



NEWSLETTER

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A HUGE THANKYOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS!!!!!

How exciting...only 16 sleeps until our Happy Feat team travel to Newcastle to perform at the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympic Games!!!

Our 45 performers are very busy learning the choreography and have only had 8 weeks in total to learn all the dance moves! This would be an amazing feat for any dance group so for a dance group with special needs, this is a truly incredible feat and we are extremely proud of every one of our Happy Featers. They are so focussed, professional, committed and have the biggest smiles on their faces as they achieve remarkable results. We couldn't have done this without the continuous dedication of our beautiful dance teacher Rhi and all of our fantastic team of volunteers. We've also been very fortunate to have Jeremy and Tracy from Dance North and their help has also been very much appreciated.

Our Happy Feat team will be performing with Marcia Hines as well as being involved in the Grand Finale of the Opening Ceremony...how amazing is that!

It's going to be a busy and exciting schedule and will be an adventure of a lifetime for our Happy Feat team!!! We arrive in Newcastle late Friday afternoon, have a huge rehears al at the Hunter Stadium on Saturday then will be performing at the Opening Ceremony on Sunday night 1st December. Early Monday morning, we'll be heading back to Sydney for our flights back to Townsville.

We have been very dedicated and committed with covering every last detail to make it as easy as possible for our Happy Feat team; comprehensive packing lists, name tags and ribbons for their

baggage, hints to help them when travelling on the plane, allocating groups to ensure their safety and wellbeing and ensuring individual catering needs are met...just to name a few!!

The generosity and support from the Townsville community has been absolutely fantastic and we couldn't have done this without all the very generous donations and sponsorships. Performing at the opening ceremony of the Special Olympic Games is a once-in-alifetime experience for our Happy Feat team but the benefits of this adventure have been even more far reaching than that:

- **The rehearsals and preparations have brought our team even closer together.
- **Some of our families haven't had the opportunity to travel outside Townsville for years.
- **It's given our Happy Featers months of excitement leading up to this event.
- **It's an opportunity of showcasing their 'abilities' to the world.
- **How many people get to experience this sort of opportunity?

Jepson Media is very generously providing a film crew to shoot a wonderful and truly inspirational documentary. Luke and Will (our film gurus) have been coming along to Happy Feat to film the rehearsals and lead up to the event and will also be with us for this whole adventure.

When the production is complete, we will hold a very special event to launch our new and exciting documentary! Stay tuned, we will let you know what date to mark your calendars.



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Believe and you can Achieve

The generosity and support of the Townsville Community has been amazing! Thank you!

When I began this Special Olympic Games journey, I was met with lots of opposition and reasons for why it couldn't be done. Even when things were looking grim, I kept remembering our motto "Believe and you can achieve."

And now in only 16 sleeps, 68 of our Happy Feat team will be travelling to Newcastle for the performance at the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympic Games.

This is only made possible by the incredible generosity and Leigh Caldwell it's really appreciated!





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