

## BATES DRIVE BUZZ

Exceptional Learning Opportunities For All



**Term 1 Week 9**

**22nd March , 2017**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

- ♦ Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the Meet the Staff evening. It was lovely to see you and for you to get to know your child's teacher.
- ♦ Swimming School for our K-6 students was a great success. The weather at that time was generally hot and sunny. Very different from the past couple of weeks.
- ♦ The students have found it quite challenging with the very hot weather and now the rain. The staff have been very aware of keeping the students safe and dry however this has resulted in them not going outside to play every day.
- ♦ We are still seeking the assistance of a community member to be the President of the school's P&C Assoc. The number of people attending the meetings of late has been very small. This then means that a very small number of people are doing all of the work to support your child and our school. The team supports each other in a very informal and friendly way, so please come along and be part of a very vibrant and enthusiastic team.
- ♦ Term one has certainly flown by, with the holidays just around the corner. Day one for the staff is Monday 24th April, 2017 where they will be taking part in mandatory training such as the Code of Conduct, Child Protection Training as well as additional PECS training. The students return on Wednesday 26th April as Tuesday is ANZAC day.

Warmest Regards, Robyn Compton. Principal.



My Choice Matters works with people with disability and their families to live life their way and get the most out of the changing disability system. Our goal is to help you learn and practice new ways of doing things and develop and grow your skills in Choice, Voice and Control.

We have a free, fully accessible workshop coming up for people with a disability, their families/carers, and people working in the sector so make sure you register now!

- Hear about changes to the disability support system and what it will mean for you
- Talk about planning and things to consider for your life
- See what some people are already doing

Where:

Club Central Menai

44-60 Allison Crescent, Menai, NSW 2234

When: Friday 7 April

Time: 10.00 If we can provide any support for you on the day please let us know.

**Kogarah Community Services** in partnership with **Interrelate**  
will deliver a free workshop

### *Helping Children Manage Their Emotions*

*This workshop will cover topics such as:*

How does anger work

Strategies to help children manage their anger

Developing children's positive communication skills

Helping children to recognise and appropriately express their emotions

Strategies for developing a positive outlook

Date: **Friday 29th April 2016**

Time: **9:30am—12:00pm**

Venue: **Kogarah Community Hub**

49 English Street Kogarah

Cost: **Free**

**Bookings or enquiries 9587 6622**

**info@kogarahcommunity.org.au**

**www.kogarahcommunity.org.au**

# What if??

.....life was different?

.....I didn't feel this way?

.....I didn't get so panicky?

JOIN OUR FREE 8 WEEK  
GROUP PROGRAM FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE WITH  
ANXIETY OR DEPRESSION!

Call 8048 3350 for more  
information and to obtain a  
referral form

LEARN TO MAKE  
CHANGES TO YOUR LIFE!

**WHO:** 14 to 18 year old youth

**WHERE:** headspace Hurstville, 41  
Dora St Hurstville 2220

**WHEN:** Wednesday 10th May - 28th  
June 2017 (8 weekly sessions)

**TIME:** 3:45pm- 5:30pm

**FACILITATORS:** Belinda and Scott





## Café Club

Thursday 30th March

9:30-11am

Come and meet some other parents. All parents & carers welcome!

Café Club will be on Thursday 30th March from 9:30am – 11:00am, meeting in the School Office. We will have a guest speaker or 2 speaking about Respite and Vacation Care services. Come along if you have wondered about what Respite is like, if it is for child or not and ask all your questions about starting respite in the future or now or how respite will be impacted by NDIS etc.

Also – if you are new to our school community, come along and meet some other parents. If you have been around for a while, then come along too so new parents can meet some people who knows how it all works!

Below are some details of a few resources and services in our local community that you might be interested in for your other children, or siblings who are struggling at home. These include a group Program for teens struggling with Anxiety & Depression and a parenting course for children struggling to manage their emotions. Contact the services directly if you are interested in attending.

Thank you!

Nicole Clark

Bates Drive School Chaplain



# NDIS – All Your Questions Answered

Learn everything you need to know about preparing for your transition to the NDIS.

- Hear from NDIS experts & those who have already transitioned
- Be inspired & entertained by our special guest Katrina Webb
- Put your mind at ease about your transition to the NDIS

*Refreshments provided, plus lucky door prizes and a gift for everyone!*  
*Numbers Strictly Limited - Bookings Essential*  
*This event is for people with disabilities & their carers*

## WHERE & WHEN

22 February –  
Marriott North Ryde  
16 March –  
West's Leagues, Campbelltown  
3 May – St George Leagues,  
Kogarah  
5.30pm to 9pm

**care**  
**connect**  
*it's my choice.*

**FREE  
ENTRY**

FEATURING  
SPECIAL GUEST



Katrina Webb  
Triple Paralympic  
Gold Medallist

**BOOK NOW**



**HURRY BOOK NOW! Call 0458 018 887 or book online [www.ndisevents.eventbrite.com](http://www.ndisevents.eventbrite.com)**

Lilian Barter, Support Teachers Transition, has found a new contact for families preparing to set up for the NDIS.

Information sessions have already occurred, one coming up (all at Burwood) and I'm thinking that there'll be more.

Families can look up The NDIS Transition and Partnership Team

[info.sydney@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info.sydney@facs.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: 8746 5522



### **The new Autism Support Website has been released!**

This resource has been composed to assist teachers, SLSOs, school counsellors, parents and the community, in supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. There are 4 categories and examples of information areas.



#### **Autism Explained and Researched**

- DSM-5 Diagnostic Criteria
- Autism Research Centre
- National Autistic Association



#### **Classroom Strategies and Resources**

- Behaviour
- Organisation
- Feelings and Emotions
- Conversations
- Fine/Gross Motor
- Sensory




#### **Legislation and DoE (NSW)**

- Every Student Every School
- Disability Discrimination Act
- National Disability Insurance Scheme



#### **Autism, Other Agencies and Services.**

- ASPECT NSW
- Positive Partnerships
- Vision Australia

The **Autism Support Website** is hosted by Dapto High School. Access the ASW via Dapto High Website and clicking the  icon.

We would like to acknowledge support from Dapto HS, Andrew FitzSimons (Principal), and Shane Wood (HT, IT) in hosting the ASW. Thanks go to the Learning and Wellbeing Coordinator, Greg Hand (Warilla Office) and Learning and Wellbeing Advisor, Cheryl Hartsorn (Ret) for the original concept and organisation during this period.

Megan Waugh, Assistant Principal Learning and Support, Shoalhaven  
Brendan Barr, Manager of the Behaviour Focus Website

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#### TIGER LILIES

We have all been enjoying our Geography unit of work '*Our Place*' in class. There have been so many places for us to explore around the school and to learn about outside of school. A particular favourite was learning about the grocery store and filling up our paper trolleys with pretend groceries.

We have been having a lot of fun this term and can't wait to continue it throughout the year!

Ciara, Rebecca and the Tiger Lily Boys!



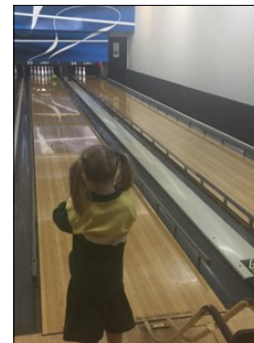
#### VIOLETS

The Violets have been extremely busy this term completing programs in the classroom, around the school and out in the community during our Geography unit of work, '*Our Place*'. In week 6 we had our first Ten Pin bowling session at AMF Bowling, Southgate. Jen and I were so proud of all of the Violets for their participation and enthusiasm to play. Some students retrieved their own bowling ball with no second thought, and others attempted to use Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) visuals to select the ball colour and be assisted to place the ball on to the ramp. All students were successful in pushing the ball off the ramp by themselves and watched to see how many pins fell down. A short video will be created to show off at the Violets' assembly in week 9!

The PECS programs are going extremely well also, with students working at a range of different phases. They are all progressing and some students are now accessing and using their own PECS folders throughout the day! We have extended and increased our number of lessons during which we are using picture exchange and students are now creating recipes using Boardmaker symbols and photos during our cooking program, as well as making choices of what colour jelly or icing they would like to eat/make.

We are extremely proud of all of the Violets for their increased communication and independence!

Victoria, Jen and the Violets



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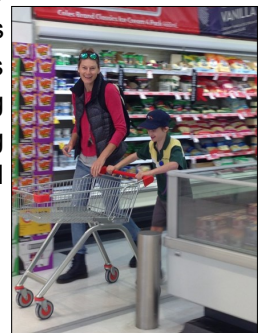
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#### MAGNOLIAS

Wow it's almost the end of Term 1!

The Magnolias have been busy this term! We started our community access program to our local Kareela Coles and have been grocery shopping each week. The boys either purchase our ingredients for our cooking program or they buy items for home. They have loved going on the bus each Thursday and seeing familiar faces at Coles. We have also focused on the shops for our unit of work *'Our Place'*. The boys practised their fine motor skills by cutting out pictures of food items that they would put in their trolley. They also made beautiful fruit and vegetable prints by stamping cut pieces and pressing them into bright coloured paints. During cooking, the boys have been making mini pizzas, blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes and this week are baking and decorating a cake. They have been learning how to be safe in the kitchen while making yummy treats. We have had a great start to the year! The Magnolias wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

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



#### GERBERAS

The Gerberas have had a great start to the year, everyone has settled into the class routines fantastically. Our community access program of driving to Kurnell has been enjoyed by all. Once in Kurnell, we count how many planes we can see in the sky and if it's windy, how many windsurfers are in the water. Together with the Magnolias, we attended an excursion to Funarama on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March where everyone explored the big jungle gym! Music with Lee is definitely a highlight of the week with a chance to create our own beats on the drums. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March we had an incursion to the African Beat Performance in the COLA. Cooking is also another highlight of our week—we all loved making toast so much that we made it two weeks in a row! During cooking we are practicing choice-making using PECS visuals of jam and Vegemite. Whilst in the kitchen, we have also been learning about the importance of our safety; learning what utensils are required and most importantly eating our delicious creations. In Science this term we have been learning about our senses; last week the focus was on smell and we had the chance to smell different herbs and spices and then decide if whether we liked it. Our faces said it all! For Jacquelyn's birthday we all surprised her with a party! We played party games, wore party hats, gave Jacquelyn a present and sung *'Happy Birthday'* to her. She loved it! Of course the best part of the party was the party food. Yum!

Genevieve, Jacquelyn and the Gerberas





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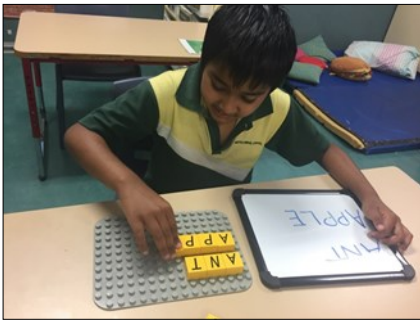
#### CAMELLIAS

At this stage of the term, the Camellias have settled beautifully into the class routines and are working steadily in all areas of the curriculum.

For literacy we are practicing identifying, matching and writing the Words of the Week. We are building a Smart Notebook program as we start each new letter and words. The students take turns in finding pictures linked to the words and complete simple sentences using either the word or visual. Our 'Word Garden' is taking shape and the students will have a bank of familiar words to practice and review over the year.

Numeracy assessments for number and money are underway and will be completed within the next week. We have just started both our cooking and community access programs. The students will start making choices on what they will cook that week –eventually visiting the shops next term to make our purchases. The community access program links to the wonderful work we are doing in our unit of work, 'Our Place'.

Cheers from Chris and Belinda



#### HSSJ

HSSJ are continuing to have an excellent Term 1! We have successfully started our community access and swimming sessions, with all students enjoying both programs. We've studied Ancient Egyptian music, maps and burial techniques. In maths we have continued on with number and also started some work on time, specifically looking at sequencing our visual timetable and looking at the difference between analogue and digital clocks. Sports Ready is still a huge hit, with all of our students successfully participating each week. We have also started our cooking program and footy tipping on Thursday morning. HSSJ are keeping busy and productive this term!

From Shinead, Kelly and Jo





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#### HSK

We are having so much fun in HSK this term. We have been studying Ancient Egypt and made ourselves look like Pharaohs by decorating our own headdresses and putting them on our photos. I wonder if anyone is up for being wrapped like a mummy... In sport we have been working on soccer skills and bowling targets. The students have been dribbling the ball back and forth and kicking goals. We have also been practicing our target skills with Bocce ball type activities. The students all engaged well during these activities and we look forward to improving our sports skills. Using the pool has been fantastic this term and we are enjoying the final weeks of swimming because it will surely be too cold to continue by the time we arrive back in term two. Our weekly bus trip is also a really fun activity. We have been driving around the local community and identifying lots of familiar landmarks and items as we go. We look forward to celebrating Harmony day with a BBQ and watching an African drumming performance in the coming weeks.

Keltie, Cassie, Jo & the troops



#### HSA

It's already Week 10 and only 2 weeks to go till the end of term 1, 2017.

HSA have had a great start to the new term and have been super busy. In History Life Skills programs we have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. We used a world globe to explore where Ancient Egypt is in the world. We also located Australia on the world map. We have been viewing pictures of Ancient Egypt such as mummies, pyramids and sphinxes. We have even been trying hard to walk like Egyptians—Egypt has some great moves! The students in HSA have started selecting their favourite teams in our class footy competition. This week High school started our High School leisure groups. Some of the activities included swimming, master chef, sport and a green gardening group.

This term we have also participated in the Sports Ready program which has been lots of fun.

On Monday there were lots of smiles at Bates Drive with our school photos. Next Friday we are looking forward to a combined school drumming performance. Keep up the good work HSA!

Robbie, Magnus, Jackson, Jayden, Victoria and Egypt  
Annemarie, Karen and Carmen



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#### HSL

Welcome to Week 10 HSL have had a very productive 10 weeks at school to kick off Term 1! The lads have been very settled, happy and are doing great with their studies.

HSL have had busy weeks with expressive and receptive communication programs, swimming, sports Ready, music, mathematics, our unit of work with History Life Skills – Ancient Egypt. To end our working week, HSL have been completing a community learning program at the Sylvania Bowling Club, having lunch. The program is fantastic as it gives the boys practical experience with money skills, PDHPE life skills and the fish and chips are pretty good too! I am very proud the boys' great start to 2017, it is going to be a great year for all! Have a happy and safe Easter and see you in Term 2!

Lee, Narelle and Donna



#### HSV

As you all would be aware, the 2017 NRL season has started. And that means for the students in HSV, our Footy Tipping program has started. This program is done as part of our work in Mathematics Life Skills. Each week the students have to make a choice from 2 visuals that represent the teams playing each other that round. Their choice is then recorded. After each round the students are assisted to look up the results and count how many winning teams they selected that round. HSV have a large chart on display in the classroom which shows the NRL team ladder and where each student is in regards to their tipping selections

Regards,

Vanessa, Kirrily, Cassandra, Chrissy( ITHS)

and

Alki, Tassi, Anthea, Maryam, Michael and Jessica



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#### HSM

We are all very busy working on our class activities this term. Our Maths and History programs are in full swing. We have been exploring Number, Shape and Time in Maths and have been working hard in our Maths groups. In History the class has been learning about Ancient Egypt. Through a range of sensory and interactive whiteboard activities we learned that Egypt is a hot, dry desert and created art works related to the pyramids. We got to go digging in the sandy desert and also tasted falafel and hummus! We have now started Friday High School Leisure Groups where our students either swam, cooked, gardened or played sport with their mates, having lots of fun and learning new skills along the way. During Science we took a nature walk to explore "living" and "non-living" things. We had a great time searching our playground area, deciding that the slide, picnic table and hammock were definitely "non-living" and that the trees and plants were all very much "living" things.

We were very excited to have a visit from the Salaka Drumming Group where we got to experience some amazing African drumming and even had a go on the drums ourselves!

Finally, we are excited to introduce Lynda as our new Friday SLSO for the rest of this term. Lynda has worked on several classes over the years and is very excited to learn our routines and get to know our wonderful students.

That's all for now but stay tuned for more exciting adventures!

Mel, Nat & Lynda to our HSM families!



to put labels on your child's school clothing, this makes it easier to find if things go missing!



## MARCH 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Clinic	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Hair Cuts</i>	29	30	31		

## APRIL 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Easter Parade</i>	7 <i>Last Day Term 1</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>School Holidays</i>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Staff Return</i>	25	26 <i>School Resumes</i>	27	28	29	30