

November Newsletter



A message from Ellen



No sooner had the pumpkins been put away than the Christmas decorations were on the shelves! We hope you had a great October and are gearing up for a fun festive season. We know this time of year can be a difficult one for families, so next month we'll be bringing you our top tips for a calm Christmas. This month, we wanted to answer some frequently asked questions about the **NDIS changes**, which I know have been on a lot of our families' minds...

[Read more...](#)

Christmas Raffle



We are so excited to bring you our final fundraiser for 2024! We would love it if you could please support us by purchasing raffle tickets or sharing the link with your friends and family. We have 14 **amazing prizes** with all proceeds going towards providing services for our local families. **Tickets are on sale now!** First prize is a \$1,000 gift voucher thanks to the **wonderful team at Castle Towers**. And that's just the beginning!

[Read more...](#)

Thank you!



We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising initiatives this year! Just for the Christmas Raffle alone, we've had support from Castle Towers, Harvey Norman, Trek Rouse Hill, Decorug Castle Hill, Oh Flossy, Sophie's Slime Factory, Lollipop's Castle Hill, Taronga Zoo, Unilever, Custom Design Castle Hill, BCF Castle Hill, and Saliba Estate Agents. Thanks too goes to the Herrick family!

Transition
to School



Do you have a child **starting school in 2025**? Our very popular '**Transition to School**' **program** will be back in the upcoming school holidays, and enrolments are open now. This intensive, **week-long program** focuses on supporting children in preparation for their transition to kindergarten. We've also got a helpful blog post about things you can do to assist your child in the lead-up to them starting school next year.

[Read more...](#)

Golf Day



The clouds that greeted us were ominous, but a bit of drizzle couldn't dampen the high spirits of the players who gathered at the beautiful Lynwood Golf and Country Club to raise an amazing **\$26,000** for the Foundation! Hole 1 was no ordinary tee – players stood on a seesaw balance board to take their shot. Vestibular sensory input, anyone? Once a therapist, always a therapist! Click to see more pics!

[Read more...](#)

Grant news



We are so grateful to both The Hills Shire Council and the CommBank Staff Foundation, after we received news of successful grant applications with both organisations! These grants mean that we will be able to bring you our popular Stronger Together Conference again in 2025, as well as host more SiBWORKS programs for siblings of children with a disability.

[Read more...](#)

In the community



We recently took our breakout tent to the Fit Kidz fete, held at the Dural South centre. Our tent provides children (and adults) with a quiet space to which they can retreat to avoid overwhelm. We will be taking the tent to the upcoming Mayor's Children's Christmas Party at Bella Vista Farm on 30th November. Tickets to the **sensory sensitive session** at this event (for families of neurodivergent children living in the Hills LGA) are still available.

[Read more...](#)

Other events



This Christmas season, Castle Towers are again creating a low-stress, sensory-friendly environment with their Sensitive Santa photo sessions. These sessions take place before Castle Towers opens, without the crowds, queues, and noise. Plus, this year they are also offering Santa photo sessions with their Auslan-speaking Santa! All sessions are available to book now! Just click the link and scroll down the page to find both the Sensitive and Auslan Santa sessions.

[Read more...](#)



Our 2024 supporters

JDI Services Pty Ltd
Business Coaching | Consulting | Sales Training



CommBank
Staff Foundation

GOLDMAN
PLUMBING
SERVICES

TOMCAT AIR
PERFECT YOUR SPACE

FLEMMING
GROUP



CASTLE TOWERS



THE
STAGE DOOR
PERFORMING ARTS



statewidecivil

agenzia
PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGISTS

