

# Sick Parade.

If you know someone who is a bit crook,  
let us know so we can give them a shout out.



The cutting below was taken from the Melbourne Herald Sun on Wednesday October 21. Dan Nebauer was a Sumpie off 17th Appy Course (Lizards) that passed out in July 1965 and did a tour of Vietnam with 35 Sqn from June 1967 to June 1968. We wish both of them good health and good luck. A great story indeed. (*Click on the cutting for a bigger view*)

heraldsun.com.au

Herald Sun, Wednesday, October 21, 2009 29

## Grandfather treasures special bond with ill Jasmine

# Gift of life and love

**DAN** Nebauer gave his terminally ill granddaughter the greatest gift she has received — a kidney.

And to reward the 62-year-old Vietnam veteran, he is one of 150 kidney donors awarded a gold lapel pin and a certificate by Transplant Australia this week.

As a baby, Jasmine Nebauer was diagnosed with a rare condition called nephrotic syndrome.

"Basically the doctors said, 'take her home and love her until she dies', because they weren't expecting her to get over it," Mr Nebauer said.

But Jasmine just kept getting stronger. Eventually doctors re-

**Marianne Betts**  
health reporter

moved her kidneys, because they were poisoning her system, and she went on dialysis.

After months of dialysis, the then 15-month-old had gained enough weight to undergo a kidney transplant.

"As soon as I knew the need was there I put my hand up. It was something that just had to be done, and I'm just so glad she's here," he said.

After a week in hospital, they both left, healthy.

The only hiccup to the 16-year-old Wonga Park Primary School

**'If the opportunity's there don't hesitate, it's so rewarding'**

— DAN NEBAUER

student's normal life is the daily medication she must take to prevent rejection.

"I take three medications at night, and usually two in the morning, but every second morning I have to have an extra one," Jasmine said.

Otherwise she has no restrictions, though she chose not to play any sport.

"I've always thought sports were kind of boring... I just do dancing in my room. I turn on the radio and just dance," she said.

Sickness runs in the family: her older sister was born with a hole in her heart, and a younger sister had a complicated operation because her "heart plumbing was all wrong," Mr Nebauer said.

Strangely, Jasmine's grandmother, Anne Nebauer, also only has one kidney, after a diseased organ was removed when she was 21.

Mr Nebauer urged others to donate organs.

"If the opportunity's there don't hesitate, it's so rewarding," he said.

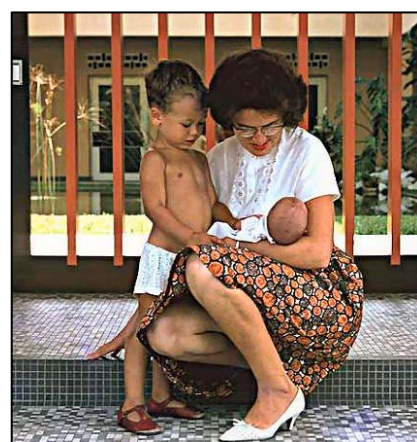
**Thanks, pa:** Dan Nebauer with his granddaughter Jasmine. Picture: MORGANNA MAGEE

We've just heard that our friend in the UK, Richard Harcourt, and his lovely wife Daphne, have been having a bad trot, health wise. Dick had some heart problems late last year, which were eventually sorted out earlier this year, but they recently received the sad news that Daphne has now been diagnosed with cancer.

Both Dick and Daphne (right) were up at Butterworth many moons ago, while Dick was with the RAF and they had many friends amongst the RAAF blokes who were there at the same time.

At the moment they are unsure of the extent of the cancer but will know more after some more tests are completed in the next week or so.

We wish you a speedy recovery Daphne and from here on we only want good news!!!



There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.' The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.' The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad passionate love to me seven times.' The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.' The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?' The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that smile off your face.'