

Weekly Quiz

1. New Zealand's borders are opening up. When will the first tourists from Australia be allowed in?
 - a. April 12
 - b. April 28
 - c. May 2
2. A Russian court has fined a journalist protesting against the invasion of Ukraine. How was she protesting?
 - a. She chained herself to a statue in Moscow's red square
 - b. She interrupted a live TV news bulletin
 - c. She dumped a truckload of horse manure outside the walls of Putin's residence
3. On which of the following did the Government introduce a tax cut last week?
 - a. Fruit and vegetables
 - b. Milk
 - c. Petrol
4. Who did Kiwi director Jane Campion apologise to last week after her speech at The Critics Choice Awards?
 - a. Benedict Cumberbatch
 - b. Her friends and family
 - c. Venus and Serena Williams
5. Who have Australia and the Netherlands launched legal action against, over the 2014 downing of flight MH17?
 - a. China
 - b. France
 - c. Russia
6. British pop superstar Ed Sheeran has announced he's bringing his tour to New Zealand in February 2023. What is the name of his tour?
 - a. Mathematics
 - b. Signs
 - c. Bad Habits
7. True or false, tennis player Novak Djokovic will be allowed to play at the French Open even if he is not vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. Why has Dug the Spud, a record-breaking potato found in the Waikato, lost its title as the world's largest potato?
 - a. It dried out before it was officially measured and lost weight
 - b. A larger one has just been unearthed in South Africa
 - c. Testing revealed it was not actually a potato
9. What is the capital of Portugal?
 - a. Valencia
 - b. Lisbon
 - c. Casablanca
10. A Christchurch mosque attacks survivor has recently completed a 360km walk in the name of peace. Where did he walk?
 - a. Dunedin to Christchurch
 - b. Christchurch to Wellington
 - c. Christchurch to Nelson
11. The United States has announced it will pledge aid for Ukraine totalling ...?
 - a. \$10 million
 - b. \$52 million
 - c. \$1.1 billion
12. Our Winter Paralympics trio arrived back on home soil last week. How many medals did they bring home?
 - a. Two
 - b. Four
 - c. Six
13. Concerns have been raised over some NFTs 'degrading Māori culture'. What does NFT stand for?
 - a. Non-functioning tributes
 - b. Non-fungible tokens
 - c. Non-financial titles
14. The reconstruction of Notre Dame cathedral in Paris has led to the discovery of ...?
 - a. A secret treasury
 - b. Ancient tombs
 - c. An underground lake
15. Why was Farewell Spit near Golden Bay, in the news last week?
 - a. It was the site of a whale stranding
 - b. Roads to the area have been blocked by heavy rain
 - c. A new marine reserve is being set up in the area

Weekly Quiz - Visual

1



What is the first name of this New Zealand politician who has announced his retirement?

2



What caused this scene in Chicago last week?
a. a chemical spill
b. a Greenpeace protest
c. St Patrick's Day

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In which country were trains like this affected by a magnitude 7.4 earthquake last week?
a. France b. Japan c. United States

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Which country has this flag?

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What is the last name of this sportswoman?

Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. New Zealand's borders are opening up. When will the first tourists from Australia be allowed in?
 - a. April 12 - New Zealand's borders will open to tourists from Australia from April 12 and visa waiver tourists from May 1. Tourists will still need to be fully vaccinated, be required to submit a pre-departure test before their flight, and will be asked to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19 in New Zealand.
2. A Russian court has fined a journalist protesting against the invasion of Ukraine. How was she protesting?
 - b. She interrupted a live TV news bulletin - The journalist held up a sign behind a studio presenter reading the news on Channel One and shouted slogans condemning Russia's February 24 offensive in Ukraine. She has been fined and it is not clear whether she will face further charges.
3. On which of the following did the Government introduce a tax cut last week?
 - c. Petrol - The decision came after a significant increase in petrol prices, triggered primarily by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Government introduced a 25 cent per litre cut on the fuel excise and road user chargers for petrol and diesel for three months. They also halved the cost of public transport for three months.
4. Who did Kiwi director Jane Campion apologise to last week after her speech at The Critics Choice Awards?
 - c. Venus and Serena Williams - Campion was saying it was an honour to be in the room with such great women but then said, "Venus and Serena, you're such marvels. However, you don't play against the guys, like I have to." Campion later gave a full apology in a statement for her "thoughtless" comment.
5. Who have Australia and the Netherlands launched legal action against, over the 2014 downing of flight MH17?
 - c. Russia - The Malaysian Airlines flight was shot down on July 17, 2014, taking the lives of all 298 people onboard, including 38 Australians. Australia and the Netherlands say they will rely on "overwhelming" evidence that the flight was brought down by a Russian missile in eastern Ukraine, an area that was under the control of Russian-backed separatists.
6. British pop superstar Ed Sheeran has announced he's bringing his tour to New Zealand in February 2023. What is the name of his tour?
 - a. Mathematics - Sheeran joins a raft of international acts announcing shows in Aotearoa, including Foo Fighters, Dua Lipa, Snoop Dog, Guns n Roses and Billie Eilish.
7. True or false, tennis player Novak Djokovic will be allowed to play at the French Open even if he is not vaccinated against COVID-19?

True - Djokovic was deported from Australia in January after a legal battle over whether he should be allowed to enter the country without being vaccinated. He has already stated he won't be competing in US tournaments because his vaccination status won't allow him to travel there.
8. Why has Dug the Spud, a record-breaking potato found in the Waikato, lost its title as the world's largest potato?
 - c. Testing revealed it was not actually a potato - Unfortunately for Colin and Donna Craig-Brown, Dug the Spud isn't a potato. The 7.9kg tuber is actually a type of gourd that was hauled out from under the soil on a small farm near Hamilton last year. The find, and Colin's hilarious interviews, had made headlines and featured on news shows around the world.
9. What is the capital of Portugal?
 - b. Lisbon - Lisbon is the capital and largest city of Portugal with a population of over 2 million people
10. A Christchurch mosque attacks survivor has recently completed a 360km walk in the name of peace. Where did he walk?
 - a. Dunedin to Christchurch - Temel Atacocugu was shot nine times during the terrorist attack on two Christchurch mosques on March 15, 2019. The terrorist had travelled from Dunedin to Christchurch to carry out the attack. Atacocugu said his journey has raised money for Gumboot Friday, the Child Cancer Foundation and Save the Children.
11. The United States has announced it will pledge aid for Ukraine totalling ...?
 - c. \$1.1 billion - US President Joe Biden has lashed out at Vladimir Putin recently, labelling him a "murderous dictator" and a "thug" over his aggression in Ukraine.
12. Our Winter Paralympics trio arrived back on home soil last week. How many medals did they bring home?
 - b. Four - New Zealand finished with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the Winter Paralympics to sit 15th out of 46 competing nations.
13. Concerns have been raised over some NFTs 'degrading Māori culture'. What does NFT stand for?
 - b. Non-fungible tokens - Non-fungible tokens or digital assets have become a global phenomenon and can come in the form of digital art, photographs and music. A cultural adviser for intellectual property has seen multiple cases of cultural images and moko being used in inappropriate and culturally offensive ways.
14. The reconstruction of the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris has led to the discovery of ...?
 - b. Ancient tombs - Several tombs and a lead-lined sarcophagus (type of coffin), have been uncovered by archaeologists at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The cathedral is undergoing reconstruction after it was damaged by fire in 2019. The findings are likely to date back to the 14th century.
15. Why was Farewell Spit near Golden Bay, in the news?
 - a. It was the site of a whale stranding - DoC rangers reported over 30 pilot whales stranded with most of those not making it through the night. A DoC spokesperson said while it is heartbreaking, whale strandings are a natural phenomenon and Farewell Spit is a high stranding area.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. **Simon** - Simon Bridges has announced he is retiring from politics. He served as Leader of the National Party and Leader of the Opposition between 2018 and 2020, and has been the Member of Parliament for Tauranga since the 2008 election.
3. **c. St Patrick's Day** - The Chicago River has been turned green in honour of St Patrick's Day for more than 50 years. A harmless orange vegetable dye is used to get the desired green colour. Chicago has many residents with Irish heritage.
3. **b. Japan** - Several of the famous Shinkansen or Bullet Trains. The 17 carriages on this one remained upright, and the 75 passengers and three crew members were not injured. East Japan Railway Co. (JR East) said 60 axles on 16 train cars came off the rails. It is inspecting the damage.
4. **Argentina**
5. **Osaka** - Former World Number 1, Naomi Osaka, was upset and lost her match after facing fan abuse at a recent WTA tournament in California. Several leading players have suggested it is sadly something that professional athletes just have to cope with.