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Jonathan

Age: 3 years, 9 months



Jonathan is an absolute delight to see for Auditory-Verbal therapy lessons. Due to his wonderful progress he now attends Hear and Say for monthly, instead of weekly, lessons this year. 2014 has been a busy year already for Jonathan.

Jonathan started Kindy in January and has been loving every minute of it. He has a wonderful teacher who I visit each term to ensure he is in an optimal listening environment. Jonathan's teacher also attended the Hear and Say Teacher in Service day to learn more about supporting a child with hearing loss in the classroom. Jonathan has settled into the Kindy program well even though it is quite a change from his day care environment. Jonathan's Kindy also purchased a sound field system to support him in class. This is a multispeaker unit which ensures that everyone in the class can hear what the teacher is saying. The teacher wears a small microphone on her shirt and it helps to decrease background noise and increase the clarity of what the teacher is saying. This helps Jonathan to be able to hear all the songs, books and discussions more easily but also helps everyone in the class.

I often hear Jonathan before I see him at Hear and Say. This is a testament to the wonderful speech and language skills he has developed, he never stops talking! Jonathan completed his six monthly assessment in March this year and he continues to have speech and language skills which are within and many above the average range. His understanding of language was a particular strength for Jonathan. His ability to understand different grammatical sentences on the Sentence Structure subtest equated to a child who is 5 years and 9 months!! This is amazing when you remember that Jonathan is not yet 4 and has had his cochlear implants for just over 3 years.

Over the Christmas holidays Jonathan went on a family holiday camping at the beach. Luckily Jonathan was able to wear his cochlear implants in aqua packs which are plastic waterproof covers for them. This allowed Jonathan to swim at the beach, go fishing and looking in rock pools while still being able to hear everything that everyone was saying. We are all really excited for this new accessory to be released which is much smaller and more streamlined than what is currently available for children with cochlear implants.

It is a pleasure to work with such a committed family helping to develop Jonathan's speaking and listening skills. Thank you for your support of his hearing journey.

Phoebe Newsome, BSpPath Auditory-Verbal Therapist

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On behalf of Jonathan, his family and Hear and Say we thank you for your support.