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At Sarah Redfern Public School

education is a pathway to a successful future.



*Star light, star bright
First star I see tonight
I wish I must I wish I might
Have the wish I wish tonight.*



Sarah Redfern Public School has had their wish from their star 'Daystar Foundation'! We are the proud recipients of our wish, a wish to provide breakfast for children who come to school without breakfast, making it impossible to concentrate and make the most of their learning. 'Daystar Foundation' provides this important and necessary meal of the day for our children and even some parents, and has been doing this for about five years. Students are able to choose their cereal and top it off with toast and juice. This has impacted positively on the students' learning.

From time to time 'Daystar Foundation' has also given the school fruit juices, which everyone, including teachers, has enjoyed. At times there's enough for children to take home. For all this nutritional contribution, we thank the Foundation.

Not only have they assisted our dietary needs but they have also helped students' educational needs. The Literary buddy System was introduced by the Foundation. In this age of mobile phones and emailing it was difficult to encourage children to communicate through writing letters. Daystar Foundation inaugurated the 'Buddy System' whereby our students correspond with lawyers in Sydney. A reputable firm 'Clayton Utz' takes time out from their busy schedule to reply to these friendly letters, so giving the students an audience for this task. The students thoroughly enjoy this activity and many interesting stories are shared. Again our thanks go out to the Foundation as well as the firm, Clayton Utz. The students write approximately eight letters per year and this culminates in a visit to Clayton Utz in December and the sharing of 'Christmas Cheer'.

As is customary, the senior students of Sarah Redfern Public School experience an overnight excursion each year. This year's excursion was to Canberra to support the unit of work on federal government. It has been our wish for several years, to extend the excursion to three days and two nights to include a visit to the snow. Previously this has been impossible as the fare has been too high for parents to afford. Due to the generosity of Clayton Utz and Daystar Foundation it was possible to do this. Their subsidy made it possible for parents to afford, and children to experience the winter wonderland of the 'Snowy Mountains'.

So once again, thank you. Enclosed are photos exhibiting the enjoyment derived from a wish upon a star.

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