



Biala Support Services Inc.

# BIALA SPECIAL SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### DATES TO REMEMBER in TERM 2

JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> Monday - PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
(No school)

June – Strikers Bowling Chocolate Drive

July – Evans Head Golf Day

August – Hoe Down held at Biala Special School

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – End of Term 2.**

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent teacher interviews are coming up from week 9 on. I will be sending home a schedule for you to choose your first and second time and day preferences. Jo McCracken, Pearl, Isaac and I look forward to catching up with everyone to discuss your child's educational programs.

Welcome to our two newest enrolments - Tyler Larcy and Noah Tawhara and their families. They have both settled in extremely well and already are part of our Biala family.

Katy and Nic from Byron Fitness have been coming every Monday for the last few weeks and running their 'Kids for Fitness School Program'. All the students and staff who have been involved with this fitness program love the fun exercises which include boxing, light weights, cardio, strengthening and hand/eye co-ordination. Check them out on [www.byronfitness.com](http://www.byronfitness.com)

Janiece and Randon will be participating in a Hydrotherapy training course on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June titled Aquatic Physiotherapy in Disability Course run through ADHC.

Isaac and Paul have just completed their first week at Biala as part of their Teacher Prac and we look forward to their teaching in our classrooms.

Healthy Harold visited our school last week and all the students who attended had a fun time. Have you sent in your child's \$6.00 yet?

Byron Bay Early Intervention Service is holding a Golf Day Fundraiser on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 8.30am at Byron Golf Club. Check out the flyer enclosed and spread the word to any golfing buddies who may want to support a good cause with LOTS of prizes to be won.

I am very proud of all our students this term. They have all been trying hard in class, joining in well and demonstrating good friendships and kind qualities. Well done everyone and thank you to all our wonderful staff who work so caringly and professionally with the students. We all have their happiness and safety at the forefronts of our minds.

Health & safety reminder: Please ensure your child's nails are cut.

*Bhavni* (Principal)

### BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

#### Ballina Fair Shopping Centre Better Schools Leader Board Update - Week 1

RANK	PARTICIPATING SCHOOL
1	Holy Family Catholic Primary School
2	Southern Cross K-12 School
3	St Francis Xavier School
4	Alstonville Public School
5	Lennox Head Public School
6	Emmanuel Anglican College
7	Teven-Tintenbar Public School
8	Ballina Public School
9	Newrybar Public School
<b>10</b>	<b>Biala Special School</b>
11	Empire Vale Public School
12	Fernleigh Public School
13	Richmond Christian College
14	Wollongbar Public School
15	St Joseph's Alstonville
16	Wardell Public School

Congratulations to **Holy Family Catholic Primary School**. They have won vouchers valued at \$300 from *Kaos Hair*.

Don't forget the opportunities to double points for our school:

- Shop on Tuesdays
- Shop at Double Points Stores
- Join up online for exclusive Double Points Offers at [www.ballinafairshopping.com.au](http://www.ballinafairshopping.com.au)

**NB: To ensure Biala Special School has the opportunity to win the weekly prizes please ensure all receipts are delivered to either the quick drop boxes outside Target (after hours) or dropped off to the Centre Management office open from 9am. The deadline for the weekly prize draw is midday every Monday! Remember, if you need to keep your receipt, take them to Centre Management and they will stamp it and give it back to you.**

We can also still accept receipts from the 17<sup>th</sup> May, so please don't throw away your receipts just drop them in next time you are in the Centre or the box in the front office at Biala Support Services Inc.

## NEWS FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

### **The Communication Room**

*Term two is flying along with cracking speed and those in the Communication Class make every lesson a pleasure with their enthusiasm for learning new things. So far we have examined the habitats of insects (including a visit from a Spiny Leaf Insect), witnessed the skill of a jumping spider, been overcome by the power of the crocodile and shed a tear at the beauty of the Polar Bear. The students particularly liked the video of a parrot pretending to be just about everything except a parrot (a humorous example of mimicry adaptation) You can show it to them at home using this link:*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=639UVYjZt4Y>

*We have also been doing a lot of fantastic dancing and students have been devising and actualising their own dance moves to Lady Gaga hits. I think their moves could teach Mrs L.G. a thing or two! As for cooking, the kids are grating, dicing and frying like they are on Master Chef - luckily this is Biala Chef and I'm the judge and get to 'taste test' the final product, which is always delicious. Well done kids - let's have fun for the next 5 weeks! **Isaac***

A big welcome Noah Tawhara to the school and Communication room. Noah has settled in very well, he is great at following school routines, is a hard worker and loves puzzles, computers and art. At RDA (Riding for the Disabled) both Jarrah and Mikaela have moved on towards a goal of independent riding. They both spent some of the time riding without a side walker or leader. They both coped really well with this and enjoyed using the reins to weave in and out of the posts. The volunteers and teachers were very impressed. Well done Mikaela and Jarrah!!!

In science we have been talking about wind and hurricanes and the effects of weather on us and the environment. We made a wind centre and did some experiments using straws to move objects such as stones, rice, cotton balls, and water.

*Jo, Isaac, Annalise, Janiece, Lisa & Carol*



**Noah enjoying bowling.**

### **The Sensory Room**

We welcome Tyler to the Sensory Room. It is lovely to have another boy in our room. Congratulations to Georgia, Roy and Tyler who all received awards over the past few weeks. All the students have been enjoying participating in our weekly music sessions on Wednesdays with Bhavni and Pearl. We are also joined by Jake, Jackson, Hayden, Noah, Liam and Carly for these music lessons.

We will be winding up hydrotherapy sessions for some students as the weather gets colder. We will replace this by having more trips to the Therapy room and some one on one time. A very big welcome to Paul and Isaac who are students from Southern Cross University on their final prac session. It is fantastic to have extra helping hands in the Sensory room.

*Pearl, Carol, Janiece, Randon, Lisa*



Tyler loves the ball pool in the Therapy Room.

### **The Life Skills Room**

Happy birthday to Alek for last Friday who celebrated his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. We went to Ballina Tenpin Bowling Centre and then his mum brought in lots of yummy chocolate cupcakes and pizza for all the school to share. Thank you Alek and Kate.

My class then visited the Floating Hospital Boat on Friday afternoon to find out what they do. The name of this boat is YWAM Medical Ship. They are an international organisation with volunteers from all around the world who travel to parts of the world to set up free medical clinics in remote communities providing dentistry, optometry, health care, medical supplies, ophthalmology and housing projects. This boat was leaving Ballina on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May to head to Papua New Guinea. Check them out on [www.ywamships.org](http://www.ywamships.org)

Alek and Shaun are about to begin work experience with the Ballina Council Nursery in Alstonville for 4 weeks. We will then be looking to get their OHS (Occupational Health and Safety) White cards so they can then have work experience with the Ballina Council's Park and Maintenance Service. Dylan will begin his traineeship with Coles in June and his study for a Certificate II.

My class also visited the On-Focus Grand Opening at Melaleuca House with Phil Silverman, the Ballina Mayor, Aunty Bertha a local Aboriginal elder and Janelle Saffin our local Federal member. We joined them for Morning Tea, visited James Reid and Nicole Axford and have organised the beginning of transitioning for Olivia with On-Focus who will be joining them next year after she graduates.

*Bhavni, Randon, Janiece, Carol and Lisa*

### **FROM THE OFFICE OF WENDYLEE**

Hello families, carers and students!

Term 2 is now half over with only 4 weeks until holidays. How quickly it is flying by. All students are working well and I would like to congratulate both students and staff on a fantastic effort across all areas.

Recently Biala Support Services Inc. held a Debutante Ball which was an outstanding success. Congratulations to our students and clients that were involved. All the young ladies and gents looked fabulous and I was very proud to have them represent our organisation. An outstanding effort and special mention must go to Pam Nichols from Brite Sparks Children's Clothing, River Street, for her amazing job of decorating the hall, it looked breathtaking!!!



### **REMINDERS:**

- The next **Friends of Biala** Fundraising Meeting is being held next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 10.30 am at the School. All parents/carers/friends/family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Just a couple of hours per month will assist all children and adults with disabilities that our organisation supports.

- **Annual General Meeting** – All parents will have received a letter from the Board of Management inviting them to consider joining our Board. Please give this serious consideration – your assistance with the running of our organisation would be very beneficial to our school. Any questions in regards to this can be directed to the Board Secretary, Sue Gray or myself.

### **THANKS:**

Thank you to all families for their support of our Garage Sale held last weekend. Funds raised from this event are to support our upcoming Group Holiday. Biala Support Services Inc. take a group of approximately 30 intellectually disabled adults away for a one week holiday to Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort on Moreton Island. All staff that attend volunteer their time to assist.

That's it for this time. Remember should you have any concerns please feel free to contact me at the office.

Regards

Wendylee ☺

**“Never give up on anybody, especially yourself!!!”**

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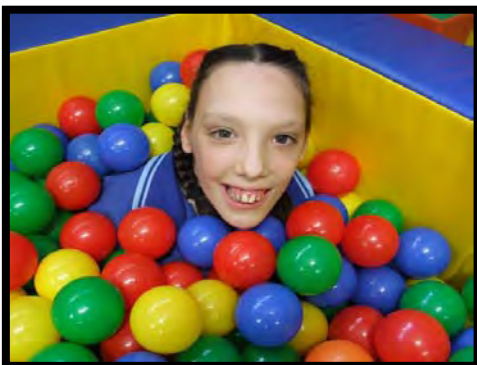
- 1.1 Healthy Harold Day – Dylan and Martika were helping.
- 1.2 Alek's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake. What a novel way to present a cake. Great idea.
- 1.3 Olivia enjoying the ball pool in the Therapy room.
- 1.4 Noah loves to use the swings.
- 1.5 Noah's first experience in our hydrotherapy pool.
- 1.6 Shaun takes his bowling seriously – he is extremely good at bowling.
- 1.7 Martika with what seems a very large bowling ball.



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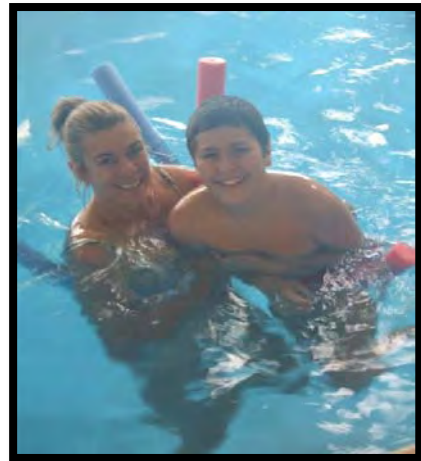
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