

Communication matters



Stella Ward

President's Message

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the year this last quarter has just whizzed by with plenty of action for the NZSTA! You will note as you read each Portfolio report that the Association has made steady progress on our goals. Over this last quarter I have attended the Health Leaders Forum, the ACC Social Rehab Sector Liaison Group, Aphasia Association Conference, and also had a meeting with the New Zealand School Principals Association.

The Exec meeting was held in Auckland with a Christmas social get together in the evening for local members. The Exec welcomed the opportunity to listen to members comments and discuss ideas with us directly. We do reflect on the comments made via the area minutes and hopefully you see the actions suggested reflected in the work we do.

I would like to congratulate the Graduates of each of the training programmes and wish them all the very best as they enter the workforce and our profession.

At the end of year we reflect on progress to date and begin to think about are goals for 2008. I am really proud of the steps we have made in the key areas of our strategic plan and look forward to completing work on a few of our key projects before the AGM which will be held at Conference in May. There will be a number of vacancies on Exec at the AGM in May and I ask that any of you that have the energy and desire to be a part of our productive and busy team – now is the time to start thinking! If you want to become involved in the association by taking on additional roles other than at Exec level please let us know – remember the association can only be as strong as its members and the contributions you can make!

I would like to thank all of you who have taken on additional roles and responsibilities within the Association and a very special thank you to the Executive especially to Ngaire whose work behind the scenes ensures that deadlines are met, queries are answered and links to the membership are maintained

I want to wish you all safe and happy summer holidays. I hope you enjoy the Christmas season with your friends and families. We shall look forward to another exciting and innovative year for our Association in 2008 and your continued membership and commitment to our profession.

Take care

Stella

Christmas gift suggestions:

- To your enemy - forgiveness.*
- To an opponent - tolerance.*
- To a friend - your heart.*
- To a customer - service*
- To all - charity.*
- To every child - a good example.*
- To yourself - respect.*

Oren Arnold

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Health Leaders Forum:

The Health Leaders forum was held in Auckland in October. There were a number of DHB Senior Speech Language Therapists who attended and discussion covered a range of topics. If you are a leader of a health speech therapy team and were unable to attend please contact Anna Miles ADHB for a copy of the minutes, and to register interest in attending again next year in October. The meeting is planned to be hosted by Canterbury DHB.

Registrations under the HPCA Act

The Ministry of Health will be receiving submissions from the public on our application to be a profession regulated under the HPCA Act right up until Christmas as some areas have asked for an extension. Sandra Cumming Policy Analyst Ministry of Health has indicated the next steps will include analysis of the submissions by the Ministry of Health, and the creation of a report from the collated submissions. This report will then be forwarded to the Minister who will make a decision.

ACC Social Rehabilitation Sector Liaison Group

ACC held the third of the group meetings in Wellington on the 27th November. The membership of this group includes ACC Programme and Area managers as well as Sector representatives from the Professional Associations – Social Work (ANZASW), Nursing (NZNO), Physio (NZSP), OT (NZOT), Dieticians (NZDA), Psychology (NZPS), Home carers (NZHHA) and also the Assistive Technology Association (ATANZ). The main agenda items covered included:

- ACC home Support Services Strategy
- Assessment and Risk Work Programme
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Training for Independence Update
- Serious Injury update

If anyone would like a copy of the minutes please contact Ngaire. If there are any issues that members would like me to raise with the group please let me know. The next meeting is in February.

Mutual Recognition Agreement Update

Submitted by Colette Murphy, Chair, MRA Working Party

The last few months have been somewhat quieter for the Mutual Recognition Agreement Committee, although we are still making progress towards a final agreement. There are at least weekly MRA related emails in my inbox! A draft new agreement has been circulated to all the Associations involved. We are in the process of editing the draft and ensuring we are satisfied with the Agreement and its conditions. An international teleconference is tentatively planned for January 2008. At that stage we expect to reach consensus on any

remaining issues and move forward with the final draft. Once all the Associations are satisfied with this we can then set a date for signing the new agreement. Our aim is to sign the new agreement in May 2008 but this will be contingent on the readiness of all the signatory Associations. Thank you to Mike Robb and Helen Southwood for promptly providing additional information regarding the University programs. Thank you also to the Executive Committee and the MRA Committee for reviewing the draft agreement.

Benefits of Being a Member

NZSTA works for you in a number of areas including:

Professional Standards

- Implements a Code of Ethics and standards of practice to maintain quality speech-language therapy services in New Zealand.
- An annual Certificate of Membership
- Coordinates and support the development of national position papers.

Professional Development

- Coordinates the NZSTA Biennial Conference; conference registration fees are reduced for NZSTA members.
- Promotes continuing education in speech-language therapy; reduced registration fees for members.
- Provides access to a professional resource library.
- Offers funding for study, research and presentation of papers.

Public Relations

- Promotes the profession of speech-language therapy
- Acts as the professional liaison between New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists and associated professional and government bodies.
- Coordinates liaison amongst Speech-Language Therapists throughout the country.

Publications

- Publishes:
 - New Zealand Journal of Speech-Language Therapy* – a journal which promotes study and research in New Zealand.
 - Communication Matters* – a quarterly newsletter informing members of continuing education events, resources, job postings and pertinent professional issues.

Qualifications Approval

Since 5 September 2007 the following overseas therapists have had their qualifications approved

Laura Devlin, Scotland
 Minette Talastas-Ng, Philippines
 Betsy Weekly, USA
 Brooke Coyne, USA
 Nicola Blundell, England
 Carmen Edwards-Henry, USA
 Morgan Demetras, USA (provisional)

Andrea Delius, South Africa
 Judith Fisher, USA (Provisional)
 Louise McHutchison, England

In Process

Louise Engers, England
 Kirsty Peters, England

Private Practice Register

The national private practice register is a public document and now available online from the NZSTA website <http://www.nzsta-speech.org.nz/stpublic.htm>. Please direct potential patients to access from the website.

With the register online updates can be made each month. Private practitioners please check your entry on the register is up-to-date. If you wish to be included in

the private practice register please contact the Executive Officer.

Members who are currently registered on the Private Practice Register should be aware that changes to this register will be taking place in 2008, with the launch of the new website. More details about this will be available closer to the time.



Ngaire Hamilton

Membership Update

As at 5 December there were 581 members (2006: 567)

Full members	416
Provisional	69
Non-earning	11
Non-practising	10
Associate	2
Student	60
Life/Honorary	9
Professional associations (RCSLT, SPA, CASLPA, and ASHA)	4

You can help by encouraging non-members at your workplace to join their professional body and invite them to join you at your local area meeting. An application for membership form is available by emailing to the Executive Officer or can be downloaded from the NZSTA website.

NZSTA is its membership!

AGM 2008

The Annual General Meeting for 2008 is scheduled for Tuesday, 27th May. The AGM will be held in conjunction with 'Reflecting Connections' conference taking place at SkyCity in Auckland.

Mark this date in your 2008 diary now!



Christmas Closure

The NZSTA office will close from 2pm on Friday, 21 December 2007 and will reopen on Monday, 21 January 2008. The Executive Committee members will also be taking a well earned holiday break during this time.

Alterations to Rules

Please review the NZSTA Constitution and submit any Alteration to Rules to the Executive Officer by no later than Monday, 4th February 2008. Guidelines for how to submit an Alteration to Rules are available from the Executive Officer.

View a copy of the 2007 Constitution online at www.nzsta-speech.org.nz 'members only' section or contact the Executive Officer.

NZSTA Meetings

8/9 February 2008
Executive Committee meeting in Auckland

25 May 2008
Executive Board meeting in Auckland

27 May 2008
Annual General Meeting in Auckland

2008 Subscriptions Now Due

Subscriptions for the 2008 calendar year are due on 1 January. An invoice for your membership fee is enclosed in this mail out. Please forward your completed subscription form to NZSTA, P O Box 5019, Invercargill. Membership will cease if not paid by 31 March 2008.

Journal Contents page

As part of the Professional Development benefits associated with being a current member of NZSTA, members are reminded that contents pages for a number of journals are available through the following link: <http://www.nzsta-speech.org.nz/resource.htm>

Contents pages for the following journals are available:

- Speech Pathology Australia
 - 'Advances in Speech-Language Pathology'
 - 'Acquiring Knowledge in Speech, Language and Hearing'
- RCSLT
 - 'International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders'
- IALP
 - 'Folia Phoniatrica et Logopaedica'

- UK publication
 - 'Speech and Language Therapy in Practice'

Photocopies of articles are available on request. Send your request with the name of the article, journal title, volume and issue number to:

The Speech-Language Therapy Resource Room,
C/o Carlson School,
261 St Andrews Rd,
Epsom,
Auckland.

For each article requested, please send \$2.50 in 50c stamps, or a \$2.50 cheque made out to the Auckland Speech-Language Therapy Support Group plus a stamped addressed envelope.

Members are reminded that to comply with the copyright law they are unable to request more than three articles from any one journal at a time.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Professional indemnity insurance cover is available through a group discount premium to NZSTA members offered by insurance broker, Aon New Zealand Ltd in Wellington.

For members seeking insurance for the first time the policy will be processed covering twelve months from the policy inception date.

The cover includes:

- Personal Professional Indemnity
 - \$500,000 in respect of each and every claim
 - \$1,000,000 in total during the insurance period

This section of the cover does not involve any excess, i.e. all claims are paid in full up to the amount of cover. Cover includes costs awarded against you as well as legal and other defence costs, whether the case against you is successful or not.

- Legal and Disciplinary Defence Costs
Following claims against you arising out of allegations of negligence, costs which you incur in disciplinary and coroner's court inquiries are payable.

This is included in the \$500,000 cover for Professional Indemnity.

- Loss of Earnings
As a result of attendance at a court of inquiry because of a claim against you. The policy pays up to \$1,000 per week for a maximum of 13 weeks.
- Public Liability – optional extension.
If members wish to take up the Public Liability extension the total annual premium is \$270.00.

Therapists working in private practice and/or not covered by their employer are strongly advised to purchase cover. For further information contact the Executive Officer.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, and February, June, September and December Executive Committee meetings for 2007 can be viewed online at www.nzsta-speech.org.nz in the 'members only' section.

What's Happening Where We Work?

Update from: Burwood Hospital, Canterbury District Health Board

Submitted by Elizabeth Abbott, Speech-Language Therapist, Burwood Hospital, Christchurch

Burwood is a rehabilitation hospital located in the east of Christchurch. Established at the end of WW 1 to nurse patients in the 1918 Influenza epidemic, it continues to thrive and develop in the new millennium with extensive building redevelopment in recent years. Burwood provides Surgical, Rehabilitation, Brain Injury and Pain Management services but is perhaps best known for its Spinal Unit.

Speech-language therapy was established at Burwood in the 1980's and moved into a purpose built department in 1986, along with Physiotherapy and Occupational therapy. In 2006 the SLT dept was extended to include a group therapy room and a resource room.

There are 3.5 FTE positions with four staff. Services are provided for communication and dysphagia referrals from all wards; however the majority of work is in the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service (BIRS; 1.5FTE) and the Spinal Unit.

BIRS is a 14 bed unit which offers inpatient rehabilitation, 2 week assessment and respite care for individuals aged 16-65 years with acquired brain injury and progressive neurological conditions.

Out patient services are provided for this population referred from BIRS and the community. 0.5 FTE is also dedicated to the Burwood Assistive Technology Centre which completes assessments for the Ministry of Health and ACC.

Currently we have been working on some exciting new initiatives.

This year the ICF principles have continued to form the foundation of our service delivery. In outpatients, we have been working towards increasing the intensity of therapy, often with 4-8 week blocks of

twice weekly sessions. Specific functional goals are chosen by the client, with support from the therapist and family members. A break from therapy has been implemented after each block, to encourage generalisation of strategies and keep the focus on communication outside the context of therapy sessions. To date, the effect has been just that, with a marked increase in confidence and participation in everyday communication situations. It has been rewarding to work with several clients who really do 'drive' their therapy.

Therapists in the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service are developing a Patient Experience Resource in conjunction with inpatients and out patient clients. The aim is to provide an opportunity for patients to contribute to a dynamic project of wider significance and to participate in a meaningful activity as part of rehabilitation through sharing their experiences with those that follow them in Burwood. This resource will be available to families and patients, as well as new staff.

The format and style varies with the abilities of the contributor and is self generated, although guided by broad questions and a general guideline. Oral histories, visual and pictorial expression are also encouraged. In particular the focus will be on the experiences, knowledge and insights that the contributors can share with others to support them as they adapt and learn to live with brain injury.

ICF principles are also being incorporated in the development of a database in order to access retrospective data related to patterns of symptoms, disorders and outcomes in the patients across the service. It will also allow us to gather data for small scale research such as case studies.



Matt Walker

Greetings! It is almost unbelievable that, as I write this, we are two weeks away from Christmas – it must be a good indication of how hard we have all been working this year. First of all, congratulations to those of you who attended area meetings in the last quarter. Tens were turned away as we achieved a grand total of 114 SLTs at area meetings – that's a lot of talking! This is excellent, not just because of your efforts, but because of the positive and robust discussions this attendance generated. We received some very good feedback around a number of topics (most noticeably registration under the HPCA Act). I have responded to specific questions where I am able through the Area Reps. Hopefully, many of your questions around registration should be addressed through Mike's report and Stella's article.

Secondly, we have had a positive year on the publications front. Enclosed you will find the 2007 edition of the *New Zealand Journal of Speech-Language Therapy*. Many thanks to our Editor, Megan McAuliffe, and Associate Editor, Marleen Westerveld, for their efforts in bringing this year's journal together so successfully. I'd also like to thank those of you who have supported *Communication Matters* this year with contributions and suggestions.

On the website front, I am pleased to report this is now in its final stages. Content has been added, modified, and edited over the last two months, with only the final bits and pieces to come together. Although I cannot give you an exact date for "going live", I can tell you this will be happening very soon.

Finally, many thanks to the Area Representatives for their hard work this year – they have all done a fantastic job in supporting the NZSTA. Remember, if you have feedback or concerns, please use your Area Rep as a contact person. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year.

Student Update: Massey University

Submitted by Karen Freymark and Samantha Holmes, NZSTA Student Representatives

As NZSTA student representatives, we (Karen Freymark and Samantha Holmes) have just completed our second year of Speech and Language Therapy at Massey University. As usual, it's been a busy year for students and staff. A major development has been the addition of postgraduate programmes, including the postgraduate certificate and diploma in Speech and Language Therapy, as well as the Masters programme, all of which will be available in 2008.

A number of our lecturers have experienced various academic successes – Marleen Westerveld received her PhD, Brigid Moriarty has undertaken a one-year research associate position in the UK, and Annabel

Grant received her postgraduate diploma in Health Sciences. Our Director, Helen Southwood and Clinical Director, Yvonne Cope also attended a summit meeting in Australia on COMPASS, a new programme developed to evaluate students on placement.

The Speech and Language Therapy programme at Massey has continued to grow, with all years completing part of their clinical hours on-site at the Massey Campus Clinic. From the first years observing therapy sessions firsthand, to other year groups managing clients under supervision, the clinic plays a vital role in the practical aspect of the course. Off-campus placements have also exposed students

to the many contexts of the Speech and Language Therapy profession, with placements both national and international, ranging from schools to hospitals to private practice.

An initiative started in 2006 has seen first-year students supported during their first semester by second-, third- and fourth-year students acting as university guides. These university guides provide assistance and are on-hand to ensure the new students integrate well into university life.

We expect 2008 will be another busy and exciting year for Massey Speech and Language Therapy, with the ongoing development of our programme.

Student Update: University of Canterbury

Submitted by Biddy Robb, NZSTA Student Representative

2007 has been another hectic year for all students and faculty at the Department of Communication Disorders, here at the University of Canterbury. As we approached the end of the academic year, students from each of the three professional years were canvassed for their thoughts on the year that has been.

Discussion with final year students highlighted the positive feelings associated with "seeing the end" of the degree. Although it has been a long road for these students, as a group they are "really looking forward to the real world of SLT". Some students reflected on the class size; identifying the change in relationships from "just classmates" to strengthening

relationships and becoming friends. Others noted that, although there are some positives to the small classes, it can be "hard to get away from the stress".

Students in Year 3 were enthusiastic about their clinical experiences this year, particularly their five week intensive block placement. The importance of supervision and the support Clinical Educators and Field Supervisors provide to students was also noted. Many students commented on the stresses of the second professional year, while others noted the role small classes play in supporting each other through these times.

Small classes were also a frequent positive for second year students, whilst others

commented on the significant prevalence of females in the profession (but diplomatically avoided identifying this as a positive or negative!). Students from this group also identified the stresses of assessment, and the need for effective time management skills. Year 2 students eagerly await more opportunities to experience the "practical" side of the degree, and commented how useful the "buddy system" of pairing fourth year and second year students is.

As a group, students going on in the degree are looking forward to a well-earned break, and are looking forward to another challenging year in 2008.

10 Year Reunion of the Class of 1998

Submitted by Sandra Leak, Speech-Language Therapist

Celebrating their first decade as Speech Language Therapists were eight of the 23 graduates of May 1998. The reunion, held at the University of Canterbury on 20 October 2007, was an opportunity for professional development and renewing of networks. All graduates provided up-to-date profiles and, interestingly, 21 of the 23 are still practicing therapists; now specialists in their areas of expertise. In response to the high demand for services, many have set up private practices, particularly in paediatrics.

Rewarding employment opportunities in health and education sectors had been found both nationally and abroad, in countries as diverse as Singapore, China

and the United Kingdom. Five of the group, currently working in London, are also planning a reunion before the end of the year. The diversity of employment opportunities which the degree had provided was well noted.

The reunion was generously supported by the University of Canterbury Alumni Association and the Department of Communication Disorders. Masters students presented current research, with topics ranging from supervisor characteristics, breath control and oral-laryngeal co-ordination, stuttering and anxiety, traumatic brain injury and auditory distraction, to the Bereitschaftspotential.



Back Row: Heather Taylor, Sarita MacGregor, Helen Mataiti, Claire Gibling, Gayle Borman.
Front Row: Sarah Rickard, Sandra Leak (Convenor), Veronica Ligteringen

Photo by Karen Meehan

A tour of the newly relocated Department was undertaken and then the group relaxed socially while a beauty therapist shared advice on how to take care of ourselves with work-life balance. The event concluded with an evening dinner, and the topic of planning the silver reunion for 2022!

Area Updates

Northland / Tai tokerau

- Whangarei Hospital would like to thank central north island SLT's for inviting them to their regional PD event in Taupo.
- Loraine Hamm (Child Health) is to complete her Makaton Training and will hopefully be able to offer this service from 2008.

Auckland

- START has a new website
- WDHB started implementing nurse dysphagia screen
- New SLT., Sam Scott, starting at WDHB
- Stella Ward appointed Director of Allied Health at CMDHB
- Down Syndrome Group starting with infants at WDHB, joint with SLT and VNTD
- Rehab Plus client filmed for 'Asia Downunder' for programme on Asian people with aphasia. This aired on 30th of September. Felicity Bright, Stella Ward and Diane Denney were interviewed. Programme can be downloaded from TVNZ website.
- Sally Kedge running joint programme with Behavioural Team at GSE, working with psychologists

Waikato / Bay of Plenty

- Rotorua Hospital is missing Georgina Ward, who left on the 26th October for an extended honeymoon in South America before heading back to Britain for a couple of years.
- Lakes DHB SLT's were pleased with the success of, and positive feedback with regards to, the Voice Craft course they recently hosted. '
- Rotorua GSE recently hosted a very useful course run by the three universities, focusing on supervision of students.
- Rebecca Sinclair (GSE) gone to Ireland 12 moth contract, establishing new SLT service for early childhood and adults
- Hamilton GSE welcome Brooke Evans Coyne and Kershni Naidoo
- Diana Griffin back at hospital 3 months in between Europe trips
- Leisha Currie (Hamilton) 12 hours Phoenix+ private SLT
- Jacqui Sexton now ACC work

- Sonya Sweetlove now in Australia
- Julie Tan (Roopra) has a new job, working for Talklink. She will run the 'sub office' in the Bay of Plenty.

GSE Bay of Plenty East:

- Early Intervention regional day 31st October (attended by SLT's, Psychologists, Early Intervention Teachers)
- Hanen parent training courses "It Takes Two to Talk" and "More than Words" ongoing throughout the year
- Professional development workshops for all Early Childhood facilities (i.e. all invited) in Tauranga Region using GSE funded tool "Much more than Words" as basis of training
- Attendance by SLT's at National Apraxia Conference, Down's Syndrome Conference
- 2 new SLT's from Britain to join 2 other SLT's joining GSE SLT staff from Britain over last 12 months. Welcome!!

Tauranga Hospital

- Attendance/involvement by SLT's to "Assertiveness for the Health Professional", "See the person not the disease- psychosocial perspective" - (November) presentations/workshops
- 1 day presentation by SLT's re. Tracheostomy (communication, dysphagia, oral hygiene) open invitation, mainly targeted at nursing personnel
- SLT intervention to clients with Parkinson's Disease via group facilitated by SLT's

Central

- Taranaki Base Hospital - new graduate, Julia Redwood, commenced in June 2007. They are about to run another course on dysphagia screening for nurses and have 17-18 enrolments.
- Hawkes Bay Hospital - Anna Jerebine has started a 6 month outpatient and community position. Melody de Burgh attended a Makaton workshop. She has also had lots of positive feedback about their new children's feeding clinic.
- GSE (Palmerston North) have recently moved to new offices. They have a district day coming up in November and have invited guest presenters from ENT and audiology.

- Student supervision training will be happening in January/February in Palmerston North and in Hawkes Bay.
- Gisborne welcome a new SLT (Kirsty) from Scotland in November

Wellington

- Catherine Meredith has been to Tokalau with some of her early intervention colleagues to look at early intervention services there.
- Team leader has changed for School Focus team in Wellington.
- Clare Winward is now Lead Practitioner Communication

Canterbury

- GSE- has lost ¾ FTE position
- Ferndale - Jo Byrne away on maternity leave
- Carrie Grice has left CDHB to work for Insight Rehab
- Jo Bunting has joined the SLT's in the clinical team at the dept of Communication Disorders working with Clients on campus.
- Fiona Klem has joined Astech
- Karina Hamilton is coming up from Invercargill to work in Christchurch

Otago/Southland

- New staff members at Dunedin Hospital Ida Kloster-Jensen: Ida is with us for a few months and is based at ISIS. She comes to us from Norway but has lived and worked in New Zealand previously and has been based in the North Island. Alison Zani comes to us from the UK and is based at ISIS and Dunedin Hospital.
- Allied Health Review The Dunedin Hospital Allied Health Review initial draft is completed and will be presented to staff on the 15th of November 2007.
- Stroboscopy This has just arrived at ENT at Dunedin Hospital. SLT's have been receiving training and everyone is extremely excited at this addition to the department.
- GSE Jane Carroll is reducing her work hours. Megan Pickering is returning to work part time. Kirsten Johns is staying on for another year.



Megan McAuliffe, PhD

Hello all – The end of 2007 has been a busy time in the Professional Development portfolio. Firstly, you may recall that at the 2007 AGM, NZSTA agreed to the formation of a new memorial lecture that would honour the contributions of an outstanding life member to NZSTA. This memorial lecture is to be presented annually at the New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists' Conference, as a plenary session, and will commence at our next conference in May

2008. After consultation with the NZSTA Executive Board and membership, it was proposed that this award be entitled the "Grace Gane Memorial Lecture" to honour the outstanding contributions of Ms Gane to the New Zealand speech therapy community. Ms Gane's family has approved the use of her name for the establishment of this prestigious memorial lecture. It is therefore my pleasure to announce that Associate Professor Margaret MacLagan, University of Canterbury, will present the inaugural Grace Gane Memorial Lecture at the 2008 conference.

Continuing with the conference theme - a reminder that a number of NZSTA awards will be presented at the 2008 conference. Applications are open for the following awards: Marion Saunders, Medical Staffing International, NZSTA student prizes, and a PhD student prize (yet to be named). More information about these awards can be found on page __ of this edition of *Communication Matters*.

Finally, I know it seems a little premature given that we are yet to have the 2008 conference; however, NZSTA would like to call for expressions of interest for hosting the 2009 AGM and 2010 conference (different venues for both). Ideally, we would like to announce the venues for these events at the 2008 conference. If you are interested in hosting the event in your city or town, could you please contact me to discuss this further.

To other professional development news; thank you to those of you who registered your interest in an LSVT workshop with Ngaire. Approximately 30 people expressed interest in a workshop and, based on responses, I will start to investigate holding a workshop later next year in Auckland.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families and friends.

Best wishes,
Megan

'Reflecting Connections' 2008 Conference Update

Submitted by Felicity Bright (on behalf of the Conference Planning Committee).

Conference planning is proceeding at a rapid rate at the moment. We are currently finalising the conference program and this will be available early next year in the registration book.

The conference program has an exciting 12 workshops, each of which is 3 hours long. This will allow time for in-depth learning and consolidation of knowledge. The workshops are clinically oriented, allowing easy implementation of new knowledge into clinical practice. The workshops cover a wide variety of topics, making them appealing to practitioners from a variety of workplaces.

We have approximately 140 paper presentations, in addition to many posters. These will be themed to assist you in choosing the best topics for your particular interest. We had a great number of submissions - thanks to all of you who submitted material. We look forward to hearing from many of you in May.

Associate Professor Margaret MacLagan will be giving the inaugural Grace Gane Memorial Lecture. This award is given biannually to a person who has made a significant contribution to speech-language therapy in New Zealand. We will also hear from Associate Professor Alison Ferguson who is giving the Elizabeth Usher Memorial Lecture.

In addition to the presentations at conference, there will be many opportunities for networking and catching up with old friends and colleagues. Many of the SIGs will be holding informal lunches - this will enable interested people from all around Australia and New Zealand to meet and build connections. We encourage you to attend these - you don't need to be a member of the SIG to attend. NZSTA members will also be able to attend Speech Pathology Australia Member Network events. These are usually lunches, and cover areas such as private practice, rural and remote practitioners and members working in

education. Full details of these will also be in the registration book.

We will be opening the conference with a powhiri with Ngati Whatua representatives. This will happen on the Sunday evening and will be followed by welcome drinks. You are all encouraged to attend. On Monday morning, the conference will open with a mihi whakatau (welcome to all delegates) followed by a kapa haka. Ngati Whatua will also close the conference with a poroporoaki on Thursday. This signifies the act of farewell and return of mana to the host people.

NZSTA will shortly be contacting employers throughout New Zealand to provide more information about the conference, including details of the program and costings, and will be encouraging employers to support staff attendance.

As you can see, the conference will be a busy, exciting and stimulating time for all. We look forward to seeing you there.

2nd New Zealand Aphasia Conference 'Talking With Me'

Held on 19/20 November 2007 at the Auckland University Tamaki Campus

Submitted by Kate Milford, Speech-Language Therapist, Secretary, Aphasia Association of NZ Inc.

This conference, hosted by the newly incorporated Aphasia Association of New Zealand Inc, aimed to provide a forum for people affected by aphasia to discuss how to improve their access to their communities, share their experiences, strategies and hopes for the future, and to empower people to join together with a collective voice.

Approximately 100 people attended the event, with a number of people from outside Auckland including from Hawkes Bay, the Manawatu, Nelson, and Christchurch, as well as four delegates from Australia. There were 42 people with aphasia, 21 family members or friends, 30 Speech Language Therapists, 5 Speech Language Therapy students and 9 other health professionals present, with most attending both days.

The conference was opened by the Honourable Mark Gosche, MP, who informed the delegates about government strategy for health and disability, with reference to the needs of people with aphasia. Later that morning, Mr Gosche gave a moving account of his experience of being a carer for his wife following her stroke and resulting aphasia, and shared with all the frustrations experienced by those trying to access ongoing support and much needed therapy.

Dr Christopher Green AOM, Patron of the Australian Aphasia Association, gave two speeches, firstly on his experience of aphasia and his message of hope for all people with aphasia; and secondly, sharing his strategies for living life with aphasia. He was inspiring for all, and touched a chord with everyone present as he shared the struggle of his journey with aphasia and his determination to continue to take steps forward in his ability to use language and communicate effectively.

Dr Tami Howe, a Speech Language Therapist at the University of Queensland, presented findings from her ongoing research in Australia about what people with aphasia

and their families want from aphasia therapy; and improving access to the community for people with aphasia. Tami's presentations were an example to all present in how to provide information that can be easily understood by people with aphasia. Additionally, she highlighted to all SLTs how essential it is to ensure therapy is client-centred, and that much more information on aphasia needs to be provided to families and people with aphasia.

There were a further 9 presentations by people with aphasia, sharing their stories, with the losses of aphasia outlined starkly for those listening, but all with a message of hope and of a sense of looking toward a better future. Considerable time and effort had gone into these presentations, with a great deal of thought towards the messages people with aphasia wished others to hear and take on board.

Speech Language Therapists from around New Zealand shared new projects for people with aphasia, and different ways of working, including the benefits of intensive therapy for aphasia. Themes of partnership, collaboration and equality were foremost.

New Zealand Relay, telecommunications for people who are deaf, hearing impaired, deaf blind and speech impaired gave a presentation on the services they provide. They explained how to use NZ Relay to make telephone calls and how the speech to speech relay works for people with speech impairments.

There were opportunities for delegates to participate in a number of workshops. A Speech Language Therapist from the TalkLink Assistive Communication Service demonstrated a software package called 'Simpleware' and this was followed by an opportunity for people to practise using email. Caregiver perspectives were sought in another workshop forum, with discussion around the needs and concerns of families



and caregivers affected by aphasia. In addition, there was a discussion forum on Aphasia Therapy in New Zealand.

The newly incorporated Aphasia Association of New Zealand held a special meeting to inform those attending about the Association, its aims, achievements to date, future developments, and to seek feedback from the attendees. A letter was read to the members from the Patron, Henrietta, Duchess of Bedford who has significant personal and professional experience of aphasia.

The conference was brought to a close with an open forum, with the panel consisting of people with aphasia, Speech Language Therapists and a family member, as well as Dr Green, Dr Howe, and Stella Ward.

Although feedback continues to be collated, much of this to date has been highly positive. Thank you to our sponsors who helped to make this conference such a success: The New Zealand Speech Language Therapists' Association, New Zealand Relay, Auckland University and Fuji Xerox.

For further information or if you would like to become a member of the Association, please contact the Aphasia Association of New Zealand, PO Box 24137, Royal Oak, Auckland or aphasianz@gmail.com.

From the Multicultural Special Interest Group:

The following two articles are relevant for therapists working with children from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. We hope the abstracts encourage you to find the full articles.

Providing an equitable service to bilingual children in the UK: a review.

Carol Stow ^a; Barbara Dodd ^b, 2003, *International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders*, 38 (4): 351-377.

Abstract

Background: The UK is a multicultural, multilingual society and the majority of paediatric speech and language therapists in England have at least one bilingual child on their caseload. There are many imperatives driving the profession to provide an equitable service for bilingual children. Evidence is beginning to emerge, however, that bilingual children with specific language impairment are not being identified and are, therefore, not accessing services. The situation facing clinicians in the UK is not unique: it is mirrored around the world.

Aims: This paper reviews the literature relating to speech and language services for bilingual children and begins by providing an overview of the forces driving the need to provide equity of service. All aspects of the therapeutic process are then examined, from referral to therapy, in order to identify features that are regarded as best practice. Whilst the focus is on delivery of services in the UK, research findings from around the world are considered.

Main contribution: Certain themes emerged during the review and their implications are discussed. In particular, the need for assessment tools, training and research is highlighted.

Conclusions: Features indicative of best practice are highlighted and tentative suggestions made that would enable services to address the challenges of serving bilingual paediatric caseloads.

Keywords: bilingualism; speech and language disorder; equity; referral; clinical guidelines

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Intervention With Linguistically Diverse Preschool Children: A Focus on Developing Home Language(s)

Kathryn Kohnert, Dongsun Yim, Kelly Nett, Pui Fong Kan and Lillian Duran. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Purpose: This article addresses a series of questions that are critical to planning and implementing effective intervention programs for young linguistically diverse learners with primary language impairment (LI). Linguistically diverse learners in the United States include children whose families speak languages such as Spanish, Korean, Cantonese, Hmong, Vietnamese, or any language other than, or in addition to, English.

Method: A narrative review of the relevant literature addresses clinical questions including (a) Why support the home language when it is not the language used in school or the majority community? (b) Does continued support for the home language undermine attainment in a second language? (c) Should we support the home language when it includes the code switching or mixing of two traditionally separate languages? and (d) What are some strategies that can be used to support the home language when it is a language that

the speech-language pathologist (SLP) does not speak?

Conclusion: SLPs should provide services to linguistically diverse preschool-age children with LI in a manner that effectively supports the development of the home language. Parent and paraprofessional training along with peer-mediated models of intervention are presented as two possible methods for facilitating the home language in children with LI.

KEY WORDS: bilingual, second-language learners, treatment, language disorders

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Clinical Queries



Has anybody in private practice taken on students? Please contact Carla Knott, Richard.knott@xtra.co.nz



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What is the most efficient tool for assessing an ORRS child?
Are there any standardised assessment tools for Maori speaking children?
How can you order SALT?

Special Interest Contact Person

The following people are not necessarily experts in the field, but people with a special interest in this area of work. To call or email someone on the list may provide you with a good web site, book reference, case study from experience, another local SLT contact, etc.

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If you have a special interest in a disorder category or service focus and would be happy to be cited in this list, please contact Ngaire at nzsta@nzsta-speech.org.nz with your name, email and your special interest.

Auckland SLT Resource Room

Chairperson

We are delighted that Jenni Lyons has agreed to be the chairperson of the committee. Jenni was on the committee for a number of years before she returned to UK. Now that she is back she has rejoined us and we are delighted to have her take over this role.

Jenni can be contacted at jenni.lyons@ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz or Direct Dial (09) 624 6326.

Resource Room Administrator

We are delighted that Sharon Kortas, Andrea's mother, has agreed to job share with Andrea during 2008. Andrea would not have been able to continue in the position for all the year due to block clinical placements etc but with Sharon job sharing she will continue in the position when study commitments permit. Welcome to the Resource Room Team Sharon and we are delighted to have your experience and expertise.

Christmas closing

The last day the Resource Room will be open this year is Tuesday 18 December. Please ensure all resources are returned before that date. The Resource Room will open again on **Tuesday 12 February 2008**. The committee has decided to stay with **Tuesday** opening for the first term of 2008 at least.

Resource Room Membership

Now is the time to think about renewing your Resource Room membership for 2008. The annual fee is \$30 but site membership at a reduced rate is also available. Contact the Resource Room Administrator for details.

New Resources:

The following are available to be borrowed by NZSTA members:

1. *Multilayered Transcription* Ed. Nicole Muller. Each chapter in this book addresses in detail a different layer of transcription including:
 - Orthographic transcription
 - The Segmental level
 - The Suprasegmental level
 - The Discourse level
 - Gaze and Gesture
 - Clinical Behaviours.

Insight into how clients are communicating can be developed by generating a multilayered representation of a stretch of spoken discourse.

2. *Language Disorders from Infancy through Adolescence - Assessment and Intervention (3rd edition)* by Rhea Paul. This book uses a descriptive-developmental approach and covers the entire developmental period. We have a copy of the first edition, but this 3rd edition includes new research, techniques and current trends. Over 250 tables and boxes present summaries of important information in an easily accessible form.
3. *Constructing (In)Competence – Disabling Evaluations in Clinical and Social Interaction* Edited by Dana Kovarsky, Judith Duchan & Madeline Maxwell. In this book, which was highly recommended by Linda Hand during her address after the Resource Room AGM, the authors address the social construct of competence in a variety of situations. These include working and living with people with disabilities, speaking a second language and giving and receiving instructions. The context in which participants make competence judgements is also examined. This book makes an argument that helping professionals need to be aware of the importance of changing practices

promoting judgements to those that are more positive and empowering.

4. *Integrated Phonological Awareness – An intervention program for preschool children with Speech-language impairment* by Gail Gillon and Brigid McNeill. Thank you to the authors who have kindly donated this resource to the Resource Room. To quote from the introduction; "This integrated phonological awareness intervention (IPA) is designed for the simultaneous facilitation of speech production, phonological awareness and letter-sound knowledge in preschool and young school aged children with speech and language impairment." A CDROM with materials for printing and laminating is included.
5. The Spring Edition of *Airflow* the quarterly publication of the NZ Speak Easy Assoc. This includes an article about SpeechEasy - a small device, similar to a hearing aid, which fits in the ear and gives the speaker altered auditory feedback.

Christmas Greetings

We trust you will all have a happy, safe and restful Festive Season and we look forward to your continued support in 2008.

Helen Higgott
Resource Room Secretary

Supervision in Multidisciplinary Teams

Submitted by Tika Ormond, Speech-Language Therapist / Clinical Educator, Department of Communication Disorders, University of Canterbury

Earlier this year, an email was distributed asking members to take part in an on-line survey as part of a study I am involved with, along with colleagues Linda Robertson and Dale Sheehan from the College of Education and the Clinical Teaching and Supervision programme.

This survey examines issues around provision of supervision in multidisciplinary teams. Many thanks to those of you who have already completed this survey. I require a significant number of therapists to take part in this study, in order to obtain sufficient information from a speech-language therapy perspective.

The survey can be accessed by following this link:

<http://survey.it.canterbury.ac.nz/phpsurveyor/index.php?sid=90>

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me; my contact details are available on the back page of this edition of *Communication Matters*.

Awards

Every year NZSTA, in association with various institutions, individuals, and agencies, offers a number of awards to speech-language therapists in a number of different areas of the profession. All award recipients are announced at the AGM in each year. These awards are briefly described below.

Clinical Field Supervisor's Service Award

This award was recently approved at the 2007 AGM and Conference. Although guidelines have yet to be established, this award is provided by NZSTA in partnership with the Clinical Directors for the three training institutions. The award, worth \$900, is specifically designed for therapists who demonstrate excellent field supervision by offering frequent placement opportunities for students, demonstrate innovation and initiative in their supervision practices, and consistently uphold professional and ethical standards in their practice.

Marion Saunders Literary Award

This award is available to all New Zealand trained speech-language therapists. Applicants for this award are required to submit a piece of original writing or research into matters or problems related to speech-language therapy. Topics may incorporate original research, programs of treatment or any aspect of speech-language therapy. Winning papers are published in the *New Zealand Journal of Speech-Language Therapy or Communication Matters*. The closing date for this year's award is 30 September 2007, and entries should be sent to Sally Schoon (Trustee), Ministry of Education Special Education, PO Box 12 371, Wellington.

Student Achievement Award

Another new award for 2007, this award recognises the work of one outstanding speech-language therapy student, in their final year of study, from each of the three training programs in New Zealand. As part of the award, students will receive a textbook of their choice up to a maximum value of \$250. Selections are made on the basis of academic achievements, clinical

skills, and extra-curricular activities. Only one nomination from each University will be considered, and these can be made to the President by December 1st 2007.

Medical Staffing International Award for Achievement in Speech-Language Therapy

This award of \$1000 is available to all members of NZSTA who have been qualified for at least two years. Its aim is to support a therapist in attendance at an international conference or meeting, to present results from a project, or to further their studies. Applicants are required to submit a report detailing their project, and may receive the award in either quality in practice, a research project, or leadership of a practice team. Applications can be made by completing a form available on

the NZSTA or Medical Staffing International websites <http://www.medicalstaffing.co.nz>, and due in to the NZSTA Executive Officer by 31st January 2008.

Post-Graduate Research Award (sponsored by Stella Ward)

Valued at \$1000, this newly created award is available to students currently enrolled in a PhD program in Speech-Language Therapy in New Zealand. Although guidelines and criteria for this award are currently being developed, it is designed to support research and study at a PhD level, into any area of Speech-Language Therapy practice.

If members wish to obtain more information about any of the awards listed above, please contact Ngaire Hamilton, NZSTA Executive Officer.



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As many of you know our application for registration under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act is well underway. The Ministry of Health created a discussion document which was circulated and posted on the web for viewing. Feedback has been sought from individuals and associations over the past two months, most of which came in the form of written submissions. The deadline for submissions has passed and the Ministry will now analyse the various responses and prepare draft recommendations, which will take into account feedback on the consultation document. The recommendations will be finalised in consultation with the Legislative Design Committee. A final report will be forwarded by the Director-General of Health to the Minister of Health by 31 December 2007. We hope to be informed as to the outcome of our application in early 2008. Many thanks to those of you who provided submissions and encouraged others to do the same.

The working party examining the many facets of Speech-Language Therapy Assistants (support workers) has been making excellent progress. They are in the early stages of creating a position paper

that will eventually be circulated to the membership for comment. Members of the working party include Adele Manna, Alison Paulin, Prof Helen Southwood, and Christian Wright.

The New Zealand Dietetic Association (NZDA) approached our association seeking an opinion regarding a recent agreement that occurred between the Dietitians Association of Australia and Speech Pathology Australia. These two associations have developed standardised terminology and definitions for texture and modified foods. Their work culminated in a publication in the journal of Nutrition

and Dietetics (Vol 64, Suppl 2, May 2007). The publication was discussed at the last quarterly meeting of the NZSTA Executive and a decision was made to adopt this terminology for New Zealand speech-language therapists. We have extended an invitation to the NZDA to co-author a statement in support of the Australian terminology. We have also made a request to obtain copies of the Nutrition and Dietetics publication for loan to members of the profession upon request.

Finally, best wishes for a wonderful holiday filled with family and friends, laughter, love, peace and happiness.



Paediatric Speech & Language Therapist (part-time)

Area of Work	Kaka Street Special School
Location	Tauranga, Bay of Plenty
Hours per week	2 or 3 days (flexible arrangement)
Job Type	Job Share with current SLT
Closing date	Permanent
	Open

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We are an enthusiastic and innovative team and the post-holder will collaborate closely with both educational and specialist staff (occupational therapist, physiotherapist, psychologist as well as another speech & language therapist) using detailed knowledge of clinical assessments and the National Curriculum to provide a highly specialist service. Competency in dysphagia is also required as well as a current driver's licence.

We are committed to flexible working and equal opportunities. We operate a non-smoking policy. For a detailed job description please contact the Principal
Barrie Wickens School: 07 5784424 Fax: 07 5710813

Mobile: 021 1097329

Merry Christmas all! This has been a busy and exciting year for Speech Language Therapy in New Zealand; as our profile in the media has been bigger than ever. SLTs across the country used SLT Awareness Day to contact their local newspapers and radio stations to let the public know the great work we do in our local communities. The NZSTA database has recorded eight articles from The Dominion Post, Littlies magazine and DHB communication flyers. We were also involved and interviewed for a documentary on stroke by Asia Downunder and the Aphasia conference was represented on Radio NZ. Great publicity for our small but dynamic profession. I'm sure I can't thank everyone (and will leave someone off!) but well done to Vicki Watkins, Lisa Randel, Fiona Dominick, Freya Gumbley, Felicity Bright and Sarah Baildon. Their initiative and pride in the profession has raised our profile with thought provoking and positive publicity.

The Public Relations Portfolio on the executive committee is a fun and challenging position to be in, but is sadly coming to an end for me. I will be resigning in May 2008 to concentrate on

being a mum. I would love to continue on in a supporting role for the next member who takes on this position. If you would like to know more about this role, please contact me and I would be happy to talk to you about it.

The random phone calls were not needed this year due to the marked increase in attendance at area meetings, and the volume of feedback provided through this forum. We would like you to continue to keep in touch with us and let us know what is working and not for the members. Remember, the Executive Committee are volunteers that are 'working' for you, so keep us up to date with the issues you feel are important.

We look forward to the finalisation of the website, which Matt will talk more about in his section. The website will present a professional and public image for the SLT in NZ and I look forward to the Public Relations Portfolio being able to maximise this public front in 2008.

We are all buzzing with the prospect of this fantastic conference in May 2008, so make sure you're all approaching managers



Lucy McConnell

now for funding support. It looks to be a very practical professional development event and one that we're lucky enough to host in NZ with our Australian counterparts. Conferences are also a terrific time for networking and building contacts to support you in your professional practice.

Lastly, I would like to say how nice it was to see so many members come along to the Christmas drinks at the Manukau Ministry of Education Special Education office. It was lovely to meet with you all and find out what is happening in the workplaces across Auckland. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Do you feel passionately about our profession and it's public profile?

Would you like an opportunity to raise awareness about SLT in NZ?

Join the NZSTA executive committee as Public Relations portfolio holder in 2008

This two year position in our dynamic and growing association is becoming vacant in May 2008. Please contact Lucy Sparshott for an informal and informative chat about what this role can offer you. lucysparshott@yahoo.com or 09 636 0140

Tracing our roots
The history of Speech Language Therapy in Aotearoa / New Zealand

WANTED: PROJECT MEMBERS (VOLUNTARY)

Why? To format a record documenting an informal history of SLTs in NZ. It will be lead by one of our most experienced and long standing members, Helen Higgott

The Executive are keen to support this idea and Helen is looking for members to move forward this small but important project for the benefit of all members.

Please contact Helen Higgott for more information
h.higgott@auckland.ac.nz
 or phone (09) 298 1213.

Are you on a committee or national body of interest to SLTs?

If you are, please contact Lucy Sparshott to be included on the updated contact list.

We would like to be able to contact you on a regular basis to report on the progress of your committee/group.

lucysparshott@yahoo.com
 NZSTA PR rep

2008 Eight-week Bobath/NDT Basic Course for paediatric therapists.

Part 1: February 18th – March 14th 2008

Part 2: May 5th – 30th 2008

Closing date for applications for a place on this course: end of July.

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Final fees payment due: Nov 30th 2007.

For further information and Application Form contact: Course Organiser, Shirley Marshall – email: Shirley@inres.co.nz or Course Coordinating Tutor, Carolyn Simmons Carlsson – email: kero.oskar@xtra.co.nz.

26-29 March 2008

The World Congress of Health Professions – The Future Now: Challenges and Opportunities in Health

Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, Western Australia. For more information or to register your interest, email: admin@eventswa.com.au

16-19 April 2008

National Conference of Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists (CASLPA)

Delta Lodge, Alberta Rockies, Kananaskis. Check out www.caslpa.ca for more information.

25-29 May, 2008

NZSTA/Speech Pathology Australia Joint Conference - 'Reflecting Connections'

SKYCITY Convention Centre, Auckland.

Conference Speaker Update

Dr Pamela Snow is the keynote speaker for the conference and will be presenting two keynote addresses and a workshop. We are also delighted to announce Associate Professor Margaret Maclagan will be presenting the inaugural Grace Gane Memorial Lecture and Associate Professor Alison Ferguson will be presenting the Elizabeth Usher Memorial Lecture. Both Margaret and Alison have made significant contributions to the professions in New Zealand and Australia and we look forward to their addresses.

Workshops

We will be offering 12 workshops which will appeal to a wide range of clinical interests. Each workshop will last for a full afternoon and will give you time to develop advanced knowledge and skills.

Conference Opening

The conference will open at 6pm on Sunday the 25th of May with a powhiri with Ngati Whatua representatives. This will be followed by drinks.

The website will continue to be updated with information – www.reflectingconnections.co.nz. If there are any queries regarding the conference, please contact Debbie Gower (Professional Education Manager, Speech Pathology Australia, conference@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au).

18-20 July 2008

SPELD 2008 Conference

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THEMING GRAPHIC – FRONT COVER

The graphic symbolises communication – soundwaves. It has a slight ethnic influence to include all cultures. Association colours of blue and gold have been retained.

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- A New Zealand Bachelor of Speech-Language Therapy or equivalent (recognised by the NZSTA)
- Commitment to high professional standards
- The ability to be flexible in work areas and acquire new skills
- Dysphagia management experience
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity
- The desire to participate in continuing education, both in a teaching and learning capacity
- Eligibility for NZSTA membership
- A current driver's licence
- Computer literacy skills.

For enquiries about this role please contact:

Brigid Fay, Speech-Language Therapist/Professional Advisor
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- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Commitment to high professional standards
- Ability to be flexible in work areas and acquire new skills
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity
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