

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, therapists 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), Kelly (Speech Pathologist) and Alana (Education Technology Specialist) 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.

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Assistive Technology Boot Camp

In 2009, the ILC was successful in obtaining a grant from NGCS to run an assistive technology Boot Camp in collaboration with the Centre for Inclusive Schooling.

The aim of the camp was to provide those students who use significant amounts of assistive technology to access education with a chance to practice using their equipment. It also provided opportunities for their education assistants and teachers to access advice. The camp had great outcomes not the least of which was the peer interaction. Many of the attending students were in mainstream classes and are often the only student in their school to use this equipment. Modified activities across the curriculum areas were tried out and ideas shared. There were 2 groups of 8 students across 2 days (one primary age and one older). Therapists and teachers had a chance to try different things and education assistants also had the opportunity to receive intensive support and share experiences.

A second Boot Camp is planned for 2010. In the first week of August again with similar aims for students who use assistive technology in the classroom. A call for expressions of interest has been circulated. If you wish refer a student and haven't seen the form please email Sally Hunter (sally@ilc.com.au). Once these have been collated the camp will be further developed to meet the needs of the nominated students with the input from the different staff and therapists who support them.



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ILC Tech Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended our communication device programming workshops in Term 1.

For those that have registered for the **Aided Language Stimulation** workshop on 10th May, you should have already received an email to let you know if you have received a place. This workshop is now fully booked and we are creating a waitlist should we have any cancellations.

If you have any queries about these workshops, please feel free to contact Kelly on 9381 0600.

We will be offering further free workshops on a range of tech topics throughout the year.

Events & Conferences

Let us know about any upcoming Conferences and professional development events

Upcoming Workshops SOFTWARE

Learning Difficulties Seminar– Reading Success for Students

Hosted by LEARN/ MultiSense Technology

Presenter: Bartek Rajkowski, Speech and Language Pathologist, Creator of Reading Doctor Software

Monday 31st May, Boulevard Centre, Floreat

Registrations 9am, Seminar– 9:30am—3:30pm

Cost \$165.00

For more information or to register contact Blanche on 9375 8810 or blanche@learn4u.com.au

WordShark 4– Literacy Software Interactive Workshop

Hosted by Dyslexia SPELD Foundation

Presenter: Kelly Fullarton, Psychologist

Tuesday 29th June, DSF Literacy Services, SOUTH PERTH

4:30pm—6:30pm

Cost \$63.00 (members) \$70.00 (non members)

For more information or to register contact DSF on 9217 2500 or visit their website www.dsf.net.au

What's new in ILC Hire?

We have recently purchased a range of new communication devices in ILC Hire

- iPod Touch with Proloquo2Go
- Lightwriter SL40
- ALT Chat
- Bespoke
- Additional Dynavox M3– to reduce waiting times
- Eye Max for Dynavox V Max

- Echovoice EV4 personal voice amplifier

If you would like more information about hiring communication devies or other equipment, please contact ILC Hire on 9381 0606 or hire@ilc.com.au

CHECK THIS OUT

“The Language Stealers”

We want quality language outcomes for our children with complex communication needs

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vib2_BDCXc#

Please feel free to contact us directly for more information about anything in this newsletter.



New Products at ILC Tech

Go Talk Express



The Go Talk Express is a new static display communication device. It has 32 cells and 5 recording levels. This device can operate in a standard mode like other Go Talk devices, or in a sequenced mode where the user can combine words and say them all together in a more fluent manner when building sentences. This device also has one and two switch scanning capabilities, with visual and auditory feedback.

Available soon for demonstration and hire at ILC Tech.

Available for purchase from Spectronics and Technability.

Reading Doctor

Reading Doctor software is designed to support children learning to read and spell in the early years.

The program includes activities targeting

- letter sound knowledge
- phonological and phonemic awareness
- sight word recognition
- auditory discrimination
- articulatory awareness
- segmentation
- visual discrimination skills.

The standout feature of this software for educators of the early years is the opportunity for the user to hear the sounds in words being blended together rather than just spelt out with letter names.

A mouth that shows the correct positioning of the lips for articulation is also a useful feature. The software boasts over 6,000 sounds and images. It also has testing, progress monitoring and reporting features. Flash cards are included that can be printed with or without visual cues.

A free trial can be downloaded from www.readingdoctor.com.au/index.html

This software is sold locally by LEARN/ MultiSense Technology <http://www.learn4u.com.au/>

WELCOME ALANA

ILC Tech would like to welcome Alana Arcus, our new Education

Technology Specialist. Alana will be working with ILC Tech on Thursday and Friday. Alana comes with a wealth of experience working with children with disabilities and learning difficulties. She is passionate about positive literacy outcomes for all students.

You can contact Alana with enquiries about education technology and software on 9381 0600 or alana@ilc.com.au

2010 ILC COUNTRY VISITS

ILC Tech is now taking expressions of interest for country visits from July onwards.

We are funded to provide a limited number of appointments in rural areas each year.

To arrange a trip to your town, follow these steps

1. Start discussions between local allied health teams, LAC, schools and families regarding which individuals need to be referred for a tech appointment, and suitable dates for a visit.

2. Contact Kelly in ILC Tech on 9381 0600 or kelly@ilc.com.au to tentatively book a visit.

3. Complete referral form (provided by Kelly) for each client to be referred.

4. Kelly will then review all referrals and coordinate appointments with local referrer.

This Month's Q&A Technology Tip

Q: I am looking for advice around simple mobile phone options for one of my students. His family are interested in a phone to make basic calls to a limited number of people—like family members and carers. They don't want a phone with features like internet access and text messaging.

A: There is one really simple mobile phone available on the market at the moment. It's called a Gecko Phone. It is small and portable and only weighs 60g. Basically it has 2 quick dial buttons programmed to call Mum and Dad or two other important people. It also has a simple contacts list, edited only by parents, where up to 20 other numbers can be stored. It has a simple pick up and hang up button and lights to indicate when a call is being received. It can also be set for optional call screening and an emergency call button.

The Gecko has a range of fun accessories to make it look cool!

For more information go to this website www.geckoworld.com.au

It's currently on special for \$9.95 !!!!



Professional Development

Book Now for School PD Days in Term 3 & 4.

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 Workshops

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 Term 2, 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.

Dates: Friday 21st May (1-3pm)

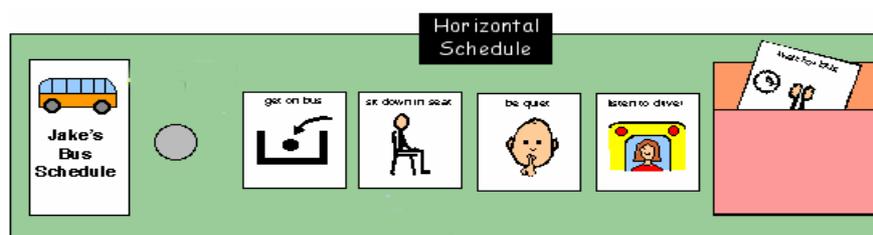
Boardmaker Plus & Speaking Dynamically Pro Workshop

(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: Wednesday 9th June (1-4pm).

This workshop runs 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
AAC Interest Group Different Topic each meeting	Thursday afternoons Once per term 3:30pm -5:00pm	Various Locations To join the mailing list to find out about upcoming meetings, email kelly@ilc.com.au
Spectronics Conference http://www.spectronics.com.au/conference/	25th-28th May	Surfers Paradise, Queensland
Australian Association of Special Education National Conference 2010 <i>At the Heart of the Matter: School and Classroom Leadership</i>	17th—18th June For more information http://www.gemsevents.com.au/aase2010/	Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin

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