



Biala

BIALA PENINSULA INC.



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2010

This is our second Biala Peninsula Newsletter for 2010, and on behalf of all the staff and committee members, welcome to all new and returning families to term 2....

Our 117 places at Biala Peninsula are all allocated and over 50 new children and families have joined us so far this year

CONTACTING US....

Phone: 59751820 – for all programs, staff & management – we can pass on information to staff working off site. Message machine available and the service is open 52 weeks a year.

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CONTACTING YOU....

Don't forget if any of your details have changed **please let us know at Biala** so we can update your files – particularly important for contacting you by phone or letter.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE & WHEN YOU LEAVE

Don't forget to sign your child in and out each session you attend with Biala Peninsula, the attendance book is at the reception desk

DONATED RESOURCES.....

At our Mornington venue we have a basket of resources that have either been donated or are not suitable for our use. Feel free to browse through these and take home anything that you can use.- updated regularly.

RIGHT FROM THE START MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Thankyou to all the families who sent postcards in to support this campaign which was advocating for better resources for better resources and support for children with additional needs . Watch out to see if early childhood intervention services are given any additional funding or places in the next State Budget – we are hoping for a positive outcome. Visit the ECIA website and join the parent blog section to tell your ECIS story

WEB SITE

Check out our Biala Peninsula Website – we hope that this can be another way for Biala families to keep up to date with what is on and what is happening and provide additional information and links to support you. We are at – www.bialapeninsula.org.au

HOLIDAY RESITE & CARE PROGRAM.....

We had a small but enthusiastic group of children (all over 3) attend the Holiday Respite Day Program on Wednesday 30th March and we repeated the program on the following Wednesday 7th April due to the interest from families attending the first day.

YES ...We will offer the Respite Holiday Program again in the June/July School Holidays – stay tuned for an information flyer and register your interest ASAP.

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME \$50.00 PER DAY FEE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

FAMILY SERVICE AND SUPPORT PLANS & REPORTS

Each child accepted into an early childhood intervention (ECI) place at Biala Peninsula (i.e. All children EXCEPT the community children attending the Biala @Bentons Program) has a FSSP (family service & support plan) developed for them with staff working in partnership with parents. This plan is then reviewed by staff and parents each six months that the child is at Biala Peninsula and a copy provided to the parents. In addition, an End of Year Report is provided for all ECI children in November to assist with transition - to other Biala Programs, schools, kindergartens, child care and to provide to other professional working with your child.

BORROWING FROM BIALA PENINSULA.....

Families are able to borrow...

- books and DVD information kits from the parent library
- specialised equipment from the Yooralla Equipment Library – **via us** - as we are members
- special pieces of equipment we have available for borrowing
- weighted vests, weighted wrist bands
- social stories – e.g. toileting, starting kindergarten, starting school – that can then be returned when you have finished with them (for others to borrow)

HANDOUTS AND UPDATES.....

Staff have flyers & information sheets about parent programs, local community programs, support services, special events and other relevant information for families which are distributed at group sessions or available from staff on centre visits to community programs or home visits – make sure you receive these from staff on a regular basis – spare copies always available let your staff know if you are not getting updates as they are supplied to all programs. Also, look out from information in the parent room – families not receive programs at Mornington are welcome to visit the parent room at any time or can request staff to bring resources out to other programs or on home visits.

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WHAT’S ON FOR PARENTS

1. MAKATON WORKSHOP

A full day Makaton workshop is will be offered on Saturday 29th May at Biala Peninsula. This day is suitable for parents, and staff working with young children with delays and disabilities A flyer is attached. If you are interested pleased contact reception staff ASAP – places are limited and a special fee of \$25 per person for Biala Peninsula parents is available (all others \$80). Makaton is a signing communication system to assist children with additional needs to communicate.

2. GETTING STARTED WITH THE SCHOOL SELECTION AND PLANNING FOR 2011

An information session for families with children who will commence in school in 2011 is planned for this term – we are in the process of organising the session. It will include past parents speaking about their experiences and guests from local schools and the Association for Children with a Disability (ACD) FLYER OUT SOON WITH ALL THE DETAILS – it will be on a Tuesday at Mornington from 11.45 –1.00pm – ALL PARENTS WELCOME

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DONATIONS and SUPPORTERS OF BIALA

1. FOUNDATION FIVE NINE

We have recently received funding from FOUNDATION FIVE NINE - a wonderful new group that is supporting funding for projects for young people on the Peninsula. Biala Peninsula is amongst a small number of groups allocated funding in the first round of allocations of funding. Foundation Five Nine will fully fund our wonderful music program for the next 12 month and will also fund the development of a new family counselling program for families at risk.

2. COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE

Community Real Estate donates 1% of the sale price of real estate to the organisation nominated by the seller. We have been fortunate to receive 3x donations from this program so far.

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THANKYOU to you.....

1. EASTER RAFFLE



Thank you to all the families who donated raffle prizes and/or sold tickets, we made up 5 prizes and all went home to happy winners prior to Easter. The money raised will go towards art resources and material for all programs.

2. MARCH SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT BUNNING'S



THANKYOU to the parents, staff and committee members who assisted on the day for our Bunning's Sausage Sizzle, we were very organised on the day, lots of satisfied customers and did a good days trading! The funds raised on the day will go towards upgrading the facility at our Mornington venue

3. CHOCOLATES FOR SALE....

We have chocolates for sale as a small fundraiser all year at reception desk at Mornington. If you would like to assist with selling a box, please let admin staff know – your assistance is appreciated! Thankyou to all who purchase during the week & the families who have sold boxes for us.

4. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT POSITION.....

A big thankyou to **Lisa Guest** (Noahs mum from the Ready Set Go Program on Tuesdays) who has joined the Biala Peninsula Committee of Management as a parent representative.

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FEES – DUE NOW.....

Just a reminder that program fees are now due and payment would be appreciated as soon as possible.

The small quarterly program fee of \$100 per child per term (special rates for more than one child from a family) allows us to provide extra resources, staff time, program options, and contact hours. Without these fees as part of our budget, the work that we do at Biala Peninsula for families would have to be scaled down for all children .

We do offer weekly payment options if this suits you, please contact admin staff if you would like to do this.

If you are unable to pay your program fees please contact Manager – Marlene Fox directly.

Don't forget - A 10% discount is available for a full year payment, from whenever you start with us. **YOUR ACCOUNT IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER MAIL-OUT**

THE STAFF, VOLUNTEER & STUDENT TEAM AT BIALA PENINSULA in 2010

We have a great team at Biala – we have many continuing staff & volunteers and some new team members & many students on placement over the year.

STAFF

Marlene Fox – Manager (f/t)

Leanne Bartle – Administration supervisor (M, Tu,Th,F)

Leanne Falvo – Administration assistant (W,F)

Margaret Harris –Co-Ordinator Family Services & Support (Tu,W,Th)

Nola Harrison – Senior Consultant - Psychologist (Tu,W,Th)

Cathy Ray – Early Intervention Teacher (Tu, Th)

Daphne Fergusson - Early Intervention Teacher (M)

Heather Taylor - Early Childhood Intervention Teacher (Tu, W)

Jacqui Zuidema - Early Childhood Intervention Teacher (Tu)

Leonie Fraser - Early Intervention Teacher (F)

Mary Rainer Perry – Music Therapist (Th)

Angela Russo - Occupational Therapist (M, W)

Leanne De Groot – Occupational Therapist (W, Th)

Liat Sifris – Occupational Therapist (M – am , Tu, W, Th , F)

Jane Unwin – Physiotherapist (M, W)

Bronwyn Callow – Provisional Psychologist –(Mon – am)

Deb Fletcher – Speech Pathologist (M - am, W)

Heidi McCormack - Speech Pathologist (F)

Kylie Blair – Speech Pathologist (Tu, Th)
Tracey Ayton – Speech Pathologist (W, Th)

Maree Grover – Early Intervention Professional (Tu)
Ann Osborne – Program Assistant (F)

OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER TEAM

Ethel - (Boardmaker & resources Wednesday & Friday)

Pandy - (Monday am at Mornington)

Jan J - (maintenance co-ordinator & Tuesday all day at Mornington)

Jill – (Tuesday all day at Mornington)

Kathie – (Wednesdays am at Frankston)

Karen (Wednesday am at Mornington)

And welcome to

Philomena - (Tu am & Thu am)

STUDENTS ON PLACEMENT - long term in 2010

Bec – (Fridays at Mornington) –Yr 12 Padua/Holmesglen TAFE

Bronwyn – (Wed at Frankston, Thursday at Rosebud, Friday at Mornington) – Provisional Psychologist

OTHER STUDENTS ON SHORT TERM PLACEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

During 2010 :

- * Medical students for single community placement visits (Monash University)
- * Physiotherapy students, occupational therapy students, Early Childhood Education teaching students & Early Intervention students (Monash University) from 2 to 10 week placement
- * Paramedic students - single community placement visits (Monash University)
- * Maternal & Child Health Nurse students – 15 hour observation visit placements
- * Work Experience students from local secondary schools – 1 week
- * CAP – year 9 & 10 students from Padua – (a series of students on 2x 2 hours visits each group to help with administration and resourcing tasks)
- * Other tertiary and secondary students by request.

MARLENE FOX – MANAGER