**March 2018**

**Summer Giddings**

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I am fifteen years old and go to school at Our Lady of Mercy College (OLMC) in Parramatta. I have always loved sport since a young age but when it came to team sports it got a bit unsafe for me to participate. I started Athletics approx. 3 years ago with Parramatta Little Athletics Club after my sports teacher suggested it to me. I completed my classification and participated in my 1st national competition on 2017.

I have started training regularly in the last 6 months and have been improving my PB’s every time I compete. I want to keep improving and my goal is to represent Australia. At the recent Australian Jnr Championships, I won gold in my long Jump event with a new P.B.

With regards to education and work, I am still deciding what area I would like to focus on. I am interested in careers related to sport, Music, and Information Technology.

The Krazy Kosci Klimb is run by Cerebral Palsy Alliance. It provides a unique opportunity to people with Cerebral Palsy to go beyond their best climb to the top of mount Kosciusko, which is Australia's highest summit. I joined the Krazy Kosci Klimb when I was invited because it was a good challenge and a great opportunity to raise funds for an organisation that has supported and helped me achieve as much as I have in my life so far.

I raised $7,200 which I am really proud of. I am very grateful to all the family and friends that supported me including many friends I have met through Athletics (Thank you if you are reading this). To climb to the top of Kosci and back down was 18.4km. It was an amazing feeling to reach the top, and again to cross the finish line when we made it back to base camp. I highly recommend getting involved in this event to others if there is an opportunity in the future.

Apart from being an athlete, I learn piano and enjoy singing. I have been in musicals with many musical societies, and in April I will be performing with cast of Holroyd Dramatic and Musical Society in the production of Annie.