



Free DVD!

We know you love to read stories about other families.

Please send us ANYTHING your child's been up to. If they appear in the bulletin, they'll receive a \$20 voucher for a DVD of their choice!

There are only 5 vouchers available, so get your stories in.

For more information, contact Debra Truscott on:

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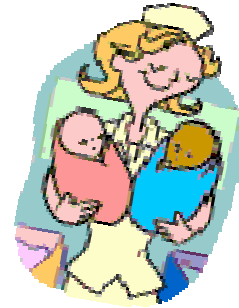
Please send us your feedback about the bulletin and content provided so we can keep it relevant and useful.

Any stories you would like to share about your children's experiences and successes would also be appreciated and we're sure other families would love to read about them!

Please also let Angie know when e-mail and/or postal addresses change so we can keep our list updated. [angie.loraine@tccp.com.au](mailto:angie.loraine@tccp.com.au)

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## Upcoming events:



## Do you know a remarkable nurse?

Nurses are the heart of the Australian health care system, caring for hundreds of thousands of families, our friends, and us every single day. You can recognize the incredible contribution nurses, midwives, personal care attendants or assistants in nursing make to the wellbeing of Australia by nominating a nurse you know for the HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

For more information, go to : <http://www.hestanursingawards.com/>

## Video Conference

The video conference session on "Recreation and Promoting Inclusion for Individuals with Disabilities in the Community" has been rescheduled to the 15th of April 09, from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Topics include: The theory behind inclusion, strategies for a successful community, inclusion and recreation & useful resources and contacts. Presented by Kelly Frater (Community Access Officer) and RecNet. For more information, please contact Jolene Hawkes on (08) 9443 0368 or email: [jolene.hawkes@tccp.com.au](mailto:jolene.hawkes@tccp.com.au)

## Joseph Michell Scholarship 2009

The Joseph Michell Scholarship is awarded annually to a school leaver who is continuing education beyond high school, is a student of merit, has created a life of purpose and achievement while facing the challenges of Cerebral Palsy and shows that they embrace new opportunities and believe they can contribute to society in a way that increase opportunities and potential of people with disabilities.

This year there were four applicants who submitted outstanding applications. A panel considered the applications in January this year and the award will be presented on Thursday 5th of March, 6.00-8.00 pm at The Watersports Complex, Hackett Drive Crawley (University of Western Australia).

If you would like to find out more about the scholarship and how to apply, please contact: **Nicole O'Rourke** phone 9443 0377 or email: [Nicole.O'Rourke@tccp.com.au](mailto:Nicole.O'Rourke@tccp.com.au)

## FREE Albany information sessions & workshops

The Country Resource Program will be visiting Albany from the 1st to the 4th of April this year. The program will be hosting a series of free information sessions and workshops over the 3 days. This includes a full day teacher workshop and a get together for families in the South West and Lower Great Southern areas. The Country team will be visiting local agencies and your Local Area Co-ordinators. We welcome teachers, parents, grandparents, siblings, therapists, LAC's, child health workers and anyone who works with a child with Cerebral Palsy to attend. The sessions' schedule and venue are as follow:

"Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of our bulletin. This bulletin allows us to get in touch with families and organisations in the country regularly to let you know about upcoming events, news & new resources."

Included in this edition:

1. FREE Albany information sessions and workshops
2. Livewire
3. AGOSCI conference for AAC users
4. ILC new website
5. HESTA Australian Nursing Awards
6. Upcoming Events.

SESSION	WHAT	WHERE
<b>Teacher workshop</b> 3rd of April (Friday) 9.00am to 3.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Cerebral Palsy</li> <li>• Facilitating Inclusion</li> <li>• Facilitating fine motor activities</li> <li>• Participating in physical Education &amp; Sport</li> <li>• Enhancing communication</li> <li>• Gaining the child's attention &amp; managing challenging behaviors</li> </ul>	<b>Carlyle's Function Centre</b> Lot 7/ Forts Rd Albany
<b>Family get together</b> 4th of April (Saturday) 10.00am—2.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many hats of parenting</li> <li>• Respite option</li> <li>• Post school option</li> <li>• Siblings groups</li> <li>• Information Expo</li> <li>• Family luncheon</li> </ul>	<b>77 on Sanford</b> 77 Sanford Rd, Albany



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## Livewire

A safe and fun online community for kids, teens and young people With serious illness, chronic condition or disability.

(source: [www.livewire.org.au](http://www.livewire.org.au))

### What is Livewire?

Livewire is a safe and fun online community for young people (aged over 10 and under 21 years) living with serious illness, chronic condition or disability. Livewire is a supportive place for them to hang out, connect, share experiences, creatively express themselves and realise that they are not alone in their situation.

### About Livewire

Livewire is a wholly owned subsidiary of the starlight Children's Foundation and is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the Clever Networks Program and in-kind contributions from Starlight and Livewire partners.

It is estimated there are over 400,000 children and young people aged 10-21 years old coping with the impact of living with a serious illness, a chronic condition or a disability in Australia.

Being a teen is tough. It's tricky enough for a teen figuring out their identity and independence whilst striving for social acceptance. Then add being seriously ill or disabled and life becomes a real challenge. Frequently this means they cannot attend school, participate in sport or the usual social activities most teenagers take for granted. Illness and disability can profoundly affect the everyday lives of kids, teens and young people by increasing their risk of social isolation, disconnection, lower peer acceptance and lower emotional well being.

Maintaining relationships with family, friends and other young with shared experience is essential. Connecting this group of children and young people via an online community is a solution. That is why Starlight launched the groundbreaking online community Livewire.

### What can you do on Livewire?

- Meet new and olds friends on Livewire messenger and chat
- Keep up to date with news, reviews and interviews – music, sport ect
- Join Livewire community forums, blogs or online diary
- Enter competitions – there's games, activities, and cool prizes to win

For more information, go to <http://www.livewire.org.au/>  
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## Attention people who use AAC and parents of children who use AAC



AGOSCI is a group representing people with complex communication needs, as well as those who live, know or work with people with complex communication needs. Key areas of interest for AGOSCI included: Augmentative and Alternative Communication, mealtime assistance/dysphagia, saliva control, sign and gesture systems, voice output communication aids, research, problem-solving in severe communication impairment etc. (Source: AGOSCI website)

AGOSCI wants **YOU** to attend the AGOSCI 2009 Communication Feel the Power Conference. The 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Conference will be held at Canberra, Australia from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2009. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and AGOSCI Inc. offer grants and scholarships to enable individuals to attend the AGOSCI 2009 National Conference. Closing date for applications is **Monday 23 February 2009** (less than a month away).

Application forms and guidelines are available on the website [www.agosci.org.au](http://www.agosci.org.au) or contact your state representative:

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### ILC New Website Launched

The Independent Living Centre (ILC) new website is [www.ilc.com.au](http://www.ilc.com.au) where information has been presented on each of their services in a consistent manner to assist when navigating the site.

One of the biggest changes is the incorporation of their **North Metro ILC Respite and Carelink centre with all ILC services into the one website**, so now all the information about their services is located in one site. Both the Equipment and Home and Community services catalogues are housed in one site that will make the task of searching that much easier with better results.

The ILC is in the process of adding new features to the catalogues on line to support practices and businesses, and for interested health professionals, equipment suppliers and service providers they are developing an online login that provides access to increased search functionality and the capacity for providers/suppliers to update their own information. For more information call 1300 885 886.

