

Lions Club involvement

The local Lions Club will act as our representative and, following installation, will formally present the equipment to the school involved.

They will have a copy of the agreement for the School to sign.

There are three copies of the agreement, one is retained by the school, one is returned to our office and one is retained by the Lions Club. The local Lions Club is not requested to assist in funding the installation and is representing Lions Hearing Dogs Incorporated in ensuring that the equipment has been installed to the satisfaction of the school involved.



If you wish to discuss the availability or conditions contact our Centre Manager at the telephone numbers shown.

The equipment

The unit below is called Front Row Pro



The latest wireless infrared active learning system from Phonic Ear. Front Row Pro is the easiest way to improve learning in every classroom. The pendant transmitter transmits the teachers voice to the Front Row Pro team teaching base station which is connected to four speakers installed in the classroom. Installing a Front Row Pro system will ensure every student is able to hear the teachers voice more clearly above the ambient noise that exists in classrooms.

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SOUND SYSTEM *for* PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Improving learning for the deaf and hearing impaired children in your community



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Who benefits from a Classroom Sound System?

All students benefit – however it has special benefits for children who are deaf or hearing impaired and for those who suffer from the various attention deficit disorders. Some comments from teachers.

“It is easier to keep noise levels down as all children can hear and lower their noise level. I am not competing with them.”

“The biggest help/improvement I have seen is the ability of children to hear the teacher regardless (just about!) of what children are doing beside and around them. The distraction level is halved.

Even noises from outside don't affect the children inside the room as much.”

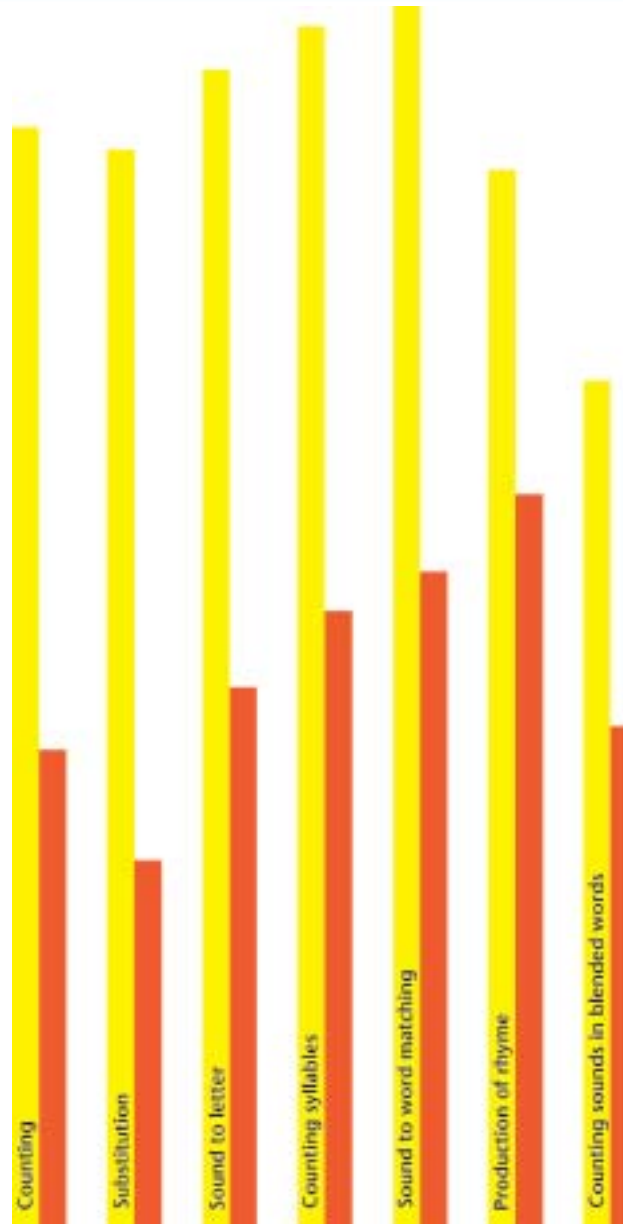
Increased on-task behaviour

Seventy-three percent of teachers noted increased on-task behaviour, with learners remaining on-task for longer periods. Offtask behaviour was reported as easier to address as the teacher used a friendly voice at a lower volume.

“Children remained on-task for longer periods when using the system and it was easier to refocus when they went off-task.”

Why is it aimed at Primary Schools?

Primary school students use a 'home' class room where they spend most of their day. In the Secondary school situation the students move from class room to class room. The equipment is not portable.



Statistics kindly provided by Oticon Foundation, New Zealand.

This chart shows the performance (in gold) with a sound system compared with the red without a sound system

Why is this being offered by Lions Hearing Dogs Inc.?

The service we have provided for the last twenty five years is suitable for adults only. We recently received a large bequest which allows us to expand our services to include provision of this equipment free of charge.



How does a school apply?

Simply contact your local Lions Club or make direct contact with our office. There will be a limited number of these units supplied each year and we will maintain a register of applications which will carry over to the following year. The equipment remains our property and the school will be asked to sign an agreement to maintain the equipment and advise our office if it is no longer required. We pay for the equipment and the installation costs.