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Daniel and William Clarke currently studying at High School in Sydney travelled to Canberra Grammar School on the final day on Term 2, 2012 to promote their commitment to making a difference to the depletion of orangutans in Borneo. Deforestation of this species' habitat due to the collection of Palm oil has led to diminishing numbers in the orangutan population. Daniel and William predict that the world has just ten years left to make a difference to this situation. After that time the species will no longer be able to breed in sufficient numbers to survive.

Their visual and lively presentation commencing with a film of the boys' family journey to Borneo four years ago quickly engaged the minds and hearts of our Primary School listeners. The PowerPoint presentation which followed was peppered with compassionate personal observations the boys have taken from this trip that changed their lives. They mused about the similarities they observed orangutans to share with humans as these animals played with and observed the Clarke family in the jungle. One orangutan was particularly intrigued with Daniel's wheelchair and took advantage of an occasion to sit in and explore it further.

Indeed, the presentation was a history and geography lesson rolled into one. The crux of the presentation was a heart-felt appeal to all present to commit to any causes that they as individuals believe in and to "dare to dream" that each one of us could make a difference in today's world.

Students eagerly engaged with William and Daniel after the presentation at question time and our Grade 3_4 choir sang the song 'Dare to Dream' that they are currently learning for their musical repertoire, back to the Clarke family. The brothers then took the time to personally sign the title page of each book purchased by students and staff members. Funds from 'Tears in the Jungle' go towards the monies the boys commit to their worthy cause.

It was a highly successful and motivating experience for the cohort of 3 – 6 grade students who attended this amazing presentation and also for the staff of Canberra Grammar Primary School who too was privileged to listen to both boys speak. Canberra Grammar Primary school and its Senior and Junior Libraries have no hesitation in recommending a visit from this committed family.

Signed

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