



NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 10

12th December, 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

This is the last newsletter for the year, and what a year it has been. The staff have excelled in providing such a wealth of exciting and beneficial programs and activities. I would personally like to express my gratitude to our staff and thank them for a very productive and rewarding year. I would like to thank our P&C committee. You are a wonderful group of people working very hard for the children and school. Thank you again.

Today (Tuesday 6th December) I had the pleasure of meeting Hon John Ajaka, Minister of Ageing and Disability, who was accompanied by Eleni Petinos MP Miranda. They presented the school with a very generous cheque of \$11,500 to purchase outdoor shelters. We are very fortunate to receive donations for our school to purchase resources.

This year we say farewell to three Year 12 students: Karl Keller, Kent Marlin and Jamie Tolovae. It is a time of enormous change for the students and their families. Our best wishes go these young men as they complete their schooling at Bates Drive School. Jamie and Kent are unwell at this time so our thoughts are constantly with them and their families as they recover from their illness.

Ryan Tuohy (Year 2) is moving to the support unit at Peakhurst Primary. We wish him every success in his new school and we hope that the staff enjoys having Ryan in their school community as much as we have.

Joseph Harnett (Year 7) and his family are making the move to Victoria. We wish them all the best and hope that Joseph enjoys his new school and new home.

Sharnae Crawford (Kindergarten) will be moving to Miranda PS next year. We wish her very success.

Leah Gillespie one of our very valued teachers is leaving us to take up a 12 month role with the Vision Support team. We wish her every success in this role. Molly Wolfel has accepted a temporary engagement to replace Leah during this time.

Before the end of term you will receive your child's School Report along with information about your child's class for next year. The classes have been established with the best intentions for next year. If there are any staffing changes you will be notified as soon as possible.

Next year there will be new students to introduce to you and also new staff. We look forward to welcoming them into Bates Drive School.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and a safe return to school in 2017.

Warmest Regards,

Robyn Compton. Principal.

Congratulation to Andrea Moldrich for receiving an Award from the Ultimo Region for her outstanding contribution to the school as School Administrative Manager.

Andrea has always demonstrated a high level of dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism in all aspects of her role. She embraces change and has explored and incorporated new and innovative ways to make aspects of her daily responsibilities more effective and efficient.

Thank you on behalf of the whole school community.



COCKATOOS

Welcome to Term 4, Week 8 and our final Cockatoos newsletter! As the year draws to a close, the Cockatoos have been continuing to complete weekly programs including cooking. In cooking we have created a range of different foods including a giant Gingerbread House, which has been wrapped and is on display in our classroom for one more week before sending parts home to students' families to enjoy. The class worked together to decorate the house and it looks very festive! This and several other cooking lessons have linked with our HSIE unit of work this term - Celebrations.

On Thursday, 17th November the Cockatoos and Lorikeets ventured to the Royal National Park to participate in the Teddy Bear's Picnic. Students played some games with their teddy bears, walked to Bungoona Lookout and had a picnic with their teddy bears before returning to school.

Two very special students will be celebrating their birthdays during the holidays so we would like to wish Connor and Oscar very happy birthdays. We will have a small class celebration in the final week of school to say happy birthday to them and also as an end of year party.

We wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year! Take care and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

Victoria, Rebecca and the Cockatoos.





LORIKEETS

Wow, I can't believe it's almost the end of the year! The Lorikeets have been busy continuing our work on 'Celebrations' focusing on birthdays and Christmas. We had a party in the hospitality kitchen where we iced a birthday cake and added lots of fun sprinkles! We all loved decorating the cake and having a slice at the end! Recently we have been learning about Christmas traditions. We put our Christmas tree up and placed our decorations on the tree. It looks so nice and we are all in the Christmas spirit. ☺

The Lorikeets are also getting excited for their sleepover at the Taronga Zoo coming up! On Thursday December 8th we are going on the bus and heading to the zoo. There we will have tours and feed some animals. We will sleep in our sleeping bags and spend the next day exploring the rest of the zoo. It is going to be so much fun!

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday! I am so proud of each one of you and your achievements this year. Congratulations to Abass, Andrew, Brady, Emily, Jasmine, Phillip and Ryan.

Ryan is transitioning to Peakhurst Public School Support Unit next year. We wish him all of the best at his new placement!

Molly, Angela and the Lorikeets





GALAHS

The Galahs have ended the year with a bang! We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Luke for Monday 5th December. As our unit of work on 'Celebrations' is winding down, and we are starting on some Christmas art and craft for the last two weeks of term. The class enjoyed the Halloween celebrations on 31st October, participating in a variety of sensory, literacy and numeracy activities. All students also joined in at the Jack Hinton Walkathon on Wednesday 2nd November. Shinead is happy to be back at school having some time off after a fall at work. Nicole is also off for the last 3 weeks, having surgery on her foot. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers who have covered for us on class during this time. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break - see you next year!

Shinead, Nicole and Cassandra

HSL

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2016!

This has been by far the fastest term, let alone year of school ever.

HSL have had a great year at school. HSL - Rayne, Victoria, Joseph, Braden and Cristian should all be very proud of their academic, social and communication achievements. I certainly am. We have had many highlights this year including: improved visual learning and PECS based communication skills, the Sports Ready program, Community Access program to Glenburnie Orchard - Darkes Forest and Henry Lawson Reserve Como, the HSIE units of work on Maps and Rainforests. Carols in the Park was a wonderful night and fun was had by all.

I would like to thank: Joseph, Rayne, Cristian, Braden and Victoria for an enjoyable and productive year at school. It has been a lot of fun. Thank you for a great year at school


I would also like to wish Joseph Harnett and family a successful move to Melbourne. Joseph has been a student at Bates Drive School since 2012. I hope Joseph transitions well into his new school and wish all the best to the Harnett family.

I would also like to thank the SLSOs that have given amazing support to HSL and the entire school. In particular, I sincerely thank my SLSO, Debra Scholes. I have been blessed to work with Deb for last 2 years, her kindness, patience, hard work, knowledge, not to mention craft skills and amazing rapport with all students is fabulous. Thank you for everything Deb.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas and here is to a productive and fulfilling 2017.

Cheers

Lee and Deb



PARROTS

How quickly has this semester flown! The Parrots have been really busy in the classroom engaging with activities on the interactive whiteboard, cut and paste activities and programs around the school. We have continued the unit of work on Feelings with some wonderful artwork and work sheets. We have been busy identifying how we feel each day as well as realising that it's ok to be sad or angry- it's just how we **deal** with the emotions that are important.

I would like to thank Michelle for taking over the class for the two weeks I was away and to Nat and Dianne for continuous support.

We are all looking forward to Term 3 and wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Cheers from all the Parrots – Chris, Nat & Dianne.



ROSELLAS



Congratulations Rosellas! We have all had such a wonderful and successful year together, and I couldn't be more proud of each and every one of you! Over the past few weeks we have been busily finishing off our work for the year. Our 'Celebrations' unit is nearly done, and we have begun our Christmas craft. We have been taking lots of data in maths, and in literacy we have been practicing our theme words. The weather has been perfect every Monday, so we have been able to thoroughly enjoy our weekly swimming session! We have also been going on special community access visits. We did some shopping at Coles, followed by delicious hot chips. Last week, we went to FlipOut and had the best time jumping and playing – plus we had the whole centre to ourselves! Next week, we are looking forward to an end of term picnic and play at the playground in Waterfall.

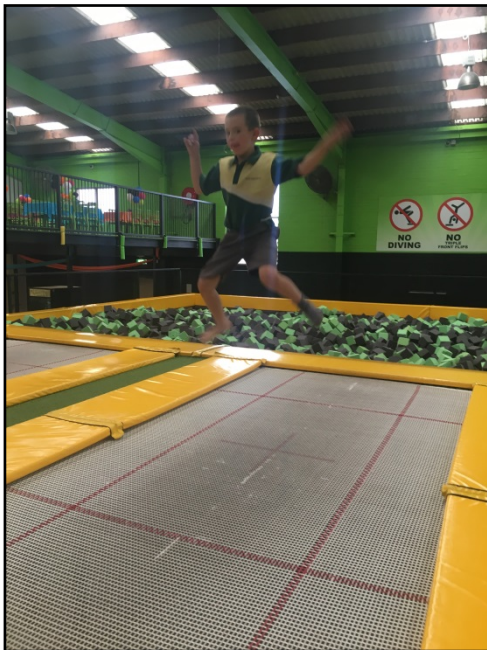
What a busy year we have had! I would like to say a huge thankyou to Dianne, who replaced Charmaine as my SLSO this term. She has fitted into the class beautifully and the boys have enjoyed having her as part of our class.

We would both like to wish all of our families a fantastic Christmas, and all the best for the New Year.

After 5 years here at Bates Drive, I have decided to take a year's leave. Next year I will be joining the Vision Support team based at GyMEA Bay Public School. I will miss Bates Drive very much, but I am looking forward to this opportunity, and hopefully I will see you all again in 2018!

Merry Christmas!

From Leah, Dianne and the Rosella class.



HSV

Greetings HSV Families!

I cannot believe that this is our final newsletter for 2016. It has been such a busy and productive year for all of the students in HSV. Kwabena, Jayden, Angelina, Joel and EJ, you all have made outstanding progress in your individualised literacy programs and communication skills. Well done! In Mathematics Life Skills the class excelled in the “HSV Footy Tipping Comp”, as part of our work on data collection. Each week HSV students got very clever at picking the weekly winning teams and at the end of the 2016 season earning themselves a footy tipping trophy.

In History Life Skills we covered many topics; from Anzac Day, Harmony Day, Easter, Bushrangers and Ned Kelly, Rio Olympics and celebrated everyone’s birthday. We like birthday parties! In Geography Life Skills we learnt about Rainforests, Maps and participated in a weekly community learning program in the local area.

HSV students also became very skilled in the kitchen preparing pizzas’ for lunch in cooking every Friday. No need to order pizza when you can make the best tasting pizza yourself! And we also practised our snack preparation skills, making blueberry muffins, cupcakes, pikelets and popcorn! The Sports Ready Program was another highly successful program. A big thank you must go out to Michael, Amy, Kim and the Sports Ready team who each week helped us to participate in a range of sports and fitness activities, many we had never tried before.

I would like to make a special mention to the 2 very hard working and dedicated SLSOs Kelly and Jo, who without their support we couldn’t have achieved what we did, with a unique class of students. A BIG thank you ladies!

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and happy and safe holidays. All the best for 2017.

Vanessa and the 2016 HSV Team; Kelly, Jo, Kwabena, Joel, Angelina, Jayden and EJ.



HSS

HSS has had a fantastic Term 4 and year for that matter!

Carols in the Park was a great event! The band was awesome, they sung lots of pop music and some Christmas carols too. There was special visit from Santa and Mrs Claus. We had photos with Santa and he even gave us an early Christmas present. There were also Minions, a snowman and a teddy bear. We danced with them and had lots of photos with them. Now that we are in the spirit, we look forward to continuing our Christmas theme work and Creative Arts projects to decorate our classroom and make it look festive. We've celebrated another birthday in November for Connor, he turned 16! As always we enjoyed the party and all its delicious food. We played pin the tale on the donkey and listened to birthday songs.

Swimming continues to be a highlight of the week, particularly in the warm weather. Music is now in full swing. It's always so enjoyable as we all love having a turn of the xylophone, drums and guitar.

As it's the last Newsletter for 2016 we truly hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas break, full of joy and happiness. We wish everyone the best of luck in their school year for 2017.

Gen and Belinda



HSM

Hello to our HSM families!

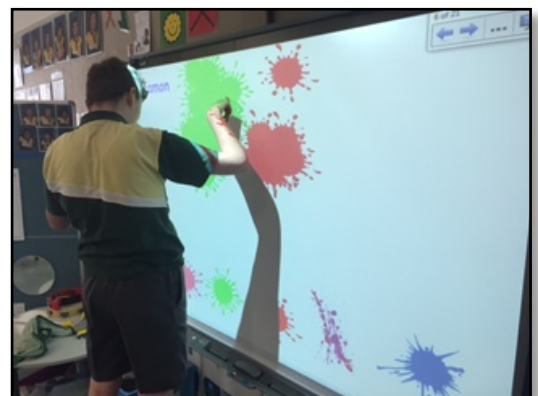
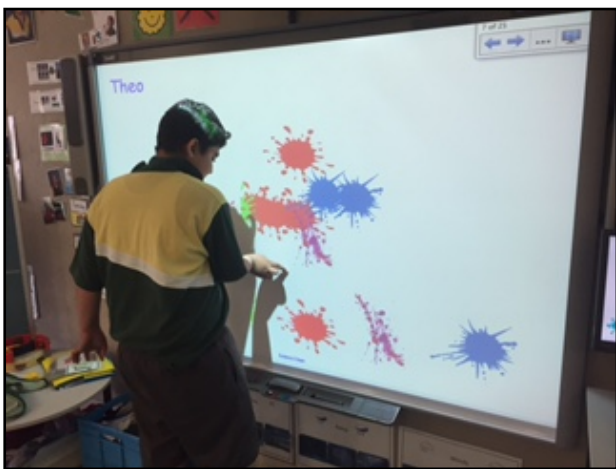
So this is our final newsletter for the year. And what a year it has been. The students and staff in HSM have been working extra hard finishing off our units of work and will be getting stuck into all things Christmas very shortly. Our modified interactive story 'Around the World in 80 Days' is about the come to it's thrilling conclusion as we find out if our characters did, indeed, make it around the world in 80 days! We have followed our characters Phileas Fogg, Passepartout, Mrs Aouda and Detective Fix as they travel on ships, trains and even an elephant through England, Egypt, India, China, Japan and, finally, America. We have explored the culture and climate, food, clothing, transport and music of each of the countries visited in the story. To develop our money skills we have been spending our pocket money at the class shop. During these sessions, students are supported to put their money in a wallet before participating in a role play about going to the shop. Special mention to Karen and Carmen who have been moonlighting as our delightful shopkeepers. Students peruse the 'specials board' before making their selection from six enticing options. With our money we have purchased time on the swing or trampoline, several sessions of Wiggles and iPad as well as quite a few packets of chips! Talk about mixing it up!

Our art lessons saw us exploring the works of Jackson Pollock and we have had lots of fun practising his 'action' style of painting with drips and splashes of paint. We created several likenesses of his work and even used his style to create similar designs on the whiteboard! Our students were every creative!

Finally, our swimming program is in full swing with the weather being very kind to us on Wednesdays! We have been having a blast in the pool, developing our confidence and water safety skills and, generally having a blast on these hot summer days!

We are very excited to be immersing ourselves in all things Christmas for the next few weeks with lots of fun activities planned. I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge 'thanks' to our superstar SLSOs, Karen and Carmen for all their hard work with our class this year. A huge 'thanks' also goes out to our wonderful families for all your support over the year. It's been a busy one, but a great one and we are all very proud of the achievements and efforts made by Jackson, Eamon, Michael, Jessie, Theo and Robbie this year.

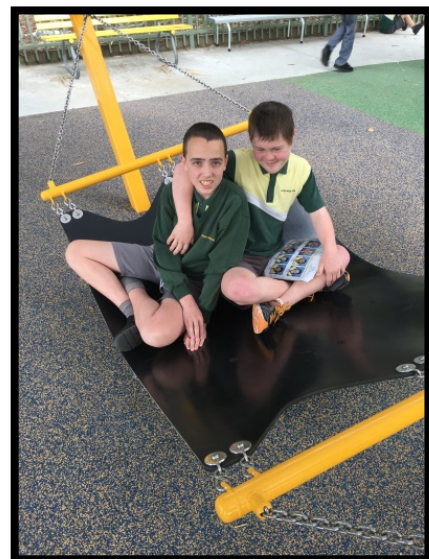
We wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for a happy and safe holiday period.
Mel, Karen & Carmen.



HSK

We had a fabulous evening for Carols in the Park. The band was spectacular singing a variety of popular music and Christmas carols. Everyone was surprised with a special visit from Santa and Mrs Clause as they handed out presents. Minions, a snowman and teddy bear all came to the school so we could get fun photos on the night. We enjoyed music and dancing, painting ornaments, and eating sausage sizzle and cake. A great time was had by all. We can't believe that we are in the final weeks of 2016 and we have had a fabulous and productive year. We are enjoying the festivities of term 4 and particularly enjoy swimming with this warm weather. We have 2 students with birthdays in November and our class sure does enjoy party food. HSK is also looking forward to completing some Christmas theme work in the next few weeks including Math and English Christmas themes and creative art projects to make our classroom look seasonal and festive. The sensory gardens are looking lovely and our students are doing their part to care for and water these plants. We have some students moving in to their final year at Bates Drive and we wish them all the best for year 12. As this is our last newsletter item for 2016 we hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Keltie, Cassie and the guys.



HSA

It's hard to believe that Christmas is around the corner and it's almost the end of the year. Where has 2016 gone? What a year it has been. As the year come to an end we would like to wish all our families, a happy and safe Christmas

What a productive year we have had in HSA, together we have worked hard and had lots of laughs and fun.

Fortunately all our school leavers were in the same class this year, so they were able to spend more time together. The Year 12 graduation was a great success. Thank you to everyone that supported our fundraising for the year 12 graduation. Also thank you for helping to make it such a special night for our Year 12 young men and their families who are leaving us this year. Congratulations to Kent, Karl and Jamie! We wish you all good health and all the very best in your future journey ahead.

To all our friends and families in HSA thank you for all your support throughout the year.

Till next year

Maryam, Tassi, Anthea, Karl, Kent, Jamie and Samuel

Annemarie, Narelle and Lynda

WALKATHON

A HUGE thankyou to all Parents and Carers in your support of the Annual Jack Hinton Walkathon! With your help and a super walking effort by our students and staff the school was able to raise over \$1,000 for much needed resources.

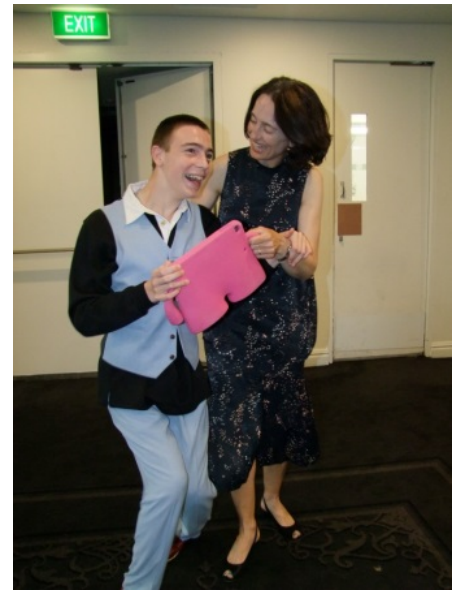
Vanessa Marsden

Walkathon Coordinator



GRADUATION 2016

Karl Keller, Kent marlin and Jamie Tolovae



Marie Milwain (mother of Hayden) made the cupcakes and cake. They were delicious!!



TERM 1, 2017		EVENTS
WEEK 1	Friday 27 th January	Staff Development Day – staff only
WEEK 2	Monday 30 th January	First Day for Students
WEEK 3	Monday 6 th February (2 weeks)	Swim School Starts for K-6
	Monday 6 th February	P & C Meeting 7pm
	Thursday 9 th February	School clinic
WEEK 4		Swim school continues
	Monday 13 th February	High School PLP meetings commence
	Wednesday 15 th February	Meet and Greet Evening
WEEK 5	Monday 20 th February	K-6 PLP meeting commence
WEEK 6		
WEEK 7	Thursday 9 th March	School Clinic
WEEK 8	Monday 13 th March	P & C meeting 7pm
WEEK 9		
WEEK 10		
WEEK 11	Friday 7 th April	School Holidays commence