



Newsletter

Issue 12, Term 4, # 3

16 December 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **TERM 4, 2010 ENDS:**
Students - Thursday, 16/12/10
Staff – Friday, 17/12/10
- **TERM 1, 2011 COMMENCES:**
Students – Monday, 31st January
Staff Development Day– Friday, 28th January

TERM 1, 2011 ENDS:
Students & Staff – Friday, 8th April

Easter:
Good Friday - 22nd April 2011(Public Holiday)
Easter Saturday – 23rd April (Public Holiday)
Easter Monday & Anzac Day – 25th April
(Public Holidays Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th
April 2011)

TERM 2, 2011 STARTS:
Wednesday 27th April

Reminder Note to parents with children requiring ‘swim nappies.’ Please bring them in on the first day back (Monday 31/1/11) as your child will be participating in a hydrotherapy session. (Thanking you, Pearl - Teacher)

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



On behalf of all the staff at Biala Special School I would like to extend all our farewells to all our lovely students and their parents and carers. We wish you all a very **Merry Christmas, a happy New Year** and a safe and fun holiday.

Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters throughout the year including, The Board of Management, Wendylee Playford and the Biala Support Services Inc. staff, therapists from ADHC and The Spastic Centre, consultants and local businesses. However, most of all thank you from my heart to all my wonderful and dedicated staff: Pearl, Jo, Isaac, Janiece, Carol, Randon, Lisa, Annalise and Jane. These people come to school every day with a smile on their faces knowing we have the best job ever. They love all the students, give ultimate care and dedication to nurture the abilities, needs, interests and goals for each and every child we have at Biala. My school staff are incredible and it is the care and educational professionalism that will help make our even school better.

In Special Education, it is often harder to see the educational outcomes so obvious with students in mainstream school, where each year of schooling is based on stage outcomes achievable. Instead, we base our goals and achievements on a different scale: on happiness, security and safety. This is why it is so important to attend our parent-teacher interviews to discuss your expectations and goals. We aim to achieve life skills to access the community to the best of every person’s abilities, to build confidence, communication skills and social skills to help each student in their life’s journey. We need parents and carers support and input with this. We want your ideas, suggestions and even criticism when appropriate.

We have grown from strength to strength this year with increased enrolment numbers, reputation and educational opportunities. We are aiming for another wonderful year in 2011 with new enrolments and much more.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 8. Thank you to:
Jackson’s mum- Michelle
Jarrah’s mum and dad- Julie and Steve

Do you want to receive this newsletter via email?
Yes! Then please send an email to school@biala.org.au so we can add you to our mailing list.
A great way to save time and it’s a greener option!

Shaun's dad- Andrew
 Jake's mum and dad- Silvana and Mick
 Jamie's mum- Delores
 Mikaela's mum and dad- Fiona and Steve
 Noah's dad- David
 Hayden's mum and dad- Danielle and David
 Kaia's mum and dad- Maree and Rick
 Liam's mum- Christine
 Amy's mum- Lyndall.



Bye Isaac!

It is with sadness and pride we farewell our two student Graduates - Carly Prince and Olivia Schubert. They have both finished their schooling years and are now entering into their adult lives. We wish Olivia all the best with her Post School Service Provider of choice: The Community Participation Program at The House with No Steps. To Carly we wish her the very best and to both Olivia's and Carly's families, we thank you for your support over the years.



This is the wonderful smile behind a girl we have come to love so much. Congratulations Carly Prince on your School Graduation.

Furthermore, we regrettably say good bye to our teacher Isaac Reed who has been offered a full-time teaching position at Aspect Autism School in Alstonville. They are very lucky to have employed him and we wish him the utmost gratitude and hope for his future. He will be sorely missed by students, staff and families alike. We will be replacing Isaac with a new teacher beginning Term One 2011.

Happy holidays from all Biala Special School staff,

Bhavni Stewart



A special mention and THANK YOU to our Board of Management for putting on a Christmas 'get together' at The Point last Friday night.

Olivia (Graduate for 2010) on Sports Day.



From the Office of

😊 *Wendylee* 😊

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

To all our families, students, staff, volunteers and friends I wish you all the very best for the season. May you be blessed with much love and joy over Christmas and that Santa is good to you - you all deserve it.

I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to our two graduates, Carly Prince & Olivia Schubert. May the future shine brightly upon you no matter what you do. It has been a pleasure knowing you both, and your families, and your smiling faces will be missed at Biala Special School.

A quick note to families regarding the 2011 Resources Levy - thank you for your support of its implementation. For those families/parents that wish to discuss payment options etc please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment with Bhavni and I to discuss. Bhavni and I will be available for appointments commencing Tuesday 25th January (the week prior to school commencing). Invoices for the resources levy will be sent out to you prior to the school year commencing.

Thank you to those parents/families that attended the School Christmas Concert and Presentation Assembly - it was great to see you all there. The staff and children certainly worked hard over the past few months to present this and what an outstanding job they did.

Congratulations to the Bhavni and all staff at Biala Special School for another great year. Your dedication and commitment to our students is outstanding. Have a safe and wonderful holiday.



Regards and warm wishes from

😊 *Wendylee* 😊