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2016

Week 29 Highlights



Barracuda

Series Premiere Sunday 10 July at 8.40pm



Big Ted's Excellent Adventure: 50 Years Of Play School

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New Blood

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Barracuda

Series Premiere

Melbourne - 1996. The Golden Age of Australian swimming is beginning and a scholarship to an exclusive boys school brings 16-year-old Danny Kelly one step closer to his ultimate goal - winning Olympic gold.

Danny struggles to find his place in the prestigious social circles of the private boys school, however under the charge of highly regarded coach Frank Torma and a friendship/rivalry with teammate Martin Taylor, Danny is soon on track to become Australia's youngest swimming champion, the unstoppable 'Barracuda'.



Soon, everyone has a stake in Danny's success and as he swims towards gold, he finds himself being drawn into a world where the only thing that matters is winning. When he gets his shot at victory, with all of Australia watching - can the 'Barracuda' live up to everyone's expectations and realise his dream?

Based on award-winning novelist Christos Tsiolkas' book and adapted for tv in four parts, *Barracuda* is a moving story about obsession, desire, the dizzy heights of success and the terrifying risk of failure.

Ep1 finds Danny attending his first day at the exclusive college, where he has won a scholarship. He's keen to meet the other members of the swim squad, however they are not keen on integrating Kelly - either inside the classroom, nor the pool.

Coach Torma reminds the squad only four of the five can make the team, and Danny must fight for his place.

Can Danny rise above it all and prove he's stronger, faster and better than all of them?
CAST: Elias Anton.

#barracuda

Short synopsis

A scholarship brings Daniel Kelly closer to his dream of winning Olympic gold when he commences training under esteemed coach Frank Torma. He faces fierce opposition from golden boy champion Martin Taylor. CAST: Elias Anton.

Production details

The ABC and Screen Australia present in association with Film Victoria a Matchbox Pictures production. Written by Blake Ayshford and Belinda Chayko. Associate Producer Christos Tsiolkas. Produced by Tony Ayres and Amanda Higgs. Directed by Robert Connolly. ABC TV Executive Producers Carole Sklan and Brett Sleight.

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★Top Pick

Sunday 10 July, 7.40pm



Big Ted's Excellent Adventure: 50 Years Of Play School *Premiere Special*

This year, iconic Australian television program Play School celebrates 50 years on air as the nation's most respected, trusted and longest-running children's series. To mark this momentous milestone, **Kate Ritchie** will present *Big Ted's Excellent Adventure: 50 Years of Play School*, a documentary that takes a nostalgic journey through Aussie childhood, reliving the laughter and delights of half a century of *Play School* while charting 50 years of the nation's social history.



Well known Australians, including, **Mikey Robins**, **Hannah Gadsby**, **Nazeem Hussain**, **Craig McLachlan** and members of the original **Wiggles**, share their personal memories of the show, alongside anecdotes from past and present *Play School* presenters, including **Benita Collings**, **John Waters** and **Justine Clarke**.

#PlaySchool50

Short synopsis

Kate Ritchie presents *Big Ted's Excellent Adventure: 50 Years of Play School*, a documentary taking a nostalgic journey through Aussie childhood, reliving the laughter and delights of half a century of Play School.

Production details

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Live From the BBC

Series Premiere

Filmed in front of a live audience from the BBC's iconic Radio Theatre, this exciting series of stand-up specials presents the comedy stars of the future.

The British stand-up scene is a hotbed of creativity that attracts the most distinctive comic voices from around the world.

In **Live from the BBC**, some of the world's brightest comic acts join with local UK comedians, in the intimate setting of the BBC Radio Theatre, for searing live stand-up performances. Acts include: Edinburgh Comedy Award-winning New Yorker Alex Edelman; multi-award winning Australian Felicity Ward; four-time Edinburgh Comedy Award-nominee James Acaster; Denmark's Sofie Hagen, winner of Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards; and critically acclaimed upcoming acts including Dane Baptiste and Nish Kumar.



This is a new breed of stand-up show that gives comics free rein to express their talent. These are comedy's household names of the future, captured at the top of their game in the authentic style of the club circuit.

In this episode, award-winning comedian, Nish Kumar, stars in this new series showcasing some of the hottest comedic talent on the circuit. Here he discusses the benefits of having an 'ethnically ambitious' face and reveals the true extent of his pessimistic tendencies. Joining Nish is Canadian-born comedian, Mae Martin, who gives her own unique take on living as a legal-alien in London and what her prim parents make of it all.

Short synopsis

Comedians Nish Kumar and Mae Martin star in this new series showcasing some of the hottest comedic talent on the circuit

Production details

Producer: Lindsay Jex; Executive Producer for BBC: Tilusha Ghelani; Executive Producer: Lucy Ansbro. **Live from the BBC** is a Phil McIntyre Television production for BBC in association with BBC Worldwide.

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★Top Pick

Thursday 14 July, 8.30pm



New Blood

Series Premiere

Two young investigators take on the establishment in this fast-paced drama from multi-award-winning author and screenwriter, Anthony Horowitz (Foyle's War). Brimming with action, intrigue and wit, **New Blood** is a completely fresh take on contemporary crime.

Rash (Ben Tavassoli) and Stefan (Mark Strepan) are two guys in their mid-twenties, stuck at the bottom of the career ladder. One is a trainee police detective, the other a very junior investigator at the Serious Fraud Office. They're both short of cash, struggling with the high cost of London living. Rash's parents were born in Iran, Stefan's in Poland. They're first generation British – but still outsiders.



They've never met. But when they're brought together by two apparently unrelated cases, they find themselves involved in a worldwide conspiracy. There are bombs, car chases and machine-gun-wielding assassins hot on their heels. They soon realise that together is the only way to survive.

In 21st Century London, a new breed of criminal hides behind legitimate facades of business and government. Rash and Stefan must combine their skills to bring them down. They are opposites in almost every way, but as their friendship develops they realise they can take on the rich and powerful. Just as long as they don't get themselves fired first.

Short Synopsis

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Production details

BBC Production. Creator and Writer Anthony Horowitz. Executive Producers Jill Green and Matthew Read.

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