

Hills News

The Hills rallies behind Jersey Day

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4 Sep 2017, 10 a.m. FUN DAY: Parramatta Eels greats Luke Burt and Nathan Cayless have fun with children at Jersey Day activities at Adventures Preschool and Long Day Care. Picture: Isabella Lettini

THE Hills got into the spirit of Jersey Day to help raise awareness around organ donation.

Jersey Day was founded by the Gremmo family of Glenhaven to encourage families to talk about donating their organs and discuss with relatives their wishes once they have passed away.

The Gremmo's lost their son and brother Nathan when he was killed in an accident in 2015 aged 13.

Before his death, Nathan had spoken passionately about organ donation, and his family donated his organs and helped save the lives of six people.

Businesses and schools got behind the cause, including childcare centre **Adventures Preschool in West Pennant Hills.**

Jersey Day is significant to Adventures as the father of one of the children has saved lives through organ donation.

Peter Beaumont, who died after being hit by a minibus in 2016, saved five lives after his donating organs.

The centre's children wore the jerseys of their favourite NRL, AFL, rugby union and basketball teams.

Parramatta Eels greats Nathan Cayless and Luke Burt joined in the fun too, participating in a variety of games with children.

Cayless, whose children go to **Adventures Preschool** and is friends with the Gremmo family, said it was great to see people of all ages embrace Jersey Day.

“It is a great opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation,” he said.

“Nathan [Gremmo] donated a lot of his organs and that helped save lives.

“It is great to see the kids here having fun and wearing their jerseys.”

Adventures owner **Nerrilee Lysaght** said the children had a great time with Cayless and Burt.

She thanked staff members **Myri Vyronos and Jessica Williams** for organising the Jersey Day activities.

“Today is more about celebrating Stephanie’s dad’s life without going into too much detail,” Ms Lysaght said.

“But it is good to get families talking about donating organs in the event of an accident.”

For more information about organ donation, visit donatelife.org.au.







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