Armistice Day. It was on this day in 1918 - so 106 years ago - at exactly 11 minutes past 11 o'clock that the guns fell silent on the Western Front of World War I - bringing to an end more than four years of fighting and the loss of millions of lives.

And to mark Remembrance Day, we've produced a special Squiz Kids Shortcut called 'Australia At War' ... explaining where and when Australia has been at war, and why and how we pause to remember.

Lest we forget.

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 South Carolina in the United States, where 43 clever rhesus macaque monkeys have pulled off what can only be described as a "Great Escape!"

The adventure began last Wednesday when a new employee left a gate unlatched at the research facility where the monkeys live, giving them the perfect chance to make a break for it.

Now that's what I call putting the 'ape' into 'escape' (DAD JOKE ALARM) – ahh - that pesky dad joke alarm - catches me every time.

Known for their resilience and similarity to humans, rhesus macaque monkeys have been involved in research since the 1800s and, in the 1950s, was even launched into space by NASA during the space race. Today, they're still essential in studying diseases and vaccines, including COVID-19.

For now, it seems the monkeys are sticking close by, hanging around the woodland near the facility while staff use food to try and lure them back.

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Aha! There goes the Classroom Companion Clarion and that means our amazing resident primary school teacher, Christie, has crafted three differentiated comprehension and retell worksheets all about today's story! This time, you're the reporter. So, if you need to listen again or jot down some notes, go for it. Then, let's find out if you've got what it takes to be the next Squiz Kids host! Teachers, you can access these worksheets for free on the Squiz Kids website. And hey, if you'd like to share your work with us, we'd love to see it! Send your efforts to squizkids@thesquiz.com.au.

Now, go bananas!

SPORT TIME

In what was described afterwards as one of the best days for Australian rugby for years, the Wallabies pulled off an amazing victory against England on the weekend, coming from behind in extra-time to win 42 points to 37.

Fresh from starring with the Sydney Roosters, rugby league convert Joseph Sua'alii made his mark on debut, helping to set up a couple of Aussie tries, in a match that eventually stunned to silence the capacity crowd in London's Twickenham Stadium.

It's been a rough year for Aussie rugby fans, after the Wallabies bombed out spectacularly from the World Cup in France last October. Fingers crossed this win over old rivals England is a sign of things to come ...

SPACED OUT

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Okay star gazers ... it's early to bed for you tonight - because you're going to want to be up before sunrise to capture a night-sky light show that only happens once a year.

I'm talking about the Taurid meteor shower - which will be happening above Australian skies tonight between midnight and when the sun comes up.

Thousands of space dust and ice particles thrown off by the comet Encke, make contact with Earth's atmosphere at a speed of around 100,000 kms per hour - burning up on contact - creating a dazzling light show.

Encke is a comet that orbits the Sun ... just like Earth. But on a different plane and a different ellipse. That's physics and maths - people - ask your teacher to explain.

But if you're determined to wake up to star gaze - you have to be patient. On average there are only about 5 shooting stars per hour with the Taurid meteor shower - but they burn brightly. Be sure to make a wish if you see one!

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. Who did the Wallabies beat in a spectacular come-from-behind win on the weekend?
2. What's the name of the comet whose debris will make a meteor shower tonight?
3. A minute's silence happens at how many minutes past 11 o'clock for Remembrance Day?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday, November 11 ... don't forget to pause to remember those who gave their lives at 11 past 11 this morning ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Darcey from Bundaberg, Florence from The Gap, Hunter from Rose Bay, Georgia from Tallygaroopna, Amelie from Indooroopilly, Ethan from Carnegie, Davey from Kensington, Emie listening in London, England, and Arddy listening in Otewa, New Zealand.

Belated shout outs go to Poppy from Kingscliff - who's travelling around Australia - and Hannah from Rose Bay.

Classroom shoutouts go to... the Kindergarten class with Ms Butler and Year 3 with Ms Binotto and Ms Errichiello both at St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School in Dulwich Hill, Class 4 Gold at Mt Carmel School in Yass and happy belated birthday to Mrs Curtois, and the students in year 4, 5 and 6 at Cannon Hill State School and happy belated birthday to Mr Smith.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. England
2. Encke
3. Armistice Day

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 a Squiz Kids Shortcut on Australia at War

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