



April Newsletter



It's been such an exciting start to Term 2, with our rebranding and relocation officially complete!

Our **Create, Play and Explore School Holiday Programs** were the first groups to utilise the new space, with the rainbow busy wall particularly popular! We've still got some exciting additions in store for our group space, but if you haven't yet visited us at our new premises, take a look at some photos below!

Our **Term 2 groups** are now underway, and it's been wonderful welcoming the children to our new space. We have some very limited spots available in a couple of our groups, so please contact us if you are interested. You can take a look at our service highlights further down this newsletter for more detailed information about our **Sensory Kidz** and **Communication Explorers** groups.

Other **highlights from Term 1** included having a presence at the **Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt at Bella Vista Farm** (it was lovely to see so many of our families enjoying the festivities and utilising our breakout space!) and finding out we are **finalists in the Local Business Awards**, to be announced very soon. Thank you to all those who voted!

Finally, with **Mother's Day** just around the corner, we thought it would be the perfect opportunity to hear from Linda, a local mum and our new Community Engagement Officer, about her experience raising a child with a disability. You can read her blog post on our **new website**.

We hope you all have a wonderful Term 2 and we look forward to welcoming you to our new space in Castle Hill.

Ellen Witzlsperger

Executive Director,
Educational & Developmental Psychologist

P.S. As part of our rebranding, all of our website and social media links have changed. Our new website is www.stf.org.au, and be sure to click below to follow us on socials!



Our new location!



Announcements



Change of date

There has been a change of date for our much-anticipated annual **Stronger Together Conference**, to be held at the Castle Hill RSL. The date of the conference is now **Saturday 31st August 2024**. Be sure to mark it in your calendars and keep an eye on your inbox for more information and the booking link - coming soon!

Local Business Awards

The Stronger Together Foundation has been nominated as an Outstanding Specialised Business in the Local Business Awards.

Thank you to all who voted for us! Winners are announced on 15th May 2024.



Service Highlight



We're absolutely thrilled to share the highlights from our first term of **Sensory Kidz!**

Sensory Kidz is all about uncovering the magic of touch and movement in a supportive, enjoyable environment.

Last term, we delved into a variety of sensory experiences, from dynamic movement to immersive messy play, along with some calming activities too! We had a blast exploring tactile and vestibular sensations through activities like cornflake sand and wet chalk painting, and trust us, there's plenty more in store!

If you're interested in attending Sensory Kidz with your child, please contact us: 1300 111 783 or info@stf.org.au

"Observing how the children perceive and interact with the world around them has been an enlightening journey, and we're thrilled to continue sharing it with you."

Rhyannah, Occupational Therapist



Service Highlight



Have you heard about our newest group program, **Communication Explorers**?

This playgroup provides opportunities for parents and young children to engage socially, play together and learn together.

It's perfect for parents who want to understand HOW to support their child's communication development. You will learn strategies to help your child's communication thrive in everyday routines.

If you're interested in attending Communication Explorers with your child, please contact us: 1300 111 783 or info@stf.org.au

"Communication is everywhere! We are really enjoying exploring all the different ways the children communicate in their play and routines. We love seeing how excited the parents are to find these communication opportunities!"

Emma, Speech Pathologist



May Blog: Mother's Day

This month we celebrate all the mothers and mother-figures in our lives!

Parenting a child with additional needs is both rewarding and challenging. Our Community Engagement Officer, Linda, has written a short blog about her experience, and her ideal Mother's Day - something many parents will be able to relate to!

[Click here to read this month's blog.](#)



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