

Connecting
Community for Kids



Maaraka Dabakarn Hands to Steady Event

Saturday, 18 May 2024
Goodstart Early Learning Cockburn Central

What to Expect
(Social Story)



This social story is for guests attending the Maaraka Dabakarr Hands to Steady event at Goodstart Early Learning Cockburn Central on 18 May 2024 between 9.15am and 12.30pm.

A social story is a document that uses storytelling techniques to explain new experiences and environments to people, parents and carers who may be anxious about attending or taking their child to a venue for the first time.

This document contains information about coming to the event including images and information about the venue and the event.

The Venue

The event will be held at Goodstart Early Learning Cockburn Central which is located at 158 Semple Court, Cockburn Central.



This is a photo of the venue.

Parking is available at the venue with one ACROD parking bay at the front of the venue.



Upon Arrival

Once you arrive you will be met in the foyer by CCK staff and handed a folder containing information on the therapists, a notebook, pen and other resources.

Siblings will be directed to a supervised fully enclosed play area.

Here is a photo of the outdoor play area:



Families will be divided into one of three groups depending on the age of the child needing support. Each group will be directed to one of three rooms where you will stay for the duration of the morning.

Here are photos of what the group rooms will look like:





How the morning will work

There are four therapists who will rotate through the rooms for 45 minutes each, allowing families to remain in one spot for the duration of the morning.

Times	Room 1 (0 - 2 years)	Room 2 (3 - 4 years)	Room 3 (4 years +)
9.45am - 10.30am	Speech	Nurse Practitioner / Development Specialist	Occupational Therapy and Behaviour
10.30am - 11.15am	Nurse Practitioner / Development Specialist	Occupational Therapy and Behaviour	Speech
11.15am - 11.40am	MORNING TEA		
11.40am - 12.25pm	Occupational Therapy and Behaviour	Speech	Nurse Practitioner / Development Specialist

During each session the Therapists will provide hands-on activities and practical resources for families on how to support their children. You will also be able to discuss your child's development with the Therapists and ask them questions. You will also receive ideas of where to go for further support.

Ears2Learn and Wanslea will also have stations in the main meeting area and families are welcome to visit them at any point.

Who are Wanslea?

Wanslea is the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) partner that delivers Early Childhood Approach support for children aged under seven. The Early Childhood Approach (ECA) is designed to support children under seven who may have a developmental delay or disability.

With early intervention, often we can help children to develop essential skills that allow them to participate in everyday activities alongside their peers. Some families find that early intervention removes the need for long-term support, while others see significant progress in their child's development and improvement in their wellbeing. No matter your situation, ECA can provide information and support to help your child realise their full potential.



What are Ears2Learn Screenings?

Ears2Learn screenings will be done by Wanslea. These Ear screenings take about 10 minutes.

They will use an otoscope to conduct a general ear exam. They will then perform a tympanogram test to rule out fluid in the middle ear, infection or perforation of the ear drum. If required your child will get a referral to see a GP.



Who are the Therapists?

There will be four therapists:



Speech Therapy - Holly Tickner

Holly will be chatting to parents about numerous topics including:

- Children not reaching speech milestones
- Hallmarks of autism
- Strategies on how to connect and communicate with autistic children
- Feeding challenges



Occupational Therapy - Kaelee Parr

Kaelee will be chatting to parents about numerous topics including:

- Poor fine motor skills
- Social skills and strategies for interacting with others
- Self care assistance - toileting, dressing, eating
- Sensory and emotional regulation



Behavioural Therapy - Kelly Oldfield

Kelly will be chatting to parents about numerous topics including:

- Behaviour strategies such as first / then
- Sensory behaviours
- Escalated behaviours, especially when out in public
- Physically aggressive and unsafe behaviours



Nurse Practitioner - Stephanie Dowden

Stephanie will be chatting to parents about numerous topics including:

- Developmental screens
- System navigation
- Latest information on treatments and options available
- Health issue concerns