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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 DEC Students' Last Day End of Wembley school
programs

14 DEC End of Term 4

22 DEC 18 TSH Holiday Closure

- 1 JAN 19

02 JAN TSH Reopens

20 JAN Swim Thru Perth

26 JAN Australia Day

28 JAN Australia Day Holiday (PH)

04 FEB Start of Term 1, 2019 (Wembley based students return)

COLOURING COMPETITION!

TSH is running a colouring competition for Swim Thru Perth!

Win some fantastic prizes thanks to **Claremont Quarter**. Enter using the colouring page attached to this Term's Parentlink, or collect one from main reception! Entries close 11 Jan 2019.





ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

CONNECT WITH US TO RECEIVE THE LATEST NEWS
& UPDATES AT TSH

TSH frequently posts updates and news about all of our programs online.









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It is hard to believe that another year has passed and we are about to head into the Festive Season. It has been a wonderful year for Telethon Speech & Hearing, and from what I've seen and heard, it has also been a wonderful year for many of our families as you have watched your child (or, in some cases children) take great steps forward.

Reflecting on 2018 and the year that was, a small snapshot of achievements include:

- ► TSH's partnership with the Fremantle Dockers, including a family fun day at Wembley
- Our Literacy Classes for years 1 and 2 going from strength to strength
- ► The amazing work done by our Chatterbox mums in the HBF Run for a Reason
- Even more children being supported by our wonderful Outpost team
- The Auskick football match at Optus Stadium for children with hearing loss
- The installation of the mud kitchen at Wembley
- Our revamp of some of the resources for our Talkabout program
- Our wonderful Power of Speech Awards
- And many, many more.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

MARK FITZPATRICK

REFLECTING BACK ON 2018

One of the most powerful experiences in 2018 was seeing the impact that our relationships and partnerships have for the children and their families

The impact that the Dockers Family Day and the Auskick games at Optus Stadiums had on the children is something very special and will always be treasured by all of the staff at TSH. And then there was the Power of Speech Awards.



This event is the highlight of my calendar. This year it was made even more special because we had our very first teacher and principal, and one of our very early teachers attend the Awards. They simply could not believe how well the children spoke, how confident they were, and how articulate they are. They have remarked on how far things have come since they were first involved in TSH over 50 years ago and how well the staff have supported the children and their parents to hear, speak, and learn.

2019 looks to be another great year for TSH. I hope it is for your family too. For those families returning, we can't wait to see you early in the year. For those who are leaving us, you are always part of the TSH family and we look forward to hearing from you and seeing back from time to time.

From all of the staff and volunteers at TSH I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and safe Festive Season. Thank you for all of the support you have given us during the year.

STEM SHOWCASE

IDEAS TO HELP THE COMMUNITY

During Week 2 of Term 4, Catholic Education WA held a showcase event for students to demonstrate their STEM learning journey at school.

Over 30 student stalls were set up with a great range of STEM work on display.

Several students from St Pius X CPS came up with a creative invention to help alert and wake up people with hearing loss when a fire alarm is triggered.

Two students from the group, Hailey and Valarie, both have a hearing loss and are supported in school through TSH's School Support (Outpost) Program.

Fantastic work girls! Well done!



SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

UPTO \$350 TOWARDS SCHOOL EXPENSES

For Outpost families with children in Years 7 to 12 You may be eligible for up to \$350 towards school expenses.

Do you hold a:
- Centrelink health care card
(or) - Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
(or) - Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card?

Applications close Friday 12 April 2019.

Please contact Janene Hall or Geoff Reader for more information via speech@tsh.org.au / 9387 9888.

TELETHON WEEKEND

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WA!

This October, the people of Western
Australia have proved more
generous than ever, raising an
extraordinary record breaking
\$38,000,554 for Telethon 2018!

TSH was proud to be a part of another marathon 26 hour weekend as we took part in the Telethon Beneficiaries Expo along with 25 other amazing causes.

Our team had a fantastic time over the weekend greeting thousands of families from all walks of life. We also enjoyed introducing families to all members of our team and educating everyone on the 3 Signs of Hearing Loss and Language Delay. On Sunday, our booth shone even brighter as the camera lights from the Channel 7 film crew arrived to reveal our highest fundraiser for Get I OUD!

Congratulations to Nadine Brazil and the team at Cockburn Ice Arena! Cockbun Ice Arena raised a *cool* \$5,000 for Get LOUD! throughout the year - amazing!

TSH would like to thank all of our Get LOUD! supporters this year, with an extra BIG thank you to our little ambassadors, Leo and Gus, and their wonderful families.

For more information about Get LOUD! 2019, visit www.tsh.org.au.













GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM PT. 7

RACHAEL PAXMAN, AUDIOLOGIST

With a multi-disciplinary team, there are many specialists and team members involved in making sure your child develops and grows in a thriving environment.

Here is some insight from one of our dedicated Audiologists, Rachael Paxman:

MY ROLE AT TSH

I work two days a week in Audiology, split between the Adult Clinic and the Paediatric Clinic. You can spot me pushing my trolley along as I dash from one to the other! I also travel to Cockburn one day a fortnight to our visiting site. I enjoy working with all ages of people, both for the variety in work and also the pleasure of the conversations I share with the young and the not so young!

A COMMON QUESTION I GET ASKED IS...

Hmm, I don't know. People are often concerned about similar things at different stages of life. They want to understand the test procedure. They want to understand their results. They want advice on what is the best course of action. They want some idea of what to expect in the future.

A HEARING FACT I STILL FIND SURPRISING IS...

I don't know if surprised is the right adjective, but I am certainly still bothered by the fact that it is a complicated and expensive business to buy hearing aids in this country for many adults. I am shocked when I meet people who have gone most of their adult life without hearing aids because they couldn't afford to replace them once their childhood ones broke, and now I am meeting them because they have qualified for the pension and once again get subsidised aids. So many years of hardship in communicating with friends and family and finding meaningful work. I wish for better times ahead.

WHAT WAS IT ABOUT AUDIOLOGY THAT SPARKED YOUR INTEREST, AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT IT NOW?

I found out about Audiology when I was in the Careers Office at Curtin University, looking for ways to escape from my Nursing degree. I was tired of being an undergraduate as I already had a degree in Italian. I had a good feeling about Audiology as soon as I read about it. It seemed like a good fit for me. I had studied music, linguistics, languages, and a little bit of nursing, so something to do with communication and sound appealed to me. I have enjoyed every job I have had.

I like it best when things go right, like anyone! It is a lot of fun playing listening games with pre-schoolers. It is always brilliant when very elderly people learn to manage their own hearing aids.



I am relieved every time someone finds some relief from their tinnitus by wearing their hearing aids or feels less isolated now they have them. I like working in a team of nice colleagues where we can share ideas with each other.

MY FAVOURITE SOUND DURING THE HOLIDAYS IS MUSIC.

Christmas isn't Christmas without music. My happiest Christmas memories are carol singing gigs with friends. I need to join a choir again!



MEET MORE OF OUR TEAM ONLINE!

Visit www.tsh.org.au/about/ publications and click on past editions of Parentlink.



36 YEARS TOGETHER

RECOGNISING OUR OUTPOST SUPPORTERS

On November 2, TSH Deputy Principal, Geoff Reader joined Newman College for a very special assembly.

Since 1982 Newman College has supported a comprehensive in-school support program run by TSH for students with hearing loss. In celebration of 36 years collaborating together, Mr Reader presented the school with a commemorative plaque to acknowledge their support of students with a hearing loss through TSH's Outpost program. The plaque was received by Newman College's Head of Primary, Mitch Bristow.



Having worked in deaf education for over 36 years, Mr Reader commented that the school had maintained the positive, vibrant energy that he remembers from three decades ago!

Telethon Speech & Hearing sincerely thanks Newman College for its ongoing support of the Outpost program and families affected by hearing loss. TSH extends this gratitude to all nine primary and secondary schools within its network. By allowing TSH staff and the program into

their school, students with hearing loss have been able to thrive and maximise their active participation in mainstream schools.

For more information about Newman College, visit www.newman.wa.edu.au.

For more information about TSH's Outpost program and other school locations around Western Australia, visit www. tsh.org.au/our-school/outpost.

OUR OUTPOST COMMUNITY

SCHOOLS PARTNERED WITH TSH IN WA

- 1. St Stephen's School www.ststephens.wa.edu.au
- 2. St Luke's Catholic Primary School www.stlukeswoodvale.wa.edu.au
- 3. Servite College www.servite.wa.edu.au
- 4. Newman College www.newman.wa.edu.au
- 5. St Pius X Catholic Primary School www.stpiusx.wa.edu.au
- 6. Aquinas College www.aquinas.wa.edu.au
- 7. Mel Maria Catholic Primary School www.melmaria.wa.edu.au
- 8. St Brigid's College www.stbrigids.wa.edu.au
- 9. John Wollaston Anglican Community School www.jwacs.wa.edu.au

Please contact TSH if your family is looking for mainstream school options for your child - speech@tsh.org.au / 9387 9888.





WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT AT TSH IN 2019

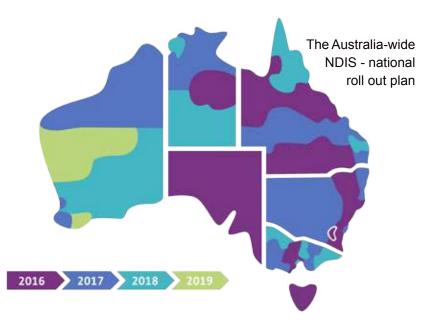
By now most people would have heard about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), a scheme introduced by the Federal Government with the aim to support people with disabilities and children with developmental delays. For TSH, the NDIS will be part of our future so we thought it is important to provide a brief summary of the NDIS for our families.

WHAT WILL THE NDIS DO?

In short, the NDIS aims to provide people with access to money so they can access the supports they need. It is based on what is seen as "reasonable" and based on an individualised plan. More information about the NDIS is at www.ndis.gov.au.

HOW CAN I ACCESS THE NDIS?

Access to the NDIS will be based on your needs and location (they are rolling it out in different areas to stage its implementation). To access the NDIS you will need to contact the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to talk to a planner. But our experience is that the NDIS is a little tricky to navigate and their approach is still changing, so it might be best to talk to the manager of the relevant TSH program first.



WILL TSH HELP ME ACCESS THE NDIS?

Yes. We pride ourselves on supporting the families who access our services and providing help to navigate the NDIS is no different. Navigating the NDIS is tricky so we will help in providing you with whatever support we can to make sure you can maximise what you can achieve through the NDIS.

WILL THE NDIS CHANGE WHAT TSH DOES?

No. Our current services and approaches will remain, no matter what program you are in. We will continue to improve what we do as part of our normal approach, so we see the NDIS as one way parents can access funds to get the supports they need.

CAN I USE THE NDIS TO ACCESS MORE HELP FROM TSH?

Depending on your plan, you might be able to use some funding from the NDIS to access more one-on-one services.

I AM ON THE WA VERSION OF THE NDIS – WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THAT?

The WANDIS is being transferred across to the NDIS. Anyone on the WANDIS will get a letter from the State Government talking through the transfer process. We have been reassured that it will not impact on your package.



WHO DO I TALK TO IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

- ► Visit www.ndis.gov.au,
- ► Talk to the manager of the TSH program your child is enrolled in, and/or
- ► Email ndis@tsh.org.au and we will contact you.



A WHALE OF FUN

CHATTERBOX VISITS AQWA!

Our Chatterbox Playgroups have been learning about the Ocean this term. The playgroup room was transformed into an underwater playground.

We have been fishing, rowing boats, sorting shells, playing with penguins and ice, creating wonderful sea creatures, and we even set up an ice cream shop at the beach.

We have explored a range of beautiful ocean-themed stories and extended our imagination way beyond the depths of the deep blue sea. The sensory experiences have been endless with a combination of pouring, splashing floating and sinking in the water trolley, sifting sand, building castles, gathering shells. The theme has provided a host of opportunities to build on our students' language, listening and overall communication skills.

In the final week of this engaging theme, two of our groups combined to go on a visit to AQWA to further extend the learning opportunities and to build on the children's social skills.

The families had a wonderful morning exploring the various displays and interacting with the hands on exhibits.

A highlight was holding a sea cucumber and a star fish, and

watching a giant sting ray swim over us in the sea tunnel. A shared lunch and well-earned cuppa for the parents was a great way to end a lovely outing.



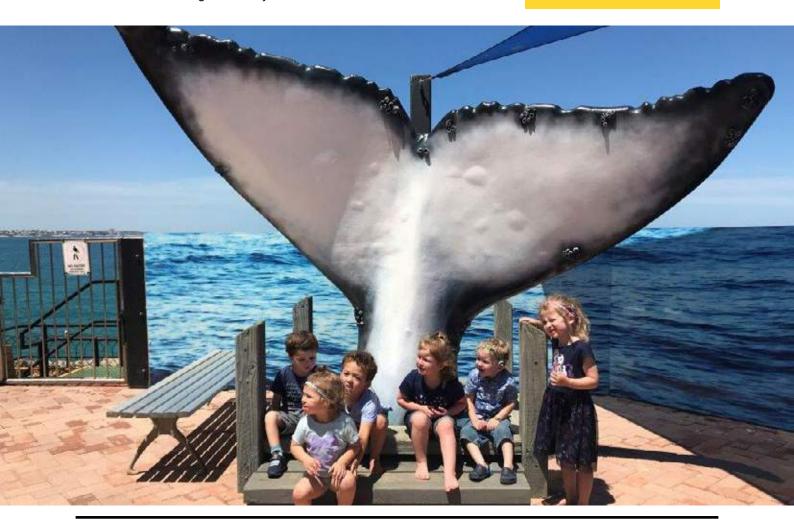
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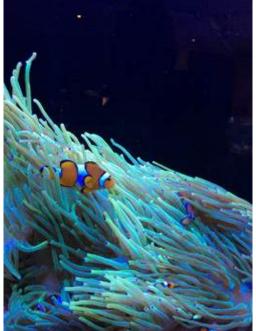
Does your family love to swim? Then join us for the Swim Thru Perth 2019!

It's the **100th swim** for this iconic WA swimming race. Family-friendly and all abilities welcome!

More details on page 13 ▶



















TERM 4 IN TALKABOUT

AN UPDATE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, NATALIE WILLACY

Term 4 is always a busy one in our Talkabout Program. It is lovely to hear the chatter both in our classrooms and in the playground, a sign of the wonderful progress our Talkabout children have made with their language development this year.

The Talkabout Team have been busy completing final assessments, student portfolios, and reports which will all be sent home shortly. Our team also look forward to meeting with our

students' parents and carers to discuss their child's progress in weeks 8 and 9 this term. Keep an eye out for meeting signup sheets on the classroom doors!

For families continuing in our Talkabout program next year, you would have attended our 2019 Parent Information Night this week. Our Talkabout 3, 4 and 5 info sessions are an opportunity to learn about your child's Talkabout Program, what to expect, and how to support your child's transition next year.

The evening is a great opportunity to meet our staff and other parents, familiarise yourself with your child's classroom and learning environment and gain insight into their future learning journey.



All Talkabout 2019 Parent Information Sessions are being held on Monday 26th November.

If you need further support with enrolments, please contact our Talkabout team on speech@tsh.org.au or 9387 9888.

ANNUAL FAMILY SURVEY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Each year TSH conducts a family survey to ensure continuous improvement of our service delivery. Taking part in the survey is an opportunity for you to anonymously share your experiences and opinions with the team at TSH.

Those who completed the survey early went in the draw for a \$100 gift voucher of their choice.

The lucky winner was Emma, a mum in our Talkabout Program. *Congratulations!*

All families who were enrolled in the Chatterbox, Outpost, Talkabout 2-5 and Talkabout Literacy programs in September 2018 were invited to complete a questionnaire. We received feedback from a total of 120 families (approximately half of TSH families).

Valuable feedback including many positive comments and constructive suggestions were provided. Our program leaders are currently examining every suggestion to inform a quality improvement action plan in response to your feedback. We will be communicating our findings with you soon.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete the survey, and giving us your valuable feedback.

Current and past surveys are available from the TSH website.

Visit www.tsh.org. au/about/ publications.



CALLING ALL
PRIMARY SCHOOLS
& FAMILIES



Presented by:

SATTERLEY

JOIN OUR 100TH SWIM!



ENTER ONLINE TODAY! | SWIMTHRUPERTH.ORG

Come join in the fun:

- 250m Try-It Race for swimmers aged 8 years and older
- Perfect for Primary School kids, open water novices and swimmers with disabilities
- Safe course in the protected waters of Matilda Bay
- Ample water safety and support swimmers along the course

Early Bird registrations available until 4th January 2019. Online registrations close Thursday 17th January. The 2019 Swim Thru Perth is coordinated by **Claremont Masters Swimming Club**.



SCHOOL SWIM OFF!
The Primary School with the most swimmers wins \$250 for sports equipment!!

SUNDAY, 20TH JAN 2019 MATILDA BAY, SWAN RIVER

SWIMTHRUPERTH.ORG

SWIM THRU PERTH 2019 Presented by:

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FOLLOWING YOUR CHILD'S LEAD THROUGH PLAY



Children are play experts. They learn so much through play in their early years - and did you know they learn best when they're focused and engaged in play initiated by themselves?

Child led play is about letting children to play freely, without direction or intervention. It is about allowing children to choose what to play, what they'll play with, with whom they will play and what the rules are. They will direct the action, they are in control and are doing it all at their own pace and in their own way and they are discovering something each time.

Allowing children to lead not only supports their curiosity and creativity, but also empowers them. As the parent/adult, it's about providing a safe environment for our children to explore and to test out their ideas.

Your response to child led play shows that you are interested in what your child is doing and that their ideas and emotions are important to you. Your presence is also a nice support for them, that you are available to lend a hand or get involved should they ask for it.



Child led play also gives our children ownership of their play and experiences. This is extremely important as it helps with the development of their sense of identity and selfesteem. It develops their belief in themselves as thinkers and learners.

ABOUT PLAYGROUP WA

Playgroup WA has been supporting, servicing and establishing playgroups throughout Western Australia since 1972. You can find your local playgroup at playgroupwa. com.au. With over 400 groups and more than 8.000 families we're sure you'll find one you like.

HEAR WE GIFT!

UNIQUE GIFT IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

If giving presents is a part of your family's holiday celebrations, then take a look at some of these unique gift ideas for those "rockin' the cochlear implant life"!

Please note TSH is not affiliated with any gift ideas/ vendors mentioned. Please take care when purchasing gifts online.



happyhedgehogtoys on Etsy.com -Bespoke makers of plush toys with a range of accessories including cochlear implants for unicorns!

nannysbabiestoodollslikeme_ on Facebook - A Doll Like Me... Customised, handmade dolls from start to finish...made with attention to details.









herewesewagain.com.au -Handmade hearing aid accessories made in Cairns, Australia with kids in mind. Bands compatible with BCHA as well as pilot caps with lots of variety.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

THANK YOU ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHBRIDGE

The Rotary Club of Northbridge has kindly donated \$5,000 towards the sponsorship of a five year old child who attends our Talkabout Program. The club recently visited us for a tour of the school and to meet with the family.

On behalf of Telethon Speech & Hearing, we would like to thank the Rotary Club of Northbridge for their support. The Rotary Club of Northbridge are involved in some amazing projects; including the Italian Car Club held earlier in November at Gloucester Park.

To see how you can support the local community and meet other likeminded people making a difference in the community, please contact the President Charlie Russo on secretary@northbridgerotary.com.au.









\$48,000 WORTH OF PREMIUM WINE TO BE WON

Each \$200 ticket quarantees wine in return of \$200 to \$600 value!

ONLY 164 TICKETS AVAILABLE. HURRY, LIMITED TICKETS REMAIN! RAFFLE DRAWN 5TH DECEMBER 2018.

The wine you receive is simply the luck of the draw and will be randomly selected as a "Lucky Dip"!

PURCHASE YOUR WINNING TICKET FROM **TELETHON SPEECH & HEARING -**

PHONE: (08) 9387 9888

EMAIL: LUCKYSIP@TSH.ORG.AU

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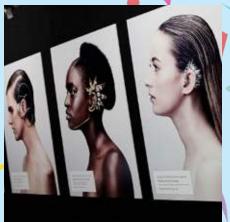
































PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Bring a picnic or treat yourself to dinner from one of the many food trucks.

Fun for the whole family including

Santa, Live Music by Twenty Feet Beat and Carols By Candlelight led by Cambridge Choristers and Lake Monger Primary School.

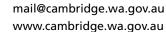
Carnival rides • Climbing wall • Bungee • Toddler zone • Face painting and much more.













JULIE'S BOOK CORNER

UPDATES FROM OUR LIBRARIAN, JULIE COX





This Term all our four-year-old students received a *Better Beginnings* pack. Each pack includes a great story book, memory game, activity pack and parent information all in a useable library bag!

Thank you to the Town of Cambridge Library for supplying the packs to us.

KEEP OUR SHELVES HAPPY, PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKS

A reminder to all parents, please return all library books, DVD's and parent information resources to TSH before the school year ends.

By returning all books, you will help other children and families benefit from these specially selected resources in our library.

If you need any help with returning books or resources to TSH you can email Julie at jcox@tsh.org.au.













Happy Holidays from Team TSH



Please note that TSH will be closed from the 22nd December 2018, to the 1st January 2019.

Our main centre will reopen on the 2nd January 2019, and our Wembley based programs will commence on Monday 4th February 2019.

From the entire team at Telethon Speech & Hearing, we wish you a very happy festive season filled with much joy, love and laughter.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! KEEP SAFE & SEE YOU IN 2019!



Juvitation to join our community of support

Every day at Telethon Speech & Hearing, we work with young children and families to ensure that they have access to all the tools they need in order to live a fulfilled life. Involving families at every stage, TSH's programs provide assistance through regular hearing checks, cochlear implant management, speech and occupational therapy, early literacy education, parent information nights and gatherings, social and emotional well-being support, Youth Leadership camps, school holiday programs and much, much more.

TSH would like to invite all parents to join our ongoing discussions around fundraising and program support initiatives for 2019.

If you would like to find out more about how fundraising at TSH works, be more involved with our events, or have a suggestion for a fundraiser please complete and return the form below. Your feedback is invaluable to us and will help ensure more children and families in similar situations can receive our support.

YES! I'd like to join Telethon Speech & Hearing's "Community of Support".

Full Name:			
Program enrolled in:	Chatterbox	Talkabout / Talkabout Literacy	
	Outpost	Other service(s):	
Email Address:			
Contact Number:			
YES, I would	ld like to receive more in	formation around fundraising and support initiatives at TSH.	
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