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What will you remember 2015 for - the happy moments or the sad ones? The kids who achieved amazing things or the ones that amazed us with their bravery?

Well today we're going to find out as we take a look back through a big year of BtN!

Hi I'm Nathan and welcome to the last show for 2015! To celebrate we've got a very special program for you today.

We've got our annual 2015 Super Quiz to test yourself on plus some never-beforeseen bloopers too.

Aus. News

Reporter: Carl Smith

INTRO: But to kick off the show here's Carl with some of the biggest stories that made headlines in Australia this year. A quick warning to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers though, this story contains images of people who've died.

2015 began quietly in Canberra.

TONY ABBOTT, FORMER PRIME MINISTER: The Australian people rejected chaos. And we are not going to take them back to that chaos.

But then, well, Tony Abbott introduced another tough budget. And he supported his friend, parliamentary speaker Bronwyn Bishop through this scandal.

REPORTER: Last year she flew to a political fundraiser, in a luxury chopper, at a cost of more than 5000 bucks!

By September, things in Canberra were beginning to fall apart. Suddenly Australia had a new leader.

MALCOLM TURNBULL, PM: We're going to make decisions carefully, consultatively, and listening to - not just talking to - listening to as many people as we can.

And we farewelled yet another PM.

Then there were some important anniversaries. You might remember our special episode on the ANZACS marking 100 years since Australian troops stormed the shores of Gallipoli in World War One.

REPORTER: It's still remembered as the first real battle we took part in as a nation.

We also celebrated the 30th anniversary of this moment.

REPORTER: Uluru and the area surrounding it was handed back to its traditional owners by the Governor-General.

And some other important moments in our country's history, like the Wave Hill walk off where Aboriginal people fought to have their land returned to them.

GOUGH WHITLAM, FORMER PM: I solemnly hand to you these deeds as proof in Australian law that these lands belong to the Gurindji people.

There were also some really difficult moments for Australia in 2015. Early in the year, we heard about frustrated asylum seekers protesting on Manus Island.

REPORTER: They say it's cruel to be kept in the conditions they are for as long as they are.

Two convicted Australian criminals were executed for their crimes in Indonesia. And we learned a bit more about some of the troubles in the economy.

REPORTER: 64 billion dollars was wiped off the Australian stock exchange in one day last week.

But of course, 2015 wasn't without its fun. You might remember the storm when this pirate, er I mean movie star, smuggled some illegal cargo into the country.

BARNABY JOYCE, MP: I'm terribly sorry I didn't know, Mr Depp has to either take his dogs back to California or we're going to have to euthanise them.

And we also heard from some who thought it was time for a new national anthem.

REPORTER: Hmm, not bad. But maybe something more like this?

It was a big and busy year in Australia and we hope you enjoyed learning about it all with us!

Aus. News Quiz

INTRO: Ok, now it's time to kick off our 2015 Super Quiz. There are 24 questions all up. Here is the first six. Good luck!

- 1. Malcolm Turnbull became Prime Minister in September. How many votes did he win by?
 - a. 1
 - b. 10
 - c. 100

The result was 54 to 44 so the answer is 10.

2. Australia's offshore detention centres were in the news a lot this year. Which of these is not one?

- a. Manus Island
- b. Cook Island
- c. Christmas Island

The answer is Cook Island.

3. Which emoji did Foreign Minister Julie Bishop use to describe Russian President Vladimir Putin?

The answer is the angry one.

4. This year marked 100 years since ANZAC troops landed at Gallipoli. What does the C in ANZAC stand for?

The answer is Corps.

5. This year it was announced that Australia would be heading into an El Niño weather pattern. Is that Spanish for 'Little Girl' or 'Little Boy'?

The answer is 'Little Boy'.

- 6. Johnny Depp's dogs made news when he broke quarantine laws to bring them into the country. What were the dogs' names?
 - a. Snoopy and Peanuts
 - b. Ringo and George
 - c. Pistol and Boo

The answer is Pistol and Boo.

World News

Reporter: Amelia Moseley

INTRO: Now this year there were a bunch of stories that got the whole world talking some for very good reasons and some for very sad reasons. Here's Amelia with a look at some of the biggest international stories of 2015.

One of the biggest stories of the year centred around refugees.

JEHAD: We need clothes. My bag is lost. I have nothing. I have just this.

Millions of people fled war in the Middle Eastern country of Syria, and many made their way here to Europe.

REPORTER EMMA: This sight is becoming very common in a lot of European countries. Tens of thousands of asylum seekers, travelling across borders, desperate for a new home.

Countries like Germany, France, Sweden, Canada and even Australia agreed to take thousands in.

Natural disasters left a lot of other people in need too. In Nepal, two massive earthquakes killed a lot of people and ruined these ancient cities. Help came from governments and aid agencies all over the world, but even now many people are still trying to rebuild.

In Vanuatu, a powerful storm left a lot of kids homeless and out of school. A hurricane hit the US, Mexico and the Caribbean, and then there was a typhoon in the Philippines.

REPORTER CARL: This wild weather lashed the Philippines for nearly a week, forcing thousands of kids to flee their homes.

There was also an Indonesian volcano that left a thick cloud of smoke over Bali. Other events also got the world worried. In Paris, a series of terrorist attacks inspired the world to stand up and support those affected. In Greece, there were serious money problems.

REPORTER MATT: Greece's parliament has now agreed to Europe's loan, and the tough conditions that go with it.

China hit trouble on the share market.

MAN: There's a lot of panic.

WOMAN: I feel scared, very scared.

Other events also changed some people's lives in more positive ways, like when same-sex marriage became legal in Ireland and in the US! And we learnt more about far, far away planets like Jupiter and Pluto.

We also found signs of water on Mars.

NASA: We now know that Mars once was a planet very much like Earth with warm, salty seas with fresh water lakes.

We discovered a new planet a little like ours, and we began a new search for aliens.

STEPHEN HAWKING: Mankind has a deep need to explore, to learn, to know. It is important to us to know if we are alone in the dark.

But some interesting things happened on Earth as well: an extra second was added to the world's clocks, the Queen became the longest serving ruler of the British Empire and William and Kate added a princess to their royal family.

But most importantly, we finally got multi-cultural emojis to represent the world. A move that got the thumbs up from pretty much everyone - except this kid.

BOY: They're more diverse, but there needs to be a frowning pile of poo.

World News Quiz

INTRO: Okay it's time for the second part of our 2015 super quiz. Get ready for some tricky ones!

- 7. Which car maker admitted it had been cheating air pollution tests on its cars this year?
 - a. Volkswagen
 - b. Fiat
 - c. Ferrari

The answer is Volkswagen.

- This country was damaged by cyclone Pam in March. What is it called?
 It's called, Vanuatu.
- These new photos are of which dwarf planet?
 That would be Pluto. Scientists found it blue skies and frozen water on its surface.
- 10. Magna Carta turned 100 this year. What is it?
 - a. The first motorised cart
 - b. A set of rules
 - c. The first magnet

The answer is, a set of rules.

- 11. Prince William and Princess Kate had a baby daughter this year. What did they call her?
 Her name is Charlotte.
- 12. How did this \$2 million painting get damaged this year?
 - a. Was it left too close to a heater
 - b. Chewed by mice
 - c. Did a kid accidentally fall on it

The answer is, it was a kid. Let's take a look at that again.

By the Numbers

51,450 - The number of seconds of Behind the News we brought you in 2015.

7,817 - Votes in our most popular poll this year - Do you think kids should still play with toy guns?

358 - Comments posted on our story about Wind Farms - the most this year.

Including:

HAPPY HAPPY: I personally think that wind turbines are bad because they are annoying, loud and waste of coal.

HARMON: I think Wind Farms are pretty cool. They are big and noisy but they provide us with electricity. Wind Farms also use wind in a clever way and they don't pollute the area.:) RATING 5/5

20,000 - Responses to the BtN Kids' Happiness Survey - an Australian record for a survey of its type!

46 - Years 'Behind the News' has been on air. Hello, another week and another chance to see events behind the news.

10 million - number of times you've viewed our BtN webpage so far in 2015.

A big thanks to all of you that got involved in our show this year with every vote and comment.

Sports Quiz

INTRO: Okay now it's time for part three of our 2015 Super Quiz. This one's for the sport fans.

13. Can you name this sportsman? A clue - he's Australia's Rugby Union captain.

The answer is Stephen Moore. He led the Aussies to the World Cup finals where they were beaten by the All Blacks.

14. Which Australian women's team fought a big pay dispute this year?

That was the Matildas. Australia's women's soccer team.

- 15. Former NRL star Jarryd Hayne played for which American football team this year?
 - a. Miami Dolphins

- b. San Francisco 49ers
- c. Dallas Cowboys

He played for the San Francisco 49ers.

16. Australia won this world cup trophy in 2015? What was it for?

It was for the Netball World Cup. We beat New Zealand in the final.

17. Hawthorn won the AFL Grand Final, but who did they defeat?

It was the West Coast Eagles. It means Hawthorn has won it three years in a row.

- 18. Which Australian won the NBA Championship in 2015?
 - a. Andrew Bogut
 - b. Matthew Dellavedova
 - c. Patty Mills

The answer is Andrew Bogut. His team Golden State Warriors beat Dellayedova's team the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Kids' Causes

Reporter: Matt Holbrook

INTRO: Now the biggest stars of our show are always the kids that invite us into their lives each week. They all go to huge lengths to tell their story and often it makes a big impact. Here's Matt with a look just some of the kids that moved us this year.

Lots of you this year showed why it's so important to help others whether it's preparing for bushfire season.

VICTORIA: We have to burn this off, because this is the stuff that catches alight. This is making it easier for when a real fire occurs.

Learning CPR.

KID: We are trained now. It's cool we can know how to help people if they're not breathing.

Or helping farmers affected by drought.

KID: There's now no grass for the animals to eat.

Some of you welcomed refugees and new arrivals to Australia.

ASMA: I saw a little girl, she was outside and she was crying because she wasn't playing with anybody, so me and my friends helped her out, and we took her to the playground and played with her.

Others drew attention to important causes like extreme poverty.

PRISCA: So you kind of get a sense of how these people are living, and also what you take for granted every day.

We've also heard about what makes your school unique.

ZOE: Welcome to our Reptile Room here at Lilydale High School.

LACHLAN: Right now, we have two species of frog, 25 species of lizard, 15 types of snakes. In total, 180 reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates!

MELINA: Hi, and welcome to BanbiFM on 87.9 and online.

DEAF NEWS BEING TRANSLATED BY TEACHER: On Friday, the Year 6 and 7 boys and girls have a football carnival.

We met some inspiring kids like Connor who petitioned to change bank notes so blind kids like him could recognise them.

CONNOR: Telling the difference between coins is easier than telling the difference between notes.

Chloe, who shared her story about living with brain cancer.

CHLOE: It hasn't been easy and it hasn't been fun, but in the end I'm a brain cancer survivor.

And Jordan who used her speaking computer to tell us that despite having cerebral palsy she's still a bit of a daredevil.

JORDAN: I am a bit of a daredevil and like going on flying foxes and pendulum swings. I feel really free when I'm flying through the air.

We found out what it's like living in places like The Torres Strait.

KIDS: We love the Torres Strait!

Broken Hill

KID: Welcome to where I live.

Coober Pedy.

COOBER PEDY KID: I find it better here than other places because you can do whatever you like. If you're in the city you don't really get this much opportunities and here it's open - it's the best.

We met some really talented young athletes.

Got an inside look at the Ashes

ETHAN: Here's what Australia and England spend heaps of time fighting over.

And checked out the future of women's Aussie rules.

KID: I don't have to play in the boy's team anymore, no offence boys.

We learnt all about underwater robots, how to build a telescope and even got a master class in writing a hilarious story.

ANDY GRIFFITH: And what sort of animal could your teacher turn into?

KID 1: Maybe a cow or something.

KID 2: Moo.

Definitely some tips I'll use in next year's show.

Entertainment Quiz

INTRO: Okay now it's time for the last six questions in our 2015 Super Quiz. Good luck!

- 19. Which movie won best animated feature at this year's Oscars?
 - a. Big Hero 6
 - b. How to Train Your Dragon 2
 - c. Box Trolls

If you guessed Big Hero 6, you'd be right.

- 20. This Ed Sheeran song broke a record for the number of times it was streamed. What is the song called?It's Thinking Out Loud and it was the first to get half a billion streams on Spotify this year.
- 21. Why did this dress make headlines this year?

The answer is, people saw it as different colours. For some it's black and blue, for others, it's white and gold.

- 22. This is Guy Sebastian performing at which famous singing contest?
 - a. X Factor
 - b. American Idol
 - c. Eurovision Song Contest

The answer is the Eurovision Song Contest. We were allowed to enter the competition this year and we finished fifth.

- 23. Who won song of the year at this year's Grammys? The answer is Sam Smith. It was just one of four awards he won that night.
- 24. Which Australian social media star / actor / singer reached 200 million views on his YouTube channel this year?

The answer is Troye Sivan.

Bloopers/Fun

INTRO: So how did you guys go in the quiz? I thought there would be more questions about penguins to be honest. Right, well that nearly wraps us up for this year but we couldn't finish without showing you just how much fun we have making BtN for you each and every week. Well actually mostly it's Matt having a lot of fun and us doing all the work. I am ok with that. Take a look

Being a BtN reporter is serious business.

MATT: Sorry, I shouldn't do it so hard.

It takes a lot of hard work.

NATHAN Selfie, selfie?

So you really have to keep your energy up.

CARL: I am sick and tired of eating chicken noodles.

AMELIA: Mmm, buzz buzz.

MATT: I'm probably going to eat five or six now. Maybe ten.

You have to do a lot of research.

ELOISE: So Zeus, just how important is your job?

MATT: The most important part about playing Albert Einstein is knowing how to have a good mo'. So I spend most of the time I've got just smoothing it out.

And you really have to know what you're talking about.

MATT: So what you've got to do with the hair is flick it back a bit, and do one of them, and that's it. That's Einstein.

Sometimes, you have to really get into the story.

KID: Hmm not bad.

But only when it's absolutely necessary.

MATT: Kowabunga dudes!

MATT: I feel my eyebrows don't get enough attention.

Sometimes you get to film in exotic locations.

MATT: Believe it or not, toilets are lifesavers. Good job toilet!

CARL: Surges of energy that we call waves can even be pretty fun.

And try things you've never tried before.

ELOISE: Playing tennis with no vision is really hard!

AMELIA: Hip hop school, it's really cool, it's better than the pool!

Ah, moving on.

We often need a hand to help tell stories.

KID 1: What it'll be?

KID 2: Milk. Full cream.

BOY: It's really good. He's very talented and he very much knows what he's talking about.

PUPPET: My Sand-twiches. Stay away from my sand-twiches.

Of course, sometimes things get tough.

And don't go according to plan.

AMELIAI Oh no, I didn't do it.

EMMA: It's really hot in there and I'm gonna get set on fire! Haha

Sometimes, things also get a little weird.

MATT: This is Edward as Albert Einstein, and he's going to do some moustache twitches.

MATT: This is my lion Billy. Named after Billy from Neighbours.

But we just have to go with it and have as much fun as we can!

MATT: Umm yeah cool I think that's good, I like that.

Closer

And that's it for this show and for the year! I'd like to thank all of you for getting involved and we can't wait to be back bigger and better than ever in 2016!

Have a great holidays and bye for now!