

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 9

16th June, 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

It is very hard to believe that another term has almost finished.

Just a reminder that this Wednesday 17th June, we have our parent/carer meetings after school. The meetings will be for a period of 20 minutes in duration to enable as many families to be seen in the timeframe.

Thank you to the parents who attended the P&C meeting on Monday 15th June. There was a mix up with the time for this meeting, please accept my apology. As a result the next meeting will be held next Monday 22nd June in the evening (7pm in the staffroom). There will a number of items to discuss such as Bogan Bingo, Carols in the Park and Father's Day, so please come along and share your ideas or suggestions.

Last week two new items were added to the playground. One is a Maypole spinning platform and the other is a hammock swing. Both were a big hit on Monday morning as the students arrived at school. Now there is something for almost everyone in the playground.

Unfortunately only one lovely parent attended the Café Club this term. Next term an invitation and RSVP will be sent out to see if the Café Club is still viable. I fully understand that families are busy and may not be able to attend.

It is very important that as we head into the colder weather and the flu season, that children remain at home if they are sick. This is not only very beneficial for the child but also to the other students and staff. Even though the staff are very resilient they too become ill during the winter months.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays and hopefully some wonderful sunny winter days.



Warmest Regards, Robyn Compton, Principal



Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Monday afternoons, 4:00pm to 5:00pm

20 July – 14 September 2015

(Includes party week)

**Venue: Interrelate, Shop 1C
383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah NSW**

Cost: \$50 per child

Bookings essential - Phone 8522 4450



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SUNSHINE



Term 2 is drawing to a close way too fast for the students in the Sunshine class! This term has flown by!

Last week our class had fun participating in the K-6 Yellow Maths Day. We dressed up in yellow clothes and completed lots of yellow maths activities, some of which included counting ducks, making shapes with yellow playdough and comparing and sorting different sized bananas! Our work, as well as photos from the day, are proudly on display in our classroom.

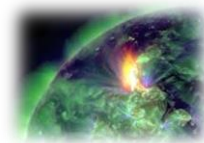
We are finishing up our unit of work on 'All About Me' by looking at how and when we celebrate with our friends and family. We had our own class

celebration at the end of May to celebrate our class mate Marley's 6th Birthday. Happy Birthday Marley!

Cheryl and I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday, see you in Term 3!



Leah, Cheryl and the Sunshine class



SOLARS

We have been busy working on our winter craft and letter of the week programs. Writing about our favourite winter things, using all our new words and cooking winter treats. Yellow maths day was great fun for our boys all showing great mathematical skills but most of all loving the sensory activities.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!

The Solars Team

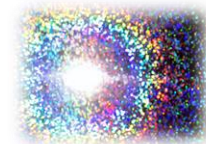
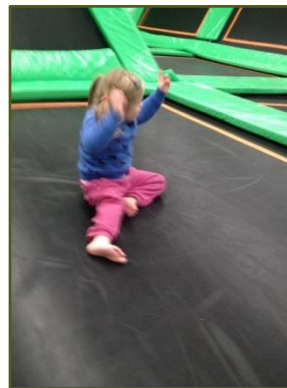
RAINBOWS



Wow! Term 2 has been flying by and the Rainbows sure have been busy! We have been wrapping up our unit of work on 'All About Me', learning about relationships, social behaviours and safety. On June 3rd, we participated in an all yellow Mathematics day for K-6. There were so many fun activities, such as, ordering different sized bananas, counting ducks and matching currency. It was a great day!

This week, our class went on an excursion to Flip Out in Taren Point to supplement our PDHPE program. It was our first excursion of the year and we had so

much fun! We jumped into the foam pits and bounced on the large trampolines. It was wonderful seeing our class excited and having a great time. After an hour of jumping, everyone was exhausted! We can't wait to see where we go next. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday coming up.
Molly, Karen and the Rainbows



SPARKLES

Sparkling Smiles!

The Sparkles class has been very busy in term two. Last Monday (week 7) we celebrated Riley's 10th birthday – Happy Birthday Riley! Next Monday (week 9) we will be celebrating Harrison's 11th birthday – Happy Birthday Harrison! The Sparkles have continued to complete a wide range of programs, spanning across all key learning areas. We love bouncing, running, climbing, dancing, spinning, laughing and everything great that comes with completing our school work. Last week we also participated in Yellow Maths Day, for which we completed a range of yellow maths activities including sequencing numbers, making shapes with playdoh, using tactile resources to form groups of numbers, matching money amounts using visuals and ordering bananas from smallest to largest. What a great day! The end of the term is fast approaching... Time flies when you're having fun! Have a safe and happy holiday!

Victoria and Belinda





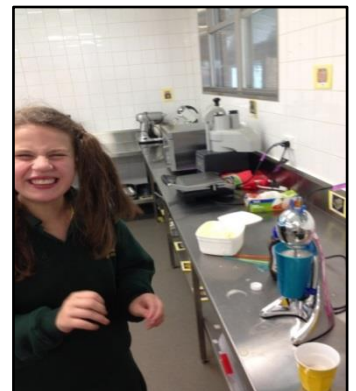
RAYS

Here we are again – time is flying! There has been a lot going on this term. We had a fantastic yellow maths day during week 7 with all of the primary classes. We have continued our Tuesday morning Community Access on the school bus and we are finishing the term off with an excursion to Darling Harbour to view a performance of 'Snugglypot and Cuddlepup'. This is a well-earned outing for the Rays as they have been working very well in class and working hard through this busy term. The Rays will be looking through a variety of May Gibbs books in class as part of their English and Creative Arts Program and I'm sure they will enjoy finishing this work off with an excursion.

The Rays have also been experimenting with various 'time' activities for mathematics and seem to enjoy this the most when we are able to combine our time work with our fitness. In the COLA, the students use the treadmill for a certain amount of time to power walk or run. They enjoy this very much and have all nearly doubled their speed on the treadmill! We have also continued to cook on Thursdays. Last week we made chocolate milkshakes with ice-cream and ALL of the Rays loved it. This is one we will definitely have to do again! It has been a great term, but I'm sure everyone is looking forward to having a much deserved break! We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and gets some rest so they are ready to come back and do it all again!!

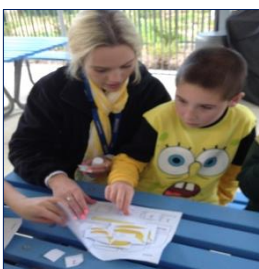
Until next time,

Sarah, Cassie and the Rays (Lucy, Angelina, Victoria, Braden, Magnus and Hayden).



COSMICS

Winter is just upon us and so the Comics are looking at 'Winter Words' in our English lessons. We are practising tracing and writing our focus words, matching pictures to pictures, pictures to words, writing and reading sentences using those words. Our art lessons also deal with winter images and we are discussing what we wear in the colder seasons. This past Wednesday, class participated in a K-6 Yellow maths day where all the activities focused on size, number and shapes in yellow! The shapes and playdoh were definite favourites. The boys continue to work well in class with lots of practising sharing of equipment, telling their peers it's their turn and working appropriately in groups. Well done boys!!!



Cheers from Chris and Bec



HS V

In Mathematics Life Skills, HSV students have been participating in a weekly Footy Tipping Program. This program provides us with opportunities to recognise data, record data and interpret information from data. Each round of the NRL competition we have to make a choice from each of the 2 teams playing as to who we think will win. Vanessa records the results on a sheet. After the weekend we have to count up the number of correct teams that we picked and we record that tally. We also have to adjust our NRL table as to which place each team is on the ladder and which place each student is. We will keep you posted as to how the HSV Footy Program is progressing.

Cheers the HSV Team;
Egypt, Reece, Julian, James, Jess and Rick.
Vanessa, Natalie, Sarah and Jo.

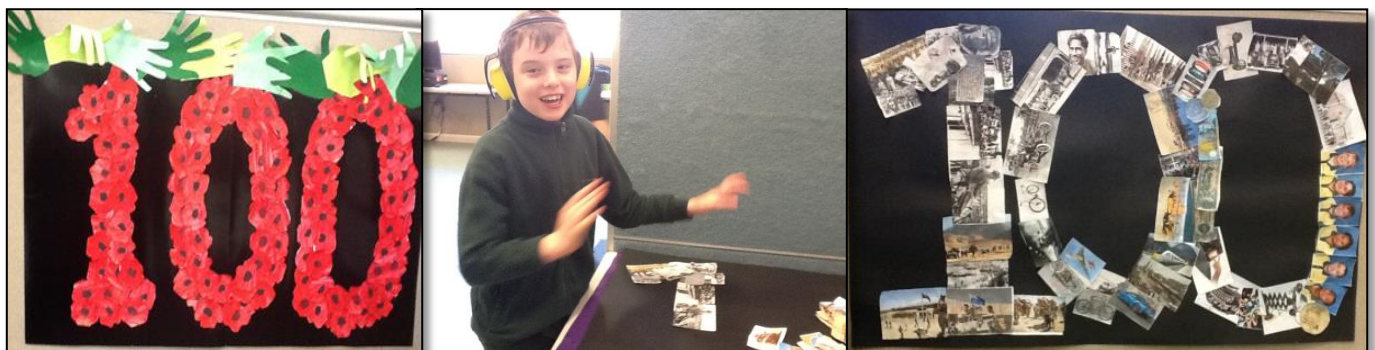


HS CK

In the past 4 weeks HSKC have compared 1915 to 2015, 'Then and Now', as part of our History component. We will spend the remainder of the term exploring Dreamtime, Aboriginal art and stories, and comparing Aboriginal Australia Nations to our states. HSKC have also been focusing on money concepts in maths and vowel sounds-words in English. HSKC continue to enjoy music, cooking and high school sport lessons and look forward to our weekly excursion to Kurnell.

In the coming weeks we will be celebrating two June birthdays, Yawkra and Rayne will be entering their teens, turning 13. We will also be saying farewell to Blair who will be moving to Melbourne at the end of term. Blair is a well liked member of the class and will be missed, especially his penchant for jellybeans. We wish Blair and his family all the very best in their move down south. Still on moving, Natalie will be moving to HSV. She has made a great contribution to HSKC and will no doubt continue to do so in her new class. With Natalie's move, we welcome Cassandra to HSKC as our SLSO.

Clare, Natalie and Cassandra



HS L

We have had a very productive and happy Term 2 in class HSL!

The students have been very busy practising their communication skills, cooking, personal hygiene, music and our weekly outings to Coles Kareela. We have also been participating in a unit of work 'Australia – Then and Now'. The boys have enjoyed learning about the development of Australia and how different things were back then compared to how we live now. Deb and I are very pleased with the progress made during academic tasks, however we are particularly proud of their participation in a fitness program. The boys are power walking for up to 7 minutes and enjoying a game of cricket.

It's been a very busy term and we are all looking forward to the holidays.

Have a warm and safe Holiday!

Lee and Deb

HS A

There is only a few more weeks left this term and the holidays are fast approaching. Week 9 Term 2 already, where has this term gone?. HSA have had a busy productive term. We completed our History unit of work on Australia 'Then' and 'Now'. Recently, we have been focusing on activities relating to the Dreamtime. We have been creating Aboriginal artworks, the rainbow snake, birds and frogs. This term as well as class activities our weekly Community Access program, High School leisure groups, and Wednesday's drumming sessions have continued. On Tuesdays Michael has been excited to participate in the High School integration program with Kirrawee Friends. In Science we have been learning all about Living Things. We will be able to engage in hands on interactions with the animals, when the mobile farm visits our school in week 10.

Thank you for all your support with our cake days.

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

Till next term

Maryam, Samuel, Michael, Eamon, Jackson

Linda and Annemarie.



Hello to our HSM families!

Time flies when you're having fun.....and fun we have been having! We have been lucky enough to have the wonderful Rachel on our class for the last four weeks and let me tell you all – she has had us working our socks off! We have been powering through our class and individual programs this term. In Maths we have been looking at things that help us to tell the time and have been using a timer on the whiteboard and iPad to help us participate in different activities, such as listening to Taylor Swift or playing the instruments for different lengths of time. We have also continued working on our number skills, completing counting, matching and sensory activities in groups, as well as enjoying some cool interactive counting songs at the whiteboard about dinosaurs, spacemen and monsters! We have been trying very hard in all things fitness with our weekly PE lesson in the cola. In addition to improving our mobility and fitness levels, we have been developing our ball skills through modified basketball, tee-ball and beanbag tossing games. We were all very puffed by the end of the lesson and enjoyed our 'cool-down' activities with the parachute. Rachel taught us all about a famous artist called Jackson Pollock and we created our own artworks in his messy style (something we discovered we ALL do really well!). We have also started our unit of work on Indigenous Australians, completing art activities and learning about The Dreamtime. Rachel helped us to create a mural using our handprints and Mel painted indigenous designs on our faces!

On top of all that, we celebrated Narelle's birthday with a surprise dance-off and a lovely cake. Happy birthday Narelle!

We have had a great time having Rachel hanging out with us for the last four weeks, but all good things must come to an end and we say 'goodbye' to her on Friday. She has made a fantastic contribution to our class and we will miss her. We wish all the very best for the rest of her studies this year. We know she will make a great special ed teacher. Thanks for all your wonderful work Rachel!

Stay tuned for more thrilling shenanigans.

Mel, Narelle & Carmen.



STATE OF ORIGIN

A HUGE thankyou to all Parents/Carers who helped support our State of Origin Game 1 Mufti Day held on Wednesday 27th May, 2015. We raised in total \$ 99.50 for the 2015 Year 12 Graduation!

Many thanks

Vanessa



TERM PLANNER

Term 3

Week 1	Staff return to school- Professional Learning Students return to school	13 th July 14 th 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 18 th September Friday