Auditory Processing and the Young Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Special Guest presenter Lesley Tan (MSc, Med, DipEd, DipAud.) from Listening Works will present this information evening.

The ability to process speech accurately and process it correctly, so that it can be followed and understood involves Auditory Processing. The abilities involved develop throughout childhood. Delays in its development are common, but are often not recognised or misinterpreted, and often underestimated in ASD children. They contribute to learning and behaviour problems, increasing the effects of weak language or poor social skills.

Special Guest presenter Lesley Tan (MSc, Med, DipEd, DipAud.) from Listening Works will present this information evening. Lesley is a Clinical Paediatric Audiologist with many years of experience helping children who have hearing and language difficulties that affect learning and behaviour. She has Special Education qualifications and has taught in kindergarten, school, teachers’ college and university.

Lesley will talk about how Auditory Processing delay affects children on the autism spectrum and how these children can be helped, giving strategies that are effective and practical at home and at school. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

In general, an understanding of Auditory Processing issues is important for helping children who

- have difficulties with language communication and social skills
- do not pay attention well
- can’t settle down or are easily distracted
- can’t follow instructions and/or forget what you tell them
- are not working at their potential in learning situations

Leslie established LISTENING WORKS in order to work with teachers, parents and other professionals and thus to help more children with communication and learning difficulties (see www.listeningworks.com.au).

Leslie has published four little booklets about Auditory Processing for parents and teachers. They will be available on the night. They are:

- Behaviour, Communication and Auditory Processing ($4.50),
- Auditory Processing at Home ($4.50),
- Auditory Processing at School ($9.00),
- Auditory Processing and the Under Sixes ($10.00).

Set of four booklets is $28.00.

ON: 15th November 2011
VENUE: Sth Croydon Anglican Church
        199 Bayswater Road
        Bayswater 3153
TIME: 7pm—9pm

Cost: $50 per person

No refund will be given if cancellation notice is less than 24 hours prior to this workshop. Payment for workshop is required prior to attending.