



Campaign for Samuel Incorporated

Building a Better Future

ABN: 88 636 920 376

Newsletter Update

2018/07/29 #04

Dear Supporters

Welcome to the second association newsletter for the year.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the donations received during the year to support the tax deductible [Samuel Thorne Fund](#). The one off and regular donations are greatly appreciated and contribute towards building a better future for Samuel.

EDUCATION

Semester One was completed with a report card that reflected the effort Samuel put into his learning. His memory of his learnings is impressive. Just prior to the end of the Semester, Samuel received two awards on parade (pictured at right). One award for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) extension where Samuel participated with other students from other schools in STEM extension activities. The second award was for his Industry & Attitude.



NDIS

No progress on NDIS at this stage – we are still waiting for this process to start for us. Watch this space...

TRIVIA AND AUCTION NIGHT

Planning for the 2018 [Trivia and Auction Night](#) continues to progress. Donations supporting this night have started coming in and we would welcome any sponsorship and donations you might be able to source. Please let me know via the [online portal](#) (under 2018 Trivia Night page) or email to: contact@campaignforsamuel.org.au.

We are in the process of sourcing a sizable travel voucher to raffle with online ticket sales. This will be drawn on the evening and as you don't have to be present, you could share this information with your family and friends everywhere. A short newsletter with links will be sent once this raffle is finalised.



Enjoying time visiting the Sunshine Coast in July.



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BOCCIA

Samuel is going to participate in his first competition – the Tri Series starting in August. Recently Samuel has received some tips from Jason Mayweather QLD Boccia captain who has represented Australia internationally. He will also participate in the State competition later in the year.

SAMUEL'S WELL BEING

Samuel has recently recovered from a respiratory bacterial infection – not that it stopped him or slowed him down in any way. Being vigilant with his cares is always a priority.

Last week Samuel attended an appointment at the [Rehabilitation Engineering Centre](#) REC (that has a long priority wait list) as he grown so quickly (now 165cm). He was experiencing pressure areas due to poor posture as his chair seating and back rest were not providing adequate support. Visits to REC will be included in our NDIS planning as these will need to be done every six months while he is growing so quickly.

While having movement in his right foot has been a blessing to his quality of life, a side effect of having this movement is scoliosis which is getting worse and contributes to these seating problems. Scoliosis could always have occurred just because he is in the chair, but Samuel's has been exacerbated because the movement and strength in his foot causes postural imbalance.



Poppy competing against Samuel at boccia.

A physio session on the tilt table.



HOUSE MODIFICATIONS & LANDSCAPING

These continue at a slow and steady pace fitting around family life. Some more concreting is imminent and then the fencing can be completed. The rear of the house where Samuel can pursue other life interests and hobbies (as alternates to X-Box!) and also to securely/safely store the tilt table, FES machine and other equipment will be our next project. Do you know of an architect who may be interested in planning this area with us? contact@campaignforsamuel.org.au

Thank you for helping us to build a better future for Samuel!

Craig (Secretary)

AGM Date Claimer—10 November 2018.

Please contact me secretary@campaignforsamuel.org.au for more details.



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