



## NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 5

12<sup>TH</sup> August, 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

The Department of Education and Communities has had a change of name. Our new title is Department of Education (DoE). We provide the same high quality of educational practice just under a new label.

Thank you to everyone for responding to the student review feedback forms. It is important that each student's placement at Bates Drive is reviewed and deemed appropriate. The review process has now been finalised and information provided to DoE.

I would like to inform you that I will be on LSL leave from 20<sup>th</sup> August until the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. Then on the 11<sup>th</sup> September I will be having an operation on my shoulder and should return to school by the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015. I will however be at Bogan Bingo, sling or no sling. Chris Mealey will be relieving in my role from 20<sup>th</sup> August to 18<sup>th</sup> September and Vanessa Marsden from 5<sup>th</sup> October to 16 October, 2015. The relieving Assistant Principal's position will be shared by Leah Gillespie and Lee Carey. I would like to thank all of these staff members for their willingness, dedication and enthusiasm to ensure that the school has the best leadership team to drive the school forward. Parents and carers of the students in Chris' and Vanessa's classes will be notified of the replacement as soon as possible.

Thanks to the generosity of the P&C Association we were able to install two new pieces of equipment in the playground. There is a Maypole spinner and a hammock. The students absolutely love them. The total cost was just over \$22,000.00. If it wasn't for all of the fundraising dollars that are raised throughout the year, these things would not be possible.

I look forward to seeing you all next term and hopefully many of you at Bogan Bingo.

Warmest Regards, Robyn Compton, Principal

# Wrap with Love



Clockwise from top right: Mongolia, Burundi, Ukraine, Zimbabwe



Wrap with Love Inc is a voluntary organisation with thousands of contributors from around Australia. Since 1992 our volunteers involved in the project have given wraps to people in need in Australia and many other countries around the world, dispatching over 30,000 each year for the relief of cold humanity.

The generous and enthusiastic support of our thousands of knitters, Area contacts, administration, media, transport and network volunteers from all walks of life contribute individually and in groups to the success of the project.

Wrap with Love is a non-denominational, non-racist and non-political organisation. It respects your privacy and does not give out the personal information of any volunteer, or any member of other organisations it comes into contact with.

Wrap With Love links with national and international bona fide agencies to guarantee the delivery worldwide of Wraps to areas of trauma and need.

## **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.

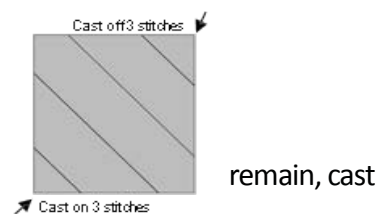
### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIAGONAL SQUARES**

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 remain, cast off.



### **COMPLETED WRAPS ARE PREFERRED**

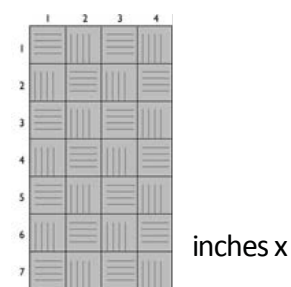
They are made up of 28 squares, joined alternately as per diagram.

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).





**SONY FOUNDATION ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE  
CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP 2015 – a respite camp for  
children with physical and intellectual special needs.**



DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> - DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

For more information, regular updates and to apply,  
please visit our website [www.ssaccc.org.au](http://www.ssaccc.org.au) and  
our brand new facebook page [www.facebook.com/ssaccc](http://www.facebook.com/ssaccc)

**Applications close 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015.**

# August P2E Event



- Do you have a disability?
- Are you interested in finding out about NOVA's disability employment and Transition to Work programs?
- Are you finishing school and not sure what to do next?
- Do you want some info for a friend or relative?
- Do you want to know more about our schools program?

## NOVA invites you to our Pathway to Employment Event

See flipside Calendar for dates & locations

- Free light lunch
- Lucky Door prize
- Learn about NOVA's programs & activities
- Chat with local NOVA staff

[www.novaemployment.com.au](http://www.novaemployment.com.au)

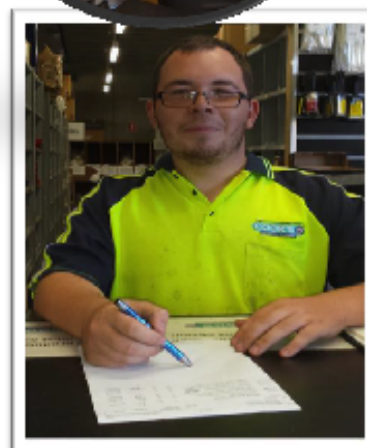
[www.transition.com.au](http://www.transition.com.au)

[www.focusonability.com.au](http://www.focusonability.com.au)

For more info call:

Meg 0414 322 911 ♦ Leisha 0410 358 973

Terry 0414 239 505 ♦ Phil 0424 503 625





# Free Counselling

Are you experiencing?  
Domestic Violence  
Depression  
Anger  
Loneliness  
Grief & Loss  
Family Struggles  
Or just need to talk to someone

Salvation Army is offering 1 hour counselling sessions Wednesday from 8:30am to 3:00pm at  
6 Willock Ave Miranda.

**Bookings are essential**

Please contact Ali on 9540 4460

Please note counselling sessions are facilitated by a final term counselling degree student.



## SUNSHINE

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Not only did we end Term 2 with a bang, we've also begun Term 3 with a bang! At the end of last term our school was visited by Kindi Farm to get some hands-on learning about 'Living Things' as part of our science work. We were able to meet some very cute lambs, goats, ducks, rabbits and even a baby piglet! We patted them gently and gave them food to eat. It was great. On the last day of school we had a pyjama party with a disco! We all had lots of fun.

In Week 7 of this term we will be celebrating Book Week. We have already started our celebration of books by reading some of our favourite stories, including 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Where is the green sheep?'. We love our reading circle time and completing activities on the stories.

On Friday as part of Education Week, we invited our families into our classroom. I would like to say a huge thankyou to Katelyn's Mum, Grandma, sister and Nan as well as Akif's Mum for joining us!

Until next time,

Leah, Cheryl and the Sunshine Class





## HSL

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The term and year are flying by! HSL have had a great return to school throughout these cold winter months. We have worked diligently during all school activities including our spelling, reading and writing, emails, telling the time and money skills, personal hygiene and learning all about Antarctica and Australian



Landmarks. HSL continues to partake in weekly Community Access programs. Throughout term 3, HSL will be having lunch at Captain Cook's landing point and going to see the wheelchair rugby at Sydney Olympic Park in a few weeks. A busy term indeed!

Thank you for the wonderful support for the Drum Therapy film that was submitted to the Focus on Ability competition. We had some positive responses from our great school community and we deeply appreciate it. Cheers!

Lee and Deb



## RAINBOWS

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Welcome to Term 3! The Rainbows have enjoyed a lovely two week holiday and are ready for an exciting term. The Year 1 students in our class have begun an integration program each Wednesday morning at Grays Point Primary School where they are assisted by myself, Karen and Meredith. At integration we meet up with a wonderful Year 3 class and participate in group activities and songs. It is a great opportunity for the children to interact and develop their social skills. It is so much fun!

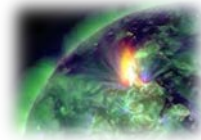


The Rainbows class have also begun a Lunch Preparation Program each Wednesday afternoon where they are encouraged to make toasted sandwiches or vegemite on toast for their meal. Everyone has been very excited to choose their ingredients and make their own lunch. With supervision and assistance, each student places their bread in the toaster or sandwich in the sandwich press and spreads/adds on chosen ingredients. At the end of the semester, we are planning a whole class cooking activity in the school's hospitality kitchen.



We have also enjoyed drumming each Monday with musician Luke, the Indigenous performance and new playground equipment! The Rainbows are having an awesome term!!! ☺

Molly, Karen and the Rainbows



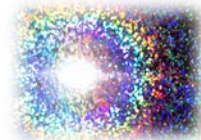
## SOLARS

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The Solars have had a busy start to Term 3 and have been working hard in class to earn money to spend in our class shopping program each Friday. There are lots of tasty treats to buy, including chips, popcorn and lollies, with the boys learning to count amounts of money and exchange it to make their purchase.



We were lucky to have family members visit our classroom to celebrate Education Week and the boys loved sharing our sensory stories with their Mums. The Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly is always a favourite as is Sneaky Snappy Mr. Croc. Watch out he doesn't snap your fingers!



## SPARKLES

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Wow, it's week 4 of term 3 already! Where does the time go? The Sparkles class has started a range of new programs, including Community Learning and Book Week units of work. Our Community Learning is off to a great start, as we are enjoying learning to travel on the bus together. So far we have seen the beach, Shelly Park, and lots of cafes and restaurants on our drive! We all look out the window with big smiles on our faces – seeing different things. Soon, we will be ready to exit the bus and explore Shelly Park!

As a part of our Book Week program, we are completing units of work each week relating to a particular book. So far we have completed '*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*', '*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?*', and this week we have been completing '*The Rainbow Fish*'. We love our themed activities which include reading, matching, sequencing and art! Book Week will be celebrated on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, week 7!

A very big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Josh, who turned 11 on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, and also a very big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Joel, whose 11<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming up very soon on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August!

Victoria and Charmaine.







Well what a start to the term it has been! We are already two birthdays down and have another one to celebrate this week! Happy Birthday to Magnus who turned 11 in the holidays, Cassie who had a birthday two weeks ago and Lucy who will turn 12 on Friday – that is a lot of cake! In between all the celebrations, the Rays are still working hard and participating in many activities such as sports, community access, integration, cooking and music. In fact, this term we have been fortunate enough to participate in two lots of music with both Lee and Luke. The students enjoy these lessons very much and love having a go of all the different instruments on offer. In class, we are continuing with letter of the week work, measurement activities for mathematics, taking care of ourselves, science work with Shinead and our COGS unit of work, 'Getting Along'.

We have also somehow managed to squeeze in some Indigenous learning and continue to work through a variety of favourite books as a result of celebrating education week. Our Indigenous visitor was fantastic and engaged the students with his stories through art and music. It was also a treat to then have some parents come and visit us in class and work with their children, even though it meant getting a little messy with painting. Thanks again! The visits didn't stop there, last week (week 4) we had our Primary Sports Carnival. The 'Radical Rays' were orange and we had a great time working our way through the obstacle course and the other sporting activities that were set up. A special thanks again to all the parents who came and made this day a success!!

So as you can see the term has started off very busy, however the Rays have enjoyed all the activities so far and continue to have fun while working hard.

Until next time,

Sarah, Cassie and our Rays of sunshine, ☺

(Braden, Lucy, Angelina, Victoria, Magnus and Hayden).





## COSMICS

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Term 3 has proven to be a very busy one & its only week 4. So far the Cosmics have celebrated 3 birthdays - Byron, Blayden and Bec's, so there has been hot chippies, cake and singing. The boys are having a wonderful time in the music and drumming sessions with Lee and Luke- a few need headphones but all eagerly await their turn. Last Friday we celebrated NAIDOC week with a wonderful performance from Indigenous Infusion Experience. We were so lucky to have visitors from all our families come into class to help with artwork and see all the work being done. In class, the boys have been exploring working with measurement and length. We have measured things in the environment, classroom and of course ourselves.

Looking forward to the rest of the term

Cheers Chris and Bec

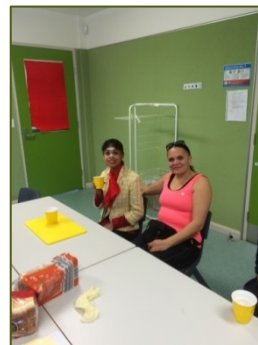


## HS V

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In HSV we celebrated Education Week in style! Our parents who came to visit were treated to lunch made by the capable students in our class. HSV have a weekly Cooking lesson and Lunch Preparation program each Friday, where we practise making a toasted sandwich for our lunch. We are learning how to make a toasted cheese, cheese and ham or cheese, ham and tomato sandwich for ourselves! When our parents and family members came to visit, we prepared a toasted sandwich for them and also a freshly cooked blueberry muffin! Our parents were SO impressed and could not believe how skilled and independent we are in toasted sandwich preparation.

Cheers  
Vanessa, Natalie, Sarah  
and  
James, Julian, Egypt, Jess, Reece and Rick



## HS A

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This term in Geography Life Skills, HSA and the high school having been learning all about Antarctica!! What an interesting and exciting unit of work. We have been exploring the amazing beauty of the Antarctica environment, landscape and its inhabitants. We have experienced the icy cold and investigated where Antarctica is in the world. HSA painted penguin feet and used ice blocks to create the aurora lights. We are looking forward to our combined High School Geography Life Skills activity theme day, which will be coming up soon.

This term a group of students from the high school have been participating in Sailabilty. This is a great experience for all involved and an outstanding program. Thank you to the many volunteers at Kogarah Sailing Club, for supporting our students. Without them this opportunity would not be possible. HSA would also like to thank the families who visited our classroom, during our Indigenous Day education week celebrations.

HSA - Happy sailing.

## HS M

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Hello to our HSM families!

Welcome back to another term. So much has been happening this term – it has been hard to keep up!

Our lessons have been going really well. Everyone has been working their socks off in Maths, learning all about the many different shapes found in the real world. We used different shapes to create designs of a fruit bowl, an apple tree and a house. We continue with our literature study of *The Secret Garden* and have learned about India, the country where Mary, our main character lived. We tasted curry and smelled incense, dressed in a sari and tried our hands at some Bollywood acting!

This term we are also learning about Antarctica. Through sensory map work and matching activities we have learned that Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth! We have been having fun watching video clips of penguins frolicking in the water and the ice breaker ships crashing through the ice. I think all our boys have fallen in love with Elsa from 'Frozen' as her song 'Let it Go' is now a firm favourite on the interactive whiteboard, possibly overtaking the original fave, Taylor Swift!!

Phillip has been lucky enough to attend the sailing program with another class this term (year 12 privileges!) and has been having a blast, enjoying the wind in his hair and the sea spray in his face!

Finally, we all enjoyed our very special Indigenous Celebrations during Education Week. We had lots of fun dancing and playing instruments while Wallungurri played his didgeridoo. He taught us lots of words in his Indigenous language as well as some of the many symbols used in Indigenous Art. Some of us were lucky enough to have our faces painted! Many thanks to Jean and Milton (Kent's grandparents) for their visit to our class. It was lovely to have you join us!

Stay tuned for more thrilling shenanigans.

Mel, Narelle & Carmen.





## **Bali Day Spa**

You may be wondering what the “Bali Day Spa” program is?

The Bali Day Spa program is run each Friday as part of the work done in Years 7 – 12 Personal Development, Health and PE Life Skills syllabus. A group of young ladies: Jessica, Egypt, Anthea, Rayne, Tassi and Maryam take part in a range of pampering activities such as hand massages, manicures and nail painting. We listen to soothing Bali Day Spa music and watch DVDs featuring Balinese dancers and other cultural activities. Or sometimes we get to wear a traditional Batik sarong! We also are learning some simple Bahasa Indonesian phrases, such as “Selamat Pagi” (Good morning), “Selamat Siang” (Good day) and “Baik, Terimah Kasi” (Thankyou I’m good)

Vanessa and Linda

Jessica, Egypt, Anthea, Rayne, Tassi and Maryam



## **K-6 Sports Carnival 2015**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August the K-6 classes held their annual Sports Carnival. Thank you to the families who came to join the fun and cheer on the teams: The Sensational Sunshines, Remarkable Rainbows, Shiny Sparkles, Cool Cosmics, Radical Rays and Spectacular Solars. The students all tried hard and participated in a range of sport activities and games including T-ball, bowling, egg and spoon race, an obstacle course, races and rob the nest.

I'd like to extend a very big thank you to our volunteers who gave up their time to come and make sure the carnival ran smoothly.



TERM PLANNER 2015		
<b>Term 3</b>		
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Personnel coming to school to complete companion cards</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Café Club</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Representatives coming to school to paint our garden tables and organise a BBQ</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting 9.30am at school</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Gastro Clinic - Full</b> <b>School Clinic - Full</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Talk like a pirate day.</b> <b>School Holidays commence</b>

TERM PLANNER 2015		
<b>Term 4</b>		
<b>Week 1</b>		
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>BOGAN BINGO</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting 7.30pm</b>
<b>Week 4</b>		
<b>Week 5</b>		
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School Clinic</b> <b>Carols in the Park pm</b>
<b>Week 7</b>		
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>P&amp;C meeting 9.30am at school</b> <b>School Leavers Function pm</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Presentation Assembly</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School Clinic (tentative)</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School finishes for students</b>