



**ANNIVERSARY:** Grace from Mercedes College with the balloons in the memory of Lilah Bishop.

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# A little fighter's uplifting cause

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ON the second anniversary of her death, Lilah Bishop has been remembered for her vivaciousness and fighting spirit.

When Lilah was born with a rare and incurable brain tumour, her parents

Andrea and Nic Bishop were told she only had a 5 per cent chance of surviving birth. But their youngest of three daughters was a fighter and defied doctors' beliefs to live for 19 months.

"She ... lighted up our lives for the time she was with us," Mrs Bishop says.

Students from Mercedes

College, where Mrs Bishop teaches, released purple balloons yesterday to remember Lilah and raise funds for the paediatric palliative care team at the Women's and Children's Hospital. Mrs Bishop is aiming to raise \$50,000 for the unit so it can buy more pumps that allow children to leave hospital and enjoy

ordinary activities with their families.

"The hospital only has five pumps but 50 children on the books," she says.

Mrs Bishop says Lilah's legacy is to remind people to "live in the moment".

**To make a donation to the cause visit [everydayhero.com.au](http://everydayhero.com.au) and search Lilah Sophie.**