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Kevin Rudd extends deadline for states to sign up to Gonski school funding reforms - Rudd Returns - ABC News (Australian Broadcasting Corporation)

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You Can Boost Your Baby's Vocabulary: MedlinePlus

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Spatial training boosts math skills | MSUToday | Michigan State University

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Kids' Reading Success Boosted by Long-Term Individualized Instruction - Association for Psychological Science <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/news/releases/kids-reading-success-boosted-by-long-term-individualized-instruction.html>

Gonski school funding reforms now law

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/political-news/gonski-school-funding-reforms-now-law-20130626-2own5.html?rand=1372218993623>

Working Memory Deficits In Children | Younger Kids Education | Essential Kids

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The genome's 3D structure shapes how genes are expressed — Garvan Institute

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Smoking in pregnancy tied to teens' hearing loss

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Salk scientists discover previously unknown requirement for brain development - Salk Institute - [http://www.salk.edu/news/pressrelease\\_details.php?press\\_id=622](http://www.salk.edu/news/pressrelease_details.php?press_id=622)

Sydneysiders with impaired vision to trial new Braille street signs | Guide Dogs NSW/ACT  
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3-D Printer Brings Dexterity To Children With No Fingers : Shots - Health News : NPR  
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Start of WIPO Diplomatic Conference to conclude a treaty for the visually impaired | IFLA  
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Mapping a room in a snap

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IQ link to baby's weight gain in first month

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Kiwi doctor targets blindness in Cambodia - 16-Jun-2013 - NZ Health & Safety news

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Social Toll of Hearing Loss Could Be Cause for Alarm

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory\\_137708.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_137708.html)

Researchers develop easy and effective therapy to restore sight

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Does altitude affect the way language is spoken?

School engagement may be secret to success - UTAS - University of Tasmania, Australia

<http://www.utas.edu.au/tools/recent-news/news/school-engagement-may-be-secret-to-success>

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Yale researchers unravel genetics of dyslexia and language impairment  
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From the mouths of babes: The truth about toddler talk  
<http://www.alphagalileo.org/ViewItem.aspx?ItemId=132077&CultureCode=en>

Sadly, parents get message wrong <http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/life/sadly-parents-get-message-wrong-20130615-2oave.html>

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Scientists discover new layer of the human cornea  
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Centre for Social Impact (CSI)  
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New report shows not-for-profits under pressure - ABC News (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-06-13/new-report-shows-not-for-profits-under-pressure/4750634>

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Search for at-risk children starts in kindergarten <http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/political-news/search-for-atrisk-children-starts-in-kindergarten-20130611-2o22i.html>

Lighthouse International - Diabetes, Vision Loss, and You <http://lighthouse.org/about-low-vision-blindness/vision-disorders/diabetic-retinopathy/diabetes-vision-loss-and-you/>

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Device From Israeli Start-Up Gives the Visually Impaired a Way to Read  
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Anxious? Activate Your Anterior Cingulate Cortex With a Little Meditation

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War veterans, diabetes, aging baby boomers fuel rise in U.S. population with visual impairments | NIU Today <http://www.niutoday.info/2013/05/31/war-veterans-diabetes-aging-baby-boomers-fuel-rise-in-u-s-population-with-visual-impairments/>

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Geelong to be named headquarters for DisabilityCare | News.com.au

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CEC Smartbrief 25 June

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Campus Review 11 June 213

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AFB AccessWorld: Technology and People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired - June 2013  
Issue <http://www.afb.org/aw/main.asp>

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## Other Resources

Usher syndrome – National Institutes of Health

<http://ushersyndrome.nih.gov/>

Lighthouse International - Diabetic Retinopathy Diagnosis <http://lighthouse.org/about-low-vision-blindness/vision-disorders/diabetic-retinopathy/diabetic-retinopathy-diagnosis/>

What Causes Dyslexia?

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/videos/news/Dyslexia\\_060713-1.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/videos/news/Dyslexia_060713-1.html)

Learn More About Usher

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World Braille Usage 3<sup>rd</sup> ed

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How to Make Cochlear Implants for Dolls

<http://pattyanne.net/2011/11/how-to-make-cochlear-implants-for-dolls/>

Far from the tree – Andrew Solomon

<http://www.farfromthetree.com/deaf>

Tactile Graphics TV

<http://www.aph.org/tgtv/>

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