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News items

New National Standards for Disability Services | Australian Government Department of Social Services <http://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/disability-and-carers/publications-articles/for-employers/disability-services-standards-2007/new-national-standards-for-disability-services>

Harry Potter-style invisibility cloaks: A real possibility next Christmas? <http://www.alphagalileo.org/ViewItem.aspx?ItemId=137577&CultureCode=en>

A deaf man has lodged a disability discrimination case against BHP Billiton and a WA mining contractor - ABC News <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-12-19/discrimination-sacking/5167588>

Eye cells 3D-printed for first time <http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/eye-cells-3dprinted-for-first-time-20131219-2zm75.html>

iPhone App Helps the Blind Go to the Movies <http://blog.laptopmag.com/smartphone-app-helps-the-blind-go-to-the-movies>

Swimmer ants have inbuilt sunglasses http://www.sciencealert.com.au/news/20131812-25113.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+sciencealert-latestnews+%28ScienceAlert-Latest+Stories%29

Facebook, YouTube, Google top search terms of 2013 <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/facebook-youtube-google-top-search-terms-of-2013-20131218-2zk2o.html>

Coalition confirms NDIS may be targeted for savings after MYEFO reveals budget blowout - <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-12-18/coalition-confirms-ndis-may-be-targeted-for-budget-savings/5163110>

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iPad holder seat for babies sparks outcry <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/hometech/ipad-holder-seat-for-babies-sparks-outcry-20131216-2zglv.html>

Blind Foundation - new look for NZ blind org
<http://blindfoundation.org.nz/>

Do kids need to wear sunglasses? - Health & Wellbeing
<http://www.abc.net.au/health/talkinghealth/factbuster/stories/2012/03/27/3459094.htm>

La Trobe discovers early signs of autism | La Trobe University
<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/news/articles/2013/release/la-trobe-discovers-early-signs-of-autism>

Eye and Vision - a new open access journal from BioMed Central <http://www.eandv.org/>

Nelson Mandela memorial fake sign language controversy: who's the man in the suit? - ABC News <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-12-12/nelson-mandela-memorial-fake-impersonator-in-gifs/5152014>

Nelson Mandela memorial sign language interpreter was a fraud, deaf community says - ABC News <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-12-11/mandela-memorial-sign-language-interpreter-a-27fraud27/5151148>

Actuate and American Foundation for the Blind Collaborate to Offer Increased Accessibility to the Visually Impaired Community - WSJ.com <http://online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20131209-903576.html?dsk=y>

Blind Philanthropist Says Cure For Blindness Is In Sight – Forbes
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/devinthorpe/2013/12/08/blind-philanthropist-says-cure-for-blindness-is-in-sight/>

BabyTalk- A new innovative teletherapy program
<http://babytalk.stanford.edu/>

Baby steps: Therapy that helps the deaf to hear | Scope Blog
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New Device Offers Hope to People Blinded Due to Incurable Eye Disorders
<http://www.aao.org/newsroom/release/new-device-offers-hope-to-blind.cfm>

Slower Brain Connections May Be at Root of Dyslexia: MedlinePlus
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_143151.html

American Academy of Ophthalmology Warns Holiday Shoppers about Toys that Cause Eye Injuries <http://www.aao.org/newsroom/release/holiday-toy-safety-tips.cfm>

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Naps Can Aid Learning in Preschoolers - NIH News in Health, December 2013

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Positive parenting won't make up for yelling, insulting: MedlinePlus

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_143046.html

Autism Center First to Study Minimally Verbal Children | NIH MedlinePlus the Magazine

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/magazine/issues/fall13/articles/fall13pg6.html>

Sensory Therapy Might Work for Kids With Autism: MedlinePlus

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Finnish deaf advocate wins UN prize | Yle Uutiset | yle.fi

http://yle.fi/uutiset/finnish_deaf_advocate_wins_un_prize/6967984

Messy children make better learners | e! Science News

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Screening Newborns' Hearing Now Standard | NIH MedlinePlus the Magazine

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/magazine/issues/fall13/articles/fall13pg8-9.html>

NSW Reveals Latest Disability Services Policy | Pro Bono Australia

<http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2013/12/nsw-reveals-latest-disability-services-policy#>

Classroom noise linked to poor results <http://www.smh.com.au/national/classroom-noise-linked-to-poor-results-20131204-2yqzo.html>

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Long-Term Oral Contraceptive Users are Twice as Likely to Have Serious Eye Disease

<http://www.aao.org/newsroom/release/oral-contraceptives-increase-glaucoma-risk.cfm>

Brain Connections Strengthen As Kids Sleep, Study Suggests:

MedlinePlus http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_142879.html

Cross These Dangerous Toys Off Kids' Christmas List, Experts Say: MedlinePlus

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_142893.html

Preemies Show Subtle Differences in Brain Development: MedlinePlus

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Inventures: El Dorado Hills startup creates app for blind users | news10.net

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Blind and autistic, the boy musician who changed my life

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Simulating new treatment for retinal degeneration

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/11/131127225344.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+sciencedaily+%28ScienceDaily%3A+Latest+Science+News%29

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<http://www.afb.org/aw/main.asp>

Down Syndrome NSW eUpdate <http://us2.campaign->

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www.sense.org.uk

DARU Update - 15 December 2013 <http://us4.campaign->

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AASE National Newsletter December

<http://www.aase.edu.au/documents/file/252-2013-december-aase-national-newsletter>

ECA National Organisation Update

<http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au>

Disability Scoop 14 Dec

<http://www.disabilityscoop.com/emailers/ds131213.html>

AASE NSW Term 4 Newsletter <http://us7.campaign->

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ECA WebWatch – Early Childhood Australia

http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/early_childhood_news/eca_webwatch.html

Perspectives #6 2013 The Role of Gratitude in Helping School Leaders Strengthen Relationships <http://acel.org.au>

Flying Kites December Edition <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e2597f6f4d5319f23415b450a&id=cb7ef6ec39&e=24cab9317d>

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<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/news/e-bulletin>

DeafNation eNews

<http://deafnation.com/>

APH News Dec 2013

<http://www.aph.org/advisory/2013adv12.html>

CEC Smartbrief 6 DEC

<http://www2.smartbrief.com/servlet/encodeServlet?issueid=8195F046-0BC0-4EFC-962F-254362AE2FBF&sid=168ffd40-aebc-400a-bcea-4b81aa53e93a>

Link Disability Magazine

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PMLDLink

<http://www.pmlmlink.org.uk/members-area/back-issues.shtml>

Closing The Gap Solutions - December/January issue

<https://www.closingthegap.com/solutions/articles/?-session=ctg:8B82428E1d65d2824Fxp218EAF1>

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Resilience Centre November/December Newsletter

<http://nbp.r.mailjet.com/nl/s3xt/x09t4.html?a=5Ta8Uh&b=48edf869&c=s3xt&d=d3c57d69&e=023b1c58&email=renwick.library%40ridbc.org.au>

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The Journal of Special Education Table of Contents for 1 February 2014; Vol. 47, No. 4
<http://sed.sagepub.com/content/vol47/issue4/?etoc>

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Journal of Early Childhood Literacy Table of Contents for 1 December 2013; Vol. 13, No. 4
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Other Resources

The CHARGE Information Pack for Practitioners | Sense

<http://www.sense.org.uk/content/charge-information-pack-practitioners>

Digital Business Kit – Early Childhood Australia

<http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/projects/digital-business-kits.html>

AFB's Computerized Common Core Assessments Call--Recording Now Available!

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/xmp5t6ijilo3we4/Computerized%20Common%20Core%20Assessments%20Call.mp3>

Hindsight: Journal of Optometry History - online, from 1970 – 2010 (a 2-year embargo).

<http://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/hindsight/search/titles>.

WSEAS and NAUN: Two Publishers (and Conference Organizers) to Avoid | Scholarly Open Access

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Story <http://www.federationstory.com/reflections-on-our-journey/>

TweenZone - Protect your hearing

<http://www.noisyplanet.nidcd.nih.gov/tweens/Pages/Default.aspx>

Unilateral Hearing Loss in Children <http://www.asha.org/public/hearing/Unilateral-Hearing-Loss-in-Children/>

LEAPing on with language

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Usher Syndrome Registry

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