



NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4

15th May, 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the 2014 Annual School Report is now available on the school's website. If you are unable to access the document or would like a hard copy please write in your child's communication book and a copy will be sent home.

Thank you to those people, who attended the P&C AGM meeting on Monday 4th May, 2015. I know it was hard to compete with the grand finale of MKR but we had a good roll up and major decisions were made. Once again I would like to thank Voula and Marisa for their contributions to the P&C over the past years. They have been fabulous advocates for our school and have assisted in raising a great deal of funds. We are also very fortunate to have people such as Karen Orlic, Georgina Bejcek and Rosie Schmitz-Peiffer who have agreed to stand again in executive roles. Kristy Fletcher is our new President, welcome Kristy.

I hope that those of you who received a Mother's Day gift from school loved the present that was chosen by your child. Thanks to Marisa for purchasing and wrapping the gifts and Karen and Georgina for running the stall.

Save the dates:

Friday evening 16th October, 2015 – Bogan Bingo at Kareela Golf Club

Friday evening 13th November, 2015 – Carols in the Park – Bates Drive School.

These are two very important events on the Bates Drive School Calendar. Your support would be much appreciated.

Como Jannali Rotary is still making the "Wrapped with Love" blankets for disadvantaged communities. I think that sometimes we do not reflect and think how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful country. Diana Curtis from CJR informed me that recently they sent blankets to Nepal to assist those people in the devastated areas within Kathmandu. The instructions about how to make the knitted squares is attached for your information. Thank you to those wonderful people who regularly send in squares that we can forward to Diana. Keep up the great work.

Warmest Regards, Robyn Compton, Principal

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING SQUARES

SQUARES FOR WRAPS are to measure: 10 inches x 10 inches (25 cm x 25 cm)

KNITTED SQUARES To knit a 10 inch x 10 inch square use 8 (4 mm) needles, 8 ply yarn (either wool or acrylic) cast on 50-55 stitches and knit each row plain (ie garter stitch).

NOTE Test your tension to measure 10 inches.

DO NOT KNIT one row plain, one row purl (ie stocking stitch) as your square will curl up.

NO KNOTS Start each ball of yarn at the beginning of a row and sew in ends. Do not cut ends off short as your square will unravel. When starting or finishing a square, sew in all ends.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIAGONAL SQUARES

Cast on 3 stitches.

Row 1: k1, increase 1 in next stitch, knit to end of row.

Repeat Row 1 until side edge measures 10 inches (25 cm).

Next Row: k1, k2 together, knit to end of row. Repeat this row until 3 stitches off.



COMPLETED WRAPS ARE PREFERRED

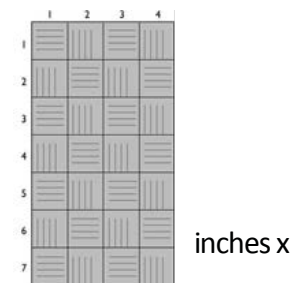
They are made up of 28 squares, joined alternately as per diagram.

Across: 4 squares = 40 inches (102 cm)

Down: 7 squares = 70 inches (178 cm)

Please keep joins on the same side and flat.

Wraps can be knitted, crocheted, machine knitted, woven or patchwork lined to finish 40 inches x 70 inches (102 cm x 178 cm).



National Home Doctor Service is here if your students or staff need a bulk-billing home visit from a Doctor in the after hours period – evenings, weekends and public holidays.

With the largest home visiting doctor service in Sydney, we have a huge doctor team on the road every day of the year.

If you or someone you know needs us, please call 13 SICK (13 74 25) for a bulk-billed doctor (Medicare Card needed) to visit you at home or your premises.

LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS

FACT SHEET

Strengthening Support for Children and Families - Carer Mentor Program

The Carer Mentor Program aims to provide carers with training and skills development so that they may become mentors to other carers who are providing ongoing support to a child or young person with disability. The Carer Mentor will be matched with a Carer that would benefit from the experience and knowledge of a person with lived experience in the caring role.

This Program is funded by NSW Department of Family and Community Services

Key Outcomes:

- To build carer resilience through peer mentoring
- For carers to increase their confidence and improve access to information and resources, and
- To support carers identify, create and maintain natural support opportunities in their local communities.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible to be a Mentor in the Carer Mentor Program you will:

- Have experience caring for a child or young person with disability aged 0-24 years
- Live in the Local Government Areas of Botany, Hurstville, Kogarah, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland, Inner and East Sydney, Waverley or Woollahra.
- Have an interest and enthusiasm for sharing experiences and knowledge with other carers

What are the key features of the Carer Mentor Program?

- Interested and enthusiastic people who have lived experience as carers for children and young people with disability will receive Mentor training. This training will be half day in duration and out of pocket expenses will be covered
- Mentors will be matched with people who are new to the caring role or are seeking additional support in their role.
- Mentors will meet 1:1 with their mentees on a fortnightly basis for a period of 12 weeks.
- The program goes for 12 weeks, however the person being mentored can leave the program at any time

Life Without Barriers – Our Values and the Carer Mentor Program

Relationships – we value the lived experience that carers have and will match carers in order to foster caring and supportive relationships, and identify natural support opportunities in local communities.

Imaginative – we will ensure that training explores a range of person centred approaches to assist mentors identify the support needs and aspirations of the people they are providing the mentor support to.

Respectful – we will encourage all mentors and people under guidance from a mentor to develop to their fullest potential. We will listen to you concerns and ideas in order to develop the program further for others

Responsive – we are responsive to individual needs. Mentors will be supported by a program coordinator who will regularly discuss their needs and identify any issues or concerns

Courageous – we are courageous in our convictions. We believe that people with lived experience are best qualified to build capacity in others and to empower and support other carers in similar circumstances. We will encourage carers to speak up for themselves and provide advocacy support if required.

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor on the Carer Mentor program, please contact us before the end of May 2015:

<p>Tamara Stagg Supporter of Carers Sydney Disability Team</p> <p>Phone: (02) 9508 4050 Mobile: 0439 299 661 Email: tamara.stagg@lwb.org.au</p>	<p>Todd Dunne Operations Manager Sydney Disability Team</p> <p>Phone: (02) 9508 4007 or (02) 9508 4000. Email: todd.dunne@lwb.org.au</p>
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RESCHEDULED DUE TO WET WEATHER

OPEN INVITATION

TO MEMBERS & GUESTS



KAREELA GOLF CLUB'S
ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY

New date

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015

MEMBERS & GUESTS

\$60 per person
\$200 Group of 4

Teams of 4 - Ambrose Competition – 11am Shot Gun Start

The day include: Refreshments at The Spike Bar. Refreshments at selected holes on the course. Light meal served in the Main Bar. Prizes and complimentary gift bag.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT RECEPTION OR CONTACT OUR RECEPTION ON (02) 9521 5555 if you require and application to be emailed or posted. SPACES AVAILABLE


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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Kareela Golf & Social Club Ltd 1 Bates Drive Kareela NSW 2232 PH: (02) 9521 5555
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Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive monthly event for families with special needs or sensory processing disorders.

Children are free to roam around the cinema, flap or stim, talk and generally be themselves. This is a non-judgmental session and there is no need for families to feel uncomfortable. Lighting stays on dim (not dark) and sound is lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists.

Tickets: \$8 each (You will need a membership card to purchase tickets at the cinema, but these are available in the foyer on the day). Children 2 years and under are free. Companion ID cards accepted.

Cronulla Cinemas 2 - 6 Cronulla St, Cronulla NSW 2230
sensorymovieday.cronulla@hotmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayCronulla>

EVENT CINEMAS **bcc CINEMAS**

Maianbar Winter Warmers Festival

When: Sunday June 14, 2015 10am till 3pm

Where: Maianbar community hall, 48R Pacific Crescent, Maianbar

Entry: FREE

At the festival this year there will be – among the usual warm and woolly items for purchase – a number of hand-made and unique dog jackets, the festival's trademark pincushions and tea cosies, plus creative door snakes, gloves – with and without fingers – hats, beanies, jackets, scarves, wraps, toys, teddy bears, slippers, bed socks – in fact, everything to warm the cockles of your hearts, and every other body part.

The festival has its own little café with tea and coffee, cakes, slices and sandwiches and biscuits, and the café next door sells more substantial fare.

To get to Maianbar, follow the Princes Highway to Engadine or Sutherland and turn on to Farnell Drive – there are big signs saying Royal National Park and Bundeena – and head towards Bundeena. Maianbar Road is a turn to the left off Bundeena Drive, and Pacific Crescent is by the water at the bottom of the hill. The community hall is next door to the village's only shop – the Maianbar Beach Café.

Or you can come on the little ferry to Bundeena from Cronulla and enjoy the bush walk through Bonnie Vale to Maianbar.

Contact: Joan Morris, 9544 2052 or 0413 294 457 for further informat



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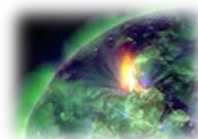
Welcome to Term 2! The Sunshine class have had an excellent start to the term and all students are showing wonderful progress in a range of areas. It is lovely to see that our Kindergartners Akif and Marley are well and truly settled into 'Big School'. We have been practising tracing our name, choosing songs and choosing stories on the interactive whiteboard – our class favourite at the moment is 'If You're Happy and You Know It!'. We love to copy all of the actions.

Aaron, Jeremy and Katelyn are all showing steady improvements in their mobility programs in the sensory room, playground and sandpit, and Kitana has been following verbal instructions beautifully. Well done Sunshine class!

We are continuing our work on 'All About Me', and our numeracy activities this term are focusing on Time and Number. We are looking at day and night, days of the week, visual timetables and lots of counting and number activities.

Until next time,

Leah, Cheryl and the Sunshine Class



SOLARS

Term 2 has only just started and solars have been flat out!

ANZAC day and all that entails, with our unit of work "Australians Now and Then", ANZAC assembly, cooking, making 100 poppies and learning about Australia, New Zealand and Turkey at war has kept us very busy - our most fun happening was when our boys tried the Haka. Now Mothers' Day craft is a go....

IT NEVER STOPS IN THE SOLARS

RAINBOWS



Welcome to Term 2!

The Rainbows have had a wet start to the term, but we didn't let the rain stop us from having fun! We have been continuing our "All About Me" theme work by learning about our addresses, phone numbers and are beginning to start our individual family books. In numeracy, "Time" is our main focus this term and we have been learning about day/night, morning/afternoon/evening and days of the week. We are excited for the upcoming Mathematics Day that will be held on June 3rd. ☺

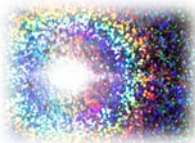


The Rainbows have also been very active whilst participating in our weekly sports program and enjoying the sunny weather this week. Some of the sport groups include yoga, ball skills, mobility and bike riding.

We hope all of our wonderful mothers had a relaxing and beautiful Mother's Day.

Molly, Karen & the Rainbow

SPARKLES



The Sparkles class has been very busy so far this term completing a wide range of activities – rain, hail or shine! On the first day of term two we celebrated a special birthday that was had during the school holidays – Happy 11th Birthday James! On Friday 24th April, we commemorated

ANZAC Day with a special presentation during the school assembly, and completed some themed artworks. Last week we were all very busy making our mothers a special Mother's Day poem and gift – we hope you had a lovely Mother's Day! These are just some of the special events we have had so far this term, but we are looking forward to more upcoming events!

We have started a new book study based on the book '*We're Going on a Bear Hunt!*', and will soon move on to nursery rhymes. We have also commenced our various units of work including our PD Health unit - 'All About Me'.

During K-6 sport on Fridays, students have changed groups and are participating in ball skills, mobility, dance, obstacle courses or yoga.

Although we are very busy, we always allow time to access different areas of the school during the week and have lots of fun!

Victoria and Belinda





RAYS

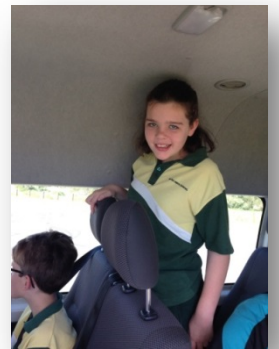


Welcome back to another fantastic term at Bates Drive! There was a noticeable change in the weather starting off this term reminding us that the cooler months are here and to take care with those very wet days. However the rain certainly didn't keep our Rays of sunshine down. The Rays have actually had a lot going on. This term, we have been venturing out of school and participating in Community Access. We travel in the school bus out through Cronulla to Kurnell, where we indulge in some hot chips and soak up the sites of Bonnet Point and the National Park. The students are really enjoying this and are a pleasure to take out.

We have also celebrated another Rays' birthday. HAPPY 12th BIRTHDAY BRADEN! We celebrated in style using our cooking class to make popcorn, cake and party pies. We then threw an amazing birthday party and everybody had a great time!

In between our cooking, community access and partying, the Rays have also been getting down to the COLA and using the treadmill to burn up some energy and increase our fitness skills. While there have been a few changes to our timetable since last term the Rays are still enjoying music with Lee, science with Shinead, sport on Fridays, time in the sensory room and liberty swing and in class learning 'All about me'.

Take care, we will speak again soon!



The Rays



COSMICS



The boys have been very busy for the start of Term 2. We have been concentrating particularly on our writing skills using pen and paper, the interactive whiteboard, iPad and the whiteboard and texta. The boys practise tracing letters, words, shapes and numbers. They are required to identify and name the colour texta they wish to use and are all encouraged to use their manners when making a request and also when delivering the pencil to their peers. Some of the boys are making books where they label, trace or write the sentence and all the boys are busy completing their personalised books for our Unit of Work. School however isn't ALL hard work! We

are all still having fun during Wednesday's Music with Lee, Friday K-6 Sport, exercising on the treadmill, Science with Shinead and exploring sensory play in the afternoon. Bec and I are very pleased with all the fine work the boys are doing. Great work guys!!!



Chris and Rebecca

HS V

The students in HSV have been very busy this term completing a unit of work in History Life Skills on The Anzacs. This year it was important to commemorate and mark a century of service and sacrifice, encompassing all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in which Australia and New Zealand have been involved. We made a large floral wreath and a display of 100 red poppies in our Visual Arts Life Skills lessons. We viewed many images from the internet, completed stencil activities and worked on our Anzacs Notebook program. We also made a batch of Anzac biscuits in our snack preparation lesson.

Lest We Forget.

James, Rick, Jessie, Reece, Egypt and James
Vanessa and Cassandra



HS CK

All HSCK students have settled in well to Term 2. The focus of the first few weeks of the term has been on ANZAC Day, exploring the main features of ANZAC Day including Simpson and his Donkey, creating and painting lots of poppies, making ANZAC biscuits and learning how we commemorate ANZAC Day. As it is the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing we will be using that period, 1915 to 2015, for our history theme of 'Then and Now'. The class will be investigating and comparing military campaigns, transport, technology (as iPads and computers are favourites), money (which ties in with our mathematics content), schooling and the local area (Cronulla) from 1915 to 2015. The class was also busy last week decorating some pots for a beautiful Mother's Day gift.

Clare and Natalie



HS L

Welcome to Term 2!

This year is flying! We are off to a cracking start this term. All the boys have made a great return to school and have been working diligently on class activities.

Besides our studies, the boys have all been buffing up at the Bates Drive Gym, participating in our class cooking program, music, our weekly shopping excursion to Coles Kareela and enjoying the late autumn weather with our walks across the Como Bridge.

Here's to a Happy Term 2!

Cheers

Lee and Deb



HS A

Welcome back to Term 2.

Happy Mother's day to all our Mums and Grandmas.

In HSA we made beautiful colourful bouquets of flowers with our hands prints, for our very special Mums. Thank you to the P & C for the lovey gifts that our students were able to purchase from the Mother's Day stall.

This term HSA has started a new unit of work in History. We will be comparing Australia's history focusing on, 'Then' and 'Now'. Recently we have been exploring ANZAC Day, Australian currency and maps of Australia. On our community access excursions we will be visiting places in the Shire that relate to our History. In Science this term we will be learning all about Living Things.

Another busy term ahead.

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



Hello to our HSM families!

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone had a great Easter and an enjoyable break. We are kicking along nicely in HSM, getting back into our class programs. Although it has been a little difficult to focus on our work recently as we have had so many birthdays to celebrate in the last few weeks! Firstly, a huge shout out goes to Phillip as we celebrated his 18th birthday party in true 'rockstar' fashion – with a band, karaoke and a few extra punks wearing mohawks to add a touch of anarchy to the occasion! We also celebrated Karl's 17th birthday and Tassi's sweet 16th birthday with more party tunes, costumes and cake! Happy birthday to you all!

In between parties we have managed to devote a little time to continuing our studies of Ancient Greece, learning about what it would have been like for children at school, as well as exploring Greek mythology and temples. We completed puzzles about the Gods and Goddesses, decorated a temple and designed a frieze for our classroom.

We commemorated Anzac Day by listening quietly to The Last Post and baking Anzac biscuits. We said 'thankyou' to the soldiers past and present who have, and continue to make sacrifices, so that we can live a life of freedom and opportunity.

We have also been busily thinking about saying 'thankyou' to all our beautiful Mums and have been working very hard on creating a special Mothers' Day artwork. We would like to wish all of our Mums a very happy Mothers' Day. We hope you were spoilt rotten!

I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce a teacher called Rachel who is studying special education at university and will be completing a four week block of teaching on our class over the next month. She brings with her some great experience and ideas and is enjoying getting to know all of our students.

Finally, we wish Jamie a very Happy 17th birthday which is coming up next week and which will certainly be celebrated in true HSM style!

Stay tuned for more thrilling shenanigans.
Mel, Narelle & Carmen.



TERM PLANNER

Term 2		
Week 1	Staff return to school- Professional Learning Students return to school	Monday 20^h April. Tuesday 21st April.
Week 3	P& C Meeting	Monday 7th May 7pm
Week 4	Clinic	Thursday 14 th May
Week 6	Vaccinations Café Club	Wednesday 27 th May Thursday 28 th May at 9.30am
Week 7	P&C meeting K-6 Maths Day	Monday 1 st June at 9.30am Wednesday 3 rd June
Week 8	Public Holiday Clinic	Monday 8 th June Thursday 11 th June
Week 9	Mid Year Parent/Caregivers Meetings	Wednesday 17 th June
Week 10	School Holidays commence	Friday 26 th June

TERM PLANNER

Term 3		
Week 1	Staff return to school- Professional Learning Students return to school	13th July 14th July
Week 3	P& C Meeting	Monday 27 th July at 7.00pm
Week 4 Week 5	Clinic	Thursday 13 th August
Week 6	Café Club	Thursday 20 th August at 9.30am
Week 7		Wednesday
Week 8	P&C meeting	Monday 31 st August at 9.30am
Week 9	Clinic	Thursday 10 th September
Week 10	Talk like a Pirate Day School Holidays commence	Friday 18th September Friday