



NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 8

4th September, 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

It's a busy end to Term 3 for families, students and the school with a number of exciting and interesting information sessions organised for families and end of term activities for our students.

With Bogan Bingo fast approaching on the 16th October, the P&C are working terrifically hard to finalise all the preparations, collection of auction items and prizes and sale of tickets. This is a major fundraiser for the school so call 'relos' and friends to book a table and dress up for a fun night for such a fantastic cause. It's not too late to book/donate!

A P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Monday 7th October at 7pm for general business and then again on Monday 12th October at 7pm to finalise Bogan Bingo preparations. The P&C warmly welcomes all families to join for this and all future meetings.

Keep an eye out for a reminder note for High School Footy Day - Week 8, Friday 4th of September. I hope to see lots of footy jerseys with students and staff supporting their favourite teams.

In Week 9, 20 staff members from our local Commonwealth Bank will be coming to our school for a Community Project visit with the plan to paint our timber BBQ tables as well as provide a sausage sizzle for the students. This will certainly make a huge difference to the look of our outdoor furniture and areas.

Also in Week 9, our hairdresser Vanessa will be visiting our school to provide a wonderful service to our students.

By now all families would have received an invitation to attend a course held here at the school for information concerning NDIS and ADHC services in Week 10 Tuesday 15th September. The two sessions (10-11.30am and 6-7.30 pm) are provided in the hope to have as many attend as possible. The invitation has also been extended to St George School and Minerva School. Please call or email the school for bookings. We look forward to seeing you all here.

It has been an absolute pleasure and a huge learning curve, relieving for Robyn over the past few weeks and I know that Vanessa Marsden will do a wonderful job in the first few weeks of term 4 until Robyn returns.

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 6th October.

Warmest regards, Chris Mealey, Relieving Principal

Bogan Bingo



ITS BINGO

Bates Drive School

\$30 per head includes nibbles but the fun is **free!**

Table of 10 or we can place you on a
table where you can make new friends!

Dress like a bogan with prizes for best or worst dressed.
There will be lots of games and raffles, bring your money and
win some prizes.

Tickets available from Bates Drive School : 9521 6049

**WHERE
WHEN
TIME**

Kareela Golf Club, Kareela

Friday 16th October, 2015

7pm for 8.15pm start

WWW.BOGANBINGO.COM

21st August, 2015

You are invited to a free Information session for “Getting Ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme”

The information session is designed to support public school staff and families with disability to understand the transition of State disability services to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

THE INFORMATION SESSION WILL TALK ABOUT:

- What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?
- Why is Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) transitioning to NDIS?
- What does it mean for you?
- What is Ageing, Disability and Home Care doing to support the transition?
- Developing skills and understanding around:
 - Individualised funding
 - Developing a plan
 - Plan management options and
- What families can do NOW to get ready for National Disability Insurance Scheme.

THE INFORMATION SESSIONS ARE PRESENTED BY THE ADHC NDIS TRANSITION TEAM AT:

BATES DRIVE SCHOOL

TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

10am – 11:30am OR 6pm – 7:30pm

Registrations close one week (Tuesday 8th September, 2015) prior to session.

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SENSORY SCREENING FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER @ 11AM

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>

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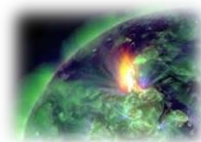
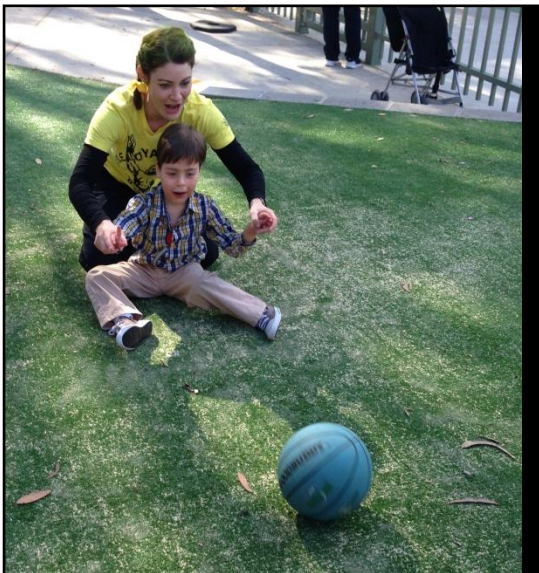
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SUNSHINE

The Sunshine class continues to work hard in a range of areas this term. Our unit of work on 'Getting Along' has allowed us to explore important people in our lives and learn about our rights and responsibilities. In maths, we have been learning about 'empty and full' and 'heavy and light'. We used sand and water to fill up and empty buckets and other containers in the sandpit. In Week 4 we participated in our annual K-6 Sports Day. We had lots of fun taking part in all of the events especially T-ball, egg and spoon races and bowling. The Sunshine class looked spectacular dressed in sunny yellow. It was wonderful to share a day of sporting fun with our families, carers and friends.

Until next time,
Leah, Cheryl and the Sunshine Class



SOLARS

The Solars LOVE that the weather has warmed up as our outdoor sensory program of jumping, rolling, building and climbing is way more fun in the sun ;-)
We are working really hard at the moment on our father's day presents Shhhh it's a secret!
Last week's book week activity had us all excited. Friday's assembly had us all participating in the famous "Wombat Stew", book reading and imaginative play session with Nicole.

Kirrily, Nicole, Kelly, Joanne and the Solars.

RAINBOWS



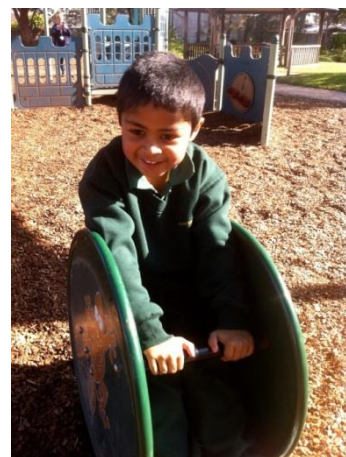
The Rainbows have been out in the community again and this time they went to Old School Park in GyMEA Bay. The students utilised the playground equipment, rode bikes and had morning tea at the park. It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone had so much fun! We love traveling on the bus and the Year 1 students have been enjoying their weekly Grays Point Integration excursions, too. It has been a great opportunity for all students to interact and work together through activities such as learning sign language through song.

Last week was Book Week and the Rainbows have been working hard on their literacy skills. For the past 6 weeks, we have focused on a different book each week. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Rainbow Fish* and *Where is the Green Sheep?*, are only a few of the wonderful stories we have been reading. Along with reading the story, the students have completed literacy and numeracy activities, created artworks and acted out scenes. We have been very busy!

We want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday coming up. Enjoy the warm spring weather.



Molly, Karen and the Rainbows



HSL

Hello!

HSL are tearing the way through term 3. We have had a very settled, productive and a happy term 3. HSL have been very busy with our talking and listening activities, money skills, PDHPE, learning all about Antarctica, Australian Landmarks as well as our weekly trips to Kurnell and eating our lunch at Captain Cook's landing point. HSL have also been rocking out in Music lessons. I've been hearing some great drumming that could possibly put me out of a job!. Term 4 will see HSL getting prepared for our Graduation night, Carols in the Park, hitting the pool and weekly Community Access programs.

Lee and Deb



RAYS

Term three has been a lot of fun. There has been a lot going on and the Rays are enjoying getting their hands into everything. Cooking on Thursdays is becoming a class favourite activity although it gets very messy. We have made damper, lamingtons, smarty biscuits and our own goop and play dough. It has also been lovely getting outside and using the liberty swing and sandpit playground area on occasions. The swing always makes the students happy and they enjoy the use of the closed in trampoline and the soft play obstacle course.

Music continues to bring plenty of smiles to the Rays faces as they learn. They enjoy listening to a variety of music and trying out different instruments such as strumming the guitar and playing various drums. In class we are starting a new morning circle routine. It will involve a little more desk work, as the students work individually with their own circle time books, however it is something I think the Rays are ready for and will benefit from. Last, but not least, I wanted to mention that Lucy's birthday party went off without a hitch. There were a lot of pink and purple decorations, some lovely cupcakes, lots of yummy party food and of course music! Lucy loves the latest top 40 and what is a party without music and dancing, we had a ball! Once again, Happy 12th Birthday Lucy!

Until next time,

Sarah, Cassie and our Rays of sunshine, ☺
(Braden, Lucy, Angelina, Victoria, Magnus and Hayden).

HS M

Hello again to our HSM families!

It's been very busy for our class this term. As we continue our literature study of *The Secret Garden*, we've been following Mary's journey from India to England where she discovers the run down old garden on the grounds of Mistlethwaite Manor. We explored aspects of England, including the weather (brrrrrr!), music (The Beatles) and The Royal Family. We held a posh 'high tea' tasting scones with cream and jam and drinking tea and made our own snow to explore how cold it can get in England.

In our Maths lessons, we have been investigating 'long' and 'short' lengths and using ribbons and other sensory materials to measure the lengths of different objects.

We have continued learning about Antarctica in Geography, exploring the many animals that live on, under and around the ice. We attended a fantastic Antarctica theme day with our High School mates, completing art and sensory activities.

On Fridays we have started to learn about personal hygiene and grooming, relationships and protective behaviours in our PDHPE groups and everyone has been participating well.

Stay tuned for more thrilling shenanigans.

Mel, Narelle & Carmen.

Sparkles

Sparkle and Shine!

Wow, is it term three week eight already? The Sparkles have been very busy completing a range of programs both inside the classroom and outside in the sunshine!

We have continued to complete Book Week programs based on '*Three Billy Goats Gruff*', '*Where is the Green Sheep?*' and '*One Duck Stuck*.' Take a look at some of our book-themed artworks below! On Thursday, 27th August, we completed some '*Where's Wally?*' themed activities to acknowledge Book Week within our classroom. These activities included matching shapes, matching words, ordering objects from smallest to biggest, and completing visual patterns. This themed work also related to our current strands in mathematics – 'Number' and 'Measurement'. During mathematics programs this term we have measured our heights, compared 'empty' and 'full' containers, ordered objects by size, and much more!

Community learning and going out on the bus continue to be the highlight for both staff and students. We see so many different things each week and are almost ready to step out and explore Shelly Park together. We will aim to start exiting the bus in week two, term four.

Victoria and Charmaine



COSMICS

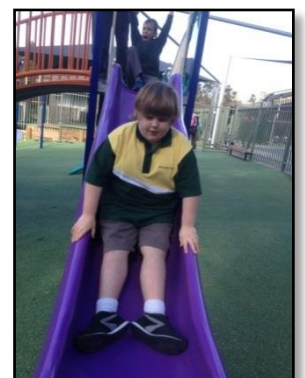


From the end of week 6 this term the Cosmics have had two new teachers on class, Shinead (Mon-Thurs) and David (Fri). Chris has taken over for Robyn as Principal until the end of term 3. The boys have settled in well and have lots of work to finish before the end of the term. We have begun looking at 'volume and mass' and are continuing to work through the strand 'number'. We have done book studies on "*The Rainbow Fish*" and "*Where is the Green Sheep?*" as well as completing work on our Letter of the Week. We are looking forward to our assembly this week where we will be participating in activities on Wombat Stew to celebrate Book Week. Earlier this term the Sports Carnival was a huge hit, with

all the boys enjoying the sports activities on offer. Thanks to the parents who came on the day!

Looking forward to the rest of the term!

From Shinead, Bec and David



HS V

In Term 3, our unit of work in Geography Life Skills has been on The Antarctica! Through our Antarctica Note Book Programs we have learnt about where it's located in relation to Australia and also its natural environment and landscape and life in Antarctica! We have learnt what native animals and birds live there, its average temperature and the freezing conditions, what scientists are studying there as well as the eco systems that exist. It has been such an interesting unit of work. We also took part in the High School Key Learning Area day on Antarctica, where we participated in a range of hands on learning experiences. We felt ice cubes and "snow", dressed in really warm clothing and created lots of Antarctica art and craft work!

Vanessa, Natalie, Sarah and

James, Julian, Egypt, Jess, Reece and Rick



HS A

This term in Geography Life Skills, HSA has been learning all about amazing Antarctica. Recently we combined with the High School team and experienced Antarctica. We participated in cool activities like feeling ice, making snow and painting the Antarctica sky using ice blocks. HSA are now focusing on Australian landmarks. We have started looking at Australian icons like the Opera House and Ayers Rock. HSA have continued to enjoy music lessons with Luke from the Rhythm Village and drumming with Lee. Have a look at our school website and check out what else has been happening at our school.

Last week we helped Eamon celebrate his 15th birthday. Eamon enjoyed sharing his ice cream birthday cake. Happy 15th birthday to Eamon. With only a few weeks left this term we would like to wish all our families a happy and safe holiday.

See you next term

Annemarie and Linda



We are having a lot of fun in HCK this term. In week 6 we had the opportunity to increase our knowledge of Antarctica when we participated in High School Antarctica Theme Day. We were able to experience what snow and ice felt like and how cold the temperature can get in Antarctica. We used ice block paints to create an image of the Aurora Australis and overlayed this with a silhouette of an animal from Antarctica. We learned how to identify the continent on a map and used different materials to recreate a glacier. A fun and messy time was had by all. Our favourite sessions all week would have to be the music classes. We get to participate in drumming, singing, dancing and strumming a guitar. We've seen some different instruments in the last few weeks including the accordion and a trombone. These sessions give us a chance to explore new songs and sounds and let us play along with some of our favourites. Take care until next time.

Keltie, Clare and Cassandra

Theodore, Luke, Rayne, Lachlan, Yawkra



Footy Colours' Day Reminder

When: Tomorrow, Friday 4th September

What to wear: Footy jumpers, Footy Colours or Supporters Gear.

What to bring: Gold Coin Donation!

Many thanks!

Vanessa Marsden

Footy Colours Day Co-ordinator.

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TERM PLANNER 2015

TERM 3		
Week 9	Thursday 10th September	School Clinic - Full
Week 10	Friday 18th September	School Holidays commence

Term 4		
Week 1		
Week 2	Friday 16th October	BOGAN BINGO
Week 3	Monday 19th October Thursday 22nd October	P&C Meeting 7.30pm Grandparents Day
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6	Thursday 12th November Friday 13th November	School Clinic Carols in the Park pm
Week 7		
Week 8	Monday 23rd November Tuesday 24th November	P&C meeting 9.30am at school School Leavers Function pm
Week 9	Friday 4th December	Presentation Assembly
Week 10	Thursday 10th December	School Clinic (tentative)
Week 11	Wednesday 16th December	School finishes for students