Magic moment

Balwyn North six-year-old Lara, who has a congenital eyesight condition, has been chosen as one of the official faces of Vision Australia’s Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve.
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Lara to light up holidays

A BALWYN North six-year-old has been named as one of four faces of this year’s Vision Australia Carols By Candlelight.

Lara Sticca was born with bilateral retinoblastoma and has low vision as a result of the condition.
Vision Australia has been working with Lara and her family to make life as smooth as possible, even working with her school teachers.

Lara’s mother Rose said thanks to the work of Vision Australia, Lara’s transition into Prep this year was seamless.

“The school, Fintona, has just been tremendous, even her prep teacher went and did a course with Vision Australia which gave her a great understanding of what Lara sees,” she said.

For the first time, Vision Australia will tell the stories of four youngsters across Australia as the official faces of Carols By Candlelight.

The public can light a virtual candle to help children like Lara by logging onto lightacandle.net.au.

Tickets are on sale now for the Sidney Myer Music Bowl concert through Ticketmaster on 136 100. Details at visionaustralia.org/carols