The Hanen ‘More Than Words’ Program is designed for parents and carers who have children 5 years and under with social communication difficulties or who are on the Autism Spectrum. Addressing the unique needs of these children, the program provides parents with the tools, strategies and support they need to help their children reach their full communication potential.

*More Than Words* does this by empowering you to help your child reach the following three goals:

1. Improved social communication and back-and-forth interactions
2. Improved play skills
3. Improved imitation skills

Here are some of the valuable things you will learn when you attend the *More Than Words* Program:

- What motivates your child to communicate
- How to use your knowledge about your child to set appropriate and realistic goals
- How to make interactions with your child last longer
- Tips for using pictures and print to help your child’s understanding
- Strategies for how to talk so that your child understand you
- Strategies for developing your child’s play skills
- Ways to help your child make friends

It is a 12 week program consisting of 8 parent program sessions and 3 individual home visits. For more information on the evidence base for this program please follow this link: [http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Research/More-Than-Words-Parent-Research.aspx](http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Research/More-Than-Words-Parent-Research.aspx)

Each session is planned and hosted by a Speech Pathologist who has specialised training from the Hanen Centre.

When: FREE Orientation Session on Friday 24th April at 9.30am until 11.00am
The group begins Friday 1st May at 9.30am. Each parent session is 2.5 hours (finishing at 12pm). A more detailed schedule of the group will be provided in the Orientation session.

Cost: $2100 for the 12 week program, including 3 home visits. Please note you may be eligible for some rebates or funding.

Register your place by contacting a member of our team on 9313 6566 or e-mail info@kidsarekids.org.au