



# St Joseph's School

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Dear Parents,

We have engaged Down South Therapy Services to provide on-site Early Years Screen Assessments for each of our Kindy and Pre-Primary students. These screens provide parents and teachers with valuable information about the development of children in foundation skills based on their age. Louise Mizzi and Catherine Leong are the qualified Speech Therapists who will be conducting the assessments during school time on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of August and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Prior to commencement of the screens on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, a Speech Therapist will host a discussion forum with parents (15-20 minutes) in the school's library at 8:45am. She will outline the screening process, the areas of development that will be screened and will be available to answer questions from parents relating to their child and their child's development.

The speech assessments will take approximately thirty minutes per child (1:1 with a qualified speech pathologist) and will assess the following areas:

- phonology (speech sound development)
- semantics and comprehension
- expressive language
- annunciation and fluency
- phonological awareness (early literacy)

At the completion of the assessments, an electronic information sheet will be provided to parents and teachers to support development in foundation areas and will recommend intervention to assist students requiring further progress. Direct liaison with class teachers and parents can also take place following the screenings.

The cost of the Speech Screen Assessments will be \$45 per child.

In addition to the Speech Screen, Down South Therapy will also be offering parents the option to request an Occupational Therapy (OT) screen assessment for their child on another day at school. This would be an additional cost of \$35 per screen in groups of 2-3, or 1:1 assessments are \$40 per screen.

Please complete the slip below and return payment to the school by Thursday 10/8/17. If you require additional time or would prefer to pay by EFTPOS or Credit Card, please contact Heather in the office on 97826500.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 97826500.

Kind regards,

Jenny Gorman  
Assistant Principal

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="radio"/> My child will require a Speech Screen Assessment only           | \$45        |
| <input type="radio"/> I would like to request an OT Screen Assessment (1:1)           | \$40        |
| <input type="radio"/> I would prefer an OT Group Screen Assessment (if numbers allow) | <u>\$35</u> |

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_