



## Welcome to the ILC Tech Newsletter

### Our Service

The ILC Technology service provides information, advice and training on specialised computer access, technologies to support education and augmentative and alternative communication equipment for people of all ages.

Information regarding assistive and educational technologies is available to students, teachers, parents and tutors by appointment.

There is a wide range of adaptive technology, software, hardware, communication devices and environmental control systems on display. Sally (Occupational Therapist) and Kelly (Speech Pathologist) can assist you to choose the most suitable option.

The ILC Hire Service specialises in the short term hire of equipment to provide you with an opportunity to trial before purchase.

### Our Team

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## ILC Tech Upcoming workshops

ILC Tech has been successful in receiving a grant to provide a series of workshops to the sector on a wide range of topics throughout 2010. In Semester One, topics will include;

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#### **Knowing Me**

- A range of communication tools and strategies to improve relationships and participation for people with complex communication needs will be presented. If you know someone who is non verbal or has limited communication you will want to know about these tools which are easy to make and suitable for all ages and abilities.

Friday 26th Feb  
1:00 - 4:00pm

#### **Voice Output Device Programming Sessions**

- Practical hands on sessions on how to program the following communication devices will be offered—  
Springboard Plus/Lite, Dynavox M3/ Max, Vantage Lite/ Plus, Dynavox V/ Max. These sessions will be available to those people who are supporting current users of these devices or those that have current/ upcoming trials of these devices.

Springboard Plus/Lite  
Fri 5th March, 9:30-12  
Dynavox M3/ Max  
Fri 12th March, 9:30-12  
Vantage Plus/Lite  
Fri 19th March, 1-3:30  
Dynavox V/ Max  
Wed 31st March 1-3:30

#### **Interactive Whiteboard for students with disabilities**

- This workshop will cover a wide range of software that can be used on an interactive whiteboard for students with disabilities. Workshop participants will get the opportunity to use software and experiment with customising computer activities to suit the individual needs and abilities of the student.

Monday 3rd May  
1:00 - 4:00pm

#### **Aided Language Stimulation**

- Aided language stimulation is a key strategy to getting started using symbols to communicate. This strategy can be implemented at home, school and in the community to introduce low and high tech communication aids. This workshop will cover this strategy in detail and provide practical advice on how to start using augmentative and alternative communication with students of all ages with complex communication needs.

Monday 10th May  
9:00am - 3:00pm

Further information on how to register for these workshops will soon be distributed through our email list. Please email [technology@ilc.com.au](mailto:technology@ilc.com.au) to be added to our mailing list. Feel free to distribute information about these workshops to your networks.

All sessions will be held at the Independent Living Centre, Nedlands.

## ILC Hire

Did you know that we have a range of communication devices, switches, keyboards, mice and some software available for hire?

This allows clients to trial equipment in their own environment before purchasing.

Each hire is generally 4 weeks and hire costs vary, depending on the piece of equipment.

We are constantly adding new equipment to the hire library and will be purchasing a range of new communication devices in early 2010 to make them available for clients in WA to trial.

For more information or to make a hire booking you can contact ILC Hire on 9381 0606

## Events & Conferences

Let us know about any upcoming  
Conferences and professional development events

### AGOSCI National Tour 2010 Wednesday, 24th March

Autism and AAC : Research to Practice  
Presented by Dr Joanne Cafeiro

**Target Audience:** parents, teachers, speech pathologists, occupational therapists and other support staff

This workshop will detail the characteristics of individuals on the Autism Spectrum and how these characteristics interface with the features of Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Evidence-based practices will be illuminated in case studies. The augmented input strategies for individuals from first diagnosis to adulthood will illustrate the practical applications of AAC as a life enhancing tool. Case studies will include natural aided language, visual supports, adapted literacy and curricula, behaviour management, interaction building, keyboard communication and pivotal response treatments. Each case study will include practical tools, strategies and data collection systems with videos to make each study come alive. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to design their own AAC interventions in a problem solving format.

**Joanne M. Cafeiro, PhD** is an augmentative and alternative communication and autism specialist. She served a two year tenure with the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Educational Interventions for Children with Autism. She was formerly Autism Projects Coordinator for Johns Hopkins University Centre for Technology in Education. Dr. Cafeiro is the author of the first book on AAC and Autism, "Meaningful Exchanges for People with Autism An Introduction to AAC", published in 2005. She is a consulting editor for the journals "Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities" and "Disability and Rehabilitation". Dr. Cafeiro presently provides support and training to school systems and families of children, adolescents and adults with ASD. Her current research projects include Natural Aided Language as a core methodology in AAC, literacy and autism and providing the mentoring needed to support committed, innovative teachers of children with autism. Dr. Cafeiro is joined in her work with her autism therapy dog, Lulu. She is also the proud parent of three children and one delightful emergent literate grandson, Matteo.

For a registration form or more information please contact  
[technology@ilc.com.au](mailto:technology@ilc.com.au) or call ILC Tech on 9381 0600.

**Time:** 9.00am – 4.00pm (Registration: 8.45am)  
**Venue:** Wesfarmers Theatrette, Association for the Blind WA  
**Address:** 61 Kitchener Avenue, Victoria Park 6100

Did you know you can join the AGOSCI List Serve to gain information and participate in discussion about communication and technology.  
Go to [www.agosci.org.au](http://www.agosci.org.au) to sign up. It's free!

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication  
ISAAC Conference 2010 Barcelona  
<http://www.isaac2010.org/index.php>



## New Products at ILC Tech

### Large Keyboards and Keyguards

A local Perth company, Key Accessibility is supplying a range of affordable keyboards with large keys. These keyboards are suitable for those who require larger keys due to reduced fine motor skills or vision impairment. These keyboards come in 2 colour schemes (white keys with black letters, or multicoloured keys with white letters) and have a QWERTY layout. Keyguards are also available.

For more information;  
Key Accessibility  
Phone: 9309 1220  
keyaccess@iinet.net.au  
[www.keyaccess.iinet.net.au](http://www.keyaccess.iinet.net.au)



### Tellus Smart 2

The Tellus Smart portable communication device has recently updated. We now have a Tellus Smart 2 in ILC Tech for demonstration and in the ILC Hire library. Please note; you can still purchase the original Tellus Smart device for a limited time only.

The new Tellus Smart 2 offers the following features;

- Larger screen
- More slim line design
- Improved sound
- Weights 320g
- Australia Real Speak voices and ability to record messages
- Non reflective display
- Accessible carry case
- Text and symbol (PCS) page sets

For more information;  
Zyteq  
Phone: (03) 9696 2944  
[www.zyteq.com.au](http://www.zyteq.com.au)

Also available from  
Novita Tech  
1300-85 55 85  
[www.novitatech.org.au](http://www.novitatech.org.au)

Spectronics  
(07) 3808 6833  
[www.spectronics.com.au](http://www.spectronics.com.au)



## CHANGES IN ILC TECH

It is with great sadness that ILC Tech farewells Rod Mackintosh, our Education Technology specialist. Rod has worked in ILC Tech for the past 2 years and brought a wealth of knowledge and experience.

We wish Rod all the best in his future endeavours.

ILC Tech will continue to provide the same service, including appointments and school visits to provide information and advice about literacy software and communication strategies.

We are currently in the process of recruiting to fill this position.

## 2010 ILC COUNTRY VISITS

ILC Tech will be offering more country visits from 1st July 2010. Please contact Kelly (kelly@ilc.com.au) to register your interest.

## CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE

Assistive  
Technology Boogie

[http://inclusive.com/AT\\_boogie/at30.swf](http://inclusive.com/AT_boogie/at30.swf)

## This Month's Q&A Technology Tip

**Q: I've heard that there are some Apps (applications) for iPod Touch and iPhone that may be suitable for students with special needs. Where can I find out about them?**

**A:** Apps are programs that can be downloaded to an iPod Touch or iPhone. There are Apps for just about everything you can think of. For example, a communication application called Proloquo2Go has recently been developed to make the iPhone or iPod Touch perform as a communication device. These devices, however, have a small screen, small buttons and are very fragile so they may not be appropriate for all students with special needs.

A list of applications for students with special needs has recently been compiled by Eric Sailers. It can be downloaded from <http://www.scribd.com/mobile/documents/24470331>

It includes Apps for a range of purposes such as communication, reading, writing, maths, music and art.

We have an iPod Touch here at ILC if you would like to trial this device with your student at an appointment. Unfortunately, it is not available for hire.

## Professional Development

The ILC Tech team can provide professional development on topics that include:

- Communication Aids
- Using Visual Supports
- Training for Communication Partners
- Aided Language Stimulation
- Literacy Support Tools
- Boardmaker
- Software specific training

In addition, we can provide customised training or support for your organisation or school. Please contact us to discuss your specific training requirements.

## Boardmaker Workshop

Learn how to maximise the use of Boardmaker software to build resources for your students or clients. This interactive small group training will take you through the steps involved in using Boardmaker to create tools such as therapy resources, visual timetables, prompts for specific activities, communication boards and books, and other visual supports to aid comprehension.

The following dates have been set for Semester 1, 2010. Additional workshops can be arranged to suit small groups or schools on request. Workshops run for 2 hours and cost **\$88** per person (inc GST). Rates differ for on site training at your school or organisation.

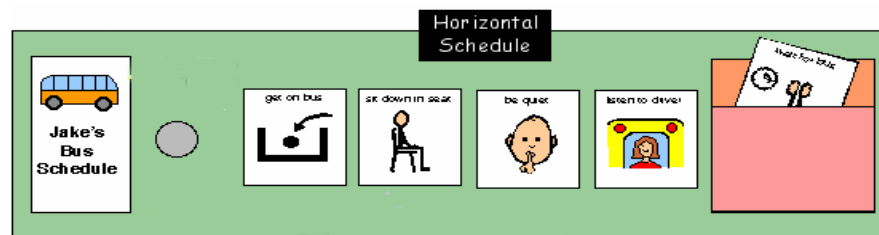
<b>Dates:</b> Monday 15th Feb	(9-11am)
Tuesday 16th March	(1:30-3:30pm)
Thursday 22nd April	(10am—12pm)
Friday 21st May	(1-3pm)

### Boardmaker Plus & Speaking Dynamically Pro Workshop

(These versions of Boardmaker allow you to make interactive activities for students to access on the computer, touch screen or interactive whiteboard. Experience in the use of standard Boardmaker software is required for this workshop)

**Dates:** Tuesday 30th March (1-4pm). Workshops run for 3 hours and cost **\$132** per person (inc GST).

Contact Kelly on 9381 0600 or via email to register your interest.



## Calendar of Events

Event Title	Date	Place
<b>AAC Interest Group</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm For more information or to RSVP Contact Sue Ash <a href="mailto:Sue.Ash@tccp.com.au">Sue.Ash@tccp.com.au</a>	Conference Room 1 The Centre for Cerebral Palsy 106 Bradford Street Coolbinia
<b>AGOSCI National Tour 2010</b> <i>Autism &amp; AAC</i> Joanne Cafeiro	Wednesday, 24th March 9am—4pm (Registration 8:45am) For more information contact <a href="mailto:technology@ilc.com.au">technology@ilc.com.au</a>	Association for the Blind Westfarmers Theatre 61 Kitchener Ave, Victoria Park
<b>Australian Association of Special Education</b> <b>National Conference 2010</b> <i>At the Heart of the Matter: School and Classroom Leadership</i>	17th—18th June For more information <a href="http://www.gemsevents.com.au/aase2010/">http://www.gemsevents.com.au/aase2010/</a>	Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin

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