We need properly trained teachers!

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Teacher aide Nicole Aitken, director of the Heartland Resource Centre, said it was important for everyone to know what dyslexia was and how they could help.

NIWANING TALENT: Say Bowden's dyslexia meant he was labelled stupid at school but it hasn't stopped him from having a successful career.

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