

CATHO STAFF THROW SUPPORT BEHIND LEARNING LINKS READING FOR LIFE PROGRAM



Did you know that right now in Australia:

- 10-16% of all children are affected by learning disabilities and difficulties
- 17.7% of all Australian children live in households of poverty
- Learning disabilities and difficulties can impact multiple generations with a family, creating a cycle of disadvantage.

Learning Links vision is a community where disadvantage and difficulties learning are no longer a barrier to a fulfilling life. The 'Reading For Life Program' is an evidence based program designed to target children in years 3-5 who are struggling and falling behind in their literacy development. The program has been enormously successful with children making valuable gains in reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension. Most importantly, the confidence and enjoyment of reading in participating children has increased, influencing their self-esteem and motivation to learn.

"The program outcomes for these kids can be life changing. Without reading and literacy skills these children are at a high risk of

disengaging from education altogether. It's incredibly important that we can help these kids before they enter high school."

Campbelltown Catholic Club is proud to partner with Learning Links by providing program funding and reading buddy volunteers. We would like to acknowledge Catholic Club Staff members Nicole Reilly, Louise Molland, Jessica Ciccone, Lachlan Carter, Megan Dengate, Kayla Crawford, Ally Carter, Leanna Field, and Jessica Satara who have generously volunteered to participate in the 15 week program.

The volunteers will work one on one with a child using a range of educational game based activities. You don't need to be a maths or literacy expert, you just need to have fun and engage with your child. Play games for 45 minutes each week and see a child improve their reading accuracy and confidence.

To learn more about the Reading Life program and how you can provide benefit to children and families in your local area please contact: Kate Whitney on 0401 498 280.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

We would like to recognise our security staff member Kathleen McCully for her bravery and commitment to take part in the World's Greatest Shave. Whilst this edition of Superstar was in print, Kathleen's shave took place in the Club foyer on Sunday 12 March, 3pm. From the board of directors, management, staff and community of Campbelltown Catholic Club, we would like to congratulate Kathleen on her efforts!

You can still donate to Kathleen's shave via the link below:
my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/kathleenmccully

