

PARENT EXPO

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Sunday 22 May 2016
Time: 12.30pm – 4.00pm
Venue: Speld Qld, 141 Merton Road, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102
Cost: Members: \$48.75 | Non-Members \$65.00 *20% Early bird discount*
Registration: From 11.30am. Register for the sessions you would like to attend upon arrival.

Parents are invited to attend various sessions with a number of experts. Mandy Nayton will provide an overview on Learning Differences and how to support children. Participants are then invited to attend 3 sessions with the speakers of their choice.

Registration from 11.30am. Register for the sessions you would like to attend and receive a ticket for that session. *If you would like to pre-book the sessions you would like to attend, please email Mel at admin@speld.org.au. We will take pre-bookings up until Wednesday 18th of May.*

TIME: 12.30pm – 1.30pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Mandy Nayton, Executive Officer, DSF Literacy and Clinical Services		
TIME: 1.30pm – 2.15pm	SPEAKER Erin Mavrick, Physiotherapist	SPEAKER Sandy Russo, Speld SA	SPEAKER Julie Tasker, ATapps
TIME: 2.15pm – 3.00pm	SPEAKER Kate Kleinau, Occupational Therapist	SPEAKER Cathy Madden	SPEAKER Euarda van Klinken
TIME: 3.00pm – 3.45pm	SPEAKER Alex Volgin, Speech Therapist	SPEAKER Jeanette Conway, Learning4success	SPEAKER Tanya Forbes
TIME: 3.45pm – 4.00pm	CLOSING SPEAKER Marion McMahon, Speld Qld Executive Officer		

 Seminar Room

 Breakout room 1

 Breakout room 2

Parent Expo Presenters

TIME: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mandy Nayton, Executive Officer,
DSF Literacy and Clinical Services

Presenter: Mandy Nayton is the Executive Officer of DSF Literacy and Clinical Services and the president of AUSPELD. She is an educational and developmental psychologist and qualified teacher with extensive experience in the field of literacy education. She also runs workshops on literacy acquisition, vocabulary development and learning difficulties for DSF, UWA and Curtin University. Mandy is an Adjunct Research Fellow at Curtin University's School of Psychology and Speech Pathology.

Understanding Learning Difficulties

Find you've been to every Educational provider and still not had an answer?

Mandy will present an overview of Learning Difficulties and discuss how we can assist our students at home and in the classroom. Many parents or carers notice that their child is struggling at school but are unsure about the steps they should take. This workshop will be very practical with strategies that you can take away and implement with your student both at home and school.



TIME: 1.30pm – 2.15pm

SPEAKER

Erin Mavrick, Physiotherapist

Presenter: Erin graduated from the University of Queensland in 2009, with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy. Erin has worked in private practice since then, in the fields of paediatric and musculoskeletal physiotherapy. Erin works at Q Paediatrics / AllSports Physiotherapy at Camp Hill.

Physiotherapy for Children

During her session, Erin will be discussing the paediatric physiotherapy services available at the Camp Hill and Sherwood clinics, including the Hard Core Kids® group exercise program; the various conditions and difficulties (including vestibular challenges) that we work with, and how they can impact on a child's ability to learn in the classroom. And also how we address those challenges to help each child achieve their potential.



SPEAKER

Sandy Russo, Speld SA

Presenter: Sandy Russo is the Director and IT Advisor at Speld in South Australia.

Helping your kids at home (all year levels)

Sandy will explore some strategies that help students with specific learning difficulties be more organised at home and school, and look at some free assistive technologies and programs that might help.



SPEAKER

Julie Tasker, ATapps

Presenter: Julie Tasker is an Assistive Technology Consultant & Specialist Literacy Teacher

The iPad for LD

Synopsis: The iPad is a versatile tool that is easily accessible in many classrooms, and the most common of the BYOD devices, yet is often not used in the best ways to help student with LD reach their own potential. This will be a demonstration of how the iPad can be used to support students across all year levels, enabling them to access the curriculum fully.



TIME: 2.15pm – 3.00pm

SPEAKER

Kate Kleinau, Occupational Therapist

Presenter: Kate graduated from the University of Queensland in 2008 with a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. Since this time she has worked purely within the paediatric field working with children from 2-18 years who experience conditions such as ASD, ADHD, Dyslexia, Developmental Delay and Intellectual Impairment. In 2013 she founded her own company Synchrony Occupational Therapy. Kate is passionate about assisting children to flourish and reach their potential.

Promoting Handwriting Development

In this presentation Kate will provide information and strategies to assist with underlying skill areas related to handwriting development. She will explore the following:

- * What is Occupational Therapy?
- * When to see an OT
- * Establishing hand dominance
- * Hand strength
- * Developing pencil grasp and pencil control
- * Motor planning and letter formation



SPEAKER

Cathy Madden

Presenter: Cathy Madden is a Learning Support teacher with a passion for helping children to be more confident and independent writers.

Does your child find writing difficult? WordWizz is the answer.

Let us show you how to use WordWizz to help your child become a more independent writer.



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SPEAKER

Eduarda van Klinken

Presenter: Eduarda is an Early Childhood classroom teacher at The Glenleighden School. This multi-disciplinary school specialises in children experiencing language difficulties. She has been a mathematics tutor QUT in the Early Childhood courses, published on the topics of Dyscalculia, addition word problem solving, one-ton-one correspondence and the use of manipulatives. She is the Secretary of the Qld SPELD Management Committee.

5 Big Ideas for supporting P-3 Mathematics

Most children experiencing mathematical difficulties find the curriculum moves too fast. They are unable to consolidate new mathematical ideas before more difficult challenges are presented. They end up 'patching' together bits of knowledge without a coherent web to pull it all together. This session will present five mathematical ideas that can assist with resolving foundational mathematical difficulties.

- * Counting
- * Writing number patterns
- * Mental strategies within range of understanding
- * Bi-thinking
- * Using mathematical language in every day scenarios

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SPEAKER

Alex Volgin, Speech Therapist

Presenter: Alex Volgin - Speech Therapy Alex Volgin holds a Master of Speech Pathology studies from the University of Queensland and is committed to maintaining best practice by staying up-to-date with the latest methodologies. After working with Autism Queensland and then Max's House, a specialised clinic for Apraxia of Speech and Related Disorders, he founded his own practice.

Speech Therapy for Children

Alex believes that speech therapy is about caring for the whole person and that by instilling in the child a sense of confidence and pride in their achievements; they will thrive in every aspect of their lives. Alex is registered with the Speech Pathology Board of Australia and is a member of Speech Pathology Australia.



SPEAKER

Jeanette Conway, Learning4success

Presenter: Jeanette Conway is a Speld Specialist Teacher and Assessor. She has a B.A.; Dip Ed; M Edlsp. Jeanette has completed the Dyslexia training 1 and 2 with Speld and has completed the Course Supporting Children with Learning Difficulties through the University of London. Jeanette started her own business to assist children with learning difficulties. For further information visit www.learning4success.com.au

How to engage and make learning fun for students with learning difficulties.

Synopsis: I would like to demonstrate how repetition can be made more enjoyable using simple items. How to use the Internet effectively and how to make simple objects at home that can enhance learning. Learning does not happen when the student is bored, but when they are having fun and not realising that they are learning, is when success is achieved. I would like the opportunity to show you various methods that you can make learning FUN!



SPEAKER

Tanya Forbes, Gold Coast Dyslexia

Presenter: Tanya Forbes is a teacher, parent advocate and the producer of the Outside the Square series of professional learning films. She was an education advisor for Speld Qld and is a council member for Learning Difficulties Australia. As founder of the Gold Coast Dyslexia Support Group, she is a campaigner and advocate for improved learning outcomes of students with dyslexia and related learning differences.

Providing Emotional Support for Children with Learning Differences

The secondary effects of a learning difficulty can be far reaching and they have a massive impact on a child's well being. Children experience feelings of embarrassment, isolation, frustration, humiliation and anxiety as they struggle each day in the classroom. Over many years, this will damage self-confidence and erode their self-worth.

In this session, we will look at ways to offset the negative emotions our children experience and provide strategies to help empower our kids.



Outside the Square

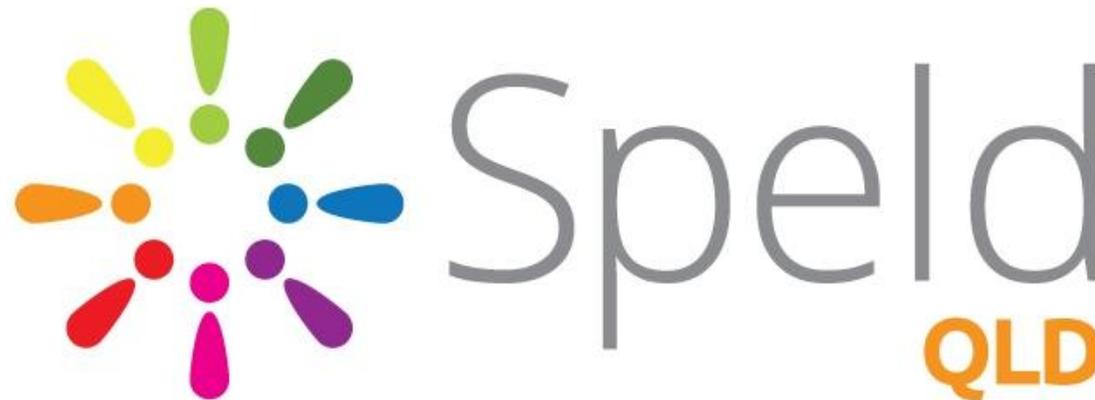
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CLOSING SPEAKER

Marion McMahon,
Speld Qld Executive Officer

Presenter: Marion McMahon is the Executive Officer of Speld Qld. She is a former school Principal, both here and Internationally, with extensive experience in supporting all children in the classroom. Marion supports schools with literacy planning and recommends appropriate classroom-based and individual strategies for struggling students. She also runs workshops on literacy acquisition, vocabulary development and learning difficulties for schools across the State.



Supporting people experiencing
learning differences