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Coming up:

- We look at what it means to be an Australian citizen.
- We celebrate the 800th birthday of a very important document called the Magna Carta.
- And to be or not to be, studying Shakespeare at school. That is the question we'll take a look at on Behind the News starting now.

Hi, I'm Nathan. You'll see all that a bit later but first.

FIFA

Reporter: Nic Maher

INTRO: We're kicking off today's show with soccer but it's not good news about a big win. It's about a big corruption case instead. Some officials who worked for the sport's governing body, FIFA have been arrested and charged with it. And now the head of FIFA has said he'll step down too. So what's going on? Here's Nic.

NIC MAHER, REPORTING: Whether it's amazing skills, cheeky tricks or match winning goals.

COMMENTATOR: Australia go in front James Troisi!

Soccer's loved by billions of people right around the world! But recently, a lot of the talk hasn't been about soccer superstars like Ronaldo and Messi, it's been about FIFA.

REPORTER: When you think of FIFA, this might be the first thing that comes to mind.

FIFA's also the name of the organisation that's in charge of world soccer. Right now, some of the biggest bosses in FIFA are caught up in a massive scandal. A few weeks ago, 9 current and former FIFA officials were arrested for corruption which means being dishonest in a position of power. Some have been accused of taking millions of dollars from countries in return for favours, like the right to host big tournaments.

RICHARD WEBER: This is the World Cup of fraud and today we're issuing FIFA a red card.

Although he wasn't arrested, FIFA boss Sepp Blatter says he'll step down. Sepp says he didn't have anything to do with the dodgy stuff going on, but there are reports he's being investigated by Swiss authorities and the FBI. There's also a massive investigation going on into the World Cup. It's the biggest sporting

tournament in the world, even bigger than the Olympics. For the country that hosts it, it can mean heaps of money and lots of tourists.

A few years ago Australia spent \$46 million dollars on a bid to host the 2022 World Cup, but in the end it went to Qatar. Qatar is here in the Middle East. Only about 2 million people live there. It's also really, really hot. In June when you'd normally play the World Cup it can get up to 50 degrees! FIFA actually had to change the date of the World Cup for the first time in the competition's history so it could be at a cooler time of year. Plus, Qatar's not exactly a big soccer nation.

But even more importantly, there are worries about how Qatar's been treating workers who have come to help build stadiums. Human rights groups say Qatar doesn't have strong enough laws to protect workers and since the construction started 1200 people have died. That's way more than any other recent sporting tournament! So, with all those problems, you might wonder why Qatar was chosen to host such a big event.

Well, investigators are wondering the same thing. They're looking at whether FIFA's process for deciding who hosts the World Cup was fair or whether officials might have taken bribes. If investigators find Russia or Qatar did the wrong thing, some say there's a chance they could lose the right to host the World Cup.

As for FIFA, there'll be a few months still before it elects another leader. Many are hoping it's a chance for the organisation to clean up its act and work towards a better future for the beautiful game.

The Wire

Right, let's have a look at what else is making news now. Here's the Wire.

More than 700 Australians have been recognised for their outstanding achievements with Queen's Birthday honours. Eight people received the top honour, the Companion of the Order of Australia including Australian basketball star Lauren Jackson, and actor Simon Burke. Businessman Dick Smith got one too which he said was amazing for a kid who did badly at school.

DICK SMITH: I was hopeless at school. I just looked up my school report and when I was in fifth class, I was 45 out of 47 students in the class and they deemed me as unsatisfactory and I was able to do okay because of this fantastic country.

An unusual fish species is creeping closer to Australia and it's got some Aussie researchers worried. The invasive climbing perch can walk on dry, land live out of water for six days and can even choke birds and other animals with its gills. They're native to Papua New Guinea but recently one has been found near the northern tip of Torres Strait. The climbing perch is a big threat to native Australian wildlife but with its impressive walk stopping it could be quite a challenge.

The BBC got in a bit of trouble this week after it accidentally announced that Queen Elizabeth had died! She hadn't but the media organisation mistakenly tweeted the news, while they were rehearsing what they would do if the Queen actually did die. The BBC's since apologised and removed the tweets.

And sophisticated robots from around the world have taken part in a competition aimed at helping people during natural disasters. The competition set tasks for the robots to complete like climbing stairs, turning levers, moving through rubble and even driving. Some completed the tasks well others had trouble just standing up. The winning team from South Korea took home 2 million dollars in prize money.

Citizenship

Reporter: Carl Smith

INTRO: Okay, recently there's been a lot of discussion amongst Australia's politicians about citizenship. The Government wants to change the law so it can take away an Australian's citizenship if they commit acts of terrorism. It's a controversial idea but what is citizenship, anyway? Carl had a look.

CARL SMITH, REPORTING: What makes an Aussie, well, an Aussie? Is it loving vegemite? Playing footy or cricket? Or is it wrestling crocodiles? Nope none of those make you an Australian. But this single bit of paper can. It's called a Certificate of Australian Citizenship. But how can this be more Australian than vegemite?

Well it means you are an official member of our nation - an Australian citizen. There are a few ways to be a citizen of a country. You might have been born there, or have parents that were born there. You might marry a current citizen, and sometimes you can move from overseas and be made a citizen, although that's a bit harder. It can mean taking a test or an interview and then taking part in a ceremony like this. Australians are allowed to be citizens of other countries as well - that's called dual citizenship. Although some countries don't let people do that.

So why is it important to be a citizen? Well, citizens of a country have special rights. Here it means you can: hold an Australian passport and use it to travel around the world, you can work for the government and the defence force, vote in elections and become a politician. It also means you can't be deported, or forced to leave the country.

But being a citizen also comes with responsibilities, like obeying the law, paying taxes, serving on a jury if you're asked, and in some situations defending the country. So that's the story of citizenship.

But lately the story's been getting a bit more complicated. Up at parliament house there have been some big discussions about changing Australia's citizenship laws. The Government wants to be able take away someone's Australian citizenship if they commit an act of terrorism. They say it's to make sure the country is safe from terrorist attacks. But it's got some people worried. The Government says the

changes will only apply to people who have dual citizenship. So if they're no longer Australians they'll still have somewhere else to go.

But what happens if other countries do the same thing as Australia? Some are worried it could mean people get left without any citizenship which means they lose the right to call any country home. Some groups say citizenship is too important to take away. But others say it's a right that comes with big responsibilities and some crimes are so serious that taking away citizenship could be an appropriate punishment.

It's something that both sides of politics will be talking about a lot more before making a decision on how to protect all Australians.

Online Poll

Okay let's find out how you feel about that plan with a poll. Should the Government be able to take away someone's Australian citizenship? Head to our website to place your vote.

Now last week we asked you if Aussie supermarkets should have to donate their unsold food to charities. And after more than 4000 votes the yes camp took it out easily.

Thanks for having your say!

Magna Carta

Reporter: Sarah Larsen

INTRO: Next Monday is the 800th birthday of a document called the Magna Carta. Some people say it's one of the most important legal documents ever written. And while it's pretty old now you can still find traces of it in modern laws around the world. Here's Sarah to explain how it all came to be.

SARAH LARSEN, REPORTING: Throughout the history there have been great leaders. Men and women remembered and admired for their strength, courage and wisdom. And then here was this guy. King John ruled England between 1199 and 1216. But he wasn't known as a good king.

JOHN: What?

In fact King John the Bad is what people still call him.

JOHN: They don't call me that, they don't call me that.

ASSISTANT: No sire.

For the most part John's remembered as being well, not very nice. He was known as cruel and spiteful and jealous and vain but that was okay because he was never

really supposed to have any power. John was the youngest son of a big royal family but his older brothers kept dying. One of them, Richard, managed to rule for a good ten years. They called him King Richard Lionheart and he was loved and respected by his people. But then he died and as the only brother left, John took the throne. Early in his reign John managed to lose a lot of his empire in northern France and he spent the next decade fighting expensive wars to try to win it back. To pay for that he taxed his Barons, the rich people who were in charge of his lands.

JOHN: Is this all there is?

ASSISTANT: Yes sire.

JOHN: This isn't going to be enough, is it?

ASSISTANT: No sire.

JOHN: Well, we're going to have to raise the taxes again.

ASSISTANT: Are you sure that's a good idea?

JOHN: Yeah, why?

ASSISTANT: Well, you've already raised them eleven times. The Barons are revolting.

JOHN: I know they're revolting! That Robert Fitzwalter, he smells like horse dung!

ASSISTANT: No, they're ready to revolt.

ASSISTANT: They're unhappy with you sire!

JOHN: Why would they be unhappy?

ASSISTANT: Well, you are taking their money and their property.

JOHN: Ahh, Sir William. Have you come to give me money for my war?

SIR WILLIAM: Ahh, no sire, no.

JOHN: Well that's alright then. I'll just take your castle and your land.

SIR WILLIAM: What! You can't do that!

JOHN: I can do what I like, I'm the king.

JOHN: Guards, arrest him!

JOHN: I love being king!

By 1215 the Barons had had enough.

BARON: I've had enough of this.

BARON: This is getting ridiculous.

BARON: He stole my castle.

BISHOP: And he stole my abbey but then he sold it back to me!

BISHOP: We need to do something!

BISHOP: We'll form an army, take over London and force him to listen to us.

And that's what they did. In June they met at a place called Runnymede to negotiate. The Barons made the king agree to a bunch of promises, like not raising taxes without the consent of the barons, respecting the rights of the church and not punishing people, imprisoning them or taking their property away without a trial by jury.

The rules were written down in a document which later became known as Magna Carta. Of course, King John being King John broke most of those promises and a civil war broke out. But later kings would re-issue Magna Carta and it eventually became British law. To many it represented something really important: That kings weren't all powerful and that their subjects had rights that had to be respected.

Magna Carta helped to inspire Thomas Jefferson when he wrote the American Declaration of independence. And after World War Two some of its principles made their way into the UN's Universal Declaration of Human rights.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: This universal declaration of human rights may well become the international Magna Carta of all men everywhere.

You can still find its influence in Australian law and there's a copy from 1297 kept in Parliament house. 800 years on Magna Carta is still seen as a document that's worth celebrating. It made people think differently about power and rights. And even earned a not so great king an important place in history.

Quiz

Okay time for a quiz! What does Magna Carta mean in Latin?

Is it the Great Wagon?
The Great Charter
The Great Democracy

The answer is, the Great Charter

Aged Care App

Reporter: Carl Smith

INTRO: Our next story is from a 14 year old kid who is using his love of science and engineering to help keep older people safe. His grandad was hurt in a fall so he invented an amazing system that would've saved the day. And he's won heaps of awards for it since. Here's Dhruv to tell you all about it.

DHRUV: My name's Dhruv, I'm 14 years old. I'm just a normal kid and I do like doing lots of the normal things other kids do. But something happened in my life that got me interested in something not many other kids would think about.

In 2008, my great grandfather had a fall at home. He suffered internal bleeding and a hip fracture. It was only four hours before the neighbour sensed that something was amiss. After the fall, he was no longer able to live independently and he passed away a short time later. And this is what inspired me to create Protego.

Did you know that one in every three adults over the age of 65 have a fall each year? Protego's a solution to monitor the movements of elderly people in their own homes. It consists of a radio frequency identification tag.

Now let's say my grandfather had this RFID tag on him. This RFID tag here is a prototype and he's currently located in the bedroom as shown here. So now he goes to the lounge room, where he has a fall. Then the application will send you a notification and if he has not moved for over ten minutes then that green dot will turn red. And here you'll be able to call the person, neighbours, or the ambulance.

I learned about this stuff by researching on the internet, I also discussed with my school science teacher. Anyone else can learn about that too by utilising the resources around you, researching on the internet or the local library.

Since I've made Protego lots of amazing things have happened. I won the BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards, and I've now been selected to attend the Intel ISEF Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I hope this system will be able to help people like my great grandfather and my grandfather to live independently at home. But I also hope that it will be a safety net to help those people if something goes wrong.

The Score

Okay it's time for sport now, here's the Score.

The Women's World Cup has kicked off in Canada and it'll be an exciting tournament for Aussie fans. The Matildas are hoping to become the first Australian team to win one. But they've got a big challenge ahead of them. They'll need to make it out of their group which features strong teams in the USA, Sweden and Nigeria.

MELISSA HUDSON, MATILDAS GOALKEEPER: 'We're going out to win games we're not there to make up numbers we're not going there to draw or to tie or just scrape through.'

Spanish champions Barcelona have been crowned the top team in Europe after winning the UEFA Champions League. It's a prestigious competition that pits the best clubs in Europe against each other. Barcelona beat Italian side Juventus 3 goals to 1 in the final to take home their 4th cup in the last ten years.

Things are heating up in the NBA finals series. The Cleveland Cavaliers and Golden State Warriors are now tied at 1 win each after the Cavs 95-93 overtime win in game 2. Aussie Matthew Dellavadova starred playing some awesome defence on Stephen Curry. And he also chipped in with some important points in the last few seconds of the game.

LEBRON JAMES, CLEVELAND CAVALIERS: He came out, he defended, he rebounded, he made timely shots, he was huge for us, we knew we could count on him we've in this position before and he gave us everything he could and more tonight.

And the AFL could be about to say goodbye to one of its best players. Chris Judd suffered a season ending ACL injury in Carlton's game against Adelaide over the weekend. Juddy was given a standing ovation as he came off the pitch. But the Brownlow winner says he'll wait to hear back from his doctor before he decides whether he wants he wants to hang up the boots.

Quiz 2

Now our last story today is all about one of the most popular writers ever William Shakespeare. But first let's find out how much you know about him with a quiz.

Which play written by Shakespeare is about a Scottish King?

Is it Romeo and Juliet?

Macbeth

Hamlet

The answer is Macbeth!

Modern Shakespeare

Reporter: Eloise Fuss

INTRO: Now Macbeth's not usually the sort of thing you study until you get well into high school. But some primary school kids are getting an early taste thanks to the Bell Shakespeare Company. They've put a modern twist on the very old play to try to inspire more young people to love Shakespeare. Here's Eloise.

ELOISE FUSS, REPORTING: These kids are watching a play filled with murder, mystery, and mayhem. And believe it or not, the story is more than 400 years old. It's by Shakespeare. You might have heard of him.

While Shakespearean language might not be quite what you're used to, his works are still really popular. You might even have seen some without knowing it- did you know The Lion King was based on one of Shakespeare's plays, it's called Hamlet?

So, who is this Shakespeare guy? Well, he was born in England in 1564. His father was a glove maker and at 18 he married Anne Hathaway- no not the actress. He went on to be a really successful playwright. Shakespeare wrote 37 plays. And he actually invented more than 1700 words that we still use today.

KIDS: Bedroom, gossip, excitement, puking, luggage, eyeball, champion, torture, gloomy, bump.

He made up heaps of famous phrases too.

KIDS: A wild goose chase, all of a sudden, catch a cold, you've got to be cruel to be kind.

Many people say he's one of the most important writers of the English language. And these guys reckon his plays are still something lots of kids can enjoy.

BELL SHAKESPEARE, ACTOR: Shakespeare is really relevant to any time, because humans don't change, we still get jealous, and have love and greed and betrayal, and all those things.

ACTOR: Shakespeare helps us understand what it is to be human.

The Bell Shakespeare company is putting a modern twist on one of his plays, Macbeth.

ACTOR: One day I'm going to be king. King!

They think if kids can start to love Shakespeare now, when they're older they can enjoy learning more about his famous stories, without being put off by the funny words.

ACTOR: Even though the language can be a bit old, it's just like rap or singing, we don't speak like that normally but it's great to listen to.

And these old plays are getting lots of new fans.

KID 1: They had a sense of humour that made me laugh a lot.

KID 2: It was good to see how an original script can be changed into something that still has the same storyline, but it's a different view of the story.

KID 3: It was really funny and I really enjoyed it.

Closer

And that's it from us for today. But if you're after more you can find it on our website along with plenty of activities and classroom resources to sink your teeth into too. Thanks for joining us today. We'll see you next time!