

Talking with baby



THE book *Australian Baby Hands* is for all mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings and friends.

It aims to help people communicate with your baby or pre-schooler.

Deaf Children Australia's chief executive officer Damien Lacey was so impressed he has written the forward for Jackie Durnin, the book's author.

Durnin has also donated 10 per cent of all sales to the Deaf Children Australia organisation.

Lisa Wilkinson is also quoted as saying: "What a brilliant idea. I only wish *Australian Baby Hands* had been around when my children were tiny. "Simple to understand and helpful on so many levels. More than that, an Australian first!"

Durnin has been interested in sign language for many years and has studied both Australian and Irish sign language.

She recognised how many friends and family who were parents for the first time experienced a lot of frustration when they did not know what was wrong with their inconsolable child.

Through her research, she discovered the use of sign language in relation to communicating with preverbal babies.

As a result she developed *Australian Baby Hands*, a fun, easy-to-follow guide for parents, which incorporates the national language of the deaf community of Australia, Auslan.

Durnin's passion to help facilitate communication between parents/teachers to their children resulted in her self-publishing.

Australian Baby Hands is available at book stores for \$29.95 or buy your copy from www.australianbabyhands.com

The *Daily* is giving readers the chance to win one of five autographed copies of *Australian Baby Hands*.

To enter write your name, address and daytime phone number on the back of an envelope.

Send entries to Baby Hands Giveaway, PO Box 373, Spit Junction 2088.

Entries close on December 13.

Any personal information you provide will be used for this competition alone, will not be provided to any third party and will be destroyed following the competition's completion.