



NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 5

26TH May, 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

It has been such lovely weather to be outdoors over the last few weeks. The students have been enjoying their time in the playground during break times and when appropriate class activities.

The trampoline in the sandpit area has finally worn out. It has been one of the most used items in the school and thanks to the generosity of the P&C Assoc it is to be replaced very soon.

Our P&C representatives do a wonderful job supporting the school and the students. Recently at the P&C AGM Kristy Fletcher was re-elected as President, Shantelle Tagg, Vice President, Karen Orlic, Secretary and we are still waiting to fill the position of Treasurer. Georgina Bejcek has kindly offered to remain as Treasurer for the time being. Even though Marisa Severino does not hold an official title she has been, and still is a great support and fundraiser for the school. There are also the regular attendees such as Renee, Belinda and our previous treasurer Rosie who assist at every meeting and function. Thanks Ladies.

If you would like to attend the P&C meetings, you are more than welcome. It would be lovely to see you there. Our next meeting is Monday 6th June at 7pm.

Our congratulations go to Lee Carey (teacher HSL) and his wife Dom on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby daughter, Luna. New life is so precious.

At the end of this term the student mid-year reports will be sent home. We will be holding short follow up meetings with parents and carers early Term 3 to discuss the reports and your child's progress. The date for these meetings is Wednesday 27th July, 2016. More information will be sent out later this term.

Don't forget to save the date for the Comedy Fest. 20th August, 2016 at Kareela Golf Club. This is our major fundraiser for the year and should be a great night!!!!

Kareela Golf Club is a very generous supporter of our school. Last Friday (20th May) they held a Charity Golf day with the proceeds going to Bates Drive School. Vanessa Marsden represented the school and addressed the players after their fun day of golf, not only to thank them but let them know how much we appreciate their contributions. The club also waives any room hire fees when we have functions there. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the team at KGC.

Warmest Regards, Robyn Compton, Principal



Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to Chaplain's corner. A spot to hear of what's been happening at Café club and to highlight any service updates or information that might help parents, carers and siblings.

Café Club was back in Term 1 and has kicked off again in Term 2 with a gathering over dip, crackers and chocolate. New and experienced parents attended. Parents of high school aged children were able to give advice and wisdom on the best local services for respite care, how to apply for respite, the best local swimming instructors, school holiday care, etc.

So come along next time to share your wisdom and experiences, to get ideas from other parents and to meet with other parents on the same journey as you (non school aged younger siblings are welcome – some toys and colouring are supplied).

At the next Café Club in term 2, we will have some guests with us! They are from an organisation called Young Carers. This organisation supports siblings of children with a disability. Are you worried about the impact of your child's disability on their siblings? Are your other children jealous of the attention your child with a disability gets? Young Carers seeks to provide a spotlight to the sibling offering holiday programs, tutoring, emotional support, and contact with other kids in the same position as them. Come and hear how this might be a help to your son or daughter!

This next Café Club will be on

- Thursday 16th June at 9:30am at school (meet at admin).

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



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OYSTER BAY
Art & Craft Festival

**SATURDAY 28TH MAY &
SUNDAY 29TH MAY 2016**
10AM - 4PM

OYSTER BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL
INFANTS SITE - PHILLIP STREET, OYSTER BAY

- Art Exhibition • Food • Music
- Handmade Craft • Books
- Rides • Entertainment
- Auctions • Raffles
- Smurfs Show
- And much more...



Opening Night
PREVIEW

• FRIDAY 27 MAY 2016 •
AT 7.30PM
LIGHT SUPPER & DRINKS
TICKETS \$25⁰⁰



THANK YOU!

Bates Drive School

By making animal lanterns for VIVID Sydney at Taronga Zoo, you have helped shine the light on our ten legacy species.

VIVID Sydney at Taronga Zoo
May 27 – June 18, 2016

Taronga's centenary year
is proudly presented by ANZ.



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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL TRANSITION CAREERS EXPO 2016

For Senior Students & School Leavers with Disabilities
Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre in the Basketball Stadium
Corner Forest and King Georges Roads Hurstville
Monday 6th June, 2016 - Free admission
EXPO : 9am - 2pm in the Stadium

There is a definition on the NDIS, NOIA on the front page of the Directory for your information and reference, the NDIS is due to start in this area 1st July 2017.

The venue is wheelchair accessible and free day long parking is available on site. (School buses and extra parking on adjoining Cambridge Street behind the centre). For walkers, a 1 km walk from Penshurst Station and a 1 1/2 km walk from Hurstville station.

At the Transition Careers EXPO, service providers representing employment, further education, day services and community support groups, will provide information about:

- Options for school leavers, including ADHC Post School Programs
- Specialist Employment Services (DES) and support
- Further Education and Training - TAFE and University.
- Community support services and agencies
- Recreation and Leisure options
- Residential and Respite care services and Parent / Carer support networks
- Therapy and Support services

Also, an EXPO of services for students with higher support needs will be held on Wednesday 11th May 9.30 - 2.00

Georges River College Oatley Campus, (Oatley Ave & Hurstville Rd) in the gymnasium

And

A Mini Mental Health & Transitions EXPO / Parent Information Session for parents, carers and interested community members, on:

Monday 16th May, 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Blakehurst High School in the hall (Woniora Rd Blakehurst).

For more information contact

Lilian Barter- Support Teacher Transition (Sutherland LGA). Ph: 9524 0615 ext 140

Antheas visit to her favourite salon...Donating
Her hair to a special cause.."Princess
Charlotte Alopecia Program" 🌟👑
A VERY BIG THANK YOU 🌸🥰..
to my wonderful and Beautiful hairdresser
Belinda for her time and generosity

Stella Psaros





COCKATOOS

Welcome back everyone to Term 2; we are off to a flying start! Before we take off, we would like to say that we hope that you had a relaxing and happy Mother's Day on Sunday 8th May!

In the Cockatoos' classroom we have commenced a class reading program for which we read one book each week and complete workstations and themed activities based on that book. In week 3 we read, '*Where is the Green Sheep?*', and during week 4 we are reading, '*The Little Red Hen*'. The books also correspond with our 'Letter of the Week' program. On top of this, we have also commenced a music program in our classroom, which is completed once a week on Wednesday. Students in the Cockatoos class have the opportunity to experience loud, soft, quick, and slow music, using instruments such as a keyboard (piano), maracas, castanets, tambourines and a xylophone. Music seems to be everyone's favourite lesson at the moment!

The Sports Ready program began in week 2 and the Cockatoos are gaining in mobility, positivity and social interaction! Shortly, we will be commencing a Community Learning program, so please keep an eye out for the notes which will be sent home very soon.

We could go on... But let us just leave it at that and say how proud we are of all of the Cockatoos!

Victoria and Rebecca





LORRIKEETS

The Lorikeets have settled back in after a lovely holiday and have been working very diligently on their focus areas for the term. In Mathematics we are focusing on measurement, specifically length and distance. We have been measuring ourselves and completing individual work tasks on sorting lengths during our TEACCH program each Tuesday. The Lorikeets are also learning about 'Emotions' in our COGS unit of work and enjoyed reading one of my favourite Dr. Seuss books, *My Many Coloured Days*.

We have also been enjoying the sunny weather and participating in a weekly Sports Ready program run by the Disability Trust. Each week they have new and exciting activities focused around a sport. Last week we learned about basketball and we all loved throwing the ball into large hoops! It was so much fun!

This term we are continuing our weekly Kareela Coles shopping trip each Wednesday and have recently begun carrying our wallets around the shops. We are becoming very independent! We are also learning about money in Mathematics using interactive notebook programs, matching activities and hands on activities to enhance our money handling skills. We also enjoy practicing what we have learned when buying our groceries and going through the self-checkout!

Molly, Linda and the Lorikeets





GALAHS

Welcome back to Term 2! Can you believe how quick this year is going?! All our students are improving across all curriculum areas. We have started our new unit of work 'Emotions/Feelings' and are starting by looking at recognising our own emotions. We are looking forward to 'Sports Ready' beginning in Week 2, and are building up our strength through our mobility program during class time. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers for Sunday 7th May – we hope the Galah's mothers like their cards and gifts! We're continuing to work on our Letter of the Week program, to increase our knowledge of the alphabet – we will be adding a signing lesson for each letter too, so we can practice at home!

Shinead will be off class for a few weeks on a holiday in America, so we would like to welcome Shaylee to our classroom for Week 3, 4 and 5!

Shinead, Nicole and Cassandra



PARROTS

The Parrots have been working on the Unit of Work regarding Feelings. We are completing matching and sorting activities, art work, interactive Notebook programs, reading stories and singing songs.

The class has also been enjoying the wonderful weather we are experiencing at the moment, with picnics in the gardens. This is a wonderful experience for all as we learn to utilise all the great spaces we have on the grounds.

Sport Ready has proven to be a huge success with all our students. Each student has so many opportunities to interact and engage with both school and program staff.

Cheers from Chris, Nat and Dianne





ROSELLAS

Welcome back to a brand new Term! As always, the Rosellas have been working hard in all areas. This term for our unit of work we are focusing on 'Emotions'. Each day during morning circle we identify how we are feeling by choosing a visual. During desk work activities, we have been matching and identifying the emotions of others.

In Maths we are working on Measurement. We have been measuring everything – our hands, our feet, items in the classroom, even ourselves!

This term we started our Sports Ready program. This program has been a huge hit with all the Rosella boys and we look forward to our weekly session.

Until next time,

Leah, Charmaine and the Rosellas.



HSL

HSL have had a happy and settled return to school and are very excited about what we are doing this term!

We have already been working very diligently with our PECS communication books as well as maths, PDHPE groups and we have just begun a HSIE unit of work on Bushrangers and the Gold Rush.

Term 2 will again see us on a Community Access program to Glenburnie Orchard at Darkes Forest to collect fruit and jam orders to coincide with our 'Understanding Money' program.

HSL will also be getting fit and active by hitting the Bates Drive gym and participating in the Sports Ready program. The Sport Ready program has been fantastic for our school and it is a program that students look forward to each week.

On a sadder note, HSL lost our one of our class pets, 'fish' in a tragic aquarium accident. But 'Chip' is still very much active and happy!

Here is to a productive and fun term 2!

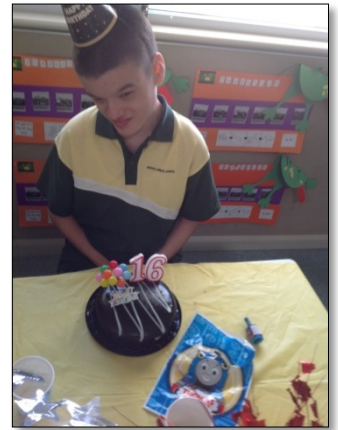
Lee and Deb

HSS

HSS has had a busy start to term 2. Firstly, we had a birthday celebration – Julian turned 16! Happy Birthday Julian! HSS celebrated in style with lots of party food, chocolate cake and a game of musical chairs to get the party started. It was a great day and Julian enjoyed himself very much. We have also begun Community Access, which I am happy to say so far has been a great success. HSS now go to Sylvania Bowling Club for lunch on Thursdays. All the students are enjoying ordering their food and eating at the club and should be proud of the way they represent the school. This term has also been the start of the Sport Ready Program. There are a variety of activities for the students to engage in and they enjoy learning new skills each week with the Sports Ready Team.

In class, HSS are participating in our own Sports Program using the treadmill and exercise bike. There has been a consistent increase in each student's time and speed on the exercise equipment which is fantastic to see. We have also started incorporating more sign language into our everyday learning and are using sign in our theme work for this term; Bushrangers, through the song, 'I am, you are, we are Australian'. This fits in very well with our signs of the week which have begun at weekly assemblies.

Until next time,
Sarah, Belinda and students of HSS.



HSM

We have had a very busy start to the term with lots of great things happening.

We commemorated Anzac Day by learning about John Simpson, tasting Anzac biscuits and listening quietly to The Last Post. We said 'thankyou' to the soldiers past and present that have, and continue to make sacrifices, so that we can live a life of freedom and opportunity.

We have also been busily thinking about and saying 'thankyou' to all our beautiful Mums for all the wonderful things you do for us every single day. We hope you all had a very happy Mother's Day and were spoilt rotten!

This term saw the start of the whole-school Sports Ready Program, which takes place every Thursday. So far we've had lots of fun learning and practising our ball and movement skills with our mates out in the playground.

During Maths we've been learning about Time, exploring clocks, timetables and timers. In English we have started our class 'Book Club' where we explore a short story using props, visuals and sensory materials. We view related video clips and develop our picture-vocab through matching and simple response activities. In our PE lessons, we spent time developing our motor skills on the playground equipment, climbing the steps, crossing bridges and using the slides.

Term 2 is off to a great start and there's plenty more to come, so stay tuned!

Mel, Karen & Carmen.



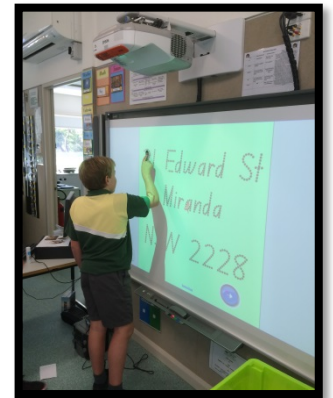
HSV

The HSV Teen Talk Program.

In HSV, we participate in a range of Literacy Programs as part of our work in English Life Skills, Mathematics Life Skills, PD,H,PE Life Skills and Science Life Skills.

Each morning HSV students participate in the HSV Teen Talk Program. What's a Teen Talk program you might ask? The HSV Teen Talk program is a structured learning program designed to develop skills and knowledge in identifying the days of the week, months of the year, the seasons and the

weather. Students also practise identifying, matching and reading their names and addresses. There are opportunities for the students to be able make choices in selecting an age appropriate songs and music clips linked to the content that has been covered. And the students are also provided with an opportunity to communicate their feelings and emotions which is really important for teens to be able to communicate to others. The Teen Talk program is presented through a Notebook program that has been specifically developed for the students in HSV and is accessed via the Interactive Whiteboard. HSV Students also complete a daily visual timetable in which they have to place in order the Boardmaker symbols and personalised photographs that represent the timetable of programs and activities for that day. That helps to develop skills in understanding what activities will occur on certain days of the week and at what time.



Vanessa, Kelly and Jo

and

Jayden, Kwabena, Angelina, Joel and EJ

SPORTS READY PROGRAM

The Sports Ready Program is weekly exercise sports and fitness program which commenced in Term 2 and is implemented here at school by experienced staff from The Disability Trust. The program is offered to all students from K- 12, enabling them to learn and develop the skills associated with a range of sports including netball, cricket, soccer, basketball and target games. It also offers our students learning opportunities to further skills in waiting, turn taking, listening and communication. The program is linked to the NSW BOSTES syllabus of PD, H PE K-6 and the PD, H PE Life Skills.

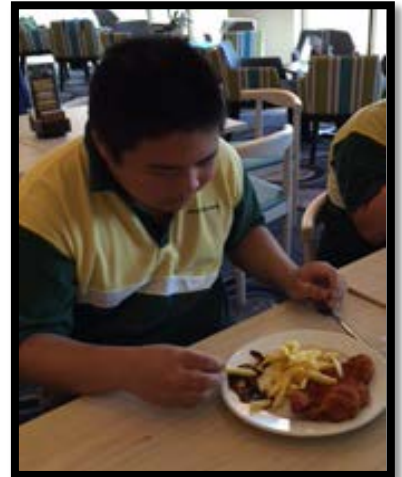
Vanessa



HSK



We would like to start by welcoming Genevieve to HSK; who is the teacher on Thursday and Friday in HSK. The students have all been working very hard this term practicing numeracy skills, literacy skills, problem solving strategies and life skills. Our life skills area of focus is sock pairing and the students have acquired the skills to complete the task with great independence quite quickly. On Tuesday some of the students go out for integration with Kirrawee High and the other students have started going to the Bowling Club for lunch. We started in week 3 and the students had a great time sitting and eating together in another venue. We have begun our studies on Australian Bush Rangers in HSIE and participated in the Sports Ready



program on Thursday to learn some new movement skills. We are having an excellent term 2 with a lot of exciting events happening in our class. We can't wait to tell you about the next update.

Keltie, Genevieve, Cassie

HSA

Welcome back to Term 2, we are looking forward to another busy Term ahead. We have completed our unit of work on Indigenous Australians. HSA are now focused on learning about Ancient Rome. We have been exploring the Roman lifestyle aqueducts and the Colosseum. In Maths and Literacy lessons we have integrated Roman numerals and letters. Also, in Science we have been learning all about the Solar System. This term HSA created origin paintings for their Mother's Day gifts. Thank you to our P and C for the Bates Drive Mother's Day stall, where we were able to select gifts for our Mums. We would like send a very special birthday wish to our classmate Jamie Tolovae. A BIG Happy 18TH birthday to you Jamie!! We all had a great time helping you celebrate your 18th birthday.

Jamie, Kent, Anthea, Tassi, Karl and Maryam
Annemarie, Crystal, Narelle and Linda



TERM 2, 2016
CALENDER OF EVENTS

WEEK 1		
WEEK 2		
WEEK 3		
WEEK 4		
WEEK 5		
WEEK 6		
WEEK 7	Monday 6 th June 7pm Thursday 9 th June Friday 10 th June	P&C Meeting Clinic (full) Founder's Day
WEEK 8	Monday 13 th June Thursday 16 th June	Queen's Birthday weekend holiday Café Club with Nicole
WEEK 9		
WEEK 10	Friday 1 st July	School Holidays commence