

A special day for Sarah



Last year on Amputee Awareness Day, eight year old Sarah Walsh got up at assembly in front of over 800 children and teachers, gave the principal an old leg to hold, took the microphone and talked about being an amputee. Limbs 4 Life asked Sarah to share her thoughts for Amputee Awareness Day 2006.

Amputee Awareness day is a very important day for us amputees as it shows people that we are very special but that we can still do the same things as everybody else if we want and try.

I have lots of hobbies and I do many activities. I go to swimming and Gymnastics every week and I have been learning to surf with the Disabled Surfers Association in Sydney. I can now stand myself up on a board and ride small waves. I have been sailing with SAILABILITY and Sailors with disabilities.

I like making models out of clay and designing pictures on the computer. I love spending time with my Mum and Dad and 2 sisters especially when we go on Holidays. We are going to Ireland soon to see my Nannies and Grandad and all my Aunties, Uncles and cousins.

I don't remember getting my leg because I was little but I have no problems with new legs when I get them. It gets a bit tight when I need a new one and I get 3 new legs a year because I am growing. I am nearly as tall as my Mum!

I enjoy meeting other kids with a leg like mine at Limbkids picnics and I explain to my friends at school about being an amputee and why I need to wear an artificial leg.

I was born with only one bone in my lower right leg. I had my foot taken off by the Doctor when I was little. I wear my leg to help me walk and run and do all the things other kids do. I did Jazz and ballet for a while but I found it hard to point my toes!

I don't find my leg hard to wear but I have to wear it wet when I get out of the surf.

Thank you for asking me about being an Amputee.

Sarah Walsh

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