



Sound News

PARENT COUNCIL FOR DEAF EDUCATION



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Hear For You Update

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Latest News on our Leadership Workshops

Our workshops on 29 March went brilliantly! The teenagers got their first taste of leadership as well as learning how to be a dynamic team player. The three groups participated in the interactive activities which promoted these skills. For example, the Year 11-12 students were given a "Country Card" which gave them an opportunity to act as a leader of their given "country" and give a one minute talk addressing issues and giving solutions. The teenagers enjoyed it thoroughly.

Two trainers "Chief" and "Gunny" from The Original Bootcamp also kindly gave an inspirational talk to the Years 7-10 students about leadership and teamwork and how the two work together as well as a practical 45 minute session in the local park.



Daniel's Mother gives Wonderful Heartfelt Feedback

Not long after the last workshop, we received a heartfelt email from one of the Year 11 participants' parents, who wrote the following:

"... I just wanted to let you know how much my son, Daniel, has enjoyed the 'Hear For You' workshops so far. Dan was a bit reluctant to go to the first session... but came home so happy - it was obvious that he'd had a great day. When he came home from the second day, he was absolutely exhilarated! I can't wait to see what will happen next! Thank you so much for giving Dan this rare opportunity to see the heights that he can achieve and to see what he can be. I am very proud of him and so grateful to you and your team for the high quality of the 'Hear For You' program. Can you please pass on to Dan's mentors, Dave Brady and Kate Locke, our appreciation and admiration for their tender loving care, insight and hard work. Many thanks." Clare Harris, parent

HFY Perth Update

Olivia Andersen and Lizzie Eakin recently went to Perth to meet with Paul Higginbotham (CEO of Telethon Speech & Hearing) and Michelle Ryan-Gittens (Psychologist) to discuss the replication of Hear For You in Perth. We are pleased to report that it was a

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successful trip which exceeded our expectations. The enthusiasm and passion that we experienced from the prospective WA mentors was phenomenal.

The selected mentors will travel to Sydney to observe and be involved in our June workshop. The Perth workshops will be held at Telethon Speech and

Hearing Centre commencing in July 2009. We are very excited about this development and the opportunity to take Hear For You not just interstate but to the other side of Australia!

HFY Presentation at the University of NSW

Dr Terry Cumming (Lecturer of Special Education, University of NSW) recently invited Hear For You to speak to their 150 students. On 13 May, Nick Doyle and Olivia Andersen gave a presentation to future secondary teachers about Hear For You. Nick and Olivia also offered them advice on how to deal with educational and socio-emotional issues faced by high school students with a hearing loss.

For further information or to contact Hear For You, visit www.hearforyou.com.au.



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<p>Early Childhood Services (Hearing Impairment)</p> <p>RIDBC Early Learning Program (Hearing Impairment) Located at North Rocks and a number of smaller outlets across Sydney and the Central Coast, this service provides largely centre based individual and group sessions to support children who have significant hearing impairment from birth to preschool or school entry by working with their families.</p> <p>RIDBC Early Learning Program (HunTER) Located at Lake Macquarie near Newcastle, this service provides centre based individual and small group sessions for families with young children who have a significant hearing or vision impairment from birth until preschool or school entry.</p> <p>RIDBC Rockie Woofit Preschool Located at North Rocks, this preschool provides a reverse integration program. The children attending Rockie Woofit Preschool use hearing aids and/or cochlear implants to develop listening and spoken language for communication. Children are enrolled from 3 years of age.</p> <p>RIDBC (Nepean) Preschool Located at Glenmore Park near Penrith, this service provides a reverse integration preschool. Children with significant hearing or vision impairment are enrolled from three years to school entry. Children who have a hearing impairment are taught to develop listening and spoken language for communication.</p> <p>RIDBC (Hunter) Preschool Located at Lake Macquarie, this preschool provides a reverse integration program. Children who have significant hearing or vision impairment are enrolled from 3 years to school entry.</p> <p>Contact: Sue Benzie on (02) 9872 0217</p>	<p>RIDBC Roberta Reid Preschool Located at North Rocks, this preschool provides a regular curriculum for children who use Auslan (Australian Sign Language) as their first language. Deaf children are enrolled from 2 years of age.</p> <p>Contact: Jodie Lenton on (02) 9872 0306</p> <p>RIDBC Thomas Pattison School Located at North Rocks, the Thomas Pattison School provides a regular curriculum for students from Kindergarten to Year 10 who use Auslan (Australian Sign Language) as their first language.</p> <p>Contact: Peter Cipollone on (02) 9872 0367</p> <p>RIDBC Garfield Barwick School Located at North Parramatta, the Garfield Barwick School provides an auditory/oral program for children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who have significant hearing impairment and a consequential delay in language development.</p> <p>Contact: Alan Kelly on (02) 9683 6400</p> <p>RIDBC School Support Services Part of the Garfield Barwick Centre, this service provides regular specialist teaching support for students from Kindergarten to Year 12 who are enrolled in independent schools in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area. RIDBC also provides a Consultancy Service to assist schools to provide appropriate and inclusive curriculum delivery to students with impaired hearing.</p> <p>Contact: Alan Kelly on (02) 9683 6400</p>	<p>RIDBC Alice Betteridge School Located at North Rocks, the Alice Betteridge School provides school education to children aged 4.5 to 18 years, who have significant sensory impairment together with moderate intellectual impairment.</p> <p>Contact: Julie Shylan on (02) 9872 0292</p> <p>RIDBC Teleschool RIDBC provides high quality education services and support to families living in rural and regional areas of Australia who have a child diagnosed with hearing and/or vision impairment. This service is provided to families using a variety of technologies such as videoconferencing, telephone, email, Internet and fax.</p> <p>Contact: Melissa McCarthy on 1300 131 923 (local call cost)</p> <p>Jim Patrick Audiology Centre Located at North Rocks, this centre offers a full range of audiological services to children by paediatric audiologists.</p> <p>Contact: Genelle Cook (02) 9872 0872</p>
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