



# **Workshop: Developing Phonics and Word Knowledge with SPELL SIGNS.**

**Melbourne University, Hawthorn Campus, September 2018**



**Spell Signs**  
Visuals for Literacy

**SPELL SIGNS** is a set of gestures and written markings used in the teaching of reading and writing (specifically Word Study and Phonics). **SPELL SIGNS** can be used alone or work in well with any literacy program.

The system promotes a student's grasp of phonics, promotes word exploration and also increases the understanding of the concepts used in literacy teaching (digraph, rime, long/short vowel, blend and so on). The system is particularly beneficial for students at risk of reading or spelling difficulties and for those with language delays. **SPELL SIGNS** make the language of literacy *VISUAL*.

A great aside to learning **SPELL SIGNS** is that teachers and speech pathologists report an increase in *their own* understanding of phonics, phonological awareness, orthography and morphology. This is so important! Research tells us that explicit decoding instruction is **only effective when the teacher's knowledge in such areas is well developed.** (*Piasta, Connor, Fishman and Morrison 2009*).

## **By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:**

- 1) use **all** of the 20 Spell Signs gestures in teaching and for feedback
- 2) use the Spell Signs written templates, flashcards and wordlists
- 3) "mark up" written words for teaching and for student feedback
- 4) explain three common spelling conventions using Spell Signs gestures and symbols
- 5) share the knowledge of Spell Signs with colleagues



Participants receive the **SPELL SIGNS** resource as part of their training.  
*Valued at \$85*

- **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Teachers, speech pathologists, ISAs, principals, tutors.
- **WHEN:** This workshop will run twice. Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> SEPT and Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2018 9.30 am – 3.30 pm
- **WHERE:** Hawthorn Campus, University of Melbourne, 442 Auburn Rd. Hawthorn.
- **WHAT'S INCLUDED:** The Spell Signs resource (RRP \$85), a Spell Signs workbook, downloadable certificate, morning tea and lunch.
- **PRESENTER:** Lucia Smith, Speech Pathologist and creator of Spell Signs
- **COSTS inc GST:** EARLY BIRD \$220 (paid in full by Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>), FULL \$250 (register by Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>).

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [www.pelicantalk.com](http://www.pelicantalk.com)**  
or using the Registration Form over the page.

\*The workshop equips teachers to address **all** of the Foundation to Year Two **Phonics and Word Knowledge** learning targets of the Australian Curriculum and Victorian Curriculum.

\*This workshop is highly practical. It will further develop the skills of participants who have touched on the **Spell Signs** system in Pelican Talk's *Literacy Vitals, Teaching Spelling* and *Oral Language 2* workshops.

\*This workshop can be used for 5 hours of Teacher Accreditation /PD hours (APST) and 5 points under Code W/S for speech pathologists partaking in Professional Self-Regulation.



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**Combined Workshop Discount:** Register for Two workshops below and receive a discount.

DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD \$400 for two workshops (paid in full by Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>)

FULL \$460 for two workshops (register by Sept 7<sup>th</sup>)

\*The costs above are for online registrations. An additional processing fee of \$8.80 applies when registering via registration form or purchase order.

PLEASE TICK RELEVANT BOX/BOXES

- Developing Phonics and Word Knowledge Using Spell Signs Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**
- Vocabulary and Sentence Building With Alien Talk Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**
- Developing Phonics and Word Knowledge Using Spell Signs Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

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**NAME OF REGISTRANT/S:**

**SERVICE/SCHOOL:**

**ADDRESS:**

**SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:**

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**EMAIL:**

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**AMOUNT DUE (SEE COSTS ABOVE):**

**PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT:** Direct Deposit/Credit Card/ Cheque

**PURCHASE ORDER # IF APPLICABLE:**

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