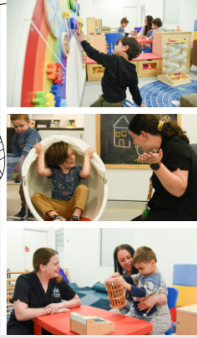


# April Newsletter



## A message from Ellen






April sure is a special month for us! We're celebrating our **first anniversary** as the **Stronger Together Foundation!** To mark the occasion, we're hosting an exclusive family community event at Lollipop's Playland for children with disabilities, delays and neurodivergent needs and their siblings. **Scroll for more info!** And after a busy month of workshops and events, we're gearing up for our **Annual Charity Golf Day** in just a few weeks. We hope you can join us!

## Charity Golf Day



Have you registered for our **Charity Golf Day** at the beautiful **Lynwood Golf and Country Club** on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May? While it's almost sold out, it's **not too late to join us!** There are heaps of ways to get involved, even if golf isn't your #1 game. You can:

-  **register a team,**
-  **become a sponsor, or**
-  **donate a prize.**

Supporters will be recognised through our marketing channels.

**LAST TICKETS -  
DON'T MISS OUT!**

[More info...](#)



# Community Family Event



We are thrilled to be hosting another **Community Family Event** next week! Come and celebrate the **Stronger Together Foundation's 1st Anniversary** at **Lollipop's Playland** in Castle Hill! This event is for **children with disabilities, delays and neurodivergent needs and their siblings**. To help cover the cost, families are asked to pay a small fee of **\$5 per child** attending (adults are free, but tickets are still required).

[More info...](#)

# Term 2 Group Programs



Places are filling fast for our popular group programs for Term 2! Contact us at [info@stf.org.au](mailto:info@stf.org.au) to secure your child's spot today.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Andy Bear Club</b> (3-5 years)</p> <p>8:30am - 11:30am</p>	<p><b>Andy Bear Club</b> (3-5 years)</p> <p>8:30am - 11:30am</p>	<p><b>Sensory Kidz</b> (6 months- 4 years)</p> <p>9:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p><b>Communication Explorers</b> (6 months- 4 years)</p> <p>9:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p><b>School Ready Kidz</b> (children starting Kindergarten in 2026)</p> <p>9:30am - 11:30am</p>
<p><b>Kidz Club</b> (Kindergarten- Year 4)</p> <p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p><b>School Ready Kidz</b> (children starting Kindergarten in 2026)</p> <p>12:30pm - 2:30pm</p>	<p><b>School Ready Kidz</b> (children starting Kindergarten in 2026)</p> <p>12:30pm - 2:30pm</p>	<p><b>Kidz Club</b> (Kindergarten- Year 4)</p> <p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Details...</a></p>

## Celebrating Neurodiversity



Following on from Neurodiversity Celebration Week, one of our occupational therapists, Maaroooha, has been reflecting on her own journey working with neurodivergent children. She says that the children she works with have taught her powerful lessons about communication, connection, belonging, and the beauty of individuality. Maaroooha has shared more of her thoughts in a moving blog post for you to read.

[Read more...](#) 

Have you got your **exclusive Neurodiverg-Ant buddy** merchandise yet? We have **limited stock available** of the hoodie (in both adult and kid's sizes) and pin. The Neurodiverg-Ant was designed by the talented Annelise from **Emotional Support Buddy**, a local neurodivergent creator. Pictured modelling the jacket is journalist



Jo Abi, who is neurodivergent herself and mum to three neurodivergent children. Jo says the Neurodiverg-Ant is "the perfect representation of our rich, colourful, difficult lives during which we collect exactly the right people and strategies to create amazing lives." Check out her blog post!

[Read more...](#) 

## Parent Workshop



We hosted our first annual **School Options Workshop** last month for parents and carers of children with additional support needs. We heard from five local schools and the Department of Education about the ways in which our children can be supported when they start school and throughout their schooling years. Thank you to all who attended—we look forward to hosting another School Options Workshop in 2026!

## Professional Workshop



It was our absolute pleasure to once again host Em Mainey, AKA NeuroWild, presenting a professional development workshop to a sell-out audience last month. One of our speech therapists, Chelsea, has written a blog about the experience: “The NeuroWild workshop provided invaluable insights into how we can develop spaces that are truly welcoming and supportive, allowing everyone to thrive.”

[Read more...](#)

## SibWorks Program



Disability impacts the whole family. **SibWorks** is a **peer support program** for children aged 8-12, who have a brother or sister with disability or neurodivergent needs. The program is **designed to support siblings** by building their emotional wellbeing and resilience and connecting with others who share the same experience. Funded by the CommBank Staff Foundation, we are excited to be running the program again in the **July** school holidays.

[More info...](#)

## In the community



**Cheer Energy** has commenced a recreational cheerleading class for all abilities on a Saturday morning in a fun and inclusive environment. You can book into a free trial class to start with.

We had such a great time at the **Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday at Bella Vista Farm! We were there with our **Sensory Breakout Space** and welcomed many children (including some familiar faces!) who wanted to take some time out.



[More info...](#)



On April 14<sup>th</sup>, you can join a Free Family Fun Session with Hills Hornets—a chance for children with disability to explore a new activity in a supportive environment, while parents and carers connect with other local families.

There'll be a guided basketball session, refreshments, a certificate and free drink bottle, the opportunity to connect with others, plus you can chat to experienced parent peer facilitators from Belongsid e about local supports available to your family.

[More info...](#)

## Communication screening

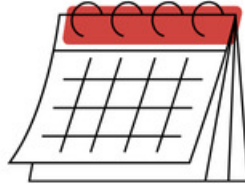


We've had a great response to our **FREE communication screeners** this term that we'll be running them again in Term 2! These screening sessions are for children who will be starting kindergarten in 2026 or later. They take about 30 minutes and are designed to help with **early detection** of any **specific communication difficulties**. The screeners are held onsite at the Foundation on **Wednesday afternoons**.

[Book now..](#)

Save the Date

We're so excited to be in the midst of planning our **fourth annual Stronger Together Conference!** This year, the Conference will be held at **Rydges Norwest**. Pop it into your calendars and stay tuned for the exciting details!



Saturday,  
16<sup>th</sup> August  
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