



Conductive Education Queensland

*Grasping Life
With Two Hands*

NEWSLETTER

December 2024



From the Managing Director...

The final Newsletter for 2024! We have filled this newsletter with photos of the last couple of months throughout the CEQ program. Keep checking Social Media (Facebook and Instagram) over the break for more photos of end of year events.

This has been another adventure filled year with such great participants and a wonderful staff team of both professionals and assistants. It is so exciting to have a positive, flexible, supportive team. This teamwork allows us to work better with each and every participant – from our youngest Early Intervention participants to our “older” young adults. It’s a journey which can have challenges for all of us, but solutions can always be found to support people in the way that promotes and empowers their individual personalities and their independence. We take the participants trust in us very seriously and make every endeavour to live up to their expectations.

A venue move in September continued an incredible journey that we share each day with all of you. On a serious note – one of our continued adventures with some significant changes is the NDIA and how we will navigate a road that clears the way to funded supports that we know are important, useful, worthwhile and necessary in the lives of people with disabilities.

Although we are experiencing some things that are frustrating and heartbreaking – we know that the NDIS has changed so many lives for the better and we need to continue to advocate for what is needed to create independent, meaningful lives for everyone.

Some reminder dates for your diaries here and on the calendar on the final page of this newsletter.

Awards and Break-Up days for the ACE Team:

Carina – Wednesday December 11th and 18th

Chermside – Wednesday December 18th

Coopers Plains – Thursday December 19th

Final day for 2024:

Carina – Wednesday December 18th

Chermside – Wednesday December 18th

Coopers Plains – Friday December 20th

First Days back for 2025 - ACE:

Week Beginning January 13th 2025

January School Age Holiday Programs:

Thursday and Friday – January 16, 17 & 23, 24

Early Intervention Programs:

Tuesday January 28th

From everyone here at CEQ we wish you a very happy and fun filled Christmas. May you enjoy time with family and friends and a more relaxed routine!

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It's Christmas

ACE Participants - Coopers Plains

The participants at Coopers Plains have been discussing Christmas. These are their favourite Christmas traditions and memories:

Cleo – Likes Christmas because she likes to eat whatever she wants. Her favourite Christmas food is Ham and Black Forest cake.

Toby - Likes staying home and having family come over. He likes Christmas Eve dinner celebrations.

Andrew - Likes listening to Christmas music, Jingle Bell Rock, All I want for Christmas is You, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree. He also likes looking at Christmas lights.

Jamie – Likes German traditions. On the 6th December, St Nicholas Day, Children receive their stockings, but the children only receive presents if they have all their shoes and leave them out on the 5th December to be filled with treats.

Riley – Likes Christmas tree trains. Seeing my Philia House friends around Christmas. Listening to Johnny Cash and dancing.

Tom – Enjoys watching the Boxing day cricket match. Food is a big part of Christmas and he enjoys Ham, trifle and traditional Christmas pudding.

Dan – Likes Christmas with his family. He enjoys helping to put up the Christmas tree. He likes being by the pool.

Yinyin – Likes to go away for Christmas (preferably overseas).

Gerry – Likes playing Super Mario on Christmas day.

Claude – Likes spending Christmas with Dad, Grandpa and his Brothers. His dream Christmas day would be going to a Park in South Australia. Claude loves listening to Christmas music.

Sarah - Likes Christmas cookies and cakes. She loves getting Christmas presents. On Christmas day she enjoys watching the Muppets Christmas Movie.





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Christmas jokes to get you ready for Christmas Crackers by Tallis Munro

What did Frosty's girlfriend give him when she was mad at him?
The cold shoulder.

How did the reindeer learn to play piano?
He was elf-taught

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?
An abdominal snowman

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?
Claus-trophobia!

Why do reindeer like Beyoncé so much?
She sleighs

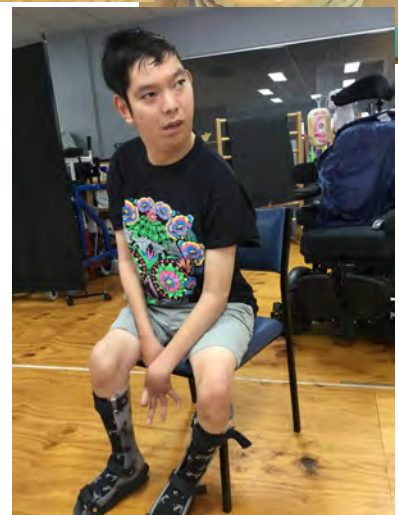
What do grapes sing at Christmas?
'Tis the season to be jelly

What do you call Santa when he's on a break?
A Santa pause

How do the elves clean Santa's sleigh on the day after Christmas?
They use Santa-tizer

Why did Santa Claus get a parking ticket on Christmas Eve?
He left his sleigh in a snow parking zone

Who is a Christmas tree's favourite singer?
Spruce Springsteen





Carina Update

Ruth Wales – Conductor

Carina participants have been in overdrive getting ready for our end of year performances. We have been paper making, movie making, composing our own dances, creating shirts and photography projects on top of our normal program! So busy and so fun!

We have had so much fun creating our projects and stretching our legs in the walkers and being out in nature. We have also celebrated birthdays this term and discussed how we will spend our Christmas! Alisha is very excited as she is about to become an aunt and has brought up new communication with Deanna and Candice who are already aunts! Christmas is extra special with children around and the excitement has been growing with everyone talking around this.





Chermside Christmas Update

Judit Veperdi—Conductor

Chermside have been chatting about their favourite Christmas traditions and memories.

Lily – Loves an Advent calendar and Christmas Dinner. She also likes looking at all the Christmas lights.

Will – Likes to help dad put up the Christmas decorations and help mum prepare Christmas dinner. He helps make Roast chicken and stuffing. Will likes to give out Christmas cards. After Christmas his family goes on a holiday together.

Claudia – Loves Christmas music, decorating the Christmas tree with shiny things and LOVES Christmas TV and movies.

Monique – Loves singing Christmas songs. On Christmas day she likes to go to church.

Izzy – Her favourite Christmas tradition is dressing up on Christmas day and her favourite memory is Christmas shopping.

Dylan – Loves setting up the Christmas tree, cooking & setting up Christmas feasts and buying & wrapping Christmas gifts. He also likes listening to Christmas music and watching Christmas movies. He loves when his family gets together at Christmas.





Early Intervention

Nora Kosztolanyi – Conductor ; Clare Stevens - Physiotherapist

Congratulations to all the EI participants on a fabulous year, and best wishes to the graduates who are heading to Prep next year.



School Age Participants



Gig Review

Coldplay in Sydney

By Toby & Jamie

Jamie Powell – Crazy fun, (good) noisy. Better (than the opening band), exciting. Worth the drive from Brisbane.

They sounded really good, like when you hear them on the radio. I enjoyed hearing Viva La Vida live. I strongly recommend seeing them live if you get the chance.

Toby Gale- Good, clever, great. Everyone there was polite. Captivating, Impeccable.

(Toby increased his vocabulary with the last two words, these have been added his PODD book **opinion** lists)



Jamie's view of the Coldplay concert.

Conductive Education Queensland
Early Childhood Intervention 0-5yrs

Preppin' for Prep 4-6yrs
Primary & High School Age Students
Adult Conductive Education 'ACE'

DECEMBER							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Dec 9 Week of Early Intervention & School Age Awards and Break-Up
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Dec 13 Last day of Early Intervention & School Age Programs for 2024
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Dec 19 ACE Awards & Celebration Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Dec 20 Last day of ACE for 2024
29	30	31					Dec 23 – Jan 10 CEQ Closed
JANUARY 2025							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	Jan 8-10 Mandatory Staff Training
							Jan 13 ACE Programs commence
							Jan 16-17 School Age Holiday Program
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Jan 23-24 School Age Holiday Program
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Jan 27 CEQ Closed Australia Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Jan 28 Early Intervention begins
26	27	28	29	30	31		Feb 3 School Age Programs begin

