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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

OARA would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

We hope everyone has had a safe holiday and have eased back into new routines after the Christmas break.

This time of year brings fresh beginnings and new milestones, for some of our younger OA TOF community, this means a start to a new school year.

If you have a child starting school, kinder or even child care, don't forget to check out our resources on the website.

There is the "Teacher's Guide" brochure, to help with introducing the condition to your child's new carers.

The children's book "I'm a TOF kid" written by one of our parents, is a fantastic resource making it easy to explain the condition to other children.

And if you would like a visit from TOARA bear be sure to get in touch with Emily and her details are also on the website.

The team at OARA are looking forward to another successful year of fundraising, bringing awareness to OA TOF and establishing the Nurses Project around Australia. If you are interested in any of these initiatives and would like to volunteer your time, we would love to hear from you. Please enquire through the contact details on the website.

Have a wonderful 2015 and we hope to see you at the OARA community events throughout the year!!



OARA Golf Day and Dinner fundraiser

OARA is hosting a day of golf and a three course dinner at the Box Hill Golf Club. All proceeds will go towards the OA/TOF Nurse Extension Project.

We would like to encourage the OARA community to support this fantastic fundraising initiative!

The rsvp's are closing soon, so please make sure to let the organisers know of your intentions for the day.

If you are unable to come along to the golf, you are still able to book a place for the dinner. Maybe ask some work colleagues to come along and make a night of it.

Please share the information with friends and family.

When: Friday 20th February 2015

12pm Registration, 12:30pm Tee Off, 6pm Dinner

Where: Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station St, Box Hill VIC

Registrations will open on the day at 12pm, followed by tee off at 12:30pm. The three course dinner will begin at 6pm, with raffles & auctions throughout the evening. Tickets for both the golf and dinner are available as a package, or separately if you just like to join us for the dinner.

COST:

Golf and Dinner package \$150

Golf ONLY \$70

Dinner ONLY \$100

The day promises to be a great chance to gather with friends, network and enjoy a fun day out, all while supporting a fantastic cause.

RSVP:

Wednesday 11th February

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OA Nurse Project

OARA's key priority for 2015 is to source funding to extend our OA Nurse program (currently based in RCH Melbourne) to all major hospitals that care for OA/TOF patients. The OA Nurses at RCH have been funded by OARA for over 10 years and have proven to be successful in supporting patients and families from the time of diagnosis right through to re-admissions and follow-up care. This is a benefit that we would like to extend to all OA/TOF patients and their families/carers around Australia. The focus initially will be on children's hospitals, then adults as adult OA/TOF clinics are developed around the country. In order to achieve this, we need funding to implement and operate the program. We are in the process of applying for a number of grants – please contact us if you have expertise in grant seeking or would like to be involved in the project in any other way. We look forward to updating you on progress throughout the year!



3AW Melbourne - Bringing Awareness to OA TOF

On Sunday 25th January, the popular radio station in Melbourne, 3AW dedicated their two hour "Talking Health" program by Dr Sally Cockburn to Oesophageal Atresia and Tracheo-oesophageal Fistula.

After a tweet from one of our OARA dads to Dr Sally one night, the concept was taken up and in a few short days the show was organised with guest speakers from OARA and RCH Melbourne.

It was a brilliant segment and brought attention to the condition in a way that the general public could understand. There were many issues raised including strictures, respiratory problems, surgical issues, tube feeding and the emotional well-being of the families involved.

If you missed the program, there is a podcast available on their website [HERE](#)

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