

# Parent Workshop

## 'Tricks of the trade' to assist children with learning disabilities

An Australian tour by renowned international educator and author **Neil Mackay**.

- Two Hour Workshop
- Designed specifically for parents/carers.

Staying connected to your child and their learning can be difficult when the challenges of dyslexia or other differences arise. This is particularly apparent when it comes to homework and studying for tests. Focusing on aspects such as reading for meaning, spelling tricky words, and organising ideas on paper, this unique workshop teaches parents some of the 'tricks of the trade'.

\* **NEIL MACKAY** is an educational consultant and trainer who created the concept of Dyslexia Friendly Schools in the UK. He is an experienced teacher who has taught for 26 years, working with children of all ages with a wide range of needs and abilities.

Neil is known for his ability to provide lively, entertaining and practical suggestions for parents, grandparents and others supporting children out of school hours. He has written a number of books including the extremely popular *Removing Dyslexia as a Barrier to Achievement* and *Taking the Hell out of Homework*. Both books can be purchased through the AUSPELD website – [www.auspeld.org.au](http://www.auspeld.org.au)

### "Dyslexia Aware Parenting" – Supporting Your Child At Home

Being a parent is stressful at the best of times – and none more so than when helping a child with reading, writing and spelling. If the child has special learning needs the potential for stress can be much greater and there is always the risk of "tears before bedtime!"

Often the child's fear of failure and the concerns held by parents affect the way in which child and parents work together.

The situation will always arise when a child needs help and a parent does not know quite how to go about it. The focus of the parent workshops is to give parents some of the 'tricks of the trade' to help parents develop the confidence to work at home with techniques recognised as appropriate and successful.

**WHEN** **Wednesday 30th May 2012**  
**9:30am to 11:30am**

**WHERE** Queen Alexandra Room (top floor)  
Queen Alexandra Home  
347 Old Cleveland Road  
Coorparoo QLD

**ENQUIRIES** **Email:** [admin@speld.org.au](mailto:admin@speld.org.au)

**COST** **\$50** Speld members  
**\$70** Non-members

**REGISTRATION** Online registration. Please visit [www.speld.org.au](http://www.speld.org.au) to register

