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Term 1 Week 4

16th February, 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to the new school year. This year we have four new students and their families. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish them all a very warm welcome and hope that they have a successful, happy and fulfilling school career at our Bates Drive School. Please welcome:

Jacob in the Tiger Lillies, Kai in the Gerberas, Lincoln in the Magnolias and Mark in HSL.

Welcome back to our existing students and their families, get ready for another eventful year. The P&C are already organising a number of events over the year including a Trivia Night on 8th September, 2017. Save the date!

I am taking leave each Wednesday for Semester 1 this year and Vanessa Marsden will be relieving in my role on this day. It is business as usual and there will not be any interruptions to the school programs or events.

You will see a flyer attached for the Joeys Football Club. Paul, the contact person is very keen to cater for our students so that they can become a part of the club. He has said that the children can just come along and join in the activities (no skills required). It is a great opportunity to meet new people and have a bit of fun.

Warmest Regards,

Robyn Compton

Principal

2017 Staff

Principal : Robyn Compton

Office Staff: Andrea Moldrich, Karen Coughlan (P/T) and Jacquie Stone

Class	Teacher	SLSO
Tiger Lillies	Ciara Brown	Rebecca Stiller
Violets	Victoria Pattison	Jenny Scheers
Camellias	Chris Mealey	Belinda Sheehy
Gerberas	Genevieve Logan	Jacquelyn Wrigley
Magnolias	Molly Wolfel	Deb Scholes
HSM	Mel King	Natalia Hall
HSK	Keltie Ward	Cassie Irvine
HSA	Annemarie Napier	Karen Coughlan and Carmen Whiteman
HSSJ	Shinead Love Jo Marwaha	Kelly Ford
HSL	Lee Carey	Narelle Crawford and Donna Sloan
HSV	Vanessa Marden	Cassandra Saba
RFF	Kirrily Sloan Nicole Pitt, Jo Marwaha	
USSF		Joanne Ashford-Cox

P & C MESSAGE

Welcome everyone to a new year at Bates Dr School. I hope you had a great summer break.

This year the P & C will continue to support the school community through working in partnership with the school executive, to raise and distribute funds to provide additional resources for our children.

Term 1 is set to be very busy with our Easter raffle. This term we will be asking families to donate chocolate goodies to make our wonderful prizes.

We are planning to host a trivia night on 8th September as our BIG fundraiser for the year. In the coming months we are hoping that the whole school community is just as excited as we are and that you will get behind the event and help make it a great success!

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting or event this year.

Kristy Fletcher

President P & C

Chaplain's Corner Term 1, 2017



Coffee Chat

Welcome to Chaplain's corner. 2017 sees many great things on the school calendar and many great ways for your child to be learning & progressing. A new year also brings many changes and disruptions to routines and family dynamics, which can be challenging. My role here at Bates Drive is to support students, parents & staff well-being, so if you feel like a chat or a debrief then give me a call. I can be contacted through the school office. This year I'm working mainly Thursdays & Fridays, although have the flexibility to pop in other days if that suits.

This year, Café Club is kicking off in term 1 with a guest speaker or two about Respite Services. What can they offer you & your child? Who are they for? How do you go about starting the process of thinking about whether respite might be for you down the track or now?! Have you ever thought maybe respite might be a help to our family but put that thought in the too hard basket? Have you ever thought your child's behaviours are too confronting to access respite services? Have you ever felt that perhaps your child isn't ready or wouldn't cope at respite and so you haven't enquired? Have you ever wondered what respite was or what it involved?

Then come along and hear from some parents who do access respite services, whether they are over night services or day programs. Hear from some respite service managers about who is eligible, how to register, or ask them all your questions. The Managers are also happy to answer NDIS questions you may have regarding Respite Services.

When – Thursday 30th March 2017.

Time – 9:30am – 11am

Where – School Meeting Room, meet at the Office.



PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE FOR JOEYS!

Joeys is looking for players for the 2017 season.
Try it out! The footy is fun, safe & family orientated.

FREE REGO FOR NEW PLAYERS!

For information on Rego days or to register online

GO TO: joeysjrffc.com.au

Or call Peter Sertori: 0419 209 765
Paul or Lynsey Vanderwert: 0417 029 241



SENSORY SCREENINGS

FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs...

- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors
- Sensory Movie Day runs once a month at 11am on a Sunday
- Tickets are \$8 each (except Ipswich \$6 each). Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion I.D. Cards are accepted

Sessions and movies are:

Sunday 22 January, Moana

Sunday 26 February, Sing

Sunday 26 March, Ballerina

Sunday 30 April, SMURFS 3

Sunday 21 May, Lego Batman



SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP

TERM 1, 2017

TUESDAY 4:00 – 5:30pm (MIRANDA)

WEDNESDAY 4:00 – 5:30pm (SEVEN HILLS)

A weekly Social Skills program to bring children of a similar age together and to provide therapy in order to build their social skills to be able to learn how to develop friendships. This is encouraged through:

- confidence building
- perspective taking
- social problem solving
- social interaction
- turn taking
- working together with peers

These groups can run for children aged 5-8, 9-12 or 13-17 and include a ½ hour intake and 8 sessions per a term with recommendations at the completion of the program.

**Centre based at
MIRANDA or SEVEN
HILLS**

**1.5 HOURS EACH
WEEK**

**CAN START
ANYTIME**

**FREE for eligible
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to confirm if this
applies to your child**

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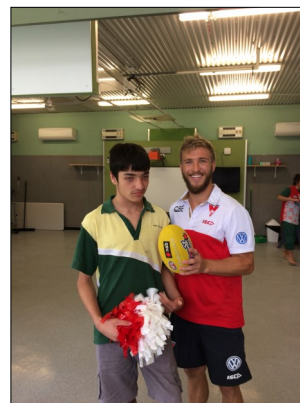
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HEAD OFFICE ON:
Ph: (02) 9569 7700
Email: info@abinsw.org.au**

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Assessments & Behaviour Interventions



In Week 3, High School classes were lucky enough to host a special visit from Kieren Jack, a high ranking player from the Sydney Swans AFL Team. Our students were able to participate in a number of football training exercises and sports skills activities. A great time was had by all and students were also able to have some photographs taken with the players.

Vanessa Marsden,
AP High School





SPEECH PATHOLOGY

SPOT CHECKS

Star Kid's Speech Pathologists are offering **FREE screening services** for preschool and school aged children in our **CLINIC**.



STAR KIDS CLINICIANS CAN ASSIST YOUR CHILD'S

- **SPEECH DEVELOPMENT**
- **RECEPTIVE AND EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE**
- **LITERACY**
- **VOICE**
- **FLUENCY**
- **FEEDING**
- **PROCESSING**
- **COMMUNICATION**



Star Kid's speech pathologists will advise if further formalised assessments are required or refer to appropriate services.

Who: PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Where: STAR KIDS AUSTRALIA

467 KINGSWAY MIRANDA NSW 2228



FOR THE NEXT AVAILABLE APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE!

Bookings are Essential! To make a booking please contact:

Star Kids Australia on **9526 6890**

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TIGER LILLIES

Welcome to the Tiger Lilies' first update of the year! We have had a very busy start to the school year, engaging in many different learning activities, making new friends and participating in lots of physical movement experiences.

We have all been enjoying our swim program. It has been a good way to cool down on the hot days, but we have also loved swimming in the rain too! We have also begun our sports program on Thursdays and lots of us are showing a keen interest in basketball skills. We might have a few superstars on our hands!

In class we have been participating in lots of hands on activities. Sensory play activities have so far been a big favourite so we will continue to have it as a part of our weekly key learning area programs.

We look forward to everything this term has in store for us and can't wait to have lots of fun!

From the wonderful Tiger Lilies – Jacob, Connor, Robbie, Abass, Oscar, Rebecca and Ciara!



HSK

We have had an excellent start to 2017 in HSK and look forward to the year ahead. Our class has 5 students: Angelina, Rick, EJ, Kwabena and Reece. There have been events to attend and work to complete. As we patiently wait for our turn in the pool while swim school is on we have been completing task boxes and theme work. Our History theme is 'Ancient Egypt' and the students have been completing matching activities and watching videos with facts from that time. We enjoy going to the sensory room twice a week and very much look forward to music on Wednesdays. The Sydney Swans came to visit and took the high school students through some AFL drills. We loved dressing up in red and white to show our support. Sports ready has started again and their activities are the best. Last week we practiced basketball skills including shooting hoops and dribbling the ball. HSK has already had a birthday party in class too. We celebrated in an extravagant fashion with beautiful food and treats, whistles, balloons and confetti poppers. We are having so much fun so far...until next time



Keltie, Cassie, Jo & the troops

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VIOLETS

Hello everybody and welcome to Term 1, 2017! We are off to a flying start, completing a wide range of programs across all key learning areas. Our annual Swim School program began in week 3 and we are all enjoying being in the cool water during this summer heat wave! Students are learning a range of important skills including blowing bubbles, holding their breath, paddling and floating. The Sports Ready program also began in week 3 and so far students have been practicing jumping, dribbling and throwing a basketball.

Within our classroom we have also been extremely busy with the introduction of a variety of daily and weekly programs. During the week students have access to a Word Wall (alphabet wall), Morning Folders, Daily Diaries, Weekend News, Weather Bear, Class Library, Technology Station, PECS program and much more. In the coming weeks we will also commence a weekly Cooking program and weekly Community Learning programs. Please keep an eye out for upcoming notices.

This term, our core book study is *'The Rainbow Fish'*. This book focuses on social skills including sharing and making friends. During this book study, students will participate in matching activities, identifying characters, sequencing events, reading, role play, artistic activities and will also construct a Rainbow Fish themed sensory library nook in the classroom.

Thank you for staying up to date and try to stay cool in this weather!

Victoria, Jen and the Violets.



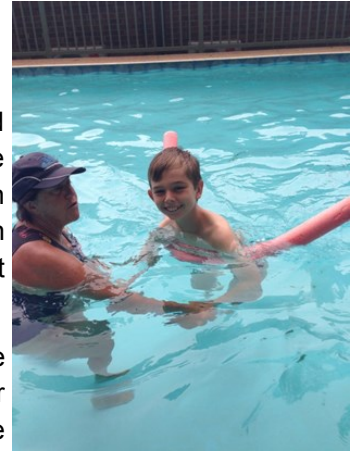
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MAGNOLIAS

Hi everyone!

Welcome to 2017. The Magnolias have been settling into their new school routines and getting to know their classmates. This year we have 7 lovely and energetic boys who are ready to learn new skills. Already, we have utilised our swimming pool and have begun swim school! This is where we swim every day and are helped by swim teachers to learn independence in the water. It has been so much fun! We also love swimming because it keeps us cool on these hot days!



Also, the boys have jumped right in and begun their regular program activities. We started their weekly cooking program where they make toast or grilled cheese for their lunch every Tuesday. We are also going to follow simple recipes to make yummy dishes! Through the use of iPads,

Interactive Whiteboard programs and hands on activities we have focused on our

numeracy and literacy skills, too! It has been a great start to the year and we are looking forward to an incredible 2017!

Molly, Deb and the Magnolias (Blake, Blayden, Cruz, Elliott, Hayden, Toby and Yann)



HSL

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2017!

HSL have had a great return to school with all students already settling into routines and doing some great work in the classroom. HSL is quite the 'Dude Ranch' this year as there are 8 boys including: Yawkra, Shem, Lachlan, Cameron, James, Eamon, Mark and Alex.

HSL have dived head first in to our studies and have been very productive in our PECs program, Sports Ready, literacy and numeracy skills. In the following weeks, HSL will be participating in our school swimming program, a weekly Community Learning program to the Sylvania bowling club for lunch and we will also be learning about Ancient Egypt as a part of History Life Skills programs.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new student, Mark Clifton, and his family who have relocated from Camden to Bates Drive this year. Mark is quite the character; he loves music and the drums. I think we will get along just fine.

Here is to a good year at school. I've got a feeling it's going to be a great one!

Lee, Narelle and Donna



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CAMELLIAS

Welcome to the first Camellias update for 2017. Our little gang of five – Camille, Jasmine, Katelyn, Adhil and Andrew, have settled quickly into their new classroom and daily routines. All of the students are making great progress in their class programs and leisure choices for afternoon activities. For most of the students they are continuing various programs developed for them last year, and for other students it is an introduction to some programs including PECS.

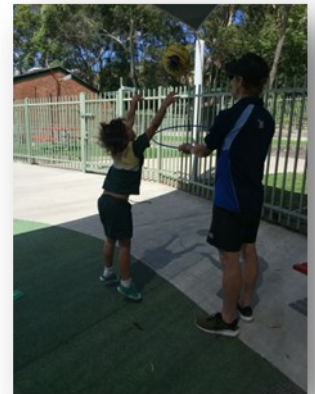


We always have a busy start to the term with swim school commencing the beginning of week 3 and into week 4. Of course, the weather has been a combination of extreme heat and rain. However, it is such a positive program which provides the staff with an understanding of each student's abilities as well as being a great physical activity for the students.

We have also started the Sport Ready Program and already have had great success with students building on skills from last year.

I look forward to meeting as many parents and carers as possible during the Camellias PLP Meeting at the beginning of week 5.

Cheers from Chris and Belinda.



HSA

Hope all our families had a good holiday break and are all ready for 2017. Over the last few weeks in HSA we have been getting to know each other and settling into the new school term. HSA have been working on establishing new class routines and programs. This term in Science Life Skills we will be learning about the living world. We have also been working on our Maths Life skills, Literacy and Master Chef skills.

On Thursdays, we will be combining with HSM and working on our sports skills, by participating in the Sports Ready program. We always look forward to our music sessions with Lee, which we have been doing on Wednesdays with HSM. We have already had a busy start to the term. Last week we enjoyed the visit from the Swans. We are looking forward to a busy productive term.

Victoria, Magnus, Robbie, Jayden, Jackson and Egypt

Annemarie, Karen and Carmen



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HSM

Hello to our HSM families!

Welcome back to a new school year. After getting over the initial shock of coming back to school after the Christmas holidays, the staff and students in HSM have made a cracking start to 2016! In our class we have Joel, Joshua, Harrison, Amna, Braden and James. Nat is our SLSO Monday to Thursday and we have had Diane on Fridays for the first few weeks. It will be Diane's last day with our class this Friday as she will be starting uni....thanks for all your help Diane and good luck from all of us, with your studies! I will keep you posted about who is replacing Diane.

We have all been having a great time getting to know everyone and are looking forward to meeting our families when we meet for our PLPs next week. Nat, Diane and I would like to shout out a HUGE thankyou to our families and carers for being so patient while we are busy getting our new routines sorted and our programs underway!

Plans are already in place for some very exciting activities throughout the year and we are all eager to get stuck in! In fact....we already have! We celebrated Valentine's Day by giving chocolates and flowers to our secret valentine's and playing 'love song dedications' on the interactive whiteboard. We used our hands to create some beautiful flamingos and made a special card for our Valentine. We have also learned about Chinese New Year through interactive whiteboard activities and created Chinese dragons for display in the classroom. We were very excited to have a visit from some Sydney Swans players who played ball games and posed for photos with us. I'm not sure who had more fun.....the students or the teachers! We have also started up with Sports Ready on Thursdays and plans are underway to get our swimming program up and running shortly. We will have some very tired students in our class by the end of the week!.....You're welcome!!

We can't wait to see the wonderful progress that will be made by Joel, Joshua, Harrison, Amna, Braden and James over the course of the year. 2017 is shaping up to be a big one so stay tuned!

Mel, Nat & Diane.



HSSJ

Welcome to 2017! HSSJ have had a great start to the year! We are in the process of planning our community access and swimming sessions, hopefully starting week 5. So far we've explored some work on Ancient Egypt, number, shape and pattern, Sight Words and the alphabet. We've also started back at Sports Ready, getting back into the swing of learning a new sport skill each week. The whole class is enjoying music sessions on Wednesday with Lee, where everyone gets to have a turn on different instruments. HSSJ would also like to welcome Jo to our class, who is on class all day Friday and also teaches Science every Monday. We also loved having a visit from the Swans player Kieran Jack on Tuesday 7th February!

From Shinead, Kelly and Jo



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GERBERAS

What a great start to 2017 it has been! The Gerberas have settled in to their new class and school routines extremely well. We have 6 enthusiastic boys in our class who are ready to learn new skills in not only the classroom but also the playground and the swimming pool. The annual two week Swim School program has been a highlight for all students

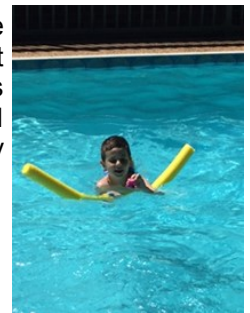
particularly on those extremely hot days. With the help of the swim teachers each day the students have made improvements in their swimming abilities and increased their confidence in the water.

Another favourite program is Sports Ready. We played basketball for our first week. Everyone enjoyed throwing, catching, bouncing and shooting goals. We were impressed with the skill level of all the boys.

Other programs that have been keeping us busy in the classroom are Letter of the Week where students complete activities and art projects focused on a particular letter, a Word Wall (alphabet wall) where students categorise words based on their begin letter and daily diaries where students reflect on the day's activities. Many more programs will begin once swim school has finished such as, the Mathematics program based on pattern, the Cooking program and the Community Learning Program. We should have a fun filled 2017 developing several new skills.

Thanks for keeping up to date,

Genevieve, Jacquelyn and the Gerberas (Lincoln, Kai, Riley, Luke, Byron and Phillip)



HSV

Greetings!

Welcome back to school and to HSV. It's lovely to see everyone return to school well rested, ready for a busy and exciting year ahead.

2017 is a special year for HSV; 4 of our students: Anthea, Maryam, Tassi and Alki are in Year 12 with this year being their last year of school and at Bates Drive.

All of our class of 7 students have settled back into school routines. We have been busy working on a range of literacy and numeracy programs from the life skills syllabus as well starting our cooking and snack preparation programs. As part of our work in History Life Skills we have studied Chinese New Year, learning about the many traditions and created an artwork display to reflect this.

We also held a combined birthday party for Samuel and Maryam who both turned 17 in the holidays.

Regards

Vanessa, Kirrily, Cassandra,

Alki, Tassi, Anthea, Maryam, Michael and Jessica.



February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Swim School continues for K-6	14	15 Meet the staff 6-7pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Harmony Day Variety Club Party	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 School Photos	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 P&C Meeting 7pm	14	15	16 Transition Clinic Yr12	17	18
19	20	21 Harmony Day Variety Club Party	22	23	24	25
26	27 Easter Raffle Drawn	28	29	30	31	April 1
April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6 Easter Parade	April 7 School Holidays Commence at 3pm	