

KIDS IN THE HOUSE *JDRF take over Parliament House*

I HAD THE PLEASURE OF CATCHING UP WITH ETHAN AND HIS MUM TAMMY GALPIN FROM TANNUM SANDS IN CANBERRA.

Ethan is a Youth Ambassador for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and was taking part in the very special premiere of *The Numbers That Count* in the theatres of Parliament House. A special video which details why continued research funding is the key to a cure for type 1 diabetes.

JDRF exists for the millions of children, adults and families challenged by Type 1 diabetes every single day. Their determination to overcome this chronic, life-threatening disease strengthens JDRF's passion to end it. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas loses the ability to produce insulin—a hormone that turns food into energy. The disease strikes both children and adults suddenly and is not caused by diet or lifestyle. Type 1 diabetes requires constant blood-glucose testing through

painful finger pricks, and a constant supply of insulin by injection or pump, just to stay alive. We're proud to help deliver the Type 1 Diabetes Clinical Research Network established with funding by the Australian Government.

- JDRF's vision is for a life where;
- blood glucose levels can be controlled automatically,
 - they can sleep, eat, exercise and live as if T1D is not in their life.
 - T1D can be cured, prevented and never threaten anyone again

Type 1 diabetes can occur at any age and the symptoms can include:

- extreme thirst
- constant hunger
- sudden weight loss
- frequent urination
- blurred vision
- nausea
- vomiting
- extreme tiredness
- infections

If you think you or someone you know has these type 1 diabetes symptoms, call a doctor immediately, and drink fluids WITHOUT SUGAR to prevent dehydration.

