



NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 10

29TH June, 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

I am sad to say that Linda TenCate one of our SLSOs will be leaving us at the end of this term. She is transferring to a new school after being at Bates Drive School for over 11 years. I would like to thank her for her commitment to the students and school. On behalf of the school community we wish her every success and happiness in her new school.

On Friday 17th June three representatives from the Kareela Golf Club came to present a cheque to the school. The funds were raised as a part of their annual golf charity day. To my delight and surprise the club has donated \$15,000 to the school. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to the club's executive team as well as the players and sponsors on the day. Thank you!

Como-Jannali Rotary Club have very generously given the school \$2,500. The Club has supported the school for many years and we are grateful for their ongoing support and friendship.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have responded to the survey about the "School Stream" app. I have been informed by staff at another school that it has been successfully introduced and used extensively by families. Let's give it a try! If you haven't replied please do so as it will assist us greatly in the establishment of this change.

Student mid -year reports will be sent out in this week (commencing 27th June, 2016). We are using a new format and I will be seeking your comments after this time.

Please support the Comedy evening. All funds go back to the school and of course the students. It will be a fun night for all. The restaurant at the club will be open for dinner but book early to ensure a table.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Staff return to school on Monday 18th July, 2016.

Students return to school on Tuesday 19th July, 2016.

Warmest Regards, Robyn Compton, Principal



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Group Programs Term 3 & 4

Group	Date	Time	Cost
 Seasons for Growth Children 6-10 years. – Experiencing any Grief and Loss	8 Weeks Wednesday 27 Jul, 3 Aug, 10 Aug, 17 Aug, 24 Aug, 31 Aug, 7 Sep, 14 Sep	4:00pm – 5:00pm	\$50 per person
 Relating as Stepfamilies Stepfamily Group Couple Work	One day Workshop 22 October	9:30am – 4:30pm	\$75 per couple
 Parents not Partners For Separated Parents	6 Weeks Mondays 8 Aug, 15 Aug, 22 Aug, 29 Aug, 5 Sep, 12 Sep	6:30pm - 9:30pm	\$150 per person
 Being a Dad Tips and hints to build stronger relationships and skills	One off program 20 September	6:30pm – 9:00pm	Free
 Being a Grandparent Tips and hints to build stronger relationships and skills	One off program 31 October	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Free
 Talking Together & Fighting Fair Couples Together – Group Couple Work	6 Weeks Thursdays 28 Jul, 4 Aug, 11 Aug, 18 Aug, 25 Aug, 1 Sep	6:30pm – 9:30pm	\$150 per couple



**Featuring comedians
from Sydney & Melbourne
International Comedy Festival**

**In support of:
Bates Drive School**

**Saturday 20th August, 2016
8pm start**

**Kareela Golf Club, 1 Bates Drive, Kareela
Tickets: \$35
(includes a ticket in the fabulous school raffle)**

**Bookings:
Online: comedyforacause.net/BDPS
Adults Only**



COCKATO

Where has this term gone? Well, I guess we have just been too busy in the Cockatoos class to notice! In week six we began our fruit shopping program. We now go out on the bus each Wednesday morning to Kareela shopping centre. All students seem to be really enjoying this experience as they navigate the shop, carry their fruit item and pay for their item at the register. After this program, we all return to school and create and share a fruit salad. Some students are keen to sample different varieties of fruit, and others have clear favourites (bananas being one of them)!

In week seven, students commenced a 'Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)' intervention. We have been pleasantly surprised with the results so far! Every student has been learning to exchange a picture symbol card for a preferred tangible item. This communication system will continue to be used in the Cockatoos' classroom, and will eventually be used by students in the playground and hopefully during our community learning program also.

We have continued to study a different book each week in alignment with our Letter of the Week program. Below are some photos from week five during which our book was, *'Incy Wincy Spider'*. Keep warm this winter!

Victoria, Rebecca and the Cockatoos



Incy Wincy Spider went up the water spout...



Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out!



Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain...

HSK

We have had a very busy term 2 in HSK. The boys have been working really hard on activities focusing on a variety of themes. We have covered everything from comprehension, reading, literacy tasks, and numeracy tasks. We have also discovered interesting facts about the Solar System, Australian Bush Rangers and the Gold rush. We have all spent some time practicing life skills: pairing socks, sorting laundry into light and dark, sweeping the floor, cleaning tables and washing dishes. Lunch at the bowling club has been a big success and the behaviour only improves each week as the students learn what the expectations are. Sports Ready is a lot of fun and so are teen groups each Friday. We have been practicing our Master Chef skills in the kitchen and have made some amazing food in cooking this term. Most of the boys are big fans of tasting the final product. Some have been interested in trying new items too. Can't wait to see what we have planned for next term...

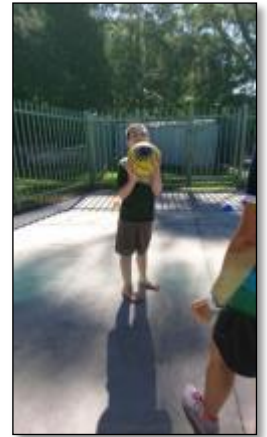
Keltie, Genevieve, Cassie



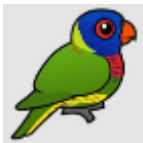
GALAHS



The Galahs have been hard at work this term, with great results in mobility and communication. Katelyn has been using her new Novachat program on her tablet and Kitana is successfully using visuals to request food. Aaron and Jeremy are getting used to their brand new wheelchairs and Josh is getting up and about to explore our classroom. Luke is improving his listening skills and is successfully using visuals in choice-making activities. The Galahs have been having loads of fun during our Sports Ready sessions on Thursdays, and we love getting active and playing games. We participated in our Maths Colour Day on Friday 17th June, getting messy and having fun doing maths! We hope everyone had a safe long weekend!



Shinead, Nicole and Cassandra



LORRIKEETS

Wow! It's almost the end of Term 2!

The Lorikeets have been keeping busy with their regular community access to Kareela Coles and are currently planning an end of term excursion. On Friday June 24th we are travelling by bus to the Camellia Gardens in Caringbah. This is to supplement our PDHPE work on safety and community participation. While at the Camellia Gardens we will access the playground equipment, walk around the grounds to experience the beautiful flowers and feed the ducks along the way. In the meantime, we are continuing our TEACCH program to enhance our independent skills while focusing on 'Length' for Mathematics and 'Emotions' for HSIE. Over the next two weeks we are taking an in-depth look at the popular new movie *Inside Out* as it discusses emotions and how we can learn to cope with the various feelings we experience.

Sport has been a big focus this term, as well! We participated in a footy colours day to celebrate the big State of Origin game against NSW and Queensland by wearing our best blues. Each Thursday we have been soaking up the warm winter sun during our Sports Ready program by participating in new activities and games. Our coaches recently introduced us to their parachute and some baseball techniques. Once a week we also enjoy ball skills with Chaplain Nicole as she joins us on Fridays to participate in gross mobility skills during our TEACCH program on the veranda. ☺



Molly, Linda and the Lorikeets



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

The students in the Rosellas class have had another fantastic term. We were lucky enough to celebrate **two** birthdays this month with super fun class parties. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELLIOTT AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY RILEY!! We hope you enjoyed your day.

We are continuing to work on our 'Emotions' unit of work in HSIE as well as our 'Measurement' unit in maths with lots of desk work tasks, hands-on activities and interactive games. We especially look forward to using our excellent measuring skills during cooking!

On Tuesdays we have extended our community access visit to include a trip to 'House of Fish' in Kareela after we have finished shopping. We take turns to order hot chips and then sit with our class to enjoy our treat. All of the Rosella boys display their best behaviour and manners when out in the community.

We still have a lot left to look forward to this term, including Founder's Day, K-6 Maths Colour Day and an excursion to Flip Out!
Until next time,

Leah, Charmaine and the Rosellas.



HSV

In History Life Skills, HSV students have been busy working on a unit of work on Bushrangers and the Australian Gold Rush.

We learnt all about how early colonial life and how hard it was.

The colonials had to endure very hot summers, cold winters and life in the Australian Bush. Many of them originated from England.

We learnt about some famous bushrangers, in particular Ned Kelly and Ben Hall.

We learnt about the special suit of armour Ned Kelly made and wore to protect him from the bullets. We made ourselves Ned Kelly masks in Visual Arts lessons. We painted thick cardboard a metal grey colour and cut a square out for our eyes.

We also painted a replica painting of the famous Sidney Nolan painting of Ned Kelly.

We also listened to music from that era and songs that have been written about Ned Kelly.

We learnt where the famous saying "Such is life" originated from.

We have this unit of work very interesting.

Vanessa, Kelly and Jo

Jayden, Kwabena, Angelina, Joel and EJ



HSS

Term 2 is almost over and I feel like it just begun. This term HSS started Community Access, driving to Sylvania Bowling Club and having lunch there on Thursdays. The students enjoy this Program very much and the club take excellent care of us. Each student orders their food and hands over the money to pay. The students have received excellent feedback on their behaviour and ordering skills. In class we have been practising skills like this and more through our group work based on the TEACHH program. This is where the students move around the classroom to various life skills activities. We have shoe lace tying, folding washing, setting the table, matching socks, buying items from the class shop and writing emails. Some of our students have started writing emails to their families to tell them about their day at school. It is a great way for the students to enhance their communication and technology skills. We have also continued with our sports and cooking programs which the students have continued to show steady progress throughout over the term.

Most recently however, we had another birthday celebration. This time it was for Yawkra who turned 14! Happy Birthday Yawkra! Again HSS got to have another fabulous party with lots of party food, a

delicious birthday cake, party music and games. All the students had a great time celebrating Yawkra's birthday. We hope everyone has a safe and happy break at the end of the term so the students can come back refreshed and do it all again for term 3!

Until next time,

Sarah, Belinda and students of HSS.



HSM

Hello to our HSM families!

Wow! Can you believe that it's almost the end of Term 2? We have been very busy in HSM over the term. We have continued our hard work in our Maths programs on Data and Time. Our footy tipping competition is going well with several students overtaking Mel in their number of correct tips! We had an exciting day celebrating all things NSW and Blue in State of Origin week and are very excited to see how the class leader board pans out in the next half of our tipping competition. While Karen maintains her lead, the rest of us are nipping at her heels! We have been busy building our own clocks representing different times across our day and using them to create a daily timeline of activities from morning to night. In History we have learned about tunics, togas and stollas and we have all dressed up as Ancient Roman noblemen and ladies. We held a Roman banquet where we reclined on cushions on the floor around a low table, just as they did in Ancient Rome. We learned about the delicacies of "roasted dormouse" and "boiled pigeon" and tried a variety of foods available in Ancient Roman times, such as bread, sardines, vegetables, porridge and "wine" (cordial). We've continued our hard work in the weekly Sports Ready Program and are very grateful for the sunny weather which, while cold, allows us to continue to play outside! We are all looking forward to the upcoming holidays and wish our students and their families a happy and safe break.



Mel, Karen & Carmen.

HSA

Week 8 already where is the year going?

The school holidays are approaching fast.

HSA have been very productive completing our unit of work on Ancient Rome. In Creative Arts we made aqueducts and used foil to create gladiator helmets. We have also been listening to songs about Ancient Rome. In Maths Life Skills lessons we matched Roman numerals to clocks. On Thursdays HSA have been participating in the Sports Ready Program. We have been having fun getting active and playing games.

HSA would like to wish all our families a happy and safe holiday.

Till next time.

Anthea, Maryam. Tassi, Jamie, Karl, Kent, Annemarie, Narelle and Lynda





State Of Origin Mufti Day

A BIG thankyou to all parents and carers who helped support our State Of Origin Mufti Day. We raised \$ 5X for the 2016 Year 12 Graduation Night.

Let's hope the Blues can win Game 2 and 3!

**Vanessa Marsden
(Co-ordinator)**



PBL Survey

Another big thank you to all Parents and Carers who have returned to school the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) survey. We really appreciate and value your input. If you haven't already done so, it's never too late to send in.

Many thanks

Vanessa, Leah, Molly and Robyn

The PBL Team.

TERM 3, 2016 CALENDER OF EVENTS		
WEEK 1	Staff return on Monday	18 th July
	Students return to school on Tuesday	19 th July
WEEK 2	Parent /Carer meetings 3.30-6.00pm	27 th July
WEEK 3	Education Week – Open Day- Thursday (information to follow early next term.	4 th August
	P&C Meeting – Monday at 7pm	1 st August
WEEK 4	School Medical Clinic (full) - Thursday	11 th August
WEEK 5	Comedy Evening at Kareela Golf Club- Saturday	20 th August
WEEK 6		
WEEK 7		
WEEK 8	P&C Meeting – Monday at 7pm	5 th September
	School Clinic	8 th September
WEEK 9		
WEEK 10	School Holidays commence on Friday	23 rd September