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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 12 APR** Last Day Term 1
QV1 Urban Descent
- 13 APR** Pro9 Corporate Rumble
- 19, 22, 25 APR** Good Friday, Easter Monday,
ANZAC Day (PH)
- 29 APR** First Day Term 2
TSH AGM
- 14-16 MAY** NAPLAN Testing
- 31 MAY** Property Seminar @ TSH
- 03 JUN** WA Day (PH)
- 05 JUL** Last Day Term 2

ENT SERVICES AT TSH

TSH has started hosting a monthly ENT clinic in our Wembley centre.

Run by board member and prominent ENT, Dr Tim Cooney, see [page 7](#) for more details on how to book an appointment.





MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

MARK FITZPATRICK

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It has been a wonderful start to the year for Telethon Speech & Hearing. Most pleasing has been seeing the happy faces of the children and parents – both those returning to us and our new families joining us for the first time. It is a joy to see how the wonderful team at TSH is impacting on so many lives.

MAZENOD JOINS OUTPOST

If the first term of 2019 is anything to go by TSH is heading for a busy but really positive year. We have opened two new Outpost units – one at Mazenod College in Lesmurdie (our 10th unit) and one at St Stephens in Duncraig (our 11th). Both units have been staffed by some of our experienced and talented Teachers of the Deaf and reports from those schools have been extremely positive. We are also working hard on trying to get another unit set up for a south of the river high school close to the city and we will provide you an update as soon as those arrangements are made.



SWIM THRU PERTH

January 2019 saw TSH partner with the team that run Swim Thru Perth. In their 100th swim we became the beneficiaries of what is Australia's longest running open water swim. Held at Matilda Bay, the event reflected TSH with a relaxed vibe, plenty of families involved, a lot of comradeship from competitors and everyone having a lot of fun. One of the best things about the day is that we had one of our alumni, Isaac, take out 4th place in the 1.6km at the age of 15, which was a brilliant achievement.

NDIS AUDIT OUTCOMES

At the start of the year we also successfully completed our Quality Audit for our Chatterbox program. Conducted by the Department of Communities this audit saw our program and support structures reviewed as part of a three-year audit cycle. Not surprisingly, the audit found that TSH's services met all six National Disability Standards, while noting no areas for required improvements which is a rare outcome for this type of audit. Well done to Felicity McNally, Janene Hall and all of the team on this wonderful result.



As we move towards the end of Term 1, the team at TSH is working hard on a number of fronts. We are implementing a number of recommendations from our Annual Family Survey, reviewing the student outcomes from 2018, preparing for our School Registration, plus much, much more. We do all of this to continue to improve our programs and services so our families get the best possible support we can offer. I look forward to sharing the outcomes of all of this work with you over the course of the year.

As we now head into the holidays, I would like to wish all of our families a safe, joyous and relaxing holiday and Easter period.

WELCOME TO THE TSH FAMILY

FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, JANENE HALL

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To kick off the new school year, TSH held its Family Welcome BBQ on February 22 for all families across our different programs for hearing, speech and language.

Held in our Wembley school playground, the BBQ was very well supported with over 30 families and many more TSH staff in attendance.

All parents and students enjoyed a sausage sizzle (or two!) on their picnic blankets whilst chatting with each other as the sun began to set across the sky.

Through TSH hosted events like the Welcome BBQ, we hope to encourage families to connect with one another, and help our students build friendships amongst similar aged peers.



It was lovely to see so many families join us in a very casual and welcoming setting.

My thanks to all who took the time to come along and enjoy the event.
-- Janene

10TH OUTPOST UNIT LAUNCHED

MAZENOD COLLEGE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH HEARING LOSS

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Earlier this year, TSH commenced its newest partnership with Mazenod College, to provide in-school support for students with hearing loss.

Based in Lesmurdie, Mazenod College is the tenth school within Western Australia to take on our incredibly unique and inclusive school support (Outpost) program, since the first unit at Servite College in 1979.

Mazenod specialises in boys' secondary education (Years 7 to 12) and is set in 21 acres of grounds in the bushland on the Darling Scarp. The Mazenod learning experience is provided in the Oblate tradition.

Saxon Miller is the first Outpost student to attend Mazenod College and parents Rob and Gabby have been impressed with progress so far. "We are so happy to have chosen Mazenod for Saxon," they said.

"He has settled into Year 7 extremely well. TSH and Mazenod together, have made the transition easy for our son."

Our well-versed Outpost team at Mazenod includes Josie Sullivan (teacher of the deaf) and Liz Buscombe (notetaker).

MORE ABOUT MAZENOD

For more information about Mazenod College view: www.mazenod.wa.edu.au or contact TSH Deputy Principal, Geoff Reader at speech@tsh.org.au / 9387 9888.





Geoff Reader and Reece Whitby MLA



Barry MacKinnon AM and Geoff Reader

TSH DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WINS HEARING AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS GEOFF READER!

On February 26, TSH Deputy Principal Geoff Reader was awarded the prestigious Dr Harry Blackmore award for his exemplary service and contribution to supporting the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Baldivis MLA Reece Whitby presented Mr Reader with the award at Deafness Council WA's Hearing Awareness Week launch event.

Named after Dr Harry Blackmore OAM, the Award recognises the contribution made by an individual or organisation that has enhanced the quality of life of people who are deaf or hearing impaired or who have raised the level of awareness in the broader community of issues that affect deaf and hearing impaired people. Working as a tutor, note taker, teacher of the deaf and now deputy principal,

Mr Reader has had an astonishing 35-year work history dedicated to ensuring every child affected by hearing loss is given the best education and learning foundation for later success in life.

"I started in the early '80s with some volunteer work," said Mr Reader. "It's been a real honour for me to work at the Centre for so many years. I've worked with amazing people – it's all about people," he added.

"We have done remarkable work for a long time and the programs that we've developed have been fantastic."

Such work includes being a central figure in our school support (Outpost) program for primary and secondary school-aged children with hearing loss.

Mr Reader has provided significant contributions to teaching, innovation and research over the years, helping many professionals across the sector improve services for deaf and hard of hearing children, and their families.

He also champions TSH's "Power of Speech" events, which began in 1989 (then called "Clear Speech") and is now a national event for deaf or hard of hearing students to speak on policy issues concerning their future at Parliament House in Canberra.

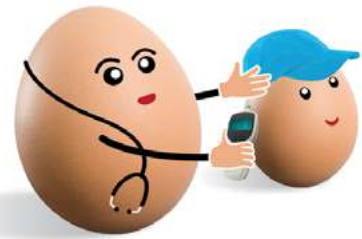
"One of my first experiences at the centre was to represent us on the Deafness Council and I had the pleasure of working alongside Dr Harry Blackmore," said Mr Reader.

"He was an awesome leader and advocate for the deaf community and did remarkable work so this is indeed a fantastic honour."

HEARING MORE CELEBRATIONS

Read **page 6** for more news around how TSH celebrated Hearing Awareness Week!

Check your hearing



HIGHLIGHTS FROM WORLD HEARING DAY & HEARING AWARENESS WEEK 2019

Approximately 466 million people around the world live with disabling hearing loss.

In Australia, this means 1 in 6 of us are affected by some kind of hearing loss.

Many people live with unidentified hearing loss and often fail to realise that they are missing out on certain sounds and words. **In children, 60% of hearing loss can be prevented.**

Checking one's hearing would be the first step towards addressing the issue.

This year TSH helped to promote and celebrate Hearing Awareness Week through a number of events that matched the international theme, "Check your hearing!"

CHECK YOUR HEARING

No matter your age, regular appointments to check your hearing is highly recommended.

It's easy to book an appointment at TSH!

Call **9387 9888** or book online at **tsh.org.au**.



Mix 94.5 takes a hearing test!



PCYC Community Fair in Karratha

Telethon Speech & Hearing celebrates HAW!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENT!

5th March
Free parent talk
Expected milestones for your child.

12th March
Free early years educator talk
Spot signs of trouble in your classroom.

6th & 15th March
\$20 Ear health screenings
Normally \$49. Book now and save!

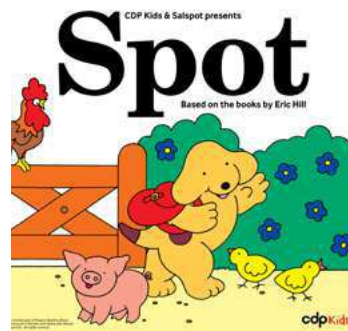
Free and discounted events for communities in Perth.



Curtin University interviews CEO Mark: <https://news.curtin.edu.au/stories/you-can-see-the-impact-ceo-on-helping-children-with-hearing-loss/>



Raising awareness at your workplace



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NEW SERVICES AT TSH

DOES YOUR FAMILY NEED MORE SUPPORT WITH OT?



At TSH we are constantly reviewing our programs and identifying opportunities to meet emerging needs of the families and children we care for. Recently we have been approached by a number of families who are interested in the opportunity to receive more intensive Occupational Therapy (OT) support in an individual one on one clinic setting.

To assist us in evaluating the viability of this option it would be gratefully appreciated if you could respond to this "Expression of Interest" request. OT services in a clinic setting would incur a fee and in most cases there are opportunities for funding support from sources such as NDIS, BetterStart, Private Health Insurance Rebates or Medicare.

By completing our 2 minute survey, you can help us better understand if OT services may be valuable to your family:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/OT_EOI

OUR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TEAM CAN PROVIDE HELP WITH:

Babies and Toddlers:

- Early movement skills and motor milestones
- Feeding
- Engagement and play skills
- Toilet training

Pre-Kindy and Pre-Schoolers:

- School readiness
- Fine motor skills such as drawing and cutting
- Gross motor skills such as coordination and balance
- Sensory and perceptual skills
- Attention, concentration and "thinking" skills
- Dressing, hygiene and toileting

Primary Students and Adolescents:

- Handwriting speed and accuracy
- Coordination and balance
- Strength and endurance
- Sensory and perceptual skills
- Concentration, planning and organisational skills

MONTHLY ENT CLINICS AVAILABLE

AT TSH, STARTING FEBRUARY 2019

Starting February 28, TSH began hosting a monthly Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) clinic onsite in Wembley.

TSH Board Member and prominent ENT doctor, Dr Tim Cooney, is running the clinic **on the last Thursday of every month** along with a number of qualified specialists.

Our first clinics for February and March were successfully booked out, however, this ongoing service is open for bookings throughout the rest of 2019.

The clinic will be run from the audiology space near Venue Hire / TSH's main reception and will

be our first go at renewing the availability of an ENT clinic onsite.

Special thanks to Head of Hearing Services, Philippa Hatch for coordinating this with the Perth ENT team.

ENT BOOKINGS

To book an appointment, call **9387 9888** or speak to our friendly staff at main reception.

LEEWIN OCEAN VOYAGE

A RECOUNT FROM TSH TEACHER OF THE DEAF, KENDRA BUSS

On the weekend of 22-24 February, four secondary school students and three Teachers of the Deaf were given the amazing opportunity to go on a three day Leadership Voyage on the Leeuwin. Two of the students are currently in the TSH Outpost program and two are previous TSH students. A number of students from other schools were also on the trip and friendships were forged through the teamwork, games, challenges and activities on board.

All of the students and staff on board (the 'Trainees'), were allocated one of three 'watch colours' or groups along with a Leeuwin volunteer watch leader. The watches rotated around various activities each day including learning the ropes, hoisting the sails up and down, leadership activities, learning about the history of the ship and safety aspects on board. Everyone was given the opportunity to step outside their comfort zone in



various ways – for example, some found climbing the masts quite challenging, but everyone gave it a go. We discovered that some of the language we use today such as 'learn the ropes', 'give a wide berth' and to sail 'in the Doldrums' originates from nautical language from the old sailing days.

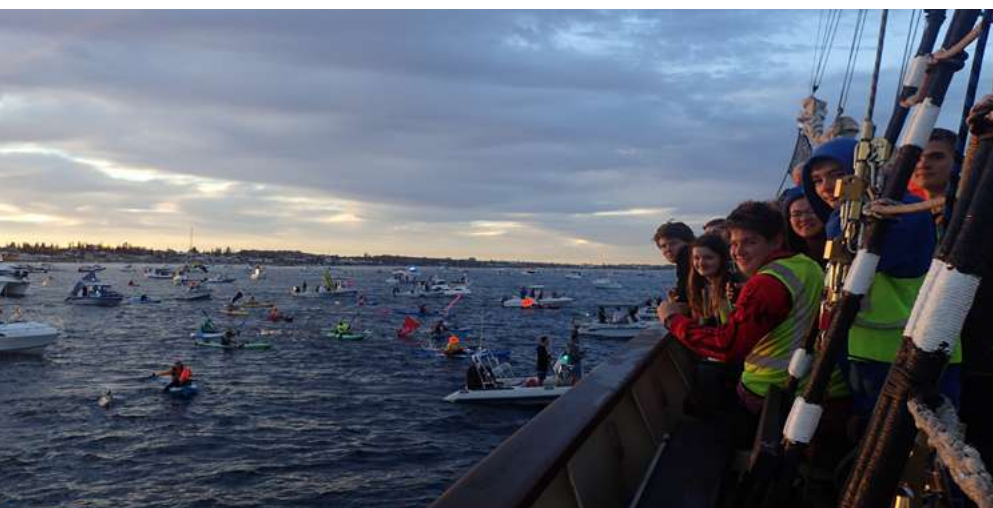
Everyone was expected to pitch in with all jobs, including scrubbing the decks, overnight watch duty and helping in the galley. Somehow the teachers managed to get toilet cleaning duty and washing up!

Each person was given a buddy to look out for on the ship and together the two buddies completed 'anchor watch' on a rotational basis which included checking the ship for fire and water leaks and recording navigational information such as wind direction, point of anchor, GPS status and depth of water. These shifts rotated over the two nights from 10pm-5am.

One of the highlights was being anchored 1500m off North Cottesloe beach on Friday night in readiness for the Rottnest Channel Swim – participants saw a beautiful sunrise over the swimmers and water craft. It was very inspiring.

Some of the students are already talking about booking a longer trip - they must have recovered their land legs a lot quicker than the teachers!

The voyage was generously funded by the **Deafness Council WA** and **Rotary Club of Applecross** and was a wonderful experience for all involved.





ANNUAL FAMILY SURVEY

RESULTS FROM OUR 2018 FAMILY SURVEY. FROM TSH PRINCIPAL, JANENE HALL

Each year Telethon Speech & Hearing (TSH) conducts a family survey to ensure we continue to provide excellent service that is meeting the needs of our families and their children with hearing, speech and language challenges.

Families who are enrolled in our programs are invited to complete a questionnaire giving us valuable feedback. The results of these surveys guide us in ensuring continuous improvements in all that we do.

What did we do well?

In 2018 families told us that they felt supported by our program staff across all areas (100%).

They also told us that they were satisfied with the progress their child was making (97%) and that the programs were meeting their child's needs (99%).

A great number of families also left heartwarming testimonials about how much TSH has made a difference to their child's development in speaking, listening, confidence, literacy and many other areas. These are fantastic results and something we are very proud of.

How could we do better?

In the Outpost program there were some concerns around access to after school appointments to see an audiologist, particularly for high school students so that they do not have to miss any of their school time. We agree that this would be frustrating and we are consulting with our

audiology team on how we may be able to improve this situation. There was also a lot of interest in securing more Outpost sites, in particular a high school south of the river. We acknowledge this has been a long standing concern and we have been working for a number of years now attempting to rectify this. We are in the initial stages of liaising with a potential school and have been having positive conversations with them. We will keep you posted as these discussions progress.

with children who need to be seen urgently.

It was also mentioned that parking can be a bit tricky at times, with the tree roots in the parking lot becoming a hazard. We have taken this on board and the tree roots will be taken care of very soon.

In the Talkabout program feedback it was suggested that families should have the opportunity to share contact details with other parents in their group. We are more than happy for families to share these contact details. For privacy reasons it is not something we can facilitate, however, we are happy for parents to do this. Another great suggestion was that information sessions be filmed and made available on our website so that those who are not able to attend on

2018 SURVEY OVERALL FINDINGS

Key figures across all programs include:



99.3%

of families reported that the programs were meeting their child's individual learning needs.



97.4%

of families indicated their satisfaction with the progress that their child was making.



100%

of families expressed that the teaching staff in their programs were approachable



100%

and professional. of families felt supported by the program staff.

In Chatterbox some families told us it can be a little challenging to get timely appointments in audiology. We are talking to the audiology team about this and are working to ensure this improves. As part of this process we have looked closely at the number of appointments that were cancelled or not attended by our families. These statistics indicate that up to 30% of all appointments are cancelled or not attended. Whilst we understand that illness is common in young children, please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to make appointments as we can then fill them

that evening are able to access the information at a time that suits them. We are very pleased to be working on how we may make this happen.

Improvements already underway

Something that came up over the three programs was the parking challenge on certain days when there a number of events on. You may have noticed that we have put up extra signage to show the designated parents only parking area. You may have also seen that on very busy days often our wonderful groundsman

Dave, will be out at the entry to ensure only parents are using the space.

We will also be trialling a drop off option for our T4 and T5 families. On very busy days we will have an option to drive through the parent area and drop your child off into the safe hands of one of our staff who will then walk them in to the Talkabout area. We will let T4 and T5 families know when this option rolls out.

These are just a few of the valuable suggestions that came to us through the family survey. We are always grateful to the families who take the time to provide us with this feedback and assure you that we take it very seriously. Not only does it give us some clear suggestions on how we can improve what we do, it also gives us some very much appreciated positive feedback on what we are doing well.

HAVE MORE TO SAY?

Remember that you do not have to wait until survey time to give us your feedback.

We welcome your comments and suggestions throughout the year.

Read all survey results at
tsh.org.au/about/publications

LEON'S WINNING IDEA

OUTPOST STUDENT LEON DEAN TOPS GLOBAL INVENTION COMPETITION!

Congratulations to Outpost student, Leon Dean, who was announced as a winner in MED-EL's annual global invention competition!

Leon is the first and only Australian child to win MED-EL's annual global invention competition "Ideas for Ears" - an annual competition challenging children aged 6-12 years old to create an invention to improve the quality of life for people living with hearing loss.

Leon's winning entry was a video and drawing of a Bluetooth watch that was able to communicate with hearing implants and change them to various custom settings, such as reducing wind noise when outdoors.

Of its many well thought out features was a "Device Locator" app to help find lost processors easily, and a "Wakey Wakey" function which is a "vibrating, flashing alarm to wake you up, but also has a setting that turns your cochlear volume up slowly over 5 minutes" so that users don't experience sound shock.

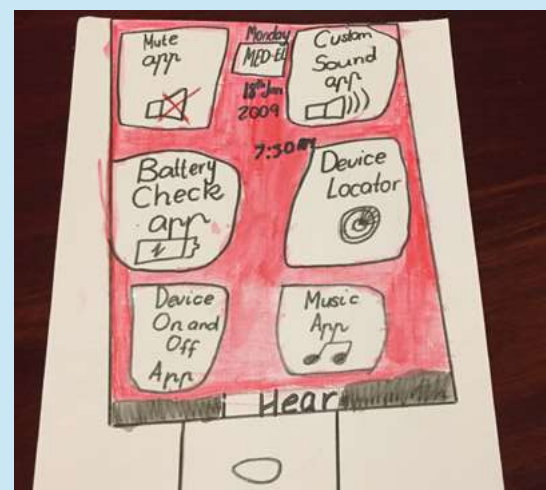
"I came up with the idea from looking at Bluetooth watches and computer apps," Leon said.

"I thought I could invent a watch that connects to hearing aids or cochlear implants. It would display apps that could be customised to each individual's needs.

"This would make every day easier for people with hearing loss."

As his prize, Leon will be flying off to MED-EL's Headquarters in Austria later in the year. He will get to meet the engineers and scientists behind the life-changing technology that helps him hear, including the original inventors and pioneers of MED-EL cochlear implants, Ingeborg and Erwin Hochmair!

On March 7 a celebration was held for Leon at TSH where MED-EL Managing Director Robyn Shakes flew in from Sydney to formally congratulate Leon.



QV1 URBAN DESCENT

TSH GETS SET TO CONQUER ITS FEAR OF HEIGHTS!

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Some amazing individuals are attempting something crazy this April - abseiling off the QV1 building, otherwise known as WA's highest single pitch building abseil!

Not just an ordinary abseil, the QV1 Urban Descent encourages participants to take the 40-storey plunge while making a real difference in the community, fundraising for causes close to their heart.

Below are some of the extraordinary teams and individuals taking on the QV1 Descent this year, in support of TSH.

You can also show your support with a donation (tax deductible for amounts \$2 or more) or watch their descent on April 12!

www.tsh.org.au/qv1-descent-2019



DAVE HARBEN
TSH MAINTENANCE
MANAGER
(TEAM CAPTAIN)



MARK FITZPATRICK
TSH CEO



JEREMY RIGG
TSH BOARD MEMBER

TEAM TSH "FEAR OF HEIGHTS"!

For years we have watched children overcome huge obstacles and fears in their little lives so have decided to face our fear of heights and in the process hopefully raise some money for our favourite place - Telethon Speech & Hearing! Every \$5,000 raised will enable **one more** child and family access to our early intervention programs and services for an entire year.



KEVIN MOOTOOSAMY
JANI-KING AUS

I'm terrified of heights!
But hope that I can make a difference to TSH, an amazing charity that I've known for many years.



KEVIN BROWN
PERTH AIRPORT

Perth Airport CEO
Kevin Brown joins the descent this April in support of Telethon Speech & Hearing.

**SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT ONLINE!**

**[WWW.TSH.ORG.AU/
QV1-DESCENT-2019](http://WWW.TSH.ORG.AU/QV1-DESCENT-2019)**



NATHAN HOOD & MASON DUNN
CARBON GROUP

Carbon Group would love to raise \$2k and TSH is always a cause close to our heart as many of the team at Carbon have young families so being able to assist other families which need help is great.



John Wollaston
ANGELICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



A PROUD TSH OUTPOST PARTNER



Located in the scenic foothills of Camillo, John Wollaston Anglican Community School is a Three Year Old Kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational day school of the Anglican Schools Commission.

In 2019 the School is celebrating its 30th anniversary. John Wollaston is the only Anglican school to partner with Telethon Speech & Hearing to offer a TSH Outpost program option in the metropolitan area.

John Wollaston offers numerous specialist programmes including the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, Year 7 Transition, Encounters Programme, VET Programmes in Hospitality and Business and the Learning Enrichment Centre.

The School has a tradition of academic excellence, high standards and strong values which are supported by our pastoral care programmes including Encounters which help students develop their self-esteem and resilience. Students are offered both academic and

vocational pathways and in recent years our academic performance has been characterised by excellent graduation rates and strong ATAR and VET results.

TSH's Outpost program is a unique opportunity for the School to provide excellence in education for students with hearing loss. Students are provided with an individually tailored support plan that optimises their learning outcomes, both academically and socially. In addition to the support that the students receive from TSH, they can also access the Learning Enrichment Programmes through the School.



JOHN WOLLASTON SCHOOL TOUR DATES

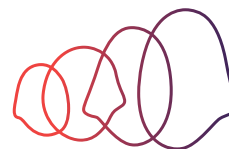
You are warmly invited to visit John Wollaston Anglican Community School to tour our Early Learning Centre, Primary School and Secondary School.

The 2019 School Tour dates are:

- **Yr 7 Transition Open Morning:**
Thursday 23 May, 9:00am
- **Open Morning:**
Friday 21 June, 9:00am
- **Open Morning:**
Friday 20 September, 9:00am
- **Twilight Tour:**
Thursday 17 October, 5:00pm

To register for a tour or find out more information about John Wollaston contact the Registrar, Ann Brightmore on **9495 8100** or email: registrar@jwacs.wa.edu.au.

Telethon Speech & Hearing is committed to upholding the rights and safety of all children and young people. The principles below outline our commitment on being a child safe organisation that promotes child well-being and prevents harm to all young people.



Telethon Speech & Hearing



Child Safe
Organisations
National Principles

National Principles for Child Safe Organisations

1

Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.

6

Processes to respond to complaints and concerns are child focused.

2

Children and young people are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

7

Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

3

Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

8

Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

4

Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

9

Implementation of the national child safe principles is regularly reviewed and improved.

5

People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

10

Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people.



For information and resources, go to
<https://childsafe.humanrights.gov.au>



Australian
Human Rights
Commission



Australian Government



TRICKS TO SPELLING AND READING

HELPING CHILDREN WITH READING, SPELLING AND LITERACY

Is your child finding reading and spelling tricky?

With 26 letters in the English alphabet, 44 speech sounds and over 200 different ways to spell these sounds, it's often forgotten how tricky learning to read and spell can be for young minds to get their heads around as they grow up!

However research shows that students who are struggling with reading and spelling will benefit most using a structured, synthetic phonics program.

When sounds and their spelling patterns are introduced in a structured, orderly and complete

way, children are more likely to recognise them when reading, and use them in spelling and literacy activities.

A synthetic phonics approach where children repeatedly practice blending and segmenting sounds also leads to greater reading and writing fluency.

Telethon Speech & Hearing's Talkabout Literacy provides small group assistance for children who are experiencing reading and spelling difficulties at school.



Available for students in Years 1, 2 and 3, Talkabout Literacy adopts an evidence-based, synthetic phonics approach to teaching reading and spelling – essential for struggling readers.

Talkabout Literacy uses the Sounds~Write program which is endorsed by the Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation.

Class sizes are capped at six children, and led by a Specialist Teacher or Speech Pathologist and Education Assistant.

Each weekly session is 2 hours and run in blocks of 9 to 10 weeks (depending on the school term).

ENROLING IN TALKABOUT LITERACY

Enrol in Talkabout Literacy today and support your child's literacy and learning.

Speak to Deputy Principal (Acting), Karole Marshall on **9387 9888** or visit **tsh.org.au** for more information.

DISCOVERY THROUGH PLAY WITH CHATTERBOX PLAYGROUP

HOW GROUP THERAPY BENEFITS YOU AND YOUR CHILD

Our Chatterbox playgroups have had a flying start to the year. We have been on car trips, bus rides and aeroplane adventures as we have explored the world of transport this term.

The Chatterbox playgroup program is underpinned by the Early Years Learning Framework, which centres around the child and learning through play. A range of engaging and purposeful activities are set up each week, to help build the children's skills in a number of areas.

The program is run by an early childhood teacher with the support of a speech pathologist, audiologist and

occupational therapist. This ensures that the program addresses social, communication and listening skills, as well as fine and gross motor skills.

Activities include tactile experiences at the playdough table, problem solving in the block corner, pretending and role playing in the home corner, sensory fun with water and messy play in our outdoor area, and enjoying stories in our reading corner.

Songs, rhymes and group based activities at mat time help teach the children how to share and take turns, follow instructions and develop their confidence in a group setting.

Another important role of our Chatterbox playgroup is the support offered to parents to help them help their child, and the networking between parents who are on similar journeys.

Our team of therapists and educators are available to help support parents to use skills and strategies they are learning in individual sessions, in a group context.

The playgroups provide parents a chance to enjoy quality interactions with their child in a safe, engaging and friendly environment.

WE LOVE YOU MUM!

TSH'S ANNUAL MUM'S NIGHT

On March 27, we held our annual Mum's Night here at TSH. Around 45 mums put down their 'Super Mum' capes for the night and enjoyed an evening of bubbles, refreshments, massages, manicures and lots of connecting.

Nights like these are only possible with the help of many people, including many TSH staff who donate their own time and resources and our amazing Family Liaison Officer

Michelle Jamieson, who champions this evening every year.

Thank you also to the Australian College of Beauty Therapy, Empowering Chicks and the Boatshed Market for their generous donations and services that helped make our mums feel very pampered and loved!!



HELP YOUR CHILD BUILD THEIR SKILLS FOR SCHOOL!

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- social skills
- oral language
- problem solving
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- listening
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- Small class sizes, with numbers capped at 10 students.
- TSH is a registered NDIS provider and can help your family through the NDIS.

Talk to us about your child's needs:

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A FUN AND INTERESTING JOURNEY

RECOUNTING THE LEEUWIN ADVENTURE FROM OUTPOST STUDENT, CAMERON GOFF

On 23rd of February I was sponsored to do the leadership course on the Leeuwin ocean voyage program. It was very fun and interesting journey and I learnt lots of new things. The trip was all about leadership and teamwork and if you don't work as a team the boat will not sail or function.

I would recommend this anyone who is interested in meeting new friends, learning new things, facing challenges and sailing, This trip is tiring, but you will get lots of sleep and breaks on the trip with great food and activities to do with your new friends that you make on the trip as you are living

with them for the trip. The crew members are nice, and they are very happy to help and work with you on the journey.

You will face some challenges like climbing, heights, sleeping, walking around on the boat with the motion of the sea and hauling ropes to lift very heavy sails. I found the climbing challenge very easy and I found the hauling ropes was a bit hard to do, but you have everyone else helping you and facing these challenges with you.

NEW TSH BOARD MEMBER

DR ALEC O'CONNELL

TSH welcomes Dr Alec O'Connell to our Board of Directors.

Currently Headmaster at Scotch College in Swanbourne, Dr O'Connell has held a variety of both teaching, administrative and leadership positions within schools and universities. He holds a Doctorate of Business Administration (UWA), a Master of Education, Bachelor

of Education, Graduate Diploma of Language Studies, Diploma of Teaching, and Diploma Royal Society of Arts (TESL) from London.

Dr O'Connell is also Chair to the Association of Independent Schools WA and the Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia (AHISA) WA Branch, a member of the Independent Schools Council of Australia, and a member of the UWA Business School Ambassadorial Committee.

Dr O'Connell's appointment adds to the important additions to the Board of Dr Tim Cooney and Jeremy Rigg who both joined our Board in 2017.



TSH AGM

Our next AGM is being held **5.30pm Monday 29th April at TSH.**

All families are welcome to attend. For more details contact Melissa Witts (mwitts@tsh.org.au).



SPARK JOY! WITH YOUR HEARING AIDS

**DONATE OLD EQUIPMENT
& CHANGE A LIFE**

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The #KonMari craze has hit TSH!
For any families feeling the inspired by Marie Kondo's decluttering tips, we would love to receive your old cochlear implants and hearing aid equipment.

We have relationships with other services to clean it up and try to find it a new home with someone who may not otherwise have access to these devices.

Simply drop off your old equipment at Main Reception or contact our Audiology team to discuss possible collection:

speech@tsh.org.au.

JULIE'S BOOK CORNER

REMINDERS FROM OUR LIBRARIAN, JULIE COX

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Borrowing books

There are 500 books currently on loan from our library. Reminder for parents that if I'm not in the centre or not at my desk that I have a manual system in place too!

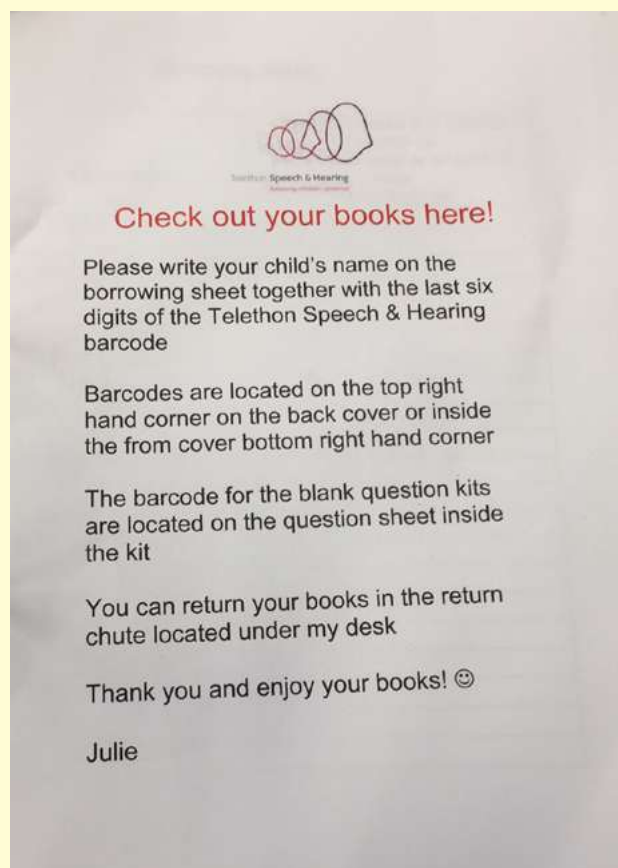
I would like to encourage parents to use the manual system so that we have an accurate record of the books on loan, and resources available for all parents.

Better Beginnings packs

This March, I went to an event on Better Beginnings. Developed by the State Library of WA, Better Beginnings is a family literacy program that supports parents as their child's first teacher (www.better-beginnings.com.au).

It was great to see what's going on in the Public Libraries for our little learners and happy to pass on any information.

Our Library holds free bags for Baby, 2 year-olds and 4 years-olds so if you have missed out on any of these packs please let me know and I can get them forwarded to you.



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