



## NEWSLETTER

Term 3      Week 9

14<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bates Drive School,

I would like to say a fond farewell to two of our long term permanent SLSOs. Linda TenCate has taken a new position at Hurstville Boys High School and Charmaine Ferguson will be moving to Towrodgi School. On behalf of the school community I would like to wish them great success, happiness and fulfilment in their new schools. As I have said to both ladies: their new school's gain is certainly our loss.

Congratulations to Kelly Ford and Rebecca Stiller who have been successful in gaining permanent SLISO positions here at Bates Drive School. Both ladies have worked at Bates Drive for a number of years and are very valued members of our staff.

Kristy Fletcher and I attended a presentation afternoon at Club Menai a couple of weeks ago. The school was presented a cheque from the Kareela Golf Club for over \$9,000.00. This was a result of a submission to the Club NSW Grants. Kareela Golf Club has been, and continues to be a great supporter of our school. Our thanks and appreciation is extended to the Club's President, Executive team and committee members. The funds are being utilised to upgrade and install new playground and sensory equipment. We are in the process of building a sensory corridor between two building which will include large rubber moulded creatures, sensory gardens and other sensory items.

Thank you to the parents, staff and friends who attended the Comedy Night. The comedians had the audience 'in stitches' . It was a very successful night for the P&C raising over \$5000. The raffle was won by:

1<sup>st</sup> prize Robert Tucker (Driver)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Katelyn Cross (student at Bates Drive)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Robert Tucker (Driver).

I must thank Robert Tucker for purchasing four of the student's artworks on the night and then donating them back to the school. The paintings now brighten the hallway of the admin block.

If you haven't sent back your money box (big brown platypus) could you please consider doing that before the end of term? This would assist the P&C team enormously, thank you.

### Dates To Remember in Term 4:-

Grandparents Day

Carols in the Park

School Leaver's Function

Presentation Assembly

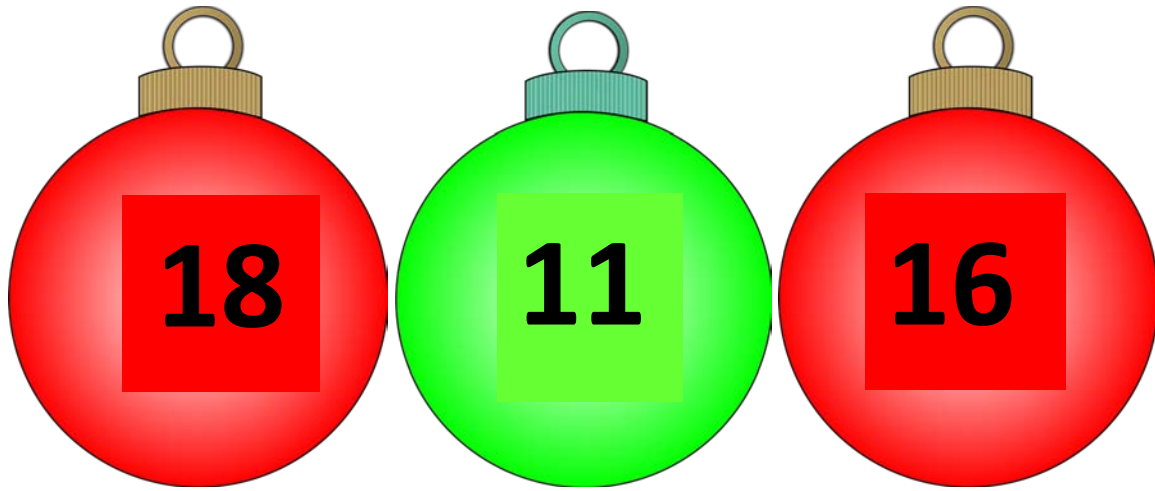
27<sup>th</sup> October

18<sup>th</sup> November

22<sup>nd</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup> December

Warmest Regards,  
Robyn Compton. Principal



**SAVE THE DATE**



**CAROLS IN THE PARK**

*More details to follow next term!*



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17 August, 2016

Dear Families and Carers,

## ARE YOU READY FOR THE NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has begun to roll out in the South West area of Sydney, and covers the local government areas including Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Bankstown, Liverpool, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly.

Autism Advisory and Support Service is committed to ensuring you are prepared for your transition into the NDIS and well supported through this process. We feel that all of our clients should be as prepared as possible before meeting with their NDIS Planner, and we are offering to meet with you about how the NDIS could look for your child.

It is anticipated, with the planned roll out schedule, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will begin contacting our clients (you) from around September, 2016. It is advisable to be prepared for this call.

AASS are wanting to assist families with NDIS "pre-planning" (getting ready for your first meeting with the NDIS planners) and families currently accessing our services will be a priority. The pre-planning assistance will be at no cost to you.

If you would like to discuss the NDIS, how it can benefit your child, or NDIS "pre-planning", please contact Myrna Dominguez on 9601 2844.

Kind regards,

Grace Fava  
CEO



**Finding it difficult to cope but  
don't know where to turn?**

Call the **South Eastern and Northern Sydney  
Family Referral Service** on **1800 066 757**.



# Sutherland Outreach!

**Every Wednesday & Thursday**

**9:00am—4:30pm**

**The Shire Community Centre  
3A Stapleton Avenue, Sutherland**

**We can link you in with services to help  
with:**

- Domestic Violence
- Migrant & Settlement
- Financial Assistance
- Counselling & mediation
- Child & Parenting programs
- Youth support
- Housing & Accommodation
- Mental health support and any other services you may need

- We can help you find useful services in your local area
- You can speak to us by telephone, you can visit our offices, we can meet you in your home or somewhere convenient for you
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**Contact Jane on 0400 323 961 to pop in for a chat!**





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## COCKATOOS

Hello everybody! Our Literacy programs have continued with 'Letter of the Week' and 'Book of the Week' programs. We have introduced dress-up and role-play times to get more involved with our stories and we all love it! During the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August we celebrated Book Week. As the theme was 'Australia! Story Country', we chose to read the book, '*Diary of a Wombat*'. A range of fun and engaging activities were completed during the week covering our literacy content and content from a range of other key learning areas: role-play, visual re-telling of what the wombat did each day as per the story, sensory art activity using brown furry fabric, listening activities and more.

Our Mathematics topics of 'Number' and 'Time' continue to be worked on each week. We are currently looking at the August/September calendar of events to keep track of where we are and what important things are going on around us, such as the K-6 Olympics Day. On that note, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Father's Day for the 4<sup>th</sup> of September - we hope you had time to relax and have a laugh!

The HSIE unit of work about 'Being Australian' is nearing its end. We have learnt quite a lot about where we live, native flora and fauna, local landmarks and Aboriginal Australia. This unit of work has been very relatable for all of us and lots of fun to incorporate into our everyday learning activities. We have especially enjoyed the range of Visual Arts activities related to this unit of work! In week 9, we will be combining with all of the K-6 classes to complete reading, sensory, listening and dressing up all things Australian!

Now that it's Spring, we can get back outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather! Take care as this is a common time to get the final flu of the cold season.

Victoria, Rebecca and the Cocaktoos





## LORRIKEETS

Wow! I can't believe it's almost the end of Term 3!

The Lorikeets have had a great term so far! We are continuing our work on 'Being Australian' by learning more about Australian animals and landmarks. In Mathematics, we have been focusing on 'Time' and looking at analog clocks, digital clocks and timing different activities using the iPad!

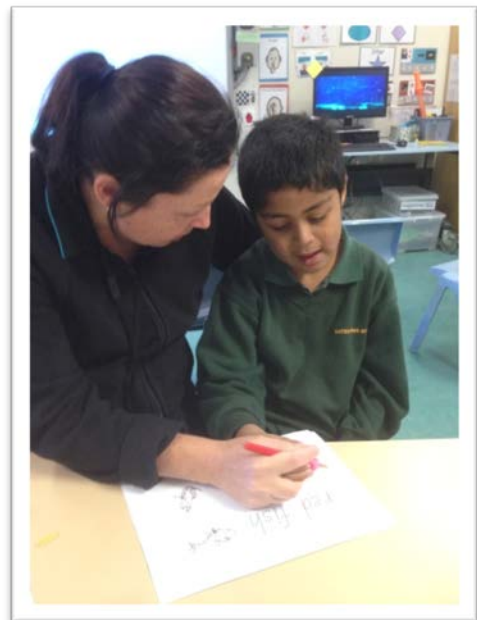
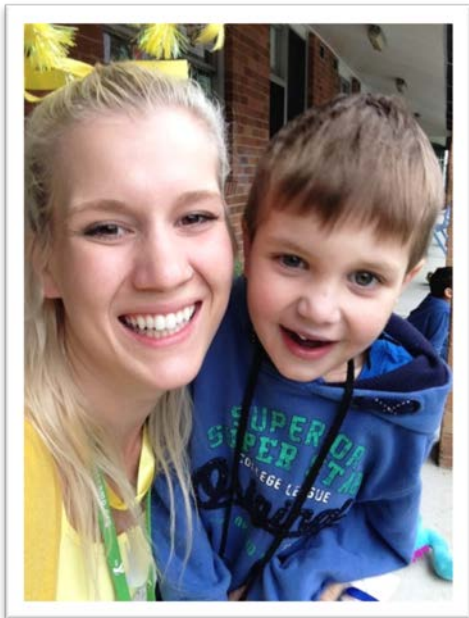
The Lorikeets participated in Book Week during week 6, where we read '*One Fish Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish*' by Dr. Seuss. This was such a fun book and on dress up day, most students were **red** or **blue** to be our fish for the day. Our different activities included reading the story, tracing, sorting coloured fish, counting fish with bubbles and making fish handprints! For assembly, teacher Nicole ran an interactive sensory story 'We're Going on a Croc Hunt' where we walked through big rocks and boulders to find our crocodile.

During week 7 we began attending Funarama with the Rosellas class each Monday morning for 40 minutes. We are able to utilize the large climbing equipment, ball pit and jumping castle! It has been a great way to start our week. 😊

Also, our new student and friend Abass has settled in well! He is a great asset to our class and a wonderful friend to everyone.

Have a safe holiday and will see you back for Term 4!

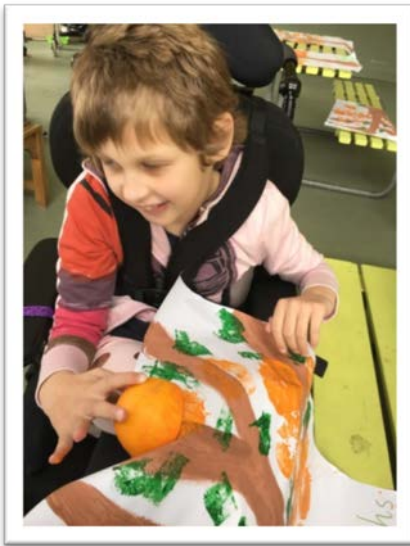
Molly, Angela and the Lorikeets





## GALAHS

The Galahs have had a great term so far! We have almost finished our unit on 'Being Australian', and had a great time at our celebration on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We read through some Australian stories, created some great artworks and enjoyed our sensory stations where we experienced some smells, goop and Aboriginal music. We also tried some Australian foods; Tim Tams, Vegemite, fairy bread and lamingtons. Ahdil has settled in really well – it's like he's been in the class all year! He is enjoying choosing songs on the interactive whiteboard and using the iPad. Luke has improved his communication during meal times and is focusing on his listening skills while walking independently to the playground. Katelyn, Aaron, Jeremy and Josh have been focusing on their mobility again for the last few weeks, making sure they have time out of their wheelchairs every day to strengthen their legs. We had a great time during Book Week celebrations on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. We also celebrated Ahdil's birthday (28<sup>th</sup> August) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August, Week 7 – Happy Birthday! We would like to wish all families a safe holiday and see you in Term 4!



## PARROTS

During the past 5 weeks, the parrots have been focusing on the Unit of work- "Being Australian". We have been reading Australian themed stories including 'The Wheels on the Ute', 'The Animals in the Ark' and 'The Bunyip'. Interactive Whiteboard programs

have been developed and have been the focus of worksheets, numeracy and literacy programs as well as matching activities and artwork. Students and teachers enjoyed Book Week activities with some wonderful dress-ups on display.

K-6 were enthusiastic participants in a sensory retelling of the story- 'We're Going on a Croc Hunt'. Lots of hot trickly sand; red rickety rocks and spiky brown shrub. Loads of fun and mess for all.

Wishing all our families and carers a happy and safe holiday- See you in Term 4!!







## ROSELLAS

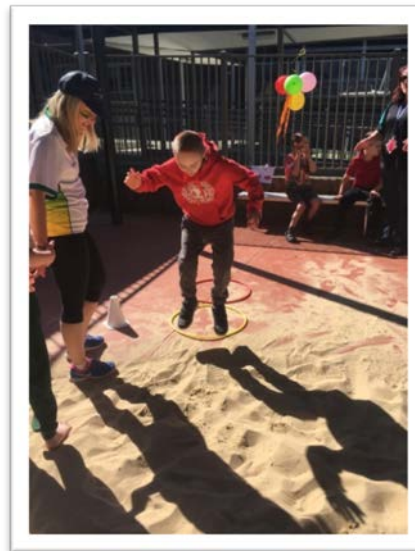
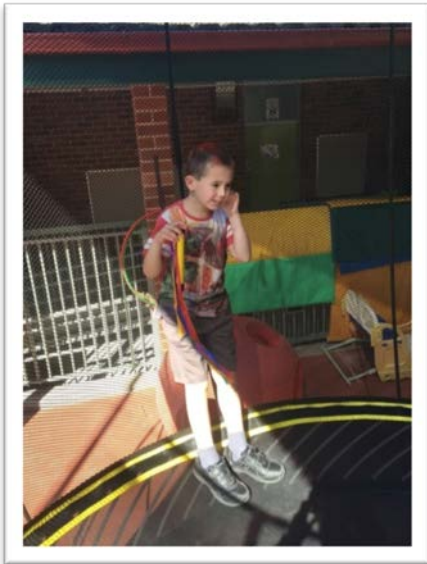
With Term 3 drawing to a close, the Rosella boys have been busy in a range of areas. In maths, we are continuing to focus on time. In literacy, we had lots of fun reading all sorts of books and dressing up for Book Week. We are also finishing up our theme work on 'Being Australian'. We have been learning about famous Australian landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge as well as Indigenous Australia. We are looking forward to when Walangari visits us for an Indigenous performance later in the week.

A highlight from this term was our Olympics Day, which we participated in back in Week 6. Our Sports Ready friends helped us to have a turn in each of the events, including gymnastics, egg and spoon race, soccer and long jump. We even had a medal ceremony at the end!

On a sad note, our lovely SLSO Charmaine will be leaving us at the end of Term 3 as she has accepted a transfer down the coast. It has been fantastic working with Charmaine. The class absolutely love her and she will be very missed. Goodbye and good luck, Charmaine!

Lastly, I'd like to wish Blake a very happy birthday. Blake turns 10 on the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Until next time,  
Leah, Charmaine and the Rosella boys.



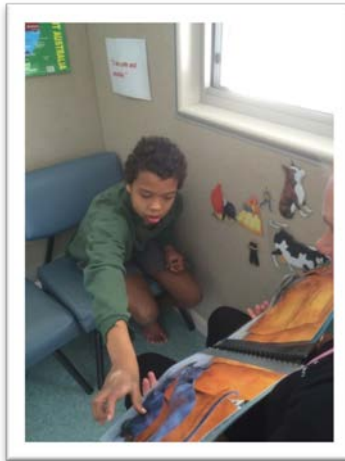
## HSV

The students in HSV have been very busy as usual, participating in a range of exciting programs. A daily literacy program in HSV is the Reading Circle program. The Reading Circle program is part of our work in the Syllabus area of English Life Skills. The program runs after recess and lunch. Everyone is expected to sit in the reading corner of the classroom and be calm. First we read through our social story that reminds us of our calm and sensible reading behaviours. We then have a story read to us. We practise sitting still, looking and listening. Then we complete a shared class story where we each get to select a part of a story and therefore create our class story of the day. Kwabena, Kelly or Vanessa take turns in reading out loud the story we have created.

HSV have also been completing a unit of work in Geography Life Skills on Australian Rainforests. We have viewed many images of what different rainforests look like, have completed stencil and Visual Arts activities on rainforests and have worked through the rainforest notebook program through the interactive notebook. In Week 10 we have planned an excursion of a drive through the Royal National Park to see the rainforests that exist there.

Jayden, Kwabena, Angelina, Joel and EJ  
and

Vanessa, Kelly and Jo



## HSL

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 3!

I say it every newsletter, but **this** has been the quickest and busiest term ever!

HSL have had a great Term 3, we have been working very hard on our PECs based communication, receptive language skills, mathematics, art, music, the Sports Ready program, HSIE unit of work – Rainforests as well as our weekly excursion to the Glenbernie Orchard Darkes Forest to purchase apples.

HSL have had 2 birthdays this term, Joseph turned 13 and Cristian turned 14. Congratulations boys!

As the weather warms up, HSL are looking forward to beginning the swimming program in term 4. Hope you have a great holiday and see you in Term 4!

Lee , Deb, Dianne and Joanne

## HSK

Another few weeks have passed and we have been keeping extremely busy here in HSK. Once sailing finished at Sailability in Kogarah Bay, we started going back to the Engadine Bowling Club for lunch where we sit in the restaurant, order lunch and eat as a group. All the students really enjoy this experience and practice lovely table manners. High School Music has started again, we love making choices and taking turns playing a variety of instruments. The students practice moving their bodies, clapping and stomping to the beat of the music or just enjoy the listening experience. The Sports Ready Program has been another hit with HSK. The students love getting involved and practice a variety of movement skills which really helped when it came to the High School Olympic theme day. Each class represented a different country and we all made our way through each event, showing off the skills we have learned along the way this year. Take care until next time.

Keltie, Cassie and Shaylee

## HSS

What a term! We have had so much fun.

Sylvania Bowling Club continues to be excellent. Our money skills and manners are continuing to progress. All students really enjoy this experience and the staff there take such great care of us. The High School Olympics theme day was a great success, we represented Greece! HSS enjoyed performing the skills that they have been practicing in the enjoyable Sport Ready program each Thursday. Cooking remains a favourite with everyone and some of us are even trying new foods which is excellent. During Science with Shaylee we are learning about Plants, we have even planted sunflower seeds. The shoots have appeared and our plants are growing. Our Indigenous Day was great. We participated in face and arms painting, art projects and learnt some new dances.

Until next time,

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



## HSM

Hello to our HSM families!

Well, we've all blinked and the term has flown by. I can't believe we are nearing the end. Term 3 has proven to be most productive with all our programs chugging along nicely. We've been busy with our Rainforest work in Geography, learning about the layers of the rainforest from the forest floor to the canopy and emergent layer right at the top. Through listening games and video clips we explored the different animals and birds who live in the rainforest and created some interesting sensory artworks using tactile materials and shaving cream.

In Maths lessons we have been investigating money and have been completing activities about money and what it is used for. We've been sorting money from non-money items and completing matching activities with Australian coins and notes.

During our weekly PDHPE (guy talk and girl's talk) sessions we have been exploring the difference between public and private places and activities. In class, HSM have been exploring their feelings in depth. Using visuals and video clips, we have been exploring the idea that, while some feelings are good (happy, excited, calm, proud), there are some feelings that don't make us feel so good (angry, worried, sick, pain, sad etc).

During Science with Shinead, HSM have been learning about plants and have planted sunflower seeds. It took a little while, but the shoots have come out and our little plants are starting to grow! Spring has sprung!

We have continued our 'book club' sessions where we read short, modified stories such as Sheldon Snail and My Teacher is an Alien! FYI.....The teacher is NOT an alien! We have also started our literature study of an old classic, Around the World in 80 Days. Using interactive activities on the whiteboard, we're exploring the characters, plot and themes that run through the story.

We had a great time at our High School Olympic Day where we represented Great Britain. We had a great time competing in each of the activities and each of us earned a well-deserved medal for our team!

We are also looking forward to our Indigenous Day celebrations where we will participate in art, music and face painting activities before watching a performance by Walangari from Cultural Infusion.

We wish you all a safe and happy break and look forward to a busy, but fun Term 4.

Mel, Karen & Carmen.





## HSA

With only a few weeks to go term 3 is almost over.

HSA have had a very productive term. This term we have been learning all about the Rainforest, plants and the Olympics. We located Rainforests on a world map and focused on discovering the animals and plants found in the Rainforests. Some of the artworks we completed included ant armies, monkeys, parrots and tigers. Recently HSA send home Father Day gifts, original masterpiece paintings called the 'Central Australian Landscape 'by Albert Namatjira. This term we a had a great day participating in the High School Olympics. HSA represented the fastest country in the world, Jamaica.

Next Wednesday is our High school team maths activity day. We are looking forward to having fun doing maths.

We wish our families a safe and happy holiday.

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



## Disability Trust Sport and Recreation Awards Ceremony, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> September the Disability Trust held their inaugural awards ceremony to celebrate client involvement and participation in all their Sport and Recreation programs.

Egypt Webber of HSS was the recipient from Bates Drive School for her effort and enthusiasm in the Sports Ready program each and every Thursday. It was a very proud moment for Egypt, her family and also Genevieve and myself who all there to celebrate the occasion.

Vanessa Marsden

(Sports Ready Co-ordinator)



TERM 3, 2016 CALENDER OF EVENTS		
WEEK 10	School Holidays Commence	Friday afternoon 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
TERM 4, 2016 CALENDER OF EVENTS		
WEEK 1	Term 4 commences	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016

## RSAC School Holiday Programs Sept/Oct 2016

For all RSAC members, children with disability and siblings 5-18 years

### PREBOOKING ESSENTIAL

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	COST
Monday 26 September 10am-11:30am	<b>Tenpin Bowling</b> Ramps, bumpers and handle balls available, if you need them	AMF Revesby Brett St Revesby (Inside Revesby Workers Club front entrance) REVESBY	\$10 – 1 game
Wednesday 28 September 10am-1pm *Supported by Sailability Kogarah Bay	<b>Sailability &amp; BBQ</b> Modified sailing vessels with 1:1 support suitable for all disabilities	Kogarah Bay Sailing Club Dover Park East (access from highway is tricky to see, check directions) BLAKEHURST	\$10 includes sausage sizzle for all  Limited numbers – book early
Friday 30 September 10am-11:30am	<b>Multi Sports Activities</b> Try different sports skills and fun games	Rockdale PCYC Ador Ave ROCKDALE	\$10
Wednesday 5 October 10am-11:30am	<b>Hot Shots Tennis</b> Modified tennis to learn the game and achieve results	Panania Tennis Courts 28a Childs St (behind Diggers Club) PANANIA	\$10
Friday 7 October 10am-12noon * Supported by World Ventures Foundation	<b>Sports &amp; Games Fun Magic Show &amp; Sausage Sizzle</b> Fun activities with WVF volunteers	Grahame Thomas Oval Chapel Rd South BANKSTOWN (Look for RSAC Banners) Wet weather option available, so come anyway	<b>FREE</b> for ALL  As world ventures will be taking photos please advise if you do NOT want your image used

*These School Holiday Programs are supported by a Club Grant from Club Rivers – Thank You*

**Pre Booking Essential:**

Contact: Jenny 97905001, [rsaclub@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rsaclub@bigpond.net.au) or mobile 0425203891

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