



# Talking Matters

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**Newsletter Term 3 2012**

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## What's been happening lately?

It has been a busy term with lots of new developments at Talking Matters. Keira is enjoying some time at home with her new baby Harper Maddison. Jessica took 6 weeks leave to travel Europe and is back in week 2 of term 3. Judy joined Jodie and Mandy in the front office and has settled in well to her new role with us.

Meg Redway is our newest speech pathologist and has settled in well. She began her time with us filling in for Jess while she is away so children could have continued services. From term 3 Meg will be providing school based services to a number of Playford Primary School students as well as seeing clients in the office. Meg is also experienced in working with adults with speech pathology needs.

From term 3 Joanne will be providing services on a weekly basis at Tanunda primary school in the special unit as well as doing a few school visits in the Barossa Valley area. Joanne will also continue to see children on a Wednesday from the Kapunda hospital. With some of her office children now being seen at school she now has vacancies for children at Kapunda. All bookings for Kapunda are made through the Elizabeth East office on (08) 8255 7137.

We have had a growth in the number of public schools we are now visiting to work with children. This is possible where we have a cluster of 3 or more families requiring services and where the school has the space and is happy to work with us. If you are involved in a school that is interested in such a service please contact us to discuss how we can help.

The team have also been very busy attending or preparing to attend upcoming professional training sessions. Topics covered include PECS, teaching and behavior support for children on the autism spectrum and upcoming events with Sue Larkey and Barry Prizant on the SCERTS model of intervention. We have been working towards incorporating our new learning in our practice which has been exciting.

We have also been busy working on our website, collecting interesting information for our families on Pinterest (look for the link from our website) and posting updates on the Talking Matters facebook newsfeed. We've also been preparing for students for the 2nd half of the year and we'll share some information on that below!

## Final placement speech pathology students

Next term we will be hosting 2 student speech pathologists for their very last practical placement before graduating as speech pathologists. As speech pathologists our professional responsibilities include teaching and supporting new speech pathologists to ensure they are competent professionals as they enter the work force. We also gain a lot from the process ourselves as we carefully examine our own skills and develop and consolidate our own understandings as we impart knowledge to others. All of this reflection and learning helps us to keep up to date and ensure that we are constantly improving on the services we offer our clients.

Emma Ho and Kristen Brown will start a 3 day a week, 13 week placement with the Talking Matters team from week 2 of the term. They will be developing their skills in providing individual therapy, assessment, planning and programming as well as some group sessions within schools. Some of our clients will be offered the opportunity to work with the students. All sessions will be monitored by the senior speech pathologists, giving these children the benefit of 2 speech pathologists working together to assist them.

Families will be asked if they are happy to have a student involved in sessions. As always our first priority lies with children and their families and students will only be involved with sessions when parents are completely happy for this to occur. If you have any questions about student involvement please don't hesitate to ask us.



# Introducing Pinterest!

In the last few months we have added a Pinterest page to the resources available on our website. Pinterest is a virtual pinboard that lets users organise and share all the interesting or beautiful things they find on the web. Users can browse other people's pinboards and follow links to the content on the internet very simply. You don't have to have your own Pinterest account or boards to be able to browse what we have posted on ours to share with you.

We have put together boards in a wide range of areas from speech, language, autism, ipad apps and much more through to food, chore and birthday party ideas for children. We have links to interesting blogs, pages where you can download activities or just see what other parents or professionals have put together to help families.

Getting started is easy. Just go to our new website at [www.talkingmatters.com.au](http://www.talkingmatters.com.au) and look for the 'follow me on Pinterest' button as pictured below. Click on that and you are into the Pinterest world! Enjoy and don't forget to come back regularly as we keep adding more things we find!



Click on the red "follow us on Pinterest" button from our website to open the Talking Matters Pinterest page to see the pins we've collected!



Open the boards and then double click on the pictures to follow the links.

## Helping your children reach their potential

Keep up to date with recent events on our facebook page.

<http://www.facebook.com/talkingmatters>

Free information and activities in the resources section of the website. Follow the links from our homepage

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- Individualised assessment and therapy
- Friendly and professional staff
- Co-located occupational therapists
- Educational software your child will want to use
- Fun activities to support home practice
- Providing families as much help as they want
- Medicare registered providers
- Betterstart and Helping Children with Autism Early Intervention Providers

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