

NEWS AND INFORMATION

THERAPY ASSISTANT PILOT PROJECT

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As Term 3 draws to a close, the TAP project is starting to evaluate the results of the first 10 weeks of work.

Children at Cranleigh, Harrison and Malkara have been working hard on their programs and are showing progress on individual goals. Most of these programs have been going for the length of the term and will be reviewed and modified as necessary during the holidays, ready for next term.

Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy programs at Chisholm, Gowrie and Mother Teresa schools are under way. Some of the children only needed a short boost to help them along and will have achieved the goals by the end of next week. Others will continue with these programs in Term 4. The Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist will be working more closely with teachers in Term 4 to help integrate the strategies in to the class program for the benefit of all children.

Speech Pathology programs at Florey are continuing. Teachers have been working with therapy staff to incorporate strategies in their daily work and the effect is evident in the progress children are making on individual goals.

Speech Pathology assessments are starting in Harrison kindergarten classes this week. Programs will be put in place for the beginning of term 4.

Updated Information will be available on the Therapy ACT website as the project develops <http://www.dhcs.act.gov.au/therapyact>. For further information please contact: Shilo Preston-Stanley, TAP Team Leader Therapy ACT on 6205 1277 or Shilo.Preston-Stanley@act.gov.au