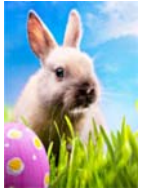




Talking Matters



Newsletter **Easter** 2017

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Happy Easter from Talking Matters



We have had a busy start to 2017 and term 1 is passing quickly. We have welcomed a number of **new team members** Our new speech pathologists Amy, Claudia, Le, Sarah and Shauna as well as new OTs Amber, Francesca, Jenny, Marisa, Olivia and Sophie have all settled in well in both school and clinic work.

These extra team members mean that we are providing services in a number of new schools and now have **no wait for speech or OT services** in the Elizabeth Downs office.

We have also opened a **new office at Tanunda** which has vacancies for both speech and OT services.

We have also begun running our popular **training sessions** for teachers, SSOS, child care workers, carers and parents.

Term one is focused on supporting children with autism, while term two focuses on developing children's skills in speech/language, sensory issues and handwriting skills. See more further on in this newsletter.



We had our biggest ever **school holiday group program** in January and have some new groups planned through 2017. We are now taking bookings for the April and July holidays. See below for details.

Our **Easter Colouring Competition** can be printed from this newsletter, has two great prize baskets to win. Entry forms are at the end of this newsletter. Please leave your entries at the office to enter by Tues 11th April.

Please note our office will be closed on the Easter weekend including Easter Saturday.

We wish all TM families, the schools and preschools we work with and all our colleagues a safe, happy Easter.



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April and July School Holiday Group Programs

We have a number of group programs planned for the April school holidays and are also taking bookings for July.

Play Skills

Designed to help children develop social play including communicating, sharing, pretending and taking turns.

Social Skills

We have groups for junior primary, primary and high school students to develop social communication, emotional self regulation and friendship skills.

Handwriting

These groups are for children who need help to develop quicker, neater writing and make learning better handwriting lots of fun!

New! Touch Typing

Typing can be an effective tool for children who find handwriting challenging. This group is for year four students and older.



Food School and Food Science for Fussy Eaters

These groups are based on the SOS approach to feeding and aim to support children who struggle to try new foods, tastes or textures.

New! Motor Skills

This group provides practice to improve fine and gross motor skills, core strength and eye hand coordination for children aged four years and over.

New groups coming in July include "Language and Literacy" and "Self Care Skills".

All groups are run by Talking Matters team members and are available through NDIA funding when the goals of the program support the child's individual program and funds are available in their plan. Self funded families are also welcome.

To find out if one of these groups would suit your child speak to your Talking Matters therapist, check the services/ programs tab on our website for details or pick up a brochure from the office.

If you would like to find out more or to register your interest contact the office on 82557137. Places fill quickly.

No wait for Speech Pathology and OT sessions!

Our new team members mean that currently there is no wait for speech pathology and OT services at both our Elizabeth Downs and Tanunda offices.

Early intervention has been shown to be effective in preventing or reducing learning difficulties and children who receive early support often show improved skills and reduced need for support as they get older.

Speech pathologists can support children with the following skills:

- Speech sounds
- Receptive and expressive language
- Stuttering
- Literacy such as pre-literacy, reading, writing and spelling
- Social communication
- Eating



To find out how speech pathologists can help children visit this link: <https://www.blog.talkingmatters.com.au/how-else-can-speech-pathologists-help/>

OT can help children with:

- Fine and gross motor skills
- Activities of daily living such as dressing, eating, sleeping
- Play and social skills
- Emotional and sensory regulation
- School skills such as prewriting and handwriting skills



To find out how OT can help children visit this link: <https://www.blog.talkingmatters.com.au/reach-your-p-ot-ential/>

Our therapists can also offer school, preschool and home visits by negotiation.

To book a speech pathology or OT assessment call our office on 82557137. We accept private health, Medicare plans and NDIS funding.

Helping your children reach their potential

Looking for training to support children with special needs?

Training sessions on offer throughout 2017 include:

23rd March “Supporting Children with ASD in the Classroom”

25th May “Sensory Processing and Handwriting in the Classroom”

22nd June “Intro to Speech and Language”

Visit our website for 2017 program and booking forms: <https://www.talkingmatters.com.au/services/professional-development-talking-matters-speech-pathology-elizabeth-downs-8255-7137>

Talking Matters offers:

- Speech pathology & occupational therapy
- Individualised assessment and therapy
- Saturday morning sessions for busy families
- Autism diagnosis and therapy
- Fun activities to support home practice
- School & home visits available
- Practical professional training sessions with useful resources
- A range of resources to support therapy

Want information and free resources ?

Our website has information about all kinds of information about supporting children with special needs including:

- Information and activities to download
- Checklists to check your child’s development
- Information about services and funding options
- Links to other useful sites
- Links to our Facebook, twitter, Pinterest pages and our blog
- Why not visit to find out more and follow us so you don’t miss out on what’s new!

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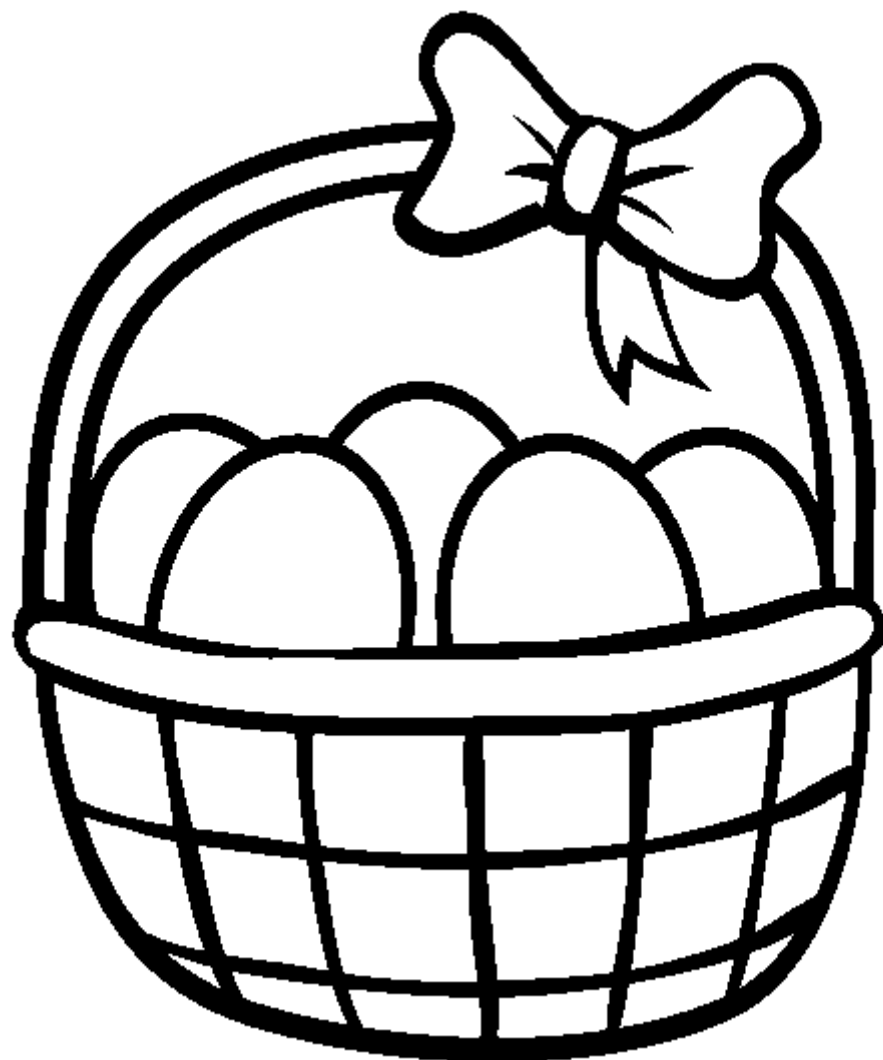
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Decorate the Easter picture and return it to Talking Matters by 5pm Tuesday the 11th of April to go in the draw for the Talking Matters Easter Prize. Open to clients of Talking Matters only. The winning entrant will be selected at random and no correspondence will be entered into.

Return this slip along with your entry to go in the draw

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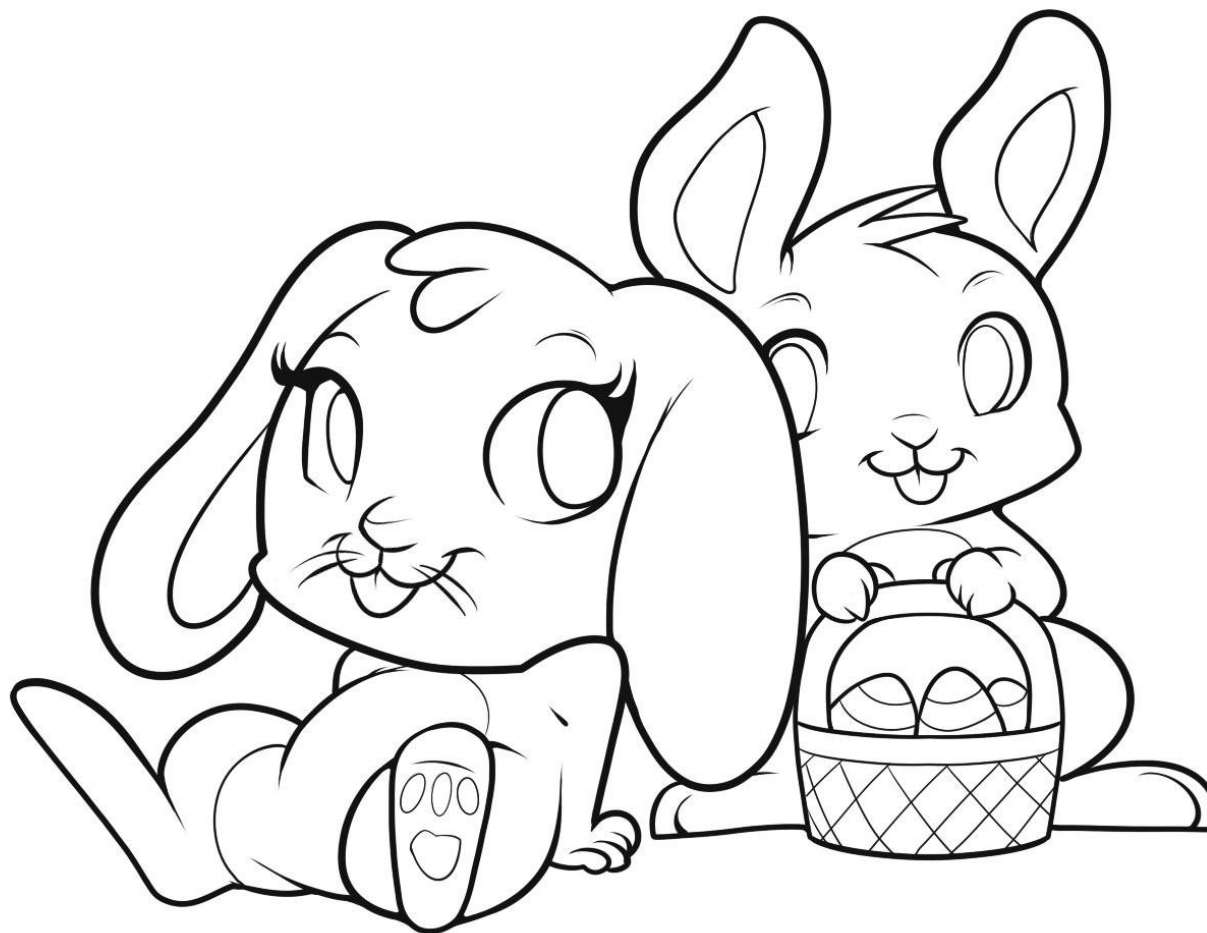
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