



## NEWSLETTER

Term 1    Week 9

24<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

Thank you so much to the staff, families and friends of Bates Drive School for your support at the Comedy Fest or by purchasing a raffle ticket or two. The night was a great success with five very funny comedians entertaining us for just over two hours.

This may become an annual event!

Our thanks also go to Kareela Golf Club for enabling us to use their facilities without charge.

Once again our wonderful P&C members wrapped the Easter Raffle prizes with love last Monday night. Marisa, Voula, Kirsty, Vidhya, Andrea, Karen, Mary, Renee, Rosie and myself were present on the evening. The raffle is made extra special by the generosity of our parents and carers, thank you. There are more than 12 prizes to be won and this will be drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015. If you would like to join the P&C please come along and join in the meetings and collegiality. Our next meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

The P&C members are always planning events and occasions for the whole school community. The Mother's Day stall is coming up on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 and a Father's Day stall in September. In October they will be hosting Bogan Bingo (date to be confirmed) and Carols in the Park on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Notes will be sent home advertising each event so look out for those.

The restoration work for the admin area and adjoining classroom is expected to take place in the next holidays. We are very much looking forward to having carpet on the floor and all of our resources back in their rightful place. Can't wait!

We will be drawing the Easter Raffle on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Good luck everyone. There are some fabulous Easter baskets to be won, thanks to the generosity of our families.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and Easter and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Warmest Regards, Robyn Compton, Principal

# OPEN SPONSORSHIP INVITATION



## KAREELA GOLF CLUB'S ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY FRIDAY 1 MAY 2015

### PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP

\$600

Sponsorship on your preferred hole on the day  
Personal signage advertising your business in your choice of location on the course  
Four places in the day's Ambrose Competition – 11am Shot Gun Start

### GOLD SPONSORSHIP

\$300

Personal signage advertising your business on the course  
Four places in the day's Ambrose Competition – 11am Shot Gun Start

### SILVER SPONSORSHIP

\$150

One place in the day's Ambrose Competition – 11am Shot Gun Start

**All sponsorships include:** Refreshments at The Spike Bar. Refreshments at selected holes on the course. Light meal served in the Main Bar. Prizes. Your business promotional pamphlets to be placed in our complimentary gift bag that will be distributed on the day.

### ALL FUNDS RAISED THIS YEAR WILL HELP SUPPORT BATES DRIVE SCHOOL

*Help support the students who have complex disabilities and function in the moderate to severe range of intellectual disability, often coupled with autism and/or physical disability.*



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**ADHC Hurstville Presents...**

**SIBS DAY 2015!**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**10 – 13 year olds**

(Sibs turning 10 years before September 2015 accepted)

**IT'S A FREE FUN DAY! Morning tea and Lunch provided.**

**9:00 – 3:30pm at Minerva School, Eton Street Sutherland**

**RSVP: By 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**

**For more information:**

Contact Leah on (ph): **9566 5000**

or via email: **Leah.Piazza@facs.nsw.gov.au**



## **SUNSHINE**

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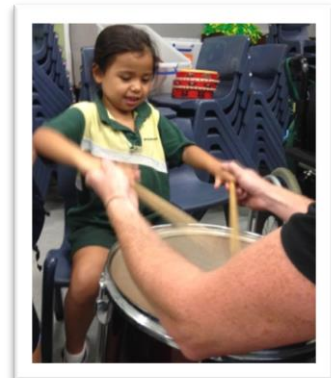
What a very busy first Term the Sunshine class have had! We have been enjoying getting to know ourselves and our classmates during our desk work activities within our 'All About Me' unit of work. We have learned all about our personal characteristics including our hair and eye colour and our height, as well as our favourite activities!

In numeracy we are working hard on identifying shapes and numbers and we have created colourful shape mobiles which are on display in our classroom. We have been lucky enough with the weather to continue our weekly swimming session, and one of our new favourite activities is Music with Lee! We love listening to all the different instruments and especially enjoy when we get to have a turn, as you can see in our photos!

Cheryl and I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy Easter break; we hope we see you all at the Easter Hat Parade!

Until next time,

Leah, Cheryl and the Sunshine class



## RAINBOWS

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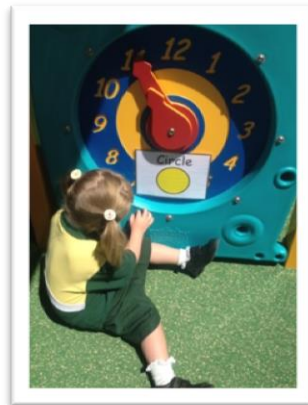
Wow! This term is flying by!

The Rainbows have settled into the school routine and have been doing some excellent work in the classroom. We are diving into our COGs unit of “All About Me” and learning all about body parts, birthdays, likes/dislikes and are now starting our personal timelines. These will be visual graphs depicting themselves from birth until now through pictures. We have also been getting pretty messy making hand and foot prints! In our Numeracy unit, we have been focusing on shapes and numbers. We have been learning these concepts through interactive whiteboard programs, sensory activities and hands on experiences. As a class we took a stroll around our school to find shapes in our environment.

We have also been enjoying the warm weather by participating in our swimming program and sport.

The Rainbows are having fun this year!

Molly, Karen and the Rainbows



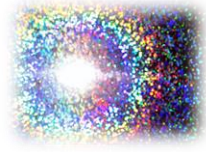
## SOLARS

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Solars have been busy working on our theme work book, all about ourselves and are soon looking into our family history and where we are from. In reading circle we are jointly constructing sentences and are completing our unit of work, sight words and story lines associated with our class book: “I Went Walking” by Sue Machin and Julie Vivas. Our boys are active and love their sensory program between activities especially swimming and taking turns on the trampoline. Sadly Nicole and Gabby have been unwell and we are looking forward to their return, in the meantime Kirrily, Jo and Kelly are holding the fort.

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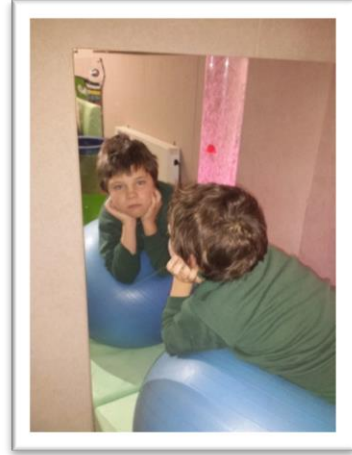
## SPARKLES

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It's week eight already and the Sparkles are flying! We have been busy completing a wide range of programs both in the classroom and out in the playground. We are currently completing swimming programs with the Cosmics class each Tuesday, which is going swimmingly! In Literacy we are focusing on 'Letter of the Week' and a book study - *'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'*.



In Numeracy we are covering two topics during term one - Numbers and Shapes. The Creative Arts Program is lots of fun - we have all been completing Visuals Arts including a range of sensory art, and Music with Lee on Wednesday mornings. Our PD Health unit of work - 'All About Me' is underway and we are learning about our bodies. Each Monday morning, the Sparkles complete Science and Technology with Shinead on the topic 'Light and Sound'. Each Tuesday morning we have a visit from Bev who teaches Scripture, and each Friday we all participate in K-6 Sport. Some of the Sport groups include Swimming, Yoga, and Ball Skills. We are very busy in the Sparkles, but we always make time for fun!



Victoria and Charmaine



## COSMICS

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The 7 boys have continued to work really well in the latter part of this term. A number of the boys have been concentrating on verbally expressing themselves by asking for leisure choice activities and lunch requests. Their communication partner asks 'What do you want?' and then starts the sentence for them with 'I want...' the most requested item is of course the iPad! The boys are participating well in the daily reading circle and they all take turns to match pictures to the book. Our favourite story at the moment is 'Who's in the Shed?'

We have also worked on our maths outcome of recognising and matching shapes. We recently did some lovely artwork which was displayed in the front office in week 7. I hope you saw it in the school website.

The boys have joined The Sparkles for brilliant swim sessions on a Tuesday as well as participating in K-6 Sport on Thursday. They love to keep active.

Bec and I wish every family a happy and safe last few weeks of term and a great holiday.

Cheers Chris and Rebecca





## RAYS

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Was it four weeks ago we last wrote? Feels like yesterday! The weeks up in the Rays' room have flown by and once again we have been very busy. We have started our class swimming with the Solars, soaking up the warmer months while they are still here and having lots of fun in the water! We have also extended our expertise in cooking, moving from food to goop and yes it is as weird as it sounds! We use food ingredients for a sensory experience and the Rays love it. It took a little convincing at first, but once the hands are in they don't want to leave making it a new favourite class activity.

Our room aesthetics have also come along inspired by some fantastic new art resources at Bates Drive- the Rays have gotten in touch with their creative sides. Ranging from colour explosions with crayons, creating sun shine, rays, hand prints, foot prints and finger and shape painting. We have a lot going on with our work and are looking forward to upcoming events such as Harmony Day and Easter! What is it about chocolate that just makes everything better?! The Rays will be working towards these events and are eager to celebrate each one. What a great first term, I'm sure the next one will be just as good.

Enjoy the rest of the term and we hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter!!

Love from the Rays,

Lucy, Angelina, Victoria, Braden, Hayden, Magnus, Sarah and Cassie!



## HSL

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It's hard to believe that we are so close to the end of term! HSL have been very active and productive this term. We have been working diligently on our communication skills, personal hygiene, reading, learning about Ancient Greece, swimming, telling the time activities and our weekly shopping adventures to Coles Kareela.

Deb and I are very happy with how settled and productive the 'boys' have been and we looking forward to the remainder of the year.

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Easter.

Lee and Deb

## HS V

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As part of our work in History Life Skills, the students in HSV completed a unit of work on “Chinese New Year.” We learnt about the different traditions and customs that are part of Chinese New Year celebrations. In our Visual Arts lessons we made lots of decorations for our classroom and for our weekly Cooking lesson we prepared a Chinese Banquet for lunch and sampled lots of different sauces and foods. Our favourite food overall was the prawn crackers!

Vanessa, Cassandra and  
James, Julian, Egypt, Jess, Reece and Rick



## HS CK

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Already week 8! All students have transitioned well into the class routine. Over the past four weeks we have been busy with teen talk, numeracy, literacy, science and other activities. HSCK especially enjoy music with Lee where they demonstrate their prodigious musical talents. Cooking with Natalie is also a favourite and as we always make enough goodies to take home, the cooking experience can be enjoyed by our families as well.

HSCK all look forward to Mondays where they can order lunch and participate in the swimming program, and Friday mornings with assembly and high school sport. We are also learning about Ancient Greece with particular interest in the Ancient Greek alphabet. In the coming weeks we will be busy with activities related to St Patrick's Day, Harmony Day and of course Easter!

Wishing all our families a happy Easter and safe holiday.

Stay tuned for more updates from HSCK.

Clare and Natalie



## HSA

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This term HSA has been busy learning all about Ancient Greece. We have been using the Greek alphabet and numbers in literacy and maths lessons. We have also explored Ancient Greek arts, music and maps. Over the next few weeks during our cooking lessons we are going to taste Greek food. This week we will be participating in practical art activities for Harmony Day. This term HSA has been accessing the local community on our weekly bus trips, participating in drumming lessons and the high school leisure program.

We would like to wish all our families a happy Easter and safe holiday.

Maryam, Samuel, Jackson, Eamon, Michael, Alex, Linda and Annemarie



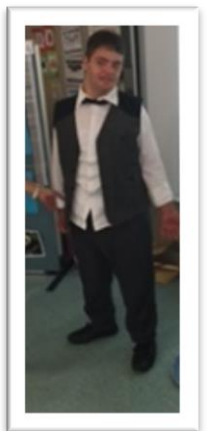
## HSM

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Wow! Can you believe the term is almost over?! Everyone in HSM has been working extra hard in all their activities over the last few weeks.

We have been building up our fitness during our Tuesday morning PE sessions where our students have been doing lots of walking in the sandpit area, around the COLA and along the veranda. Kent, Karl and Tassi have been doing a great job in their walking frames breaking lap records left, right and centre! Phil and Anthea have been working up a major sweat on the treadmill and Jamie has been building up his strength through walking with support in different areas of the school. Way to go guys!

We have also started an in-depth study of Ancient Greece. So far we have learned about clothing and food, getting dressed up in tunics and enjoying a marvellous Greek feast of fish, vegetables, fruit and 'wine'! We also learned exactly where Ancient Greece was and located it on an interactive map. There are a few students in our class who fancy themselves as Greek Gods and Goddesses and enjoyed being fed grapes by their 'slaves'....but I won't name any names will I.....Phillip and Anthea.....oops!



We had a great time celebrating our mate Kent's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday with a big, posh soiree. We all got dressed up in our best party frocks but the award for 'most dapper' definitely has to go to Phillip who sported a designer tux complete with bow tie! We love a party in HSM and this was one of our best. With the company of our neighbours we partied long into the....afternoon, enjoying parlour games, karaoke and of course.....CAKE!! Happy Birthday Kent! We wish you all the best for the coming year.

Stay tuned for more thrilling shenanigans next term.

Mel, Narelle & Carmen





## TERM PLANNER 2015

<b>Term 1</b>		
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>School Photos</b> <b>Easter Parade</b> <b>School Holidays Commence pm</b>	<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April ( no fooling)</b> <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>

## Term 2

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Staff return to school- Professional Learning</b> <b>Students return to school</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>h</sup> April.</b> <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>P&amp; C Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 7th May 7pm</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Clinic</b>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Vaccinations</b> <b>Café Club</b>	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>P&amp;C meeting</b> <b>K-6 Maths Day</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b> <b>Clinic</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Mid-Year Week Parent/Caregivers Meetings</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>School Holidays commence</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>

## Term 3

Week 1	Staff return to school- Professional Learning Students return to school	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Week 3	P& C Meeting Student Annual Reviews	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> July
Week 4	Sports Carnival K-6	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August
Week 5	Clinic	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August
Week 6	Café Club	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August
Week 7		
Week 8	P&C Meeting	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Week 9	Clinic	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Week 10	School Holidays commence Talk Like a Pirate Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September

## Term 4

Week 1	Public Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Week 2 and 3	Clinic P&C	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6	Clinic Carols in the Park	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Week 7		
Week 8	P&C meeting School Leavers Function	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Week 9	Presentation Assembly	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Week 10	School holidays commence	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December