

# Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. True or false, a total fire ban throughout the North Island was announced last week?  
True - It was announced on Friday that the entire North Island will be under a total fire ban, as well as parts of the South Island. The announcement follows weeks of dry, warm and windy weather with little to no rainfall.
2. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, who has banned all cruise ships from entering their waters?  
a. Tonga - Tonga has banned cruise ships coming to the island nation amid the coronavirus outbreak. A post on the Tongan Prime Minister's office website says the decision was made under the Public Health Act "to prevent the introduction or spread of a controlled notifiable condition".
3. What is the official name of the coronavirus?  
c. Covid 19 - The World Health Organisation said the virus which has infected more than 43,000 people has been named Covid-19. COVID-19 stands for Corona Virus Disease 19
4. Why was the town of Waihi in the news last week?  
a. they ran out of water - A break in a mains water pipe has caused the water reservoir in Waihi to run out. All schools were closed in the area for two days and water bottles and water tankers were sent to the town.
5. What is the name of the South Korean film that made Oscar history last week by becoming the first non-English language film to win best picture?  
a. Parasite - Film writer Bong Joon Ho's South Korean film also took three other big awards: best director, best original screenplay and best international film. All were the first Oscars for a Korean film.
6. The Salvation Army is calling on the Government to increase welfare benefits by ...?  
b. 30 per cent - The call to increase welfare benefits follows the release of its latest State of the Nation report. The "NZ Can Do Better" report focuses on New Zealanders living in poverty, highlighting the 174,000 children living in "deepest poverty", and calls on the Government to do more.
7. Billionaire Bill Gates has spent \$747 million on a super yacht which is powered by ...?  
c. liquid hydrogen - The yacht, designed by Dutch company Sinot, will be 112 metres long and run on liquid hydrogen. It will feature an infinity pool, helipad and spa and will have room for up to 14 guests. It won't be finished until 2024.
8. What has Great Barrier Island banned in an effort to protect the environment?  
c. public rubbish bins - Great Barrier Island is taking a stand against rubbish by getting rid of all its rubbish bins - forcing locals and tourists to take responsibility for their trash. Great Barrier's only rubbish dump is almost full.
9. Why has Apple been fined almost NZ\$43 million by a French consumer watchdog?  
a. for deliberately slowing down older iPhones - The company confirmed it did slow down some models as they aged to prolong the life of the phone. The fine was imposed by France's competition and fraud watchdog DGCCRF, which said consumers were not warned.
10. Who was Infrastructure Minister Shane Jones talking about when he said, "I suspect they're eating the profit like a horse and making a pig out of our country's reputation"?  
b. Auckland Airport - Shane Jones has slammed Auckland Airport's board following the airport's runway closing twice within two weeks due to maintenance. Urgent warnings have been sent to pilots globally about the safety of the runway. Auckland Airport made \$500 million profit last year.
11. Why have Nike Vaporfly shoes been in the news?  
c. there are calls to have them banned as they give athletes a speed advantage - Vaporflys claim to improve an athlete's performance by 4%. Athletes wearing the new footwear including Nike's latest Vaporfly have taken 31 of 36 top-three finishes in major marathons last year. World Athletics have introduced an immediate indefinite ban on any shoes that have a sole thicker than 40mm. This doesn't ban Vaporflys, but will prevent shoes with an even more enhanced sole being used.
12. Which continent was battered by storm Ciara last week?  
b. Europe - The storm hit Europe with hurricane-force winds and heavy rains, killing at least seven people and causing severe disruptions as it moved eastward across the continent.
13. The British royal family was hit by another blow recently with the announcement of a royal marriage breakdown. Who is splitting up?  
a. The Queen's eldest grandson Peter Phillips and his wife - The 42-year-old is the son of Princess Anne and will be the first of the Queen's eight grandchildren to divorce. Three of the monarch's four children have had marriages that ended in divorce, including Anne.
14. What are dog owners in New Zealand being warned about?  
c. toxic algae in waterways - Toxic algae capable of killing pets has been detected in rivers across New Zealand due to high summer temperatures. Dogs trying to cool off are particularly at risk of ingesting the algae as they like the musty odour.
15. Which pink cartoon character is set to get a new voice following the resignation of the 18-year-old voice over actress, Harley Bird?  
b. Peppa Pig - Harley Bird who has been the cartoon character's voice since she was five, said the cast of the TV series had given her "unforgettable memories". She will be replaced by nine-year-old Amelie Bea Smith, who becomes the fourth actress to take on the role.

## VISUAL ANSWERS

1. **Big Ben** - The clock hands of Elizabeth Tower have been removed during maintenance and restoration work in the Palace of Westminster. The tower is undergoing a £61m refurbishment, up from the original estimate of between £29m and £45m.
2. **b. Mixed Martial Arts** - The UFC middleweight world champion, Israel Adesanya, urged Kiwis to get behind all their sports stars, saying: "Understand this, if you see one of us shining – whether it be the netball team, the Black Caps, the sailors – pump them up, embrace them, because if they win, we win. If I win, you win."
3. **c. Dunedin** - Dunedin's Railway Station is not only the most photographed building in the country, but also said to be the second-most photographed building in the Southern Hemisphere (after the Sydney Opera House). The Category 1 listed heritage building was opened in 1906.
4. **Greece**
5. **Waititi** - Taika Waititi won the best adapted screenplay gong for Jojo Rabbit. He thanked his mother in his acceptance speech for introducing him to the book that inspired the movie, and said "This is really great and I dedicate it to all those indigenous kids in the world who want to do are and write stories. We can make it too."