

# Education News- August 2009



As the new Education Subcommittee of the Auckland Down Syndrome Association, we are very pleased to announce new initiatives for the remainder of this year and next year.

## **\*Parent courses**

## **\*Professional courses**

## **\*Combined parent and professional courses**

The first course is a combined Parent and Professional course- **Storymaker- 2 September 2009**. Storymaker is a software programme developed by parents of a son with Down Syndrome. This programme is a huge asset for home and school learning and suitable for any age. See the flyer and [www.adsa.org.nz](http://www.adsa.org.nz) for further details. Book early because places are limited.

The first Parent Courses are planned for October this year and will be repeated and continued into 2010. To ensure the long-term success of these courses we ask that you book early and encourage your friends to attend, whether they are members of our association or not. Preferences will be given to members though. There is no joining fee. The fee for these courses will be minimal.

Bookings: On line at [www.adsa.org.nz](http://www.adsa.org.nz) or call the office 636 0351. Bookings are confirmed with payment of fees- \$10 per family per course. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

## **Early Learning Courses**

These courses are designed with parents of 1-5 year olds in mind, but not limited to these ages. The broad strokes of what is involved in learning in the different areas will be covered as well as having an opportunity to view resources that have worked and some strategies of how to use them. The presenter/facilitator is Margi Leech, the Education Officer for ADSA.

Listening and learning	October 8 7.30 PM	Presenter- Margi Leech	McDonald's Green Lane
Motor skills	October 10, 10.00 AM	To be announced	PFRC - Onehunga
Literacy	October 12, 7.30 PM	Margi Leech	McDonald's Green Lane
Numeracy	October 17, 10.00 AM	Margi Leech	PFRC - Onehunga
The Education System	November 7, 2.00 PM	Panel facilitated by Margi Leech and special guest	Jack Dickey Hall Green Lane
Preschool curriculum	April 2010	Tracey Elder	TBA

The 2009 courses will be repeated in June of 2010.

## **School Age Courses**

Supporting your child in Year 1	May 2010	Tracey Elder	TBA
Supporting your child in the Primary years	June 2010	Panel facilitated by Margi Leech	TBA
Supporting your student at intermediate and high school	June 2010	Panel facilitated by Margi Leech	TBA
IEP	To be announced	Parent 2 Parent	TBA
Creative Minds- students 10-18 with a parent	TBA	Precision Academics	TBA
Creative teaching- parents and professionals	TBA	Precision Academics	TBA

## **Parent Advocacy Courses**

Supporting other families with special needs	March 2010	Parent 2 Parent	TBA
Advocacy Training	March 2010	Parent 2 Parent	TBA