

# Otago Down Syndrome Association

No. 7 – December 2013

## **This was 2013:**

What a great year we have had. We have had lots of fun together, learned together and there are some wonderful friendships developing.

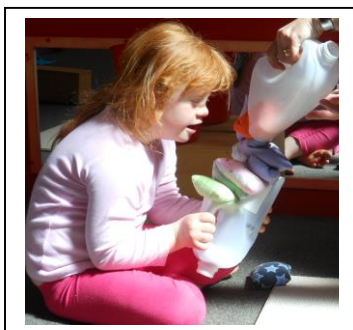
On the social side, the year started off with our fantastic get-together in the Botanical Gardens with picnic, fire engine and ice creams included.

Then we had a visit to the farm as well as an afternoon at the bowling centre. We had our not so spooky Halloween party, our not very snowy mid-winter party and not to forget numerous birthdays!

But this was not all. We also had our really special sessions at RATA, which are enjoyed by parents and kids alike. A lot of learning, team work and fun happening there! Thank you to Jo and Jemma and the RATA team for always coming up with such great new ideas!

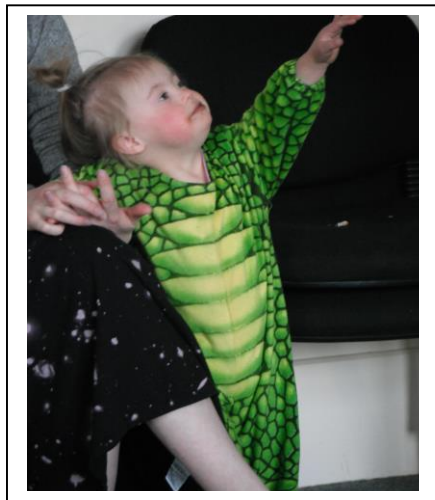
We ran our first seminar for teachers of learners with Down Syndrome, which was attended by over 40 professionals.

Last, but not least, we are again celebrating the success of Carlos who is pursuing his career as a photographer and was asked to be one of the official photographers at the Asia Pacific Special Olympics Games held in Newcastle from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December.





**Getting ready for the party!!!**



**Halloween Party fun – inside and outside**

## **What's happening in 2014?**

- Jan / Feb (date to be confirmed) – Reading intervention course
- 13 March – Numicon course
- Last Saturday of each month: Our get-togethers. Watch the space for more details. **We're back on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January.**

***Merry Christmas and a good New Year!***



**Contact us if you have any suggestions, ideas, questions or comments.**

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