



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:

1800 198 263

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

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Upcoming Events

'Because You Can' Adventure Camp

New Years resolution to be more adventurous? Get off the couch and come get some sense of adventure in you at the 'Because You Can Adventure' Camp!

Camp activities include abseiling, water skiing and boating activities, animal and nature preservation, learning about the dreamtime, campfire songs and much, much more.

The camp is open to children ages 10 through to 17 years.

When: January 21/22/29/30 *overnight stay for last 2 days

Where: Meeting at Brand Centre. Camp locations are at Mundaring, Woodman Point and South Perth.

RSVP: 12/1/2009. Speak to Jon Ansell on 9443 0376 for more details.

There are only 25 spots available for the camp so make sure you get in fast to secure your spot!



Cool Wheels '09

You have been invited to join us at George Burnett Park in Karawara to learn how to ride or improve your riding skills. After the big success of the Cool Wheels 2008 group, this group

looks at further improving children's skills and riding in a community environment. Janelle Graham, former US road cycling champion, and many other elite cyclists will be on hand to offer support and advice throughout the group. Children of all ages and riding

abilities can attend, regardless of whether they attended the previous group.

WHEN: January 19/20/27th from 9am to 1pm

WHERE: George Burnett Park, Manning Road, Karawara

RSVP: January 16th 2009

Contact Jon Ansell, Recreational Therapist, TCCP - 9443 0376
Places are limited so to ensure a spot get in early!



The West Australian Disabled Water Ski Club invites you to join them for water skiing on the Swan River

When: 12-15th January from 10am-3:30pm

Cost: \$10 per day

Who: Children aged 8 through to 18 years of age.

Where: Taylor Street, Victoria Park

RSVP: Jon Ansell on 9443 0376 for more details

PROMPT Parent Workshops



As some of you may be aware families in the Perth Metropolitan area have had the option of attending the PROMPT parent workshops run at TCCP. PROMPT (Prompts for restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets) is a technique that uses specific kinesthetic and proprioceptive (joint movement & sensory feedback) principles to target motor speech disorders.

The parent workshops have been developed to teach parents, whose children are undergoing PROMPT, how to identify treatment goals and plan speech intervention based on the PROMPT framework. The current series of workshops run over a number of weeks and are therefore difficult for regional families to access.

The Country Resource Programme (CRP) is currently looking at ways to adapt this programme for families in regional WA. Some of the initial ideas include possibly running the workshop via videoconference or running the workshops consecutively over two days at the centre. CRP is seeking feedback from families whose children have had in the past or are currently receiving PROMPT in order to determine the level of interest in the workshops and how best to run them for families in regional WA.

To register your interest or to make a comment please contact **Jo Hawkes (Speech Pathologist)** on **(08) 9443 0368** or dial **1800 198 263** and ask for Jo.

International Cerebral Palsy Conference

The 3rd International Cerebral Palsy Conference will be held in Sydney from Wednesday 18 to Saturday 21 February 2009. Located at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour, the conference will host some of the world's leading experts on cerebral palsy. The conference program features invited keynote addresses, scientific paper presentations, scientific poster discussions, seminars and advanced practitioner workshops.



The scientific program includes streams on:

- Participation and quality of life
- Aetiology and prevention
- Effective interventions
- Measurement - including gait, communication, classification and quality of movement
- Service models
- Physical potential
- Long term outcomes.

Early bird discounts apply until 10 December.
For more details visit the conference website at www.cp2009.com.au
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"Welcome to the 11th 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:

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About International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability is a United Nations sanctioned day that aims to promote an understanding of people with disability and encourage support for their dignity, rights and well-being. The Day also seeks to increase awareness of the benefits of the integration of people with disability in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.



The Day brings together people with disability, community organisations, businesses, individuals and all levels of government. The Day unites people around the world in celebrating and acknowledging the contributions, skills and achievements of people with disability.

In 1992, at the conclusion of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992), the General Assembly proclaimed 3 December as the International Day of Disabled Persons.

Based on feedback from the disability sector, the Australian Government has adopted the name International Day of People with Disability.

Since 1996, the Australian Government has provided funds to promote and raise awareness of the Day around Australia, through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

UN Theme

The UN announces a theme for the Day that is based on the goal of full and equal enjoyment of human rights, and participation in society by people with disability. The 2008 theme is 'Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us'.

In Australia, the Australian Government provides support to people with disability in open employment, as well as funding for disability business services, providing a range of employment opportunities for people with disability.

More information on the Australian Government's support can be found on the [Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations'](#) website and the [Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs'](#) website.

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More information on the UN theme can be found on the [UN website](#)

http://www.idpwd.com.au/calendar_events.asp?state=wa&archive=1&Year=2008



National Disability Insurance Scheme

A bold new idea could fundamentally change the lives of people with a disability and their families in Australia ... **and your help is needed!**

A **National Disability Insurance Scheme** means that people with a significant disability, acquired at birth or later in life, would have free and ready access to all the services and supports they need.

Key features of the scheme would be the universality of eligibility and the benefits to the individual with a disability through the funding of essential services including:

- Case management to facilitate independence, maximise potential and plan transitions over the life course
- Early intervention as a top priority in the areas of therapy, education and accommodation support
- Aids, technology and equipment and home modification needs met on a timely basis
- Training, development and access to work to build self-esteem and reduce long term costs.

The scheme could be funded in a number of ways, including a Medicare-type levy on all Australians.

This visionary and economically sound solution is supported by some of Australia's oldest and largest disability service providers. The many benefits of the scheme are explained in more detail at www.natdis.com.au

We are asking **everyone with a disability, their families and friends** to go to the website and show your support by sharing your story. Tell the government about the challenges you face and how your life could be different. It will only take five minutes, but **it could be the five minutes that changes your future!** (The Scene, 20 November 2008)

Social Stories

Visit <http://ceok12.lism.catholic.edu.au/viscom/socialst.html> for more

What is a Social Story?

A Social Story is a brief descriptive story that provides accurate information regarding a social situation. The Social Story provides the learner with a communication strategy to understand a situation and learn how to respond or behave in that situation. These stories can help the learner make sense of everyday events and provide cues and strategies to enable students to respond and behave appropriately. For younger children, pictures of a child performing the targeted activity often increase the success rate.

