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# The race that stops the town

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Once again, "the race that stops a town" was filled with excitement!

**Clontarf Academies from Centralian Senior College, Centralian Middle School, Yirara and Tennant Creek all came together at Yirara College seeking success at the annual Billy Kart Derby.**

As the crowd grew, so did the anticipation. Students from their respective academies were eager to get the races started. Karts were prepped and painted with creative names like 'Turbo', 'Foot Falcon' and 'Middle School Magic'.

Yirara's two karts, 'Bucking Brumbies' and 'Elsa's Sleigh' were revved up to defend their winning title but there was some stiff competition from all of the Central Region teams.

The whole of Yirara College came out watch the races with an exceptional set-up of marquees, BBQs and seating achieved by some awesome helpers. Special guests were there too with the likes of the Damien Ryan (Mayor of Alice Springs), Eli Melky (Councillor), Darren Talbot and Ian McAdam (Ex Clontarf), Richard Hayes (Department of Education) Nicole Walsh (Marketing Manager, Yeperenya Shopping Centre) and Jordan McQueen (Bunnings Representative) who all thoroughly enjoyed the action.

The eight teams all presented their karts to the judges, showing the judges how they built and painted them. Jarrell Kelly put together an amazing presentation that won the judges hearts.

The races were awesome, all teams that competed pushed their karts and the drivers hard. Some of the karts stood up to the punishment, and some did not. Teams used quick fix methods, utilizing duct tape to hold the karts together, keeping them in the race.

Getting on two wheels around corners was not uncommon, the Principal of Yirara, Roger Ashcroft knew this all too well but was saved by some great guidance by Matthew Robinson from Minyerri.

At the end of the day there were two standout karts that raced in a head to head battle, both from Yirara, Elsa's Sleigh and Bucking Brumbies. The race was tight but on the final bend Bucking Brumbies went a little too hard and rolled their kart giving Elsa's Sleigh the win.

Students from Yirara were channeling their inner Brisbane Lions that day, by defying all the odds they came away with a 3peat premiership success.

