



At Kids Biz Therapy Centre we want to welcome you back in the New Year. We hope that you have enjoyed your Christmas Holidays and are coping with the busy season of adjusting to the transition to school, kindy and day care.

What's new at Kids Biz?

It is an exciting time for Kids Biz Therapy Centre as we are continuing to expand and grow. These year has brought many changes and these are some of our latest developments.

New Kids Biz Therapy Centre Staff!!

We are pleased to announce that we have welcomed three new members of staff in 2010. Sally Hodson (Speech Pathologist), Victoria Johnson (Occupational Therapist) and Karen King (Registered Psychologist).

Autism Diagnosis Assessments

At present there are long waitlists for Autism Diagnosis Assessments which leave parents waiting for assessments and much needed services. Accordingly, as part of our services we are now offering Autism Diagnosis Assessments and are now able to

accept bookings for this service.

New Rooms

We have recently taken over a new therapy facility next door. In the wait room you will now see a new door which houses a therapy room and facility for Autism Assessment diagnosis



Disability Services Commission and FaHCSIA funding

At Kids Biz we now offer positions to children and families that are registered with Disability Services Commission and Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs ("FAHCSIA") with a diagnosis of Autism.

Website

We are pleased to announce that we now have our website up and running. This provides information on all our services, facilities and groups. To visit it check out www.kids-biz.net

WHAT'S ON THE CALENDAR FOR TERM ONE?

- ◆ **Handwriting group (ages 6- 9):** Thursday **11 February 4-5 pm** and runs weekly until the last week of term.
- ◆ **DIR Floortime training:** *This is* run by clinical psychologist and conducted over 3 weeks to cover the basics of DIR Floortime and how to adapt it to home life.
Module 1: Monday 8th March 11.30-12:30
Module 2: Monday 15th March 11:30-12:30
Module 3: Monday 22nd March 11:30-12:30
- ◆ **Early Language Stimulation Training:** 11:30-12:30 13 April

Please contact Marlene at Reception if you are interested in attending these groups/ presentations.

Kids Biz group programs are up and running!

Group programs are a great way for children to learn to develop a wide range of skills whilst interacting and making friends at the same time. Our groups cater for children aged 0 to 10 and run between 6 to 8 weeks.

Our children's programs include:

- Social skills group (ages 3-5)
- Handwriting (ages 7-9)
- Busy Bodies (ages 0-4)

We have already commenced our social skills group but keep an eye out for updates on our groups times and programs on the notice board.

If there is a specific group that you are interested then speak to Marlene.



QUICK TIP TO ASSIST CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT!

Sometimes children find it hard to communicate and need help to get themselves going.

To encourage your child to continue to develop their language skills talk about what you both can see, objects as well as what people are doing. You could visit the local park or shops and commentate with your child on what you see happening around you. Help by pointing out and explaining new things they see and might not know about. When you get home you can draw a picture of the park or place you have just visited and ask your child to tell you all the things that they saw and then work together to draw them in.

If you have ongoing concerns about your child's language skills then speak to our speech pathologist, Vanessa Kelly or Sally Hodson.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY?

Toy Libraries are a place where families can borrow toys to play with at home or in a group setting.

Children learn through playing and therefore it is important to provide a variety of toys to extend their learning. A toy library is an inexpensive way for children to play with a variety of toys appropriate to their age level.

To find your local toy library or to find our more information visit www.waatl.org.au or call

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