



Learning for Life



## MYTH BUSTER ABA programs at 30-40 hours a week are too intensive for the child!!..X

There is so much for a child with autism who is delayed to learn. When a child is appropriately occupied and learning for up to 6 hours a day 6 days a week they are engaged in learning to communicate, toilet training, feed, dress ,understand emotions and play (fun, fun, fun!) 30- 40 hours can even include playdates with friends, attending kinder with a "shadow" (therapist) and generalising their skills in the real world (park, cafe, playcentre) ...depending on the individual.

### Australian Giving Week – 29th Nov- 5th Dec

We may all be in denial that there is a GFC but if you are working in community not for profit groups you would be feeling the pinch...we have certainly felt it at L4life this year but on the other hand have had extraordinary generous donations keeping us going. If you are looking at being a

smart giver over Xmas go to [www.givenow.com.au](http://www.givenow.com.au) and see how you can give and make a difference. One way is to get your Xmas cards through this website – you can personalise them and give \$1 out of \$3 for each card to your favourite charity (The Learning for Life Autism Centre!)...the cards are not cheap but your gift is to help subsidise

programs for children whose families may not otherwise be able to afford them...cards come with stamps & envelopes too ...



### OFFICE FURNITURE REQUIRED

We are looking for a locked filing cabinet and a stationary cupboard for the centre - if anyone is able to donate these items we can save our well earned fundraising money.

If you have these items available please contact our Office Manager Carol on 98168108



**MUSICWORKS MAGIC** is a preschool music program that develops all the child's intelligences...social, logical, language, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal and spatial.

MusicWorks Magic has partnered L4life. Sales of 5 CD's featuring compositions written especially for children by Music Works Magic Director, Anna Mlynek- Kalman, will take your child on a wonderful musical journey and are available with an accompanying song book. Choose from five CDs at \$35 each, or purchase all 5 CDs for only \$165.

Proceeds from the Cds will go to support Learning For Life Autism Centre  
Great for Xmas and birthday gifts  
**Go to shop at**  
[www.musicworksmagic.com.au](http://www.musicworksmagic.com.au)



A big thanks to the **Carlton Football Club** who were not included in the Ball Program and assisted in the silent auction with the Chris Judd signed Jersey – apologies for this omission – the silent auction was a huge part of our successful '09 Ball, we couldn't do it without our generous supporters.

### NATIONAL INCLUSION WEEK (23-29th November)

started by Jonathon Welch ...I think a week that should very much feature people with ASD who often have difficulty functioning socially and therefore are often misunderstood and pushed to the outer. We can help by taking some time to learn about people affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder/Asperger's Syndrome and in this way be more able to include them in the workplace, school yard or kinder. As part of social inclusion week we have been asked to plan a community event to promote social inclusion ...so we have..

### AUSTRALIAN OPEN GARDENS SCHEME ...

28/29TH NOVEMBER  
Come and see Bron's Glorious garden..

30 Como St, Alphington  
10am to 4pm

*plants/books for sale...*

*morning/afternoon tea .....*

*raffle....*

*proceeds to L4life who are helping kids with autism reach their full potential and promoting skills to aid social inclusion!!*

**Wednesday 3/12/09 is International Day of People with Disability**

**...this year ASD has been recognised formally in Victoria as a disability.**

**Giving Week and National Inclusion Week overlap so we could "mash" it together and get people to Give for those that have a disability.**

**An estimated 1 million Australians, including one in 24 children, suffer from some sort of disability. 1 in 160 people are affected by Autism..**

**For activities and more information see [www.idpwd.com.au](http://www.idpwd.com.au)**



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