



NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 5

16TH August, 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

Thank you to the parents, carers and family members who came to celebrate Education Week with us on Thursday 4th August. As a staff we strive to provide quality education for all of our students, we value public education and what it stands for in our society. I hope you enjoyed being in the classroom and the sports program with your child/children.

The Sports Ready Program has been a great success in the school. All of the students have participated in games and activities which are suitable for their age and their ability. Thank you to Vanessa Marsden for organising the Sports Ready program with the instructors from The Disability Trust.

The Comedy Evening is just around the corner (Saturday 20th August). I do hope you can join us on the night. Over the past years the reviews have been exceptionally positive and everyone had a fun night. Please see ticketing information on the next page.

Over the next few weeks there are a number of special activities and days planned for the students including: an Olympic Day, K-6 and High School and Book Week . I am sure that the students will enjoy the planned activities and participate in some different and exciting lessons.

For those families who do not have a companion card and would like one, please contact the office here at school for the details about how to obtain one. A representative from Companion Cards will be attending our school on Thursday 18th August, 2016 to complete application forms.

The week starting 29th August is SASS week. During this week we celebrate the excellent work of our SLSO's and Administration staff. Their role within the school is very much appreciated and valued. I'm sure if you have the time a short note of appreciation would be welcomed.

Dates To Remember in Term 4:-

Grandparents Day
Carols in the Park
School Leaver's Function
Presentation Assembly

27th October
18th November
22nd November
2nd December

Warmest Regards,
Robyn Compton
Principal



BOOK NOW!!

Featuring comedians such as
Dave Williams and Andrew Barnett

from Sydney & Melbourne
International Comedy Festival

In support of: **Bates Drive Special
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



NSW Police Force

Information for Parents to consideration and dissemination to schools

STUDENT SAFETY WHEN CROSSING ROADS:

Police are concerned for the safety of school students when crossing roads. Students and young people are encouraged to take care and be aware of their surrounds.

A timely reminder for school students to take care when crossing roads.

In early June 2016 a 14 year old male was lucky not to sustain serious injuries when running across the road in a busy shopping centre. The child was lucky the vehicle was travelling at low speed when the collision at the intersection of Warburton St and Gympie Bay Rd.

Towards the end of June 2016 an eight year girl ran across Oak Road, Kirrawee and was hit by a vehicle resulting in a broken left leg.

Tips for students and parents

- You must always use a pedestrian crossing if there is one within 20 metres.
 - Make sure that vehicles stop before you start to cross, and don't go if vehicles are moving through the crossing.
 - Drivers take longer than usual to stop in wet and slippery conditions.
 - Never assume that an approaching driver can see you or will stop for you, as their vision may be affected by the sun, poor light and parked cars.
 - At intersections check for turning cars before you leave the kerb and while you are crossing the road.
 - Children up to at least 10 years of age should hold an adult's hand when crossing a road.
 - Avoid using a mobile phone when crossing the road or wearing headphones on your head.
 - Watch out for cyclists.
- **NOTE TO PARENTS** – No Stopping signs are placed next to pedestrian crossings so that pedestrians have clear view of approaching vehicles and drivers can see pedestrians who are about to cross. It is illegal and dangerous to stop in these areas.



What?

A workshop which focuses on identifying things which could contribute to behaviour, understanding the 'why' of behaviours, and tools to plan strategies to respond to behaviors.

Who?

For any family who are supporting a child with a disability and have concerns about their behavior.

When?

Thursday 1st September 2016

Times to be confirmed – day and evening sessions may be available

Where?

Northcott Hurstville Office:
2.02, 12 Butler Road,
Hurstville

Costs?

None! It's free. But be quick as availability is limited.

To apply for a place contact: Heather Cesarano on 0429843961 or hurstville@northcott.com.au
Please book your place by **Monday 15th August 2016**

Child Care?

Northcott regrets we are unable to provide child care for these sessions.



COCKATOOS

Hello there - as always, the Cockatoos have been extremely busy completing a range of hands on learning activities. Before we go into detail about that, we would like to introduce our new student - Camille. Welcome to Bates Drive and the Cockatoos. We now have 7 beautiful students in our class and we are very proud of them all.

This term we have continued with our favourite programs including letter of the week, book of the week, numeracy, music, visual arts, Sports Ready and PECS.

We have also started some new programs. Our HSIE topic this term is Being Australian. So far we have studied where we live, some native flowers and Australian animals.

Education Week took place in week 3 and on Thursday 4th August we had some family members of students visit us in our classroom. They helped us to complete 8 workstation activities related to Australian birds and based on the book, *'How the birds got their colours.'* It was so much fun - we even had a group dance to finish the lesson and say goodbye to everyone.

Please stay warm and take care,
Victoria, Rebecca and the Cockatoos





LORRIKEETS

The Lorikeets have settled in nicely and are getting back into class routine. I (Crystal) will be on class while Molly is away on holidays for weeks 3 and 4. This term the Lorikeets have been focusing on time for Mathematics, specifically analog clocks. We have also continued with Letter of the Week work as well as phonics skills. The Lorikeets are also learning about "Australia" in our COGS unit of work with an emphasis on the Australian flag, map of Australia and landmarks, and various Australian animals and plants.

The Lorikeets have continued to participate in their weekly Sports Ready Program. Last week we participated in a variety of activities involving the hula hoop! (Which was loads of fun!) This term, selected students from our class have begun integration sessions with students from Grays Point Public School. Each Wednesday we are greeted by our friends who assist us in fun and engaging activities.

We have also celebrated Education Week! Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. It was a pleasure meeting you! Our rainbow lorikeet artwork came out amazing!

This term we have a new member to the Lorikeet's class (or as we like to say a new bird to the flock), welcome aboard Abass! He is adjusting well to the class and routine.

Crystal, Molly, Angela and the Lorikeets





GALAHS

The Galahs have had a very productive start to Term 3. We have begun an exciting new unit on "Being Australian". We are exploring our country, flag, flora and fauna, and what being Australian means to us. We have had a few changes in our class this term, with Kitana moving on to a new school, and welcoming a new student, Ahdil! He has settled in so well to our class and picked up our routine so quickly! Katelyn has been off school for a few weeks, busy doing extra work on her mobility. Aaron and Jeremy are doing some great communicating during mealtimes and standing independently for longer periods of time. Josh is continuing to successfully use his visuals to communicate to staff, and is getting used to a brand new wheelchair that he just loves! Luke is improving on his communication skills, and is requesting sensory play successfully. The Galahs are still enjoying our Sports Ready sessions on Thursdays, and we are looking forward to our Olympics themed session in Week 5. We celebrated Education Week on Thursday 4th August, and completed some fun activities on 'How the birds got their colours'. We are also looking forward to Book Week in week 6, and hope we can find some costumes to celebrate on Wednesday 24th August!

Shinead, Nicole and Cassandra



PARROTS

What a wonderful start to Term 3 with a party to celebrate Byron's birthday. It's great to see all the students sharing and enjoying each other's milestones.

We had an equally happy day with parents invited to the school to join in activities for Education Open Day in Week 3.



The Parrots were so lucky to have 10 parents, grandparents and carers come into the classroom to observe as the students participated in a story and

corresponding activities. We based our work on the Term's Unit of Work, "Being Australian". We read a story on the Interactive Whiteboard and then made some beautiful parrots to place in the tree in the classroom. All the students were thrilled to have family with them and to show them what we can achieve at school.



All the best from Chris and Natalie



ROSELLAS

Term 3 already! The Rosella boys have had a great start to the term. We have begun working on our theme work for this term, which is all about "Being Australian". We have located Australia on the world map, identified our city and looked at the Australian and Aboriginal flag. We have also been learning about Australian flowers and in Week 3 we visited Camellia Gardens to see some Australian flowers for ourselves. We had a lovely morning walking through the grounds, feeding the ducks, playing on the equipment and enjoying a picnic morning tea. All of the boys thoroughly enjoy community access visits and are always on their best behaviour.

This term, selected students from our class as well as the Parrots class have begun Integration sessions with students from Oyster Bay Public School. Each Thursday we are greeted by our buddies who help us participate in fun activities such as trampolining, using a balance beam, kicking soccer balls and rolling on gym mats. It's so much fun!

Last term the Rosellas class started using the TEACCH program. This program requires students to follow a visual schedule to move around a range of activities within the classroom. Each student in the Rosella class has shown so much improvement in participating in this program and we look forward to it each Friday.

Lastly, I'd like to say a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLAYDEN! Blayden turned 11 in Week 2. Until next time,

Leah, Charmaine and the Rosellas.



HSV

Olympic News!

The students and staff from HSV have been very busy learning about the Olympics. In our visual arts lessons, we have made many decorations for our classroom. We painted the Olympic Rings and made a huge "Rio 2016" sign. We have also completed a lot of Olympic theme stencil's and we have been keeping a daily medal tally, recording how many gold, silver and bronze medals Australia has won so far! We have also been learning about Rio and the different icons that represent the Olympic Games. We cannot wait for the High School Olympics which is being held in Week 5.

Vanessa, Kelly and Jo
and
Jayden, Kwabena, Angelina, Joel
and EJ

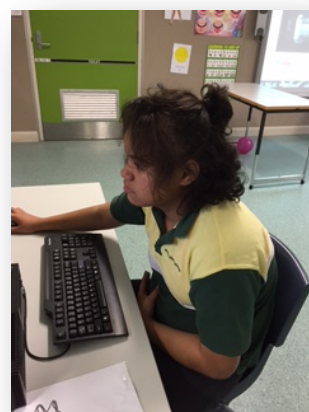


HSL

We have hit the ground running and have had a settled and productive start to the term. We have been working diligently with our PECS based communication and listening skills, mathematics, personal hygiene skills, science and this term will see HSL learning all about Rainforests in our Geography Life Skills.

HSL have also been enjoying our Sports Ready program each Thursdays and we are looking forward to the Bates Drive Olympics in Week 5. Show no mercy HSL!

This term will see us out on the bus every Friday to the Glenburnie Orchard to purchase apples and from week 6 -10 HSL with the rest of High School will be participating in our weekly music lessons. It might get loud! Here is to a happy and productive Term 3.



Cheers
Lee and Deb.

HSS

Well what a start is has been to Term 3. HSS is as busy as ever and Gen is slowly but surely finding her feet. The class loved celebrating Theo's 14th birthday; of course we had Theo's most favourite food; hot chips!

Everyone has had a settled start to the term and appears to be enjoying school and the various programs. Cooking is great. The best part is eating what we have made. Pizzas have been the most delicious so far. Community access to Sylvania Bowling Club has been excellent; we have been practicing our money skill and polite manners. The hot chips and fried rice are delicious if anyone is wondering! Karaoke on Friday afternoon is a great way to finish off the week; everyone definitely has their favourite songs and looks forward to going.

In class we are very busy working on units of work on the Rainforest, Rio Olympics, Telling the time and Sports Ready. The rainforest is fun; everyone loves completing artworks based on the animals of the rainforest. We have built our own in the classroom and add our animal art to it weekly. It's looking amazing. The Rio Olympics are interesting. We are looking at the history and traditions involved in the ceremonies. We are getting some tips from the videos of the professional athletes ready for our Olympic theme day next week. We will be representing Greece. We have also been practicing our sports skills in Sports Ready each Thursday. We love doing this as well. It was great to show our parents at Education Week what skills we have been working on and how much fun we have each week.

As a class we have kept in touch with Sarah. We miss her! We were all very excited to tell Sarah about all the great things that we have been up too. Sarah was even more excited to hear from us. It has been great emailing her each week.

Until next time,

Genevieve, Belinda and HSS (Connor, Egypt, Julian, Luke, Theo and Yawkra)



HSM

Hello to our HSM families!

It has been a very busy start to Term 3 and the students in HSM have been participating in lots of exciting activities and programs. We continue to take part in the 'Sports Ready' program each Thursday and we were very excited to have some of our parents and carers visit on Education Day to see what it is all about. We have been really impressed with the level of enthusiasm and participation displayed from our class during the program and love to show off our new hula and ball skills any chance we get! The Kirrawee Friends program is up and running this term with great success for those students who attend. Jessie and Eamon are new to the group this year and have already forged some strong friendships with their peers at Kirrawee High. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who visited on Parent/Teacher evening. It was nice to have a (very quick!) catch up.

This term sees our HSIE focus shift from History to Geography as we delve deep into the theme of Rainforests. We've already produced some beautiful artwork and explored the features, creatures and sounds of the rainforest. Our footy tipping program is now in its final stages with just four rounds to go. Mel and Karen have completely fallen off the top of the table and now it is a tight race between everyone to see just who will take out the competition in September! Stay tuned.....

Finally we are all very excited about the Olympics and have been getting ready for our Olympic Theme Day. HSM will be representing England and we are looking forward to showing off our team spirit during the official march past and, of course, winning lots of gold medals for our class! Go Team!!

Mel, Karen & Carmen.

HSA

HSA have had a great start to Term 3. This term in H.S.I.E Life Skills, we have been learning all about the importance of Rainforests. HSA have located Rainforests on a world map and are exploring the plant and animals that live in these amazing areas. In Science Life Skills we are investigating plants. We have also been busy with Olympic theme work. Next Wednesday we are looking forward to participating in the combined High School Olympic sports Day. HSA are representing Jamaica, the fastest country in the world. Don't forget to wear green, black and yellow.

Thank you to all our parents and carers that recently attended our open day activities celebrating Education Week

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



HSK

We are well in to term 3 and having a great time so far. We have acquired our sea legs and all really enjoy sailing at Kogarah Bay. There are a few of us in HSK who have never done it before and absolutely LOVE it. There are big smiles all around during that program. HSK have been busy completing units of work learning all about the rainforest in HSIE, plant life cycles in Science and Rio Olympics. It's amazing that our themes lined up so well and we are having a lot of fun investigating all of these areas. We also celebrated Education Week with quite a few of the parents in our class. We enjoyed showing our families the skills learned in the 'Sports Ready' program and can't wait to put them to use at our upcoming whole school Olympic theme day next week.

Keltie and Cassie



TERM 3, 2016 CALENDER OF EVENTS		
WEEK 1		
WEEK 2		
WEEK 3		
WEEK 4		
WEEK 5	Comedy Fest – Kareela Golf Club	Saturday 20 th August
	Representative completing Companion Card app	Thursday 13 ^h August
	Clinic (Full)	Thursday 13 ^h August
WEEK 6	Annual Student Reviews	Monday 22 nd August
	NDIS meeting with Disability Trust (9.30am)	Tuesday 23 rd August
WEEK 7	P&C Meeting	Monday 5 th September 7pm
	Father's Day Stall	Wednesday 7 th September
WEEK 8	Clinic (Full)	Thursday 8 th September
WEEK 9		
WEEK 10	School Holidays Commence	Friday afternoon 23 rd September
WEEK 11		