



Biala

BIALA PENINSULA INC.



NEWSLETTER

2010

As this is our first Biala Newsletter for 2010, on behalf of staff and committee members welcome all new and returning families – we now have 117 places at Biala Peninsula and over 50 new children have joined us so far this year

Did you receive your 'welcome letter', timetable and parent information booklet at the commencement of the year???

If not please ask your staff members for a copy.....

CONTACTING US...

Phone: 59751820 – for all programs, staff & management – we can pass on information to staff working off site.

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staff@bialapeninsula.org.au

Website www.bialapeninsula.org.au

We are open (with a small staff team & a holiday program in action) throughout the school holidays, so please contact the office if you require any information and leave a message if staff are not in, your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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.



EASTER RAFFLE

We are again running our Easter Raffle; you should have all received a book of 10 tickets @\$2 per ticket. With one bonus ticket – whole book \$8.00.

Prizes: Chocolate Baskets & Easter Soft Toys

Any donations of eggs etc can be left at the front desk at Mornington.

Drawn 25th March.

HOLIDAY RESITE & CARE DAY PROGRAM.....

We are looking at running a program– available to any Biala children during the school holiday break. This will be for a full day and parents will be able to leave their child to get some valuable time out. Numbers will be strictly limited and payment in full would be required prior to attendance.

At this stage, we are looking for expressions of interest.

RIGHT FROM THE START MEDIA CAMPAIGN

STAFF LIST....

We have a great team at Biala – staff, volunteers & students on placement over the year – we have many continuing staff & volunteers and some new team members. **A LIST FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS ATTACHED.**

OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR SENSORY ROOM was conducted on February the 11th by Steve Herbert MP – The Parliamentary Secretary for Education. This project was made possible by funding from the Literacy, Numeracy & Special Learning Needs Grant– Federal government funding allocated via the State Government

DONATIONS and SUPPORTERS OF BIALA

We have been very fortunate in 2009 to receive wonderful donations from many community groups including



FOYER AND OFFICE REDEVELOPMENT.....

During the holiday break we have completed the closing in of the old reception area , to make a more useable professional and welcoming space for families, children, staff and visitors. A giant thankyou to Jan and Andrew Jones who are leading this work project and to the Committee of Management or funding the work.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Playgrounds

Computers

Outdoor Equipment

Sensory Kits

VACANT COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT POSITION.....

Our Committee of Management (COM), have a vacancy for a committee member. We have one parent representative – Trish Mađdock – but would welcome a second representative – so if you are interested please contact us at the office & we will pass you onto the COM President to discuss – we welcome your input!

PARENT ROOM.....

Did you know we have a parent room at our Mornington 'main building'? This is available to all families during office hours – we have gathered resources, brochures, information on community programs, support services for families and children that we update regularly and we have a computer that families can use at any time.

WEB SITE.....

During the next few weeks, we will be updating our Biala 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

FEES – DUE NOW.....

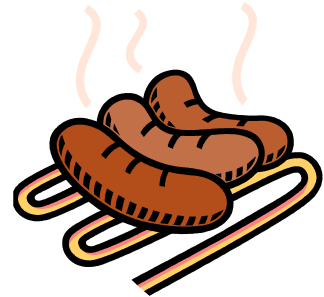
Just a reminder that program fees are now due and payment would be appreciated. As previous indicated, the extra resources, staff, program options, and contact hours are made possible by the payment by families of a small quarterly program fee. Without these fees as part of our budget, the work that we do at Biala Peninsula for families would have to be scaled down and offered on a reduced scale. 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.

A discount is available for full year payment

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 anything that you would like.



We are again running a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Mornington on the 14th of March. If you are able to assist on this day in any capacity please contact Leanne in the admin office.

Marlene Fox – Manager

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

STAFF

Marlene Fox – Manager (f/t)
Leanne Bartle – Administration supervisor (M, Tu,Th,F)
Leanne Falvo – Administration assistant (W,F)
Margaret Harris – Family Services & Support Co-Ordinator (Tu,W,Th)
Nola Harrison – Psychologist (Tu,W,Th)
Maree Grover – Early Intervention Professional (Tu,W)
Ann Osborne – Program Assistant (F)
Mary Rainer Perry – Music Therapist (Th)
Jacqui Zuidema – Early Childhood Intervention Teacher (Tu)
Daphne Fergusson – Early Intervention Teacher (M, Th)
Cathy Ray – Early Intervention Teacher (Tu, Th, F)
Leonie Fraser – Early Intervention Teacher (F)
Jane Unwin – Physiotherapist (M, W)
Cheryl Taylor – Physiotherapist (Tu)
Leanne De Groot – Occupational Therapist (W, Th)
Angela Russo – Occupational Therapist (M, W)
Liat Sifris – Occupational Therapist (M, Tu, W, Th-am , F)
Tracey Ayton – Speech Pathologist (W, Th)
Deb Fletcher – Speech Pathologist (M – flexible, W)
Kylie Blair – Speech Pathologist (Tu, Th)
Heidi McCormack – Speech Pathologist (F)
Bronwyn Callow – Probationary Psychologist –(Various)

OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER TEAM

Ethel – (boardmaker & resources Wednesday & Friday)
Pandy – (Monday at Mornington)
Jan J –(maintenance co-ordinator & Tuesday at Mornington)
Jill – (Tuesday at Mornington)
Kathie – (Wednesdays at Frankston)

STUDENTS ON PLACEMENT - long term

Bec – (Fridays at Mornington) – Certificate 11 in Community Services – Yr 11 Padua/Holmesglen TAFE

OTHER STUDENTS ON SHORT TERM PLACEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

Can include medical students for a single community visit (Monash University), physiotherapy students & occupational therapy students, Early Childhood Education & Early Intervention students (Monash University) – 2 to 10 week placement, 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.