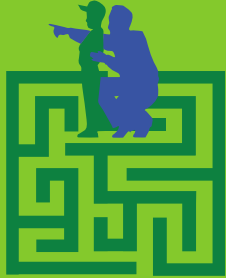


FEBRUARY 2011



Learning for Life



## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR L4LIFE SUPPORTERS/FRIENDS!

**THANKS TO MUSIC WORKS MAGIC WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING L4LIFE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS WITH PROCEEDS OF THEIR EXCELLENT RANGE OF 5 CDS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. IN 2010 THE SALES RAISED \$3230 TOWARDS PROGRAMS FOR OUR CHILDREN AT L4LIFE. THE CD'S ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY ONLINE AND MAKE A GOOD GIFT FOR ALL PRESCHOOL TO LOWER YEARS PRIMARY CHILDREN...TO PURCHASE THESE MARVELLOUS CD'S GO TO <http://www.musicworksmagic.com/index.php?module=Website&action=Text&content=1225976193015-0261>**

The new year has started well at Learning for Life. We have had 3 new full service families enrol over Dec-Feb period with more families meeting us each week, and the School Behavioural Support Service has got away to a very busy start. We wish our graduates the best of luck with starting school, 3 preppies have started 2 unaided and 1 with assistance all in a mainstream class, another of our wonderful kids will start school this week with his ABA program in place in the mainstream school he attends with full support from a L4life team. Another of our 2010 graduates has started kinder unaided after starting with L4life when she was 2 years old! We are excited that our transition programs are now in full swing. Initially L4life serviced only preschool children but we now have extended into the primary school area. We are already at our optimal number of 16 full service families who will do between 25-40 hours of 1:1 therapy a week, this occupies our 3 program supervisors, 1 clinical director and 25 therapists fully. The work to timetable and administer service to this number over all of Melbourne is considerable when the therapists are employed and trained by L4life. We also provide the Workshop Model of service which allows access to areas of Melbourne we cannot provide therapists to. Families in this case manage their own teams.

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# AUTISM AWARENESS IS COMING TO MELBOURNE ...SAT FEBRUARY 26TH...FREE!!!! REGISTRATIONS FILLING FAST!!!

behaviour management : information : funding options : practical strategies



## AUTISM BUILDING POSITIVE OUTCOMES

SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2011  
9AM - 5PM FREE EVENT  
NAB ACADEMY AUDITORIUM  
GROUND FLOOR, 800 BOURKE ST  
DOCKLANDS VIC 3008

### Meet the team

**Bobby Newman** (Ph.D., BCBA) is an internationally acclaimed Board Certified Behaviour Analyst and Licensed Psychologist. He is first author of eight books and has also published over two dozen articles. He has consulted and designed programs for children and adults diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the United States as well as in Australia, Canada, Ireland, Northern Ireland and England.

**James Best** (MBBS FRACGP Dip Paed) graduated from Sydney University and started in general practice in 1993. James is the father of a child with an ASD and is dedicated to educating the medical community about the condition, to help increase understanding and early diagnosis.

**Charmaine Fraser** is the Training Co-ordinator at the Lizard Children's Centre and is a regular presenter on autism related topics. Prior to studying and working in the field of Autism Early Intervention, she worked for many years in financial services. She has two children, the eldest has an ASD.

**Paul Harris** is a Behavioural Consultant and Director of Momentum Learning Services. He has spent 15 years focusing his energies on providing behaviour-based early intervention for children with an ASD using the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA).

**Benison O'Reilly** is a medical writer, parent of a child with an ASD and co-author of the widely acclaimed Australian Autism Handbook. Autism is her passion and she reports regularly on the latest ASD research in the Australian Autism Handbook blog.

**Nicole Rogerson** is the founder and CEO of Autism Awareness, as well as the Managing Director of the Lizard Children's Centre in Sydney. Since her son Jack was diagnosed with an ASD in 1999, she has devoted herself to providing him with the best possible intervention programs.

**Seans Smith** is the co-author of the widely acclaimed Australian Autism Handbook. She was born in Scotland and studied Classics and English at Oxford University before working as a TV researcher and producer for the BBC and Ch9. She is the mother of four children, the eldest of whom has an ASD.



### Program outline

- Understanding ASD
- Early intervention options
- Understanding challenging behaviours
- Practical behaviour strategies
- Task Analysis
- Reinforcement
- Implanting an action plan
- Teaching new skills
- Funding options
- improving your home life
- Real life case studies

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO....Simon McKeon - Australian of the Year

Simon McKeon has received the nation's highest honour by being named 'Australian of the Year 2011'.

The 55-year-old philanthropist and father-of-four is the current chairman of the CSIRO, executive chairman of Macquarie Group's Melbourne office, and is well known for his support of charities and not-for-profit organisations both in Australia and internationally.

Despite being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 10 years ago, **McKeon has not relented in his community involvement and advocacy for big businesses to dig deeper**; McKeon devotes much of his time and money across multiple causes including Global Poverty Project Australia, and Business for Millenium Development, a group which links businesses with developing countries to reduce poverty.

L4Life applaud the work Simon has done and acknowledge the work done by the businesses supporting our work including those that sponsor our Annual Ball to those who sponsor families directly through their philanthropic foundations. We are continually looking for new businesses to get involved in our work, from volunteer work, sponsoring a child to donating some of your annual leave. See the L4life Annual Report on our website <http://www.learningforlife.com.au/AboutLearningForLife.html> for the list of foundations/corporate support for 2009-2010 ...the list is growing and so too the numbers of families we can support/subsidise. To get involved and help children on the autism spectrum reach their full potential email [Mary@learningforlife.com.au](mailto:Mary@learningforlife.com.au)



### **GRANTS FOR L4LIFE**

We are pleased to announce that L4life was awarded 3 grants at the end of last year. One **Boroondara Grant** for our Ready Set Go pilot program (\$5000) and one for library resources (\$1500). We are very grateful for this fabulous contribution to our work.

If any of our Friends and Family at L4life would like to borrow from our library please email our office manager Carol on [admin@learningforlife.com.au](mailto:admin@learningforlife.com.au).

We also were beneficiaries of a grant of \$4700 from the **Hawthorn Community Chest**, a community group also working in the area that the L4life office is based. We will consider the use of the later funds - we are probably in need of some computer upgrades (our poor dinosaurs were donated from parliament house about 7 years ago!!)

L4life will be holding a strategic planning day in February for the senior program staff, committee and admin staff...we will be planning the best use of the funds from HCC and are grateful for their further support...several items of training equipment at L4life proudly have the HCC logo on them showing the origins of the donation.

