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Term 2 Week 8

16 June, 2017

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 is almost over and student mid year reports are being prepared. These will be sent out before the end of term.

Genevieve Logan will be leaving us to prepare for the birth of her first child. It is an exciting time for her and her husband . We wish them lots of happiness and joy at this special time. Nick Parks will be taking the Gerbera's class from the start of Term 3.

The staff will be participating in training on the first day of Term 3 (17th July) learning about our school's new and exciting adventure: Learning for Life. With the help of the Toyota Foundation we are now able to employ two occupational therapists to support teaching and learning in the school. We are all very excited about this program.

The P&C are organising their major fundraiser for the year, a Trivia night at Kareela Gold club on 8th September. It would be great to see you, your family and friends on the night. The night will be a fun event with some challenges thrown in to make it exciting.

I hope you enjoy the holidays and see you in Term 3. Remember to stay warm and dry as we start the winter break.

First day back for the students is Tuesday 18th July, 2017.

Regards, Robyn Compton,

Principal

NDIS Meetings

The NDIS planning meetings have begun in our region. I am sure you will be notified in due course when your planning meeting is to be held.

The school is very happy to provide documentation to support you when you meet with the planner to discuss your child's needs and future requirements.

Examples of the types of documentation include PLPs, Positive Behaviour plans, Health Care plans, student reports and clinic notes. Please make your request for documents through your child's communication book and we will endeavour to send them to you as soon as possible.

Teachers will not be available to attend these meetings and the meeting should be held at a time and place that is convenient for you and the planner. Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate these at school.

All the best as we engage in this new process,

Robyn Compton,

Principal.

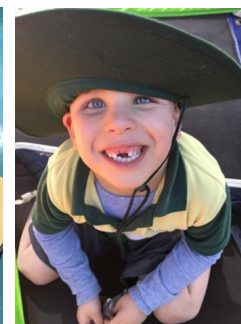
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TIGER LILLIES

The Tiger Lily boys have been very busy throughout the term. We have enjoyed exploring mass in maths. We are learning to identify things that are heavy and things that are light. We made sock monsters to help explore this concept. We filled socks up with different items in the class room to make the socks different weights. We have also been having lots of fun with our healthy choices unit. We start our mornings with crunch and sip, and make our own breakfast snacks. Friday cooking sessions have been a lot of fun. Fruit smoothies were a big hit, along with strawberry jam on toast! Our goal for the rest of the healthy choices unit is to focus on our teeth and how to keep them beautiful! Sports ready is always a great way to start off our Thursday mornings. Each of us have been working hard, learning new skills and games. The Hula Hoop games have been a hit, with some of us wanting to use them in recess and lunch play. Lots of smiles from all of us here in the Tiger Lily class!

Ciara, Rebecca, Jacob, Connor, Oscar, Robbie and Abass!

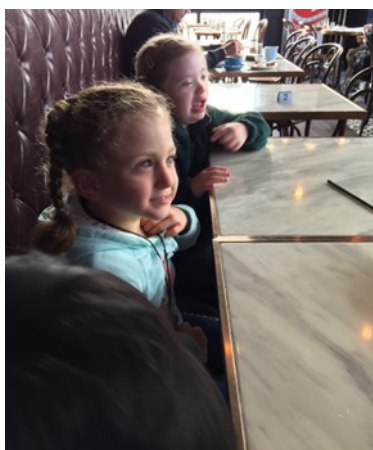


VIOLETS

My, how time flies when we're having fun! It is week 8 already and we haven't stopped moving since we last updated you! The Violets have continued to play sport each week during the Sports Ready program, learning skills in completing obstacle courses. We have also continued to complete our weekly excursion to the Three Beans Café at Kareela, where several students have been practising to order their food or beverage item using the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). The customers and staff at the café always welcome and farewell each of us individually which makes us excited to return the following week! We order chips, yogurt and milkshakes, yum! This week, 14th June, we will not be attending the café as we will be completing Maths Day activities at school, we have lots to do! Scripture staff have introduced some puppets to us during our weekly lesson and the puppets are very engaging, they sing and ask us questions about ourselves. We have all been showing off our PECS skills in class videos to the rest of the school at assemblies – we are a talented bunch of Violets!

Keep warm in this winter weather,

Victoria, Jen and the Violets



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CAMELLIAS

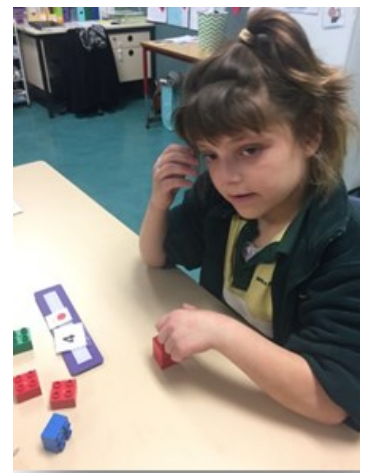
The Camellias have been accessing Coles at Kareela to purchase items for Wednesday's cooking session. All the students display calm and sensible behaviour out in the community, remaining with the staff during the excursion and helping to complete the shopping list.

So far we have purchased items for and made pizza, biscuits, fruit salad and toasties. Everyone has fun helping with the preparation of the food and most are sampling their end result.

As part of the maths numeracy program, the students have been constructing towers by reading a sentence strip and constructing a tower using specific coloured Lego blocks.

Wishing all of our families and students a happy and safe holiday.

Cheers from Chris and Belinda.



GERBERAS

What a great term the Gerberas have had! We have been going to Kirrawee McDonalds for lunch and a play. Everyone has been excellent. We are great at sitting and waiting for our lunch to be cooked and we make sure we put all our rubbish in the bin before we go to the playground for a play. Some of us have even been brave enough to try new foods of delicious hot chips! Well done boys.

Cooking is another highlight of our week. Each Tuesday we go to the hospitality kitchen with the Magnolias class and cook ourselves some lunch. Both classes enjoy spending time with their peers and everyone is very well behaved. We have made vegetable pizzas, mini quiches, fried rice and tacos. All have been delicious! Each recipe is delicious and healthy making sure it includes vegetables to link in with our unit of work on Healthy Living.

In the classroom our focus has been on mass and volume in mathematics. We have been learning to identify empty, full and half full containers. We have filled containers with water, rice and sand which was fun and MESSY. In literacy we have been reading several stories focusing on identifying the characters of the story and making a comment through using the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). We make a comment by selecting the "I see" visual followed by the visual of the character. Once creating our comment we read our sentence, for example "I see"... "Turtle".

And finally, thank you to all the Gerberas boys for making semester one so enjoyable and rewarding. Also a huge thank you to the Gerberas parents for being such a pleasure to work with.

Genevieve



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MAGNOLIAS

The Magnolias have been busy this term! We have been going out on the bus to visit our friends at Oyster Bay for integration. We have been teaching our friends some sign language and introducing them to our favourite games, such as rob the nest and tossing balls in the parachute! We love seeing our friends each week!

We have also started going to the Sutherland Library. The librarian reads us a story, sings songs and incorporates puppets to make sure we have a great time at the library. After we sit and listen to the librarian, we are then able to choose a story to bring back to class. It has been so much fun listening to different stories and choosing our favourite books.

The Magnolias also went on a special excursion to Three Beans Café at the Kareela Shopping Centre! The boys ordered hot chips for their lunch and waited patiently until it was time to eat. Molly and Deb are very proud with how the boys have been behaving while out in the community! Way to go boys!!!

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



HSM

Hello to our HSM families!

It's almost the end of the term and HSM has been working very hard on all class activities. We have been reading the story of Cinderella using visuals, props and music where our students were able to take on roles of the characters by dressing up and performing the story for the class. In Maths we have continued our work on time and number, building our own clocks and participating in a range of concrete and sensory number activities within our number groups. We celebrated Reconciliation Week, exploring our Aboriginal Australian culture and learned about "Sorry" Day during our High School Assembly. We have continued our hard work in Sports Ready and had a fun day celebrating all things NSW and blue in State of Origin Week. While the weather remained fine, we were able to have several PE sessions in the playground where we explored the steps, ramps, bridges and slides on the playground equipment. It was exhausting but lots of fun! Our History theme takes us "back to the future" to the 1950s where we have been exploring music, art and lifestyle of this fascinating period. Who knew our class was full of little rock'n'rollers! We had lots of fun celebrating Harrison's birthday and wish him all the very best for an exciting year ahead.

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

Mel & Nat.



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HSK

What a great term in HSK. The students have been working hard learning about a variety of topics. In HSIE we are investigating defining characteristics of the 1950's. The students have been looking at fashion, art and music trends of this decade and especially love creating their own version of POP art because we get to use a lot of bright colours. In science we are learning about our bodies and placing different features on a big cut out to learn the names of all the different body parts. During math lessons the students are learning about length and distance. They are very good at placing items in size order and identifying a variety of long and short materials. We continue to run the school canteen and the students have become very familiar with the pattern of purchase and restock. Money matching skills continue to improve across the school with student participation during this program. The bus trips are fun and we have witnessed beautiful calm days out on the ocean when we go to Kurnell and Cronulla (still no whale sightings). The class cooking program has continued to be a group favourite. Cupcakes were loved by all. Half our students enjoyed eating the Quesadillas and most love pancakes with syrup!

Until next time...

Keltie, Cassie, Jo and HSK



HSA

In high school's History Life Skills decade study HSA have started to learn all about the 1950s. It's been interesting comparing the 'then' the 1950s, with the 'now'. We have been listening to the music of the 1950s such as Jazz, Rock and Roll and of course Elvis. We are exploring pop art and the art works of Pollock.

Recently we completed a pop art picture of Marilyn Monroe. HSA brightly painted a picture of Marilyn Monroe, and then pasted the cut out strips onto black cardboard. We displayed our 1950s pop art work in the office foyer. In Science Life Skills we are focusing on the unit of work on the Body. Later in the term we are looking forward to our annual whole school Indigenous performance.

This term HSA have continued to participate in our combined Sports Ready program. On Wednesdays we have recommenced our music session with Lee. Drumming is a favourite activity of all the students in HSA. Cooking and ordering Monday lunches from Dora's are other highlights.

With only a few more weeks of term 2 remaining we wish all our families a happy and safe holiday.

Happy holidays

Till next term

Robbie, Egypt, Victoria, Jackson, Jayden and Magnus

Annemarie and Carmen



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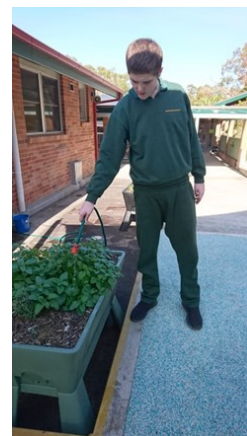
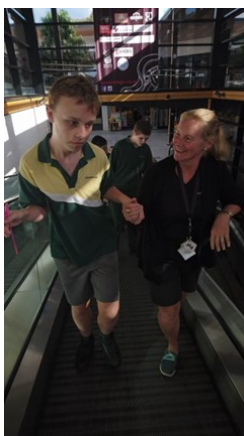
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HSSJ

HSSJ are powering through Term 2 – our community access program to Coles is a huge success, with Luke going on a 'movator' for the first time! Cristian and Rayne push a trolley or carry a basket for us to put our shopping in, and Julian, Luke, Connor and Theo take turns holding visuals of the cooking ingredients and taking food off the shelves. Each student participates so well it's hard to only choose one of them each week to give an assembly award! In History we have moved on to a Decade Study of the 1950s – we have looked at fashion, technology and music of the 1950s so far. Sports Ready is helping us get up and stay active in these colder months, and all our students are continuing to show improvement in following directions from the Sports Ready staff. We have practised sports skills like kicking, shooting hoops, as well as dribbling and bouncing a ball. Music sessions for high school have started back in week 6 too – everyone loves having a turn on the drums and percussion instruments with Lee every Wednesday. HSSJ also have a gardening session every Tuesday middle session, where we go water, taste and smell some delicious herbs and plants in our school sensory garden – the students are improving when asked to sit and wait their turn to use the hose and buckets.

Looking forward to the last few weeks of term, and then school holidays!

From Shinead, Kelly and Jo



HSL

Welcome to the last newsletter for term 2! Hard to believe that we are half way through our school year already!

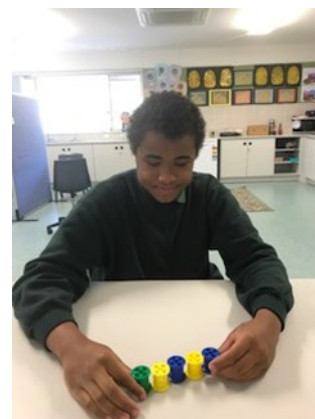
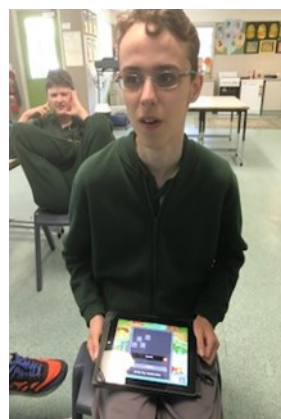
HSL have had a very settled and productive term 2. I am very proud of the boys achievements and their eagerness and enthusiasm in our studies. We have been very busy working on our receptive language and PECS skills this term. The boys are making some great improvements in these skills and also some big strides in numeracy – particularly money and time activities. HSL have also participated in a History Life Skills unit of work – The 1950s Decade Study, music sessions and our weekly community learning program to the Sylvania Bowling Club each Friday, where we put our money skills to good use!

Have a safe and well rested winter break and will see you in term 3!

Cheers

Lee, Narelle and Donna

HSL



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HSV

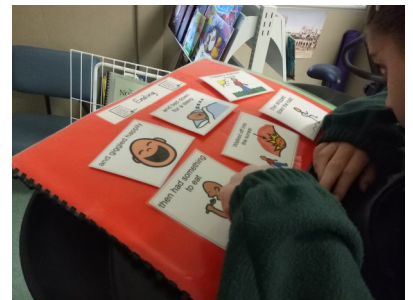
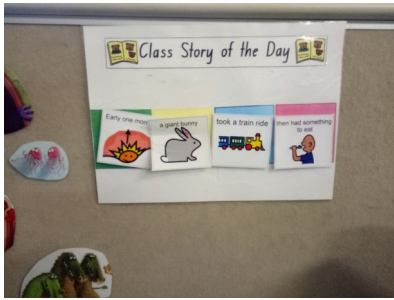
As part of our work in English Life Skills and also our Literacy program, students in HSV participate in a daily Reading Circle Program. The Reading Circle program enables students to read books that have been adapted with laminated visuals linked to the story being read. The book 'I'm Not Scared' is the book we are currently enjoying to read. We also create a 'Class Story of the Day' where with the use of Boardmaker symbols, each student has an opportunity to create a story, sometimes a very silly story! The story always has beginning, middle and ending visuals and students take turns in selecting a visual and therefore creating a Class Story of the Day.

Students in HSV have also been very busy learning about the 1950's, our current History Life Skills unit of work. We have been enjoying listening to music from the 1950's, viewing images of clothing, cars and toys from the 1950's and learning about what life was like in that time. It was certainly different to the year 2017!

Regards

Vanessa , Kirrily , Cassandra

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



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

STATE OF ORIGIN MUFTI DAY



A BIG thank you to all parents and carers who helped support our State of Origin Mufti Day. We raised \$100 in "fines" from students and staff wearing mufti/football supporters gear. All money raised is going towards the 2017 Year 12 Graduation.

Vanessa Marsden,
AP High School





Chaplain's Corner Term 2, 2017

Coffee Chat Welcome to Chaplain's corner for term 2. My ongoing role here at Bates Drive is to support students, parents & staff well-being, so if you feel like a chat or 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 term Café Club will be held on a Tuesday! A special guest speaker will be coming to tell us about some great services they run for parent carers in the Sutherland Shire. Leonie Puckeridge from Sutherland Shire Carer Support Service will be around to chat about opportunities in the Shire for you to be accessing services that may support you and your family as you care for your child. One of the services they run that you could hear about are these music events during the holidays. See the advert below for more information, or come along and speak to the organiser about this event and many others coming up!

Also, just come along to chat and meet other parents from the school community with different experience and wisdom to you! We often have parents of high-school students and primary students sharing local knowledge and tips!

When - Tuesday 27th June 2017. (Please note Tuesday this term - swapping it around so others can have a turn at coming along!)

Time - 9:30am - 11am

Where - School Meeting Room, meet at the Office.

On Tuesday 6th June, I'll be heading across to the School Leavers Expo at Gynea Tradies, if you want to come with me, let me know!

Any questions please contact Nicole Clark at nicole.clark@generate.org.au or contact the school. I'm always happy to meet for a coffee and have a chat if you want.

Nicole Clark
School Chaplain



Sharing the carer journey

Carer Support Service is hosting The Rhythm Village to deliver interactive music workshops that are fun and engaging; ensuring everyone is entertained and participating, by hitting some drums, shaking maracas, or by simply dancing and moving along to the music!

Run in a group, each participant is given the opportunity to 'shine', to create sound and music, to explore their own creativity and push their physical boundaries.



RSVP essential- Please call Tracy at SSCSS on 95426292 or email tracy@sscscs.org.au (Number limits apply)

Please note that a carer or parent must be present at all times!

These workshops are for children under the age of 18

Come and meet some other carers ☺

Come along to a **FUN**
FREE music event for
children with special
needs during the school
holidays!!"



All workshops will be held at:
**Stapleton Ave Community Centre-
3a Stapleton Ave, Sutherland HALL 2**

Music session 10:30-11:30, light lunch for carers and kids after 11:30-12:30 (Gold Coin donation for lunch)

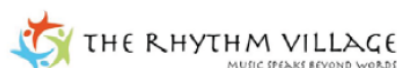
July School Holidays
Monday 3rd July 10:30-12:30
Monday 10th July 10:30-12:30

September School Holidays
Monday 25th September 10:30-12:30
(Note only one session for September)

January 2018 School Holidays
Monday 8th January 10:30-12:30
Monday 15th January 10:30-12:30



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Service Inc.

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THE RHYTHM VILLAGE
MUSIC SPEAKS BEYOND WORDS

Do you have a child with special needs?

Come and join us for a **FREE** music event July school holidays



Bayside Council & South Eastern Sydney Local Health District *"Doing it Differently"* grant recipient **Sam Steele** is hosting **The Rhythm Village** to deliver interactive music workshops that are fun and engaging; ensuring everyone is entertained and participating, by hitting some drums, shaking maracas, or by simply dancing and moving along to the music!

Run in a group, each participant is given the opportunity to 'shine', to create sound and music, to explore their own creativity and push their physical boundaries.

Come and meet some other carers ☺

We look forward to seeing you and your child on the day for a fun session of creating music and making memories!



*****Siblings welcome*****

Thank you to sponsorship and support through their
"Doing it Differently" Community Grants.



THE RHYTHM VILLAGE
MUSIC SPEAKS BEYOND WORDS

July School Holidays

Thursday 6th July

Thursday 13th July

All workshops will be held at:

Kogarah Community Services
49 English Street
Kogarah NSW 2217

Music session 10:30 - 11:30am

light lunch 11:30 - 12:30am

Limited numbers RSVP essential

Please call **Sam** on 0425820625 or email
sammi.131@hotmail.com

**There is a strict number limit so first in
first served**

These workshops are for children
under the age of 18

**Please note that a carer or parent must be
present at all times!**



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

If we can provide any support for you on the day please let us know.
Refreshments and lunch provided for those who register.

Please share this flyer with everyone in your networks!

Other ways to get involved:

My Learning Matters – Our e-learning tool designed to help you get the most out of the changing disability support system and plan and set goals for the future
www.mylearningmatters.org.au

Become a Leader Online– Including leadership modules, new content on leadership and leaders forums www.becomealeader.org.au

Please contact us if you've got any questions, or just register - we look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

My Choice Matters
Level 2, 418a Elizabeth Street
SURRY HILLS NSW, 2010

Phone: 1800 144 653

Where:

Club Central Hurstville
2 Crofts Avenue, Hurstville, NSW 2220

When: Tuesday 11 July

Time: 10.00am – 2.30pm

Book now



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**



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



SPOT CHECK!



STAR KIDS IS OFFERING **FREE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY** SCREENING SERVICES FOR PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AT OUR CLINIC. THESE SERVICES ARE FOR CHILDREN WHOSE TEACHERS OR PARENTS WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE THAT EACH CHILD IS ACHIEVING THEIR SKILLS AND OCCUPATIONS AGE APPROPRIATELY.



STAR KIDS CLINICIANS WILL EVALUATE YOUR CHILD'S

- **FINE MOTOR SKILLS;** PENCIL GRIP, SCISSOR SKILLS AND HAND COORDINATION
- **GROSS MOTOR DEVELOPMENT;** COORDINATION AND BALL SKILLS
- **HANDWRITING**
- **VISUAL PERCEPTION SKILLS;** WHICH CAN IMPACT HANDWRITING AND READING ABILITIES

OUR CLINICIANS WILL ALSO EVALUATE INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR CHILD'S SELF CARE SKILLS, CLASS ROOM PARTICIPATION AND THEIR SENSORY PROCESSING (WHICH MAY IMPACT BEHAVIOUR).

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Trivia Night

Save the Date

Friday 8th September, 2017

Kareela Golf Club, Kareela.

**In support of: Bates Drive Special School
7.30pm**

Tickets: \$15pp (will be on sale next term)

A night filled with trivia, games, prizes
and lots and lots of fun!

Dinner is available at the club bistro, at
your own cost. (bookings essential)

Term 2 Calendar

Friday 23 June	Walangari Aboriginal Performance
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Tuesday 27 June	Hair Cuts
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Visit to school From Murat Dizdar
Deputy Secretary –School Operations
and Performance, Education

Friday 30 June	Last day of Term 2
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Term 3 Calendar

Monday 17 July	Staff Development Day
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Tuesday 18 July	Students Return to School
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Thursday 20 July	Clinic (full)
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Monday 31 July	P&C meeting 7pm
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Thursday 17 August	Clinic
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Friday 18 August	Annual Student Reviews
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Monday 4 September	P&C meeting 7pm
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Friday 8 September	Trivia Night 7.30
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Friday 22 September	Last day of Term 3
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