

Dear Parents

**Re: Speech Therapy Screens at Golden Bay Primary School**

Down South Therapy Services will be conducting Speech Therapy Screens at Golden Bay Primary School in 2017. Screens and assessments assist in the identification of any foundation skills for learning requiring further practice and intervention for your child.

Speech Therapy foundation skills that will be assessed within the screening process include:

- Semantics
- Comprehension
- Expressive language
- Receptive language
- Phonological awareness
- Articulation

These Speech Therapy foundation skills for learning form the foundation for your child's learning within the classroom. The screens will identify the specific skills that your child is achieving as expected, require further practice and/or require further professional assistance. Results are based on your child's age at the time of the screen.

Speech Therapy Screens will occur in term 1, 2017. Your child will be individually assessed in a quiet room at the school over a 30 minute period. The cost of the Speech Therapy screen is \$45 (inclusive of the one-page summary and strategies). This can be paid to the front office any time via EFTPOS or transferred directly to the schools bank account using your child's name and 'Screen' as a reference.

On the day of the screens the Speech Therapist will be present in the morning to discuss the screening process in detail. Following completion of the screens you will receive a one-page summary of your child's development in each of the above areas. Their skills in each foundation area will be rated as: expected for age; developing; or not evident. The report summarises your child's performance into categories of: developing as expected; further practice / monitoring recommended; intervention recommended. You will also be provided with activity ideas for your child in the areas requiring further practice and intervention.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions related to the screening process.

Kind regards

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