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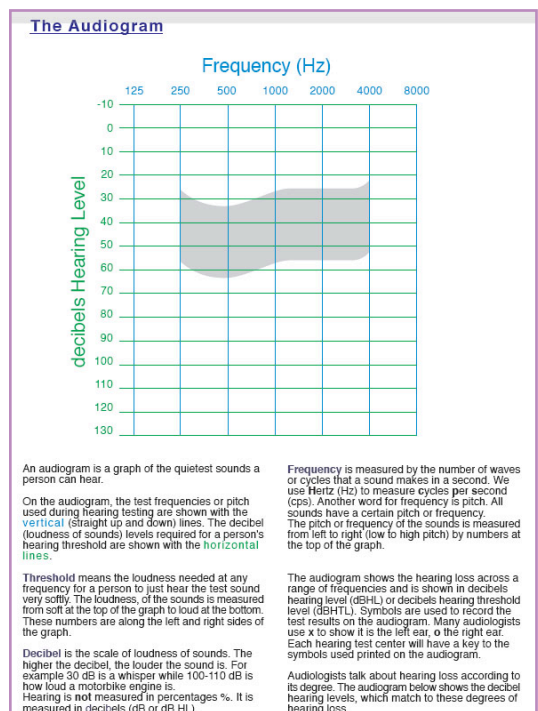
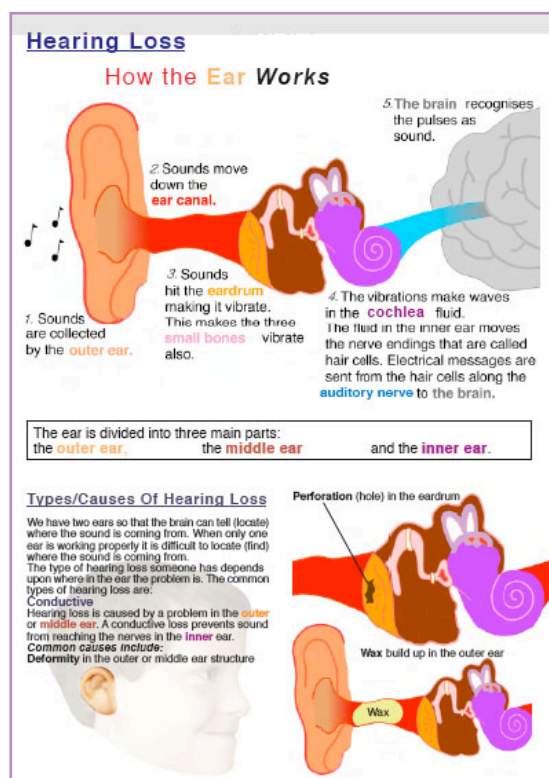
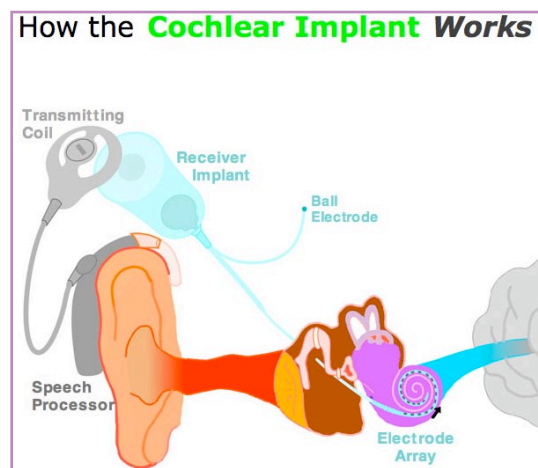
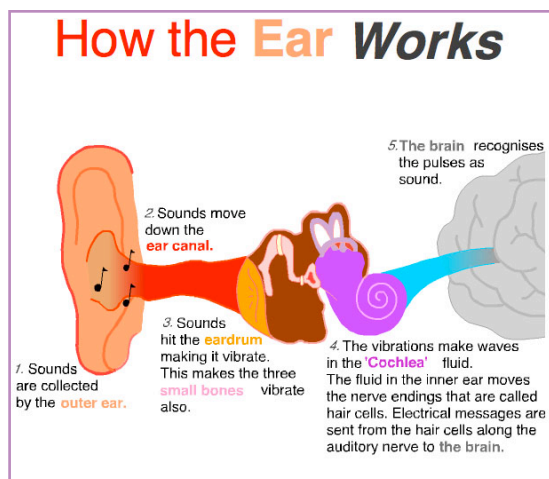
AAT 2 – TRANSITION

Annual achievement target two focused on teaching senior students about the deaf specific support services available to them once they leave school. The target also aimed to provide students with a knowledge of their hearing loss and the equipment they use.

Useful Transition Resources

Resource Teachers of the Deaf (RTD) used a variety of resources to support the teaching of the transition topics.

Notably the van Asch Deaf Education site <http://www.vanasch.school.nz/info-for-students.php> was the most well utilised resource and in particular the resources on: how the ear works, how the cochlear implant works, hearing loss, the audiogram, scholarships for deaf and hearing impaired and work support services. The transition articles are now also available on CD ROM, which can be obtained from the VADEC Media Centre.



BOYS' HOUSE FIRE REUNION REUNION

The Boys' House Fire Reunion was held from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th September 2008. It was attended by 24 ex pupils and partners, also volunteers and organisers.

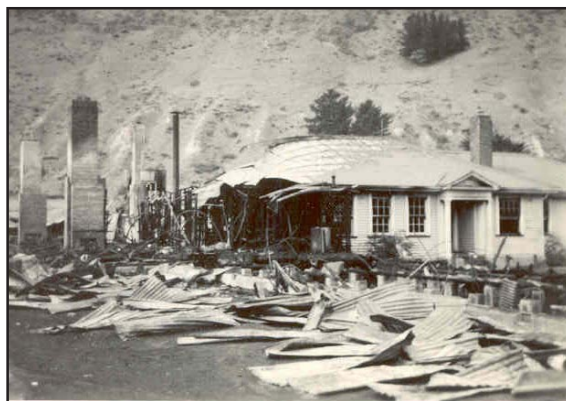
The organising committee of Janet Stokes, Joyce Ferguson, Garth Hammond, Hugh Penman and Charee Arnold, worked hard to ensure that the weekend was a success.

The programme consisted of a get-together on the Friday night at the Deaf Society of Canterbury Clubrooms where they also showed a DVD show about the history of the Boys House.

On Saturday after registration at van Asch, the opening ceremony was followed by a storytelling session which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. In the afternoon participants enjoyed seeing one of the bedrooms that had been recreated in the Seminar Room, a tour through the VADEC museum, group photos and finally a dinner and social function at the RSA in Sumner.

Sunday morning there was a blessing and unveiling of the memorial plaque at van Asch. This was followed by the cutting of the cake with speeches and closing ceremony.

Thank you to the committee for organising such a successful reunion. It brought back many memories for those attending and many stories were shared.



BUT do we really know yet how the fire started!??



REGIONAL DEAF STUDIES COURSE

Held at van Asch Deaf Education Centre 3rd–7th November 2008

A group of seven mainstream deaf students from around the region came to van Asch for a week. They stayed in the residential homes with the base school students.

This was quite a and new experience for some and after the usual nervousness the students soon relaxed and made the most of the time together.

They enjoyed a week of varied activities that included:

- The history of VADEC which involved a day drip by ferry over to Orton Bradley Park.
- Storytelling and some NZSL.
- Drama and mime as communication tools.
- Panel of Deaf adults talking on issues for Deaf.

Some comments from the students:

- *Liked meeting other deaf and making new friends.*
- *Liked the drama and playing games.*
- *Liked learning more about deaf history and NZSL.*
- *Liked being involved in the house activities, food preparation and cooking etc.*
- *Learned how to use mime and drama to communicate – I didn't know you could do that.*
- *Learned how to communicate with other deaf people using NZSL.*
- *Would like more time – it was too short!*



4TH NATIONAL DEAF YOUTH CAMP

When: 12th - 18th January 2009

Where: Camp Adair

City: South Auckland

Age Group: 16 - 30

What will you be doing this summer? Nothing? How old are you? Are you between 16 to 30 years old? Yes? Great! Come to Camp Adair in South Auckland – navigate trees, bush, rivers, waterfalls but not only that. Immerse yourself in Deaf World and find yourself as a potential leader of our future Deaf community. The 4th National Deaf Youth Camp will be held next year from the 12th - 18th January 2009.

www.deafcamps.co.nz

