

How would it feel to represent your country at the Paralympics? What challenges do you think Scott would face in doing this?

Extension Activities

1) Understand my disability

Natasha and Scott are people with Cerebral Palsy, Gerard is a person with Down Syndrome, Philip is a person with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Research one of the disabilities in the DVD. Discuss the different disabilities as a group. Choose one disability to research further. Present your research as a Powerpoint which could be used to educate primary school students about the disability. Use the points below to structure the research:-

- ☐ What part(s) of the body/mind does this disability affect?
- ☐ How does this disability affect a person?
- ☐ What are some specific challenges a person with this disability may need to overcome? Think about communication, access etc.
- ☐ What is one thing you never knew about this disability that you learned from doing this research?
- ☐ What new questions do you have about this disability that you would like to explore more in depth?

2) Research for a cure

Investigate the research being done into one of the above disabilities. Is there the possibility of prevention and/or cure? What are the benefits of this? What are the disadvantages?

Useful websites

Cerebral Palsy

www.cerebralpalsy.org.au

Down Syndrome

www.downsyndrome.org.au

Muscular Dystrophy

www.mda.org.au

General Disability

www.kidshealth.org

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Paralympics

www.paralympic.org.au

Boccia Australia

www.boccia.com.au

Riding for the Disabled

www.rda.org.au

Sailability

www.sailability.org/au

Beyond the Square

www.beyondthesquare.org