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Keeping kids safe!

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#DayForDaniel
was trending
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Day for Daniel

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Australia came together wearing red, educating about child safety and generously donating on Friday 27 October. This year's Day for Daniel saw the biggest participation rate yet. With 3000 schools and businesses registering to be a part of this special day.

Day for Daniel is our national day of action and Australia's largest child safety awareness and education day. Our social media presence was large as we got #DayForDaniel trending on twitter and asked our followers to turn Facebook and Twitter red, by changing their profile picture for a day. There are so many people that contribute to making this day happen and we want to say a very big thank you to all of you. From the teachers in schools all over Australia who plan their child safety activities and encourage everyone to wear red to the dedicated team of volunteers.

Walk for Daniel

Walk for Daniel takes place annually on the Sunshine Coast as part of Day for Daniel.

It's the walk that Daniel never finished and is a way that we can remember Daniel and continue to promote the importance of education about personal safety for children and young people. This year's walk was attended by 1200 people, including representatives from all levels of government across a variety of parties as well as local celebrities including members of the Sunshine Coast Lightning team.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CHILD SAFETY LESSON

This year as part of Day for Daniel we entered the brave new world of live online broadcasting.

Taking advantage of the focus on child safety education in schools on the day, we hosted Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson. Our vision was to have the largest simultaneous lesson possible and we think we did pretty well!



Bruce and Denise shared the Foundation's messages of Recognise, React Report in an interactive broadcast hosted by Sergeant Marty Hunt.



It was great fun and we estimate that over the course of the day over 50 000 students watched the lesson.



If you missed out you can view Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson or other videos and activities, visit our website DanielMorcombe.com.au



Queensland Government contributes funds for new home

We are excited to share that on Day for Daniel, the Queensland State Government announced they would provide \$900 000 in funding to support us to build a permanent office and counselling spaces in Palmwoods.

In making the announcement, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Shannon Fentiman praised the Foundation's work over the past 13 years stating that "This funding means the organisation will finally have a home of its own to continue its incredible work." We look forward to sharing our progress with you as we embark on this exciting new project.



Child Protection Week 2017 - Child Protection is everyone's business

Every year for a week in early September we join together with parents, foster and kinship carers and support organisations to celebrate the amazing work of those in the child protection sector.

Child Protection week is a time to draw national attention to the issues of child abuse and neglect. The week celebrates the achievements of children and young people, carers and professionals while reminding us of past wrongs and how we can continue to advocate for all children and young people to be safe. Learn more ChildProtectionWeek.org.au

Resources update

As we continue to provide education resources at no cost for children and young people, we are proud to announce that our Keeping Kids Safe resources have had an update.

The resources are written for a diverse range of students from prep to senior years and the suite contains over 20 videos and activities.

They are best used as part of a comprehensive whole school approach to child safety education and are aligned with the following:

- Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
- Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum
- Health Promoting Schools Framework
- Respectful Relationships Education



Teachers have access to teacher guides to support classroom delivery and parent/carer resources are available to encourage discussions about child safety at home.

Check them out here RecogniseReactReport.com.au

A letter from the road

Billy Tindall reflects on his Ultra Marathon for Daniel.

From the beginning of this journey I have mentioned that the key to being successful is making sure the cause is bigger than the challenge. There definitely were a number of challenges along the way that could have put a stop to the Ultra Marathon for Daniel. In the first week a truck hit our support vehicle, with all members of the team lucky to have been able to walk away without any injuries.

This was not enough to stop the run and my team went to Melbourne and secured another support vehicle. Back on the road and I was unfortunate to sprain my ankle and do damage to some ligaments. I was advised by a doctor in June to take 4-6 weeks off the ankle in order for it to recover – I still had 4 weeks left of the run. Again, although a challenge, the cause was much greater.



As a father, there is no cause bigger than the safety of children and there was no way I was going to stop the run.

The injury did unfortunately mean that I could not run as fast as I wanted, or the distance I wanted, but I was still going the direction I wanted and run, walk or crawl I was going to continue for the Foundation. I covered 1612km during the 34 day journey and met some amazing people along the way and was overwhelmed by the support of everyone and the support they have for Denise and Bruce and the incredible work they are doing with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. It was an honour to be able to do this for them, and as a parent it was my way of doing my part to help keep kids safe.

Our word. Billy's effort has left us in awe. His dedication and commitment to supporting the Foundation has been inspiring to us and we are very grateful. Billy arrived back on the Sunshine Coast in time to join us for Walk for Daniel where he pounded the pavement for another 4kms. A simply amazing effort and thanks again Billy and your fantastic support crew. To learn more about Billy's Ultra Marathon visit DanielMorcombe.com.au/fundraiser/event/ultra-marathon-for-daniel



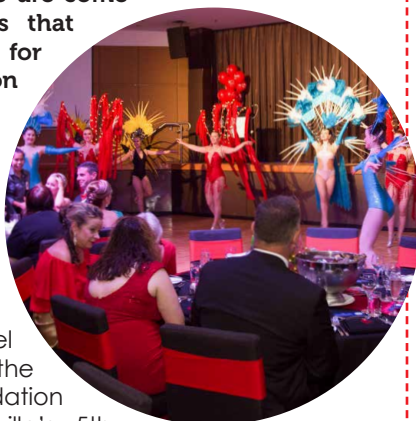
Oh what a feeling! Townsville Dance for Daniel

"Simply amazing." "A cracker." "Great fun." "Laughs and dancing, I'll be back." These are some of the quotes from guests that attended the sell out Dance for Daniel in Townsville held on 7th October.

More than 350 people, most dressed in a splash of red, packed The Ville, our dazzling venue for the night. Bruce and Denise Morcombe were treated like royalty and made to feel very special. As Founders of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation they reported that Townsville's 5th Dance for Daniel was an outstanding success.

Denise adding; "For me the highlight of the night was to meet the Dancing Happy Feet team". Bruce too loved their contribution. Comedian Darren Carr was hilarious, as was Vinnie the MC. Abbey Road once again got everyone dancing and the Shaugnettes Dancers provided classy music and movement.

A big, massive hug to all the volunteers, sponsors and organising team especially Bernie Strow and Janelle Poole.



3000 students in Logan attend Child Safety presentations

"At the coal face is where we do our best work." said Bruce Morcombe to a local journalist from Logan as he and Co founder Denise Morcombe saddled up for a 4th student safety presentation in 2 days.

The presentations were attended by a total of 12 schools in the local area and facilitated through a joint partnership with key community figures.

Zanthea Chulio, Community Safety Officer from the Logan City Council, Matt Scott from Logan QLD Police Service as well as a working team of Principals and dozens of Police. All of whom who work tirelessly to protect children.

The 3000 primary school students benefited from the 'Recognise, React and Report' sessions. The event was rated a significant success by all involved.

Serious stuff all delivered with some good humour along the way.





Tour de Tassie travels the apple isle

Every year the Daniel Morcombe Foundation links arms with other organisations that provide child safety education and journey around the country.

Working alongside the Australian Federal Police's (AFP) child exploitation unit team, Tasmanian Police Commissioner, Darren Hine and AFP Assistant Commissioner and recently appointed CEO Holly Brennan, Bruce and Denise Morcombe started in Hobart and then travelled to over 20 Tasmanian schools.

Held during national Child Protection Week, the Tour de Tassie team made a significant contribution to keeping kids safe on the apple isle. Huon Valley was a standout with a local community Walk for Daniel through the town and then seven schools participating in a large child safety lesson. Thank you Kat Boatwright from the Huonvalley PCYC and Robyn Partridge one of our Tasmanian Day for Daniel Ambassadors and of course the AFP and Tassie Police.

Food envy brought to you by Bidfood

It has been amazing to see Bidfood teams right around Australia getting behind this year's Day for Daniel.



You are not just leaving us with a serious case of food envy, (seriously, those cupcakes, can we come next year?). Your amazing support and dedication to child safety is truly remarkable. From all of the team here at Daniel Morcombe Foundation, thank you for everything. It is thanks to companies like yours that we can continue our work in child safety.

Happy Holidays

Happy and safe holiday season from all of us at the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Good Guys doing Good

We would like to thank The Good Guys for their ongoing support and most recently for their generous donation of 2 laptops.

These will enable us to ensure we are tech savvy in all the right ways.



Copperface Jacks

Thank you for the great fundraising lunch. Winston had a great day.



Events

2 December 2017

Corporate Fight Night

Black tie gala. Highly organised luxury entertainment. At Mantra on View in Surfers Paradise.

10 March 2018

Dance for Daniel

Our 13th annual charity dinner dance. Tickets on sale on our website.

26 October 2018

Day for Daniel

Australia's biggest child safety awareness event. Wear red, educate & donate.

26 October 2018

Walk for Daniel

Annual walk on the Sunshine Coast.

#TeamDMF

Sunshine Coast Marathon Team
- raised \$1400

Bridge to Brisbane Team
- raised \$500

Linda Lous Sunrise Walks
- raised \$570

Thank you to everyone who supported the TeamDMF's. If you want to create your own fundraiser, visit our website DanielMorcombe.com.au and click 'Get Involved'.

Thank you!

Extra special thank you to all who have supported recent events, including but not limited to:

Jadin Chemist Group, Body Meals AU, Drive for Daniel Team, Steigen Sports, Iron House Fitness Caboolture, Shine Lawyers, Amart Sports Morayfield, QLD Government, Springfree Trampoline, Woolworths, Sign Blast Caboolture, Moreton Bay Regional Council, McDonalds, Subway, Fortify Gear, Super Retail Group, Megabake Kitchens, Coffee Iconic