



NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5

8th November, 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

Last week we were absolutely thrilled to have staff from Coles, Kareela at our school. The team was led by Peter the store manager and a number of volunteers who helped the students build seven veggie gardens to complement our newly developed sensory corridor.

This project was organised by Laura, Jessica and Sam from a company called Dig & Fish. Our school was chosen to be the recipient of not only the gardens but all of the equipment needed to complete the task and the plants to grow and enjoy.

Coles provided the delicious BBQ and fruit stand for Grandparent's Day on the Thursday. The BBQ was enjoyed by not only the grandparents and families but also the students and staff.

Thank you again to Coles and Dig & Fish, we all felt very spoilt and grateful.

It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and families on 27th October. This year we had more than 58 people from our school community visiting the classrooms and participating in the activities. Your support and enthusiasm is always appreciated.

It is only two weeks away until we celebrate the festive season with Carols in the Park here at school. Just Projects Group of Companies (just promotions) approached me about joining in the activities on that evening. The staff are coming to the event with Mr and Mrs Claus for professional photos for families, art and craft activities for the children, characters such as the Minions for the children to enjoy and a small gift for each child. The P&C are organising a BBQ for everyone which will include a sausage sizzle, popper drinks and cake. Lee Carey (teacher) and his band (the Bates City Rollers) will be playing lots of festive tunes for you to sing along to or have a dance. It will be a great night: rain or shine. [Please note that alcohol is not permitted at this event.](#)

[Congratulations to Kelly Ford and Rebecca Stiller who both gained permanent SLSO positions at Bates Drive School this term. We all wish both ladies every happiness and success in their new positions.](#)

Bates Drive Celebration Assembly is on Friday 2nd December, 2016. Please come along and support your child/ children as we complete another successful school year.

Please note that school concludes on Friday 16th December, 2016 for both students and staff. , School resumes for students on Monday 30th January, 2017.

Warmest Regards
Robyn Compton
Principal

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Chaplain's Corner Term 4

Welcome to Chaplain's corner. This year has been a busy year and term 4 is getting closer to finishing too! This can be a full time of year for many, but can also be a time of anxiety as the long holidays draw nearer.

If you are feeling anxious or concerned or stressed, or just keen for a chat, feel free to drop me a call or send me an email to nicole.clark@generate.org.au and we can make a time for a coffee or call.

Café Club will be back Term 1 2017. If you have a preference for a day or time for Café Club in 2017, please email me and I will set the most preferred dates and send out a flier in February. There are many new families joining our school community in 2017, and this is a lovely way to welcome them and share your school knowledge. So stay tuned in 2017 for the notes and dates.

Any questions please contact Nicole Clark at nicole.clark@generate.org.au or contact the school. I'm always happy to meet for a coffee and have a chat if you want.

Nicole Clark
School Chaplain

PARROTS



WOW! This term has already been so busy with so many activities packed into the first few weeks. Apart from the usual classroom activities, the Parrots participated in the K-6 Sports Carnival in Week 2 with all of the students and families accessing the activities set up. We were fortunate to have a number of helpers including families and staff from Sports Ready, to assist all students in engagement.

The class had a wonderful morning with nine Grandparents visiting our classroom to celebrate the positive impact Grandparents have in our lives. The class helped to produce a SmartNote Book and activities based around the story "The Cuddle Book". Everybody enjoyed making beautiful cards especially for our visitors. We were also fortunate to have a visit from Coles who helped build our own herb and flower garden. This will be an ongoing project with the students taking turns to water our container.

In week 4 we celebrated Halloween with lots of ghoulish fun, dress-ups and activities. The slimy mix of black pasta and slippery grapes proved a huge hit.

Take care for the last few weeks of term,
Chris, Nat and Donna.





ROSELLAS

Term 4 already! The Rosellas class have had a great start to their final term for the year. We have been keeping busy with special event days, including our annual K-6 Sports Carnival, Grandparents Day and Halloween Day.

The boys had a great time participating in an obstacle course, relay race, T-ball, bowling and even target shooting with water pistols in the K-6 Sports Carnival. Thank you to our parents who attended! For Grandparent's Day, we thought we would be a bit cheeky and read "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly" with our Grandparents. We completed activities on the interactive whiteboard, and our Grandparents helped us to finish worksheets. It was wonderful to have our grandparents visit. Halloween Day was a huge success with dress ups, Halloween-themed literacy and numeracy activities, as well as eewy gooey sensory activities!

In Week 3 we had our final integration session with our buddies from Oyster Bay. The students threw us a party with dancing, musical chairs and parachute games. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed their weekly integration sessions, and we have been so fortunate to work with such kind and supportive buddies.

Lastly I would like to say a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Yann! He turned 10 last week and the class loved celebrating his birthday with cake and special treats. Also, I would like to welcome Cruz to the Rosella class. Cruz has settled back into the routines here at Bates Drive School with no problems, and it is great to have him in our class.

Until next time,

Leah, Donna, Jen and the Rosella class.





COCKATOOS

Hello everyone - welcome back to Term 4! The year will soon be drawing to a close; however, we are still busily completing a range of important programs including a few new ones! This term we began a Cooking program in the school's hospitality kitchen, and also commenced our Fruit Shopping program that we completed previously in Term 2. Cooking has been a very positive experience for students and staff, with students learning basic cooking skills such as following a visual recipe to create some easy and delicious food. Not only do we get to touch and smell the food, but we also get to eat it after all of our hard work.

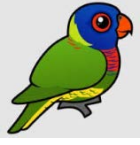
In Week 2, K-6 students participated in our annual Sports Carnival and won awards for their sports skills - thank you to all of the relatives that attended. In Week 3, we had a lot of special activities and celebrations to participate in, tying in nicely with our HSIE unit of work: Celebrations. On Wednesday 26th October representatives from Coles Kareela visited the school to provide and help create sensory gardens. Our class had the opportunity to help dig in the soil, plant herbs and flowers and water them. We now have a sensory corridor that we can explore by bringing our learning outside into this area and we have adopted a garden bed to look after. We also had some more very special visitors - our Grandparents. Thank you to all of the Grandparents that attended Grandparents Day on Thursday 27th October, it was heart-warming to see you all with your Grandchild having fun!

This week on Monday 31st October, we had another special event - Halloween Day. Students and staff across the whole school were encouraged to dress up and participate in Halloween themed workstations in and around the COLA. Activities included a photo booth, sensory tubs full of spaghetti worms and plastic spiders, an art station with magic spider web ink washing, a maths counting activity with pumpkin seeds and spiders, and an interactive whiteboard activity in the COLA. It was a wonderful event and we all enjoyed the whole day!

We have more special events and important programs coming up soon, so please keep an eye on those communication books for information.

Take care,
Victoria, Rebecca and the Cockatoos





LORIKEETS

Welcome to Term 4!

Where has the time gone! The Lorikeets have been very busy learning about Halloween for our COGS unit theme 'Celebrations'. We will be focusing on birthdays, celebrations around the world and Christmas later in the term. We learned about Halloween traditions, carved a jack-o-lantern and attended our annual Halloween party in the COLA. At the party we did some spider counting, monster peg math, painting, literacy work at the interactive whiteboard and celebrated with treat bags and a photo booth. We had the best time!

The Lorikeets also started going to Kareela Coles again for their weekly shop to purchase items for home and our cooking program. We are now cooking each Wednesday in the hospitality kitchen where we are making cupcakes, pancakes, fruit tarts and much more! Everyone loves getting involved to measure, mix and especially...EAT! Speaking of Kareela Coles, they also came to our school to donate sensory gardens and have a sausage sizzle. Everyone enjoyed planting with the Coles staff and now each day we water our gardens to help them grow.

It has been an awesome start to the term! 😊

Molly, Angela and the Lorikeets

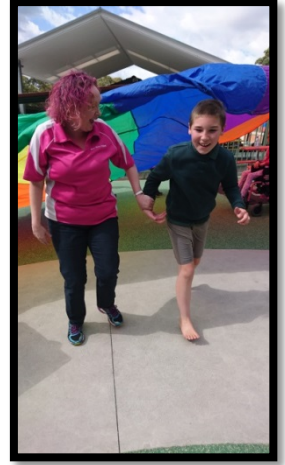




GALAHS

Welcome to Term 4. The Galahs had an amazing time on 'International Talk like a Pirate Day' in week 10 last Term – everyone got into the spirit and dressed up! The class also had a very successful day at our K-6 Sports Carnival in week 2, and we would like to say thank you to the parents who made the effort to come visit us – we all had a ball! Congratulations to Katelyn's great grandma for winning the parent participation award! We are halfway through the term already, and have been very productive in all our learning areas. We have started an exciting new unit of work on 'Celebrations', where we are looking at the way different cultures celebrate special events through the year. We would like to say Happy Birthday to Katelyn who celebrated her birthday during the school holidays. We had a great day on Grandparents Day, showing our grandparent's what we do at school.

Shined, Nicole and Cassandra



HSL

I said it 3 newsletters ago, but this year is flying!

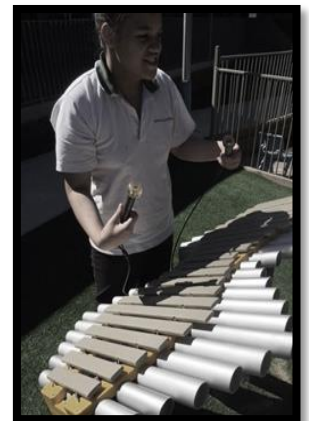
HSL have had a great return to school and are busily working away to finish our schooling for the year.

HSL have been working hard with our communication and listening skills, PDHPE groups, mathematics and are learning about 'Maps' in our Geography unit of work. We have also been making the most of the lovely spring weather and hitting the pool and every Friday we have a new Community Learning program that sees us at the Henry Lawson Reserve in Como for our lunch and a play on the park equipment.

HSL have had a great year at school. We look forward to making the most of our final weeks at school.

Till next time.

Lee, Deb and Joanne



HSV

Now with the warmer weather upon us, the students in HSV have been enjoying a range of outdoor physical fitness activities. These activities are part of our work in syllabus area of Personal Development, Health and PE Life Skills. We are swimming twice a week with HSK and though it may not be that hot, the water temperature is really nice and warm, perfect to swim in, thanks to the solar heating. Every Thursday from Weeks 2 to 9, we participate in the Sports Ready Program. Michael, Amy and Kim are our Sports Ready Instructors. We have to listen to them, as we are learning to wait our turn and share the equipment while we get to do lots of fun sports and fitness activities out in the playground. We also enjoy using the Liberty Swing in the morning session after completing our Teen Talk, Literacy and Numeracy programs. HSV are very busy and very active!

Jayden, Kwabena, Angelina, Joel and EJ

and

Vanessa, Kelly and Jo



HSS

We have had a very productive start to term 4 for all our KLAs here in HSS.

We are enjoying this terms Geography topic of Maps. The focus is on the map of Australia and Australia's famous landmarks. You should see our art display that we are creating! Swimming is so much fun. We are really enjoying jumping and splashing about in the pool. We are all exhausted afterwards.

Grandparent's day was a great success. It was so nice to show our Grandparents our classroom and all our artworks. We made an artwork of The Sydney Harbour Bridge together with our grandparents, they look amazing. Luke turned 15 on the 31st of October. Everyone enjoyed the celebrations playing games on the white board, pin the tail on the donkey and dancing to our favourite music. Of course we had our favourite food of HOT CHIPS and party pies and sausage rolls.

We had so much fun celebrating Halloween, we learnt about the history and traditions. Everyone dressed up wearing hats and capes, some of us even put face paint on. We have been creative and made pumpkins, spiders, ghosts and bats.

HSS, Genevieve & Belinda



HSM

It's been a very busy time for the students of HSM. Everyone had a wonderful time joining in with Walangari and learning about Indigenous Australian culture through music, dance and storytelling at our Indigenous Day. We also had our faces painted, created a variety of dot paintings and listened to the didgeridoo.

We were very excited to welcome some of our grandparents to the school and showed off our sporting prowess for them during the Sports Ready Program. Extra points to Jackson for a huge effort to impress his grandparents!

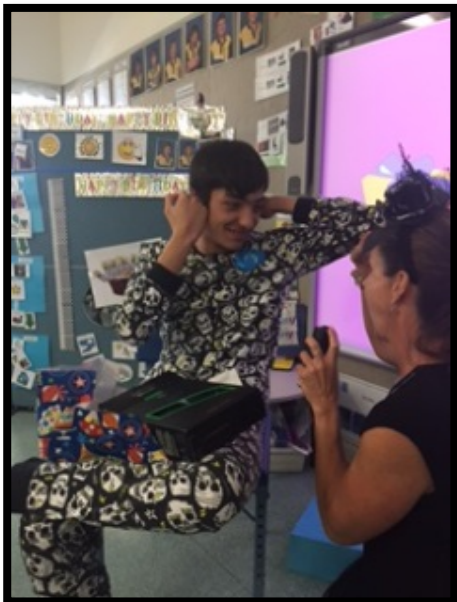
We had a class outing to the (very noisy and busy!) Blue Light Disco where we had fun boogieing on the dancefloor and enjoyed a sausage sizzle. Special thanks to Theo's mum and Nicole for the extra help at the venue!

We were very lucky to have volunteers from Coles come into the school to help us set up a new gardening area and we all had a great time planting the new plants. We also spent some time checking out some new soft fall sensory animals and balancing equipment set up in the playground and have been practising our gymnastics skills walking across the balance beam and along the back of the crocodile and snake.

We also celebrated Michael's birthday with a Spook-tacular party full of ghost stories and scarrrrrry songs. On the same day, we joined the other high school classes in the COLA0 for a session of fantastic sensory, maths and art activities about Halloween. What a fun day!

Finally, we are looking forward to starting our swimming program in Week 5 and hope that the weather continues to improve!

Mel, Karen & Carmen.



HSK

We can't believe it is Term 4 and slowly getting warmer. We have had a great start to the last term of 2016 as we enjoy new activities and new excursion venues. Swimming has started and with these temperatures we are thankful for the solar heating. Some of the students are practicing duck diving to collect diving sticks at the bottom of the pool. It's a race to see who captures the most and we count them out together on the side of the pool. HSK has also started having lunch out on Wednesday with the fabulous people at the Sylvania Bowling Club. The new menu options are exciting and the skills learned at Engadine Bowling Club have definitely transferred. The staff at the restaurant are very impressed with our group. We are studying Maps in HSIE this term. We are identifying which country we live in on the world map, the different states and territories and placing our faces in the different suburbs we live in as well. We were very spoilt last week. Coles came to our school to plant sensory gardens with us. We went out to help plant, water and spread mulch. Can't wait to see them grow in the sun. Grandparents came for a visit and we showed them how we complete our work routines each day. The Halloween Party was a huge success as we all has fun completing activities that have been planned around our Key Learning Areas.



HSA

The year is flying by! I (Crystal) will be on class HSA for Weeks 3 and 4 while Annemarie is away. This term HSA have been focusing on their Maps unit of work. They have been busy learning about the fundamental components of a map, cardinal direction (N, S, E, W) positional words (e.g. near and far), as well as studying maps of Australia.

Every Tuesday, HSA has science with Miss Shaylee. They are currently concentrating on resources and differentiating between man-made and natural materials. Then on Thursdays, our class participates in the Sports Ready Program to help keep our bodies active.

Thank you to all the grandparents who were able to attend "Grandparents Day" on the 27th of October. It was a pleasure meeting you. We could not have been more delighted by your company and we hope you enjoyed the day.

Throughout the past month we have been busy with a variety of Halloween arts and craft activities such as creating 3D paper ghosts, spider handprints, and a creepy haunted house. To celebrate Halloween, on Monday the 31st the entire school participated in some enjoyable Halloween Day activities.

Welcome aboard Samuel who has joined class HSA this term. He has adjusted really well to his new class and classmates.

Lastly, Happy 17th Birthday to Anthea!! We all had a great time celebrating your big day!

Crystal, Annemarie, Narelle, Lynda and HSA (Karl, Kent, Jamie, Anthea, Maryam, Tassi, and Samuel)



TERM 4, 2016 CALENDER OF EVENTS		
WEEK 1		
WEEK 2		
WEEK 3		
WEEK 4	Jack Hinton Walkathon	Wednesday 2 nd November
WEEK 5		
WEEK 6		
WEEK 7	School Leavers Function _ Kareela Golf Club	Tuesday 22 nd November
	New student's orientation	Thursday 24 th November
WEEK 8	P&C meeting	Monday 28 th November
	Celebration Assembly	Friday 2 nd December
WEEK 9	Clinic - Full	Thursday 8 th December
WEEK 10	Hair Cuts	Tuesday 13 th December
	The school year concludes for students and staff	Friday afternoon 16 th December.