

Term 3 Week 4

11 August, 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On the Term 3 Staff Development Day, Bates Drive staff along with staff from Minerva and Cook Schools participated in a full day of training for our new program 'Learning for Life', led by the two OT's, Susan Heiler and Rachelle Lewis. Topics covered included addressing the sensory profiling, sensory programs and the sensory needs of our students.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Bates Drive School was honoured by a visit from the NSW Minister for Education, Rob Stokes. The Minister and other guests were able to meet with staff and students as well as observe a PECS lesson in a K-6 class and also a High School English Life Skills Literacy lesson. Minister Stokes was certainly very impressed with our school and I feel that he left with a greater insight and awareness of the strong learning culture and educational programs implemented here at Bates Drive School.

Baby News: Congratulations to Genevieve Kidd and her husband, Colin on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Milla Vittoria Rose on the 10<sup>th</sup> July!

The weekly Sports Ready program is up and running again this term with the team from the Disability Trust continuing to implement an adapted sports and fitness program for all students.

Winter and its associated illness has been present at school this term with such a large number of students and staff absent with influenza and colds on a daily basis. I think we are all looking forward to the warmer months ahead.

Please don't forget the Trivia Night, 8<sup>th</sup> September at Kareela Golf Club which is the P&C's major fundraising event for 2017. Tickets are only \$15 each and can be purchased through the office with cash or cheque only. We look forward to seeing as many of you and your friends and/or family on what will be a fun and very entertaining night while raising much needed funds for our school.

As you are all aware Robyn is on LSL. We trust that she has had a lovely break and will return to school on Monday of Week 5.

Regards,  
Vanessa Marsden  
Relieving Principal



## **External Service Providers**

Therapy services can be of great benefit for students with special needs and their families. With the introduction of the NDIS it is anticipated that there will be an increasing number of external service providers wanting to work with our students during school hours. Following advice from the Department of Education we have put together a set of guidelines for external service providers working with our students to ensure that all legal obligations are met and our students' learning at school is supported in the most effective ways.

A copy of these guidelines and all relevant information will be sent home in the next week. The biggest change is that families are now responsible for submitting a written request which must be authorised before the external service provider contacts the school.

Therapy programs currently being implemented will continue and we will be working with all service providers to ensure they comply with the new requirements by the end of this term.

## **Science**

The RFF (release from face-to-face teaching) teachers have been busy teaching some fantastic science lessons during each teacher's scheduled RFF session. K-6 classes have been studying the weather and have been participating in a range of sensory activities to develop their understanding of sunny and cloudy weather. They have also experienced sensory Dreaming stories about the weather as well as the Aboriginal names for different types of weather.

Our high school classes have been participating in an exciting unit of work about materials, substances and chemical reactions. They have sorted objects based on the materials they're made from, conducted experiments to see which objects sink and float, as well as combined solids and liquids to make yummy ice cream float drinks.

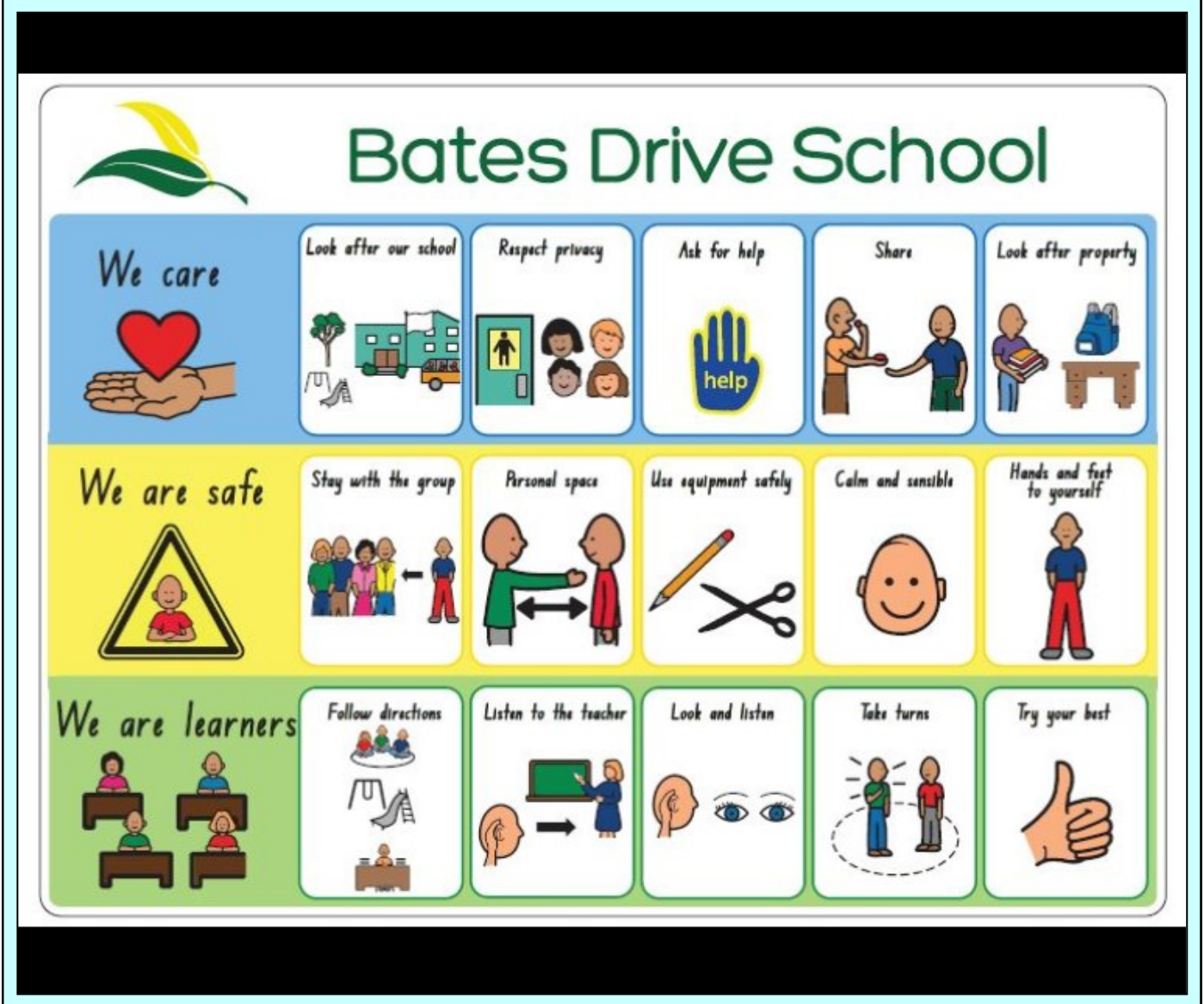
All classes have been highly engaged with the hands-on activities and we look forward to our remaining sessions throughout the term.

# PBL Report

Our school continues to further develop strategies, resources and provide staff training in PBL. What's PBL you might ask? PBL or Positive Behaviour for Learning is an approach where expectations for behaviour are clearly displayed, modelled and explicitly taught in all environments. We are waiting for the new school signage to arrive which will display our school expectations; We Care, We are Safe, We are Learners. This signage will then be on display throughout the entire school.

Stay tuned for more information on PBL at Bates Drive School.

Vanessa Marsden (on behalf of the PBL Team).



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#### TIGER LILIES

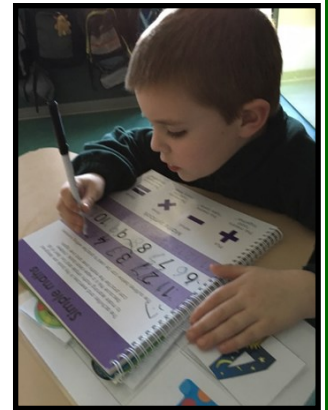
The Tiger Lily boys are right back into the swing of things this term! We have all settled in well after our two week break!

We have spent the first few weeks back engaging in our new topics like money, the weather and our personal and family histories. We are all enjoying our hands on maths activities and are working very hard at doing these independently. Science has been full of fun sensory experiences! We even have a few beautiful art works already made that relate to the weather.

We have received lots of wonderful feedback from our Sports Ready friends. They have commented on our wonderful listening skills and participation in all games and activities.

We can't wait to see what the rest of our busy term brings us!

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



#### VIOLETS

Hello everyone and welcome to another term with the Violets! We all returned to school with a lot of excitement and laughter, getting straight back into the swing of things. The Sports Ready program has commenced with students learning about the skills involved in playing basketball – throwing the ball through a hoop, bouncing the ball on the spot and dribbling. Learning about these skills and how to use them will also support us to participate in a greater range of sports at integration later this term!

We are hoping to start another community access program later in the term. We will begin later in the term this time around so that we can get our classroom work well underway and learn about our new classroom workstation layout which aims to increase our communication skills and independence.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August we had some very special visitors: NSW Minister for Education Rob Stokes and Eleni Petinos MP. All of the Violets were fantastic role models, representing our great school and demonstrating their amazing PECS skills! As a thank you from the Minister, we were presented with three popular kids' books to read in our classroom.

Book Week and Education Week will both be celebrated during week 6 and before our next newsletter, so please keep an eye out for more information soon. We are looking forward to welcoming you all into our classroom on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August! Be warned, Victoria and Jen are very excited and may be dressed up as book characters!

Thank you and stay well,

Victoria, Jen and the Violets





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#### CAMELLIAS

The Camellias would like to welcome Breanna and her family to Bates Drive! Breanna joined the Camellias at the beginning of week 2 and has settled in beautifully to a new school and class routine. She quickly made friends both in the classroom and playground. Breanna is sharing a desk with Jasmine who has shown her around the room and where all the fun resources are stored. They have a wonderful time playing with the Barbies and building Lego homes during class 'break' times.

We also welcome Sophie to our class for weeks 3-6. Sophie is completing the final year of her teaching degree and is based in our class for her prac. She is already making resources and activities for teaching lessons—a wonderful opportunity for all. Each Tuesday, Rachelle 'Shelly' joins our class as part of the Schools Plus program. During this time she observes, assesses and offers sensory suggestions for each student. During week 3, Shelly and I completed sensory profiles and these will provide excellent information for Shelly to base her program on.

This term we are focusing our study on the maths strand—money. We are classifying and matching coins and notes on worksheets and SMART Notebook programs. We are practicing the exchange of money for goods in the class 'shop'. We continue to use the PECs program during this session with all students able to construct a request using visuals and the sentence strip.

We will also continue to work on the term theme 'Family and Personal Histories'. This program encourages us to think about who is in our family, where we all come from, different cultures and how we all relate to each other. Please keep the photos coming so we can construct our class 'Family tree'.

Here's to the continuation of a happy and busy term,  
Chris, Belinda and Sophie.

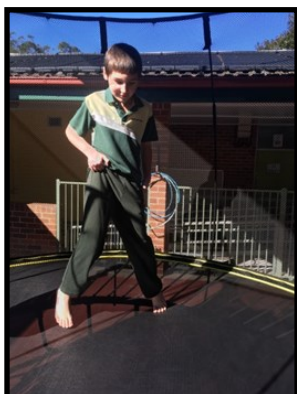


#### GERBERAS

The Gerberas have had a great start to term 3. The boys have been getting to know their new teacher, Nick after Genevieve had a beautiful baby girl named Milla Vittoria Rose. We started the term by celebrating Byron's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, and have been continuing programs such as Sports Ready, music with Lee, and cooking with the Magnolias. It has also been busy in the classroom where we are continuing our letter of the week program, we are ready to start regular practice exchanging money for items in the class shop and are learning about our diverse and interesting families throughout the history unit of work.

There is lots of energy in The Gerberas' classroom so between lessons we have been taking regular breaks. We go outside to practice turn taking and transitioning while getting some physical activity and stay inside to practice communication with PECS while we explore different sensory activities. A class favourite is listening to and feeling the vibrations from the didgeridoo. Andrew has even surprised us by playing it himself!

Thanks for keeping up to date,  
The Gerberas (Lincoln, Kai, Riley, Luke, Byron, Andrew, Jacqueline, and Nicklas)



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#### MAGNOLIAS

Hi families and friends!

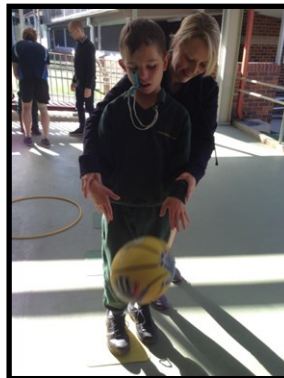
Welcome to Term 3! The Magnolias have been busy starting off the term by learning about 'Money' for their Mathematics focus. Through the use of interactive whiteboard programs, hands on activities, real money, shopping activities and worksheets, the boys have been putting their money skills to the test. Not only have they been learning about the amounts of the coins and notes, but they have been learning about the importance of money. During week 3, the Magnolias went on their regular shop to Kareela Coles. We purchased enough shopping items to last a few weeks! The boys purchased items for their weekly cooking in the hospitality kitchen with the Gerberas class and some items for home. Each Tuesday they cook yummy recipes such as mini quiches, nachos, fried rice and funny face pancakes. They also learn important safety skills and everyday living practices to gain independence in the kitchen. We use PECS to communicate choices of toppings and use visual supports to sequence steps in the recipes.

This term the Magnolias have also teamed up with the Gerberas again for one of our favourite programs: Sports Ready! We have been learning skills for basketball and hockey, learning how to dribble and pass to our friends. We have been enjoying the warm weather and having so much fun playing sport on a Thursday afternoon.

Our community access programs this term include shopping at Kareela Coles, visiting the Sutherland Public Library, eating lunch at the Sylvania Bowling Club and having a picnic at Oyster Bay Park. Stay tuned for a few fun one off excursions! ☺

Love,

The Magnolias



#### HSM

Hello to our HSM families!

Term 3 is in full swing! HSM students have hit the ground running. We have been exploring a range of short modified stories such as 'My Teacher is an Alien', 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and 'The Magic Hat'. It has been lots of fun dressing up, using props and sensory materials and matching visuals to bring each of the stories to life.

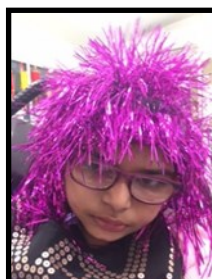
This Semester, we are studying Geography and our themes for the term are 'Maps and Our Community'. We have been exploring a variety of maps and using them to make some interesting artworks. We are learning that our local community is The Sutherland Shire and have been participating in class activities which explore all the different parts of our beautiful local area, including beaches, national parks, school, and, the teacher's favourite....shopping centres!! Later in the term we hope to visit some of these places in the school bus.

As usual, we have been working hard on our fitness and ball skills during the weekly Sports Ready program and look forward to continuing our hard work as the weather starts to get warmer. Bring. It. On!

Finally, we celebrated Joshua's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday with a big party (any excuse!) and we all had fun dressing up in hats and wigs! Later in the term we will be celebrating our mate Joel's birthday.

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

Mel & Nat.



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#### HSA

Welcome back to the new term.

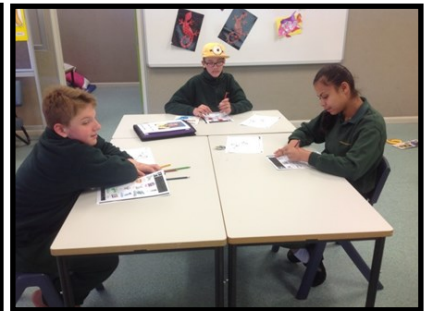
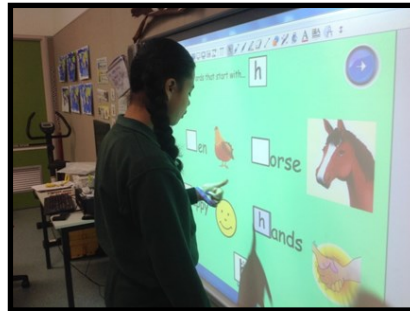
This term HSA have been learning about our community. We have started researching maps of our local area and making artworks on people who help us. This term we have also continued enjoying participating in cooking and the Sports Ready programs. Another note about our class cooking program will be sent home soon.

In Science Life Skills high school are focusing on the topics of materials and substances. We have been conducting different experiments on objects that float or sink. Last Friday the Minister of Education visited our school and observed lessons in several classrooms.

Over the last few weeks we have had many staff and students unwell at Bates Drive. Keeping unwell students at home has been appreciated.

Till next time,

Egypt, Victoria, Jackson, Magnus, Jayden and Robbie



#### HSK

These are busy, exciting times in HSK! Term 3 is going so fast and we are loving every minute of it. HSK is attending Sailability in Kogarah Bay where a group of students get to sail 1:1 with a volunteer sailor. We have quite a few students attending this year that have not participated in previous years and they appear to enjoy the program as much as the students who have attended years before. We have taken some beautiful photos and the students all have very big smiles on their faces when they are cruising around the bay. The high school is also studying 'Our Community' where we identify various locations familiar to the students around the Sutherland Shire. We then use this opportunity on Tuesday mornings to find these locations while out on the bus. So far we have visited Cronulla, Kurnell, and counted the schools we see on the way. We have a few more landmarks to find. We are lucky to have OT Susan Heiler on class each Monday. We have completed Sensory Profiles for each student and look forward to the proposed program to better suit our students needs.

See you soon! Keltie, Cassie, Jo and the crew of HSK





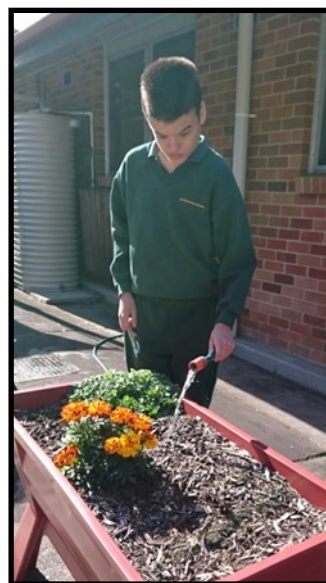
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#### HSSJ

We've made it to Term 3! And what a busy term it's shaping up to be! We have had Rob Stokes, Minister for Education visiting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Science week in week 5, our Education Week/Book Week celebrations in week 6, High School Numeracy Day in week 7 and Pirate Day in week 10! So far we've settled back in well to our routine, with community access to Coles every Wednesday and our cooking program on Thursday mornings. Sports Ready is back as well on Thursdays from week 2-9, and all the students have enjoyed practising their sport skills each week. We have finished our History units of work for the year and have started on Geography – this term we are looking at 'Our Community' and 'Maps'. We're all looking forward to a busy and productive term!

From Shinead, Kelly and Jo



#### HSL

Welcome to Term 3!

I am happy to report that HSL have survived the winter flu apocalypse of 2017!... Just!

We hung in there and I'm happy to report that all the lads in HSL are back on deck and getting into our studies for term 3.

We have been diligently working on our receptive language and memory retention skills, reading, spelling, typing, maths, learning all about our community, participating in weekly music lessons and accessing the Sylvania Bowling club for lunch each Friday. We are having a settled and very productive term 3. We also had a birthday on Monday – HSL wish Lachlan Rowney a huge happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Besides our academic work, I am very pleased with all the gents' social skills with each other in the class room and playground. It is great to see friendships and positive social interactions. Narelle, Donna and I are very proud of the boys.

Here's to a great term!

Till next time,

Lee, Narelle and Donna





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### HSV

This semester in science HSV students are being introduced to different substances through our unit of work—Materials & Substances. We are having a lot of fun looking at the properties of kitchen and classroom objects, discussing their weight and use. We have discovered which substances sink and which float. HSV students have also created our own bubble mixture with liquids and look forward to making kinetic sand later in the term.

Vanessa and Cassandra



## Science K-6

In K-6 science this semester students are learning about the weather. We have felt what the heat of the sun and the feel of the rain is like on our skin.



We have created art works with cotton balls and imagine what the clouds would feel like. We discuss daily what the weather is like outside and so far winter has been fantastic!!! We also choose what kind of outfits we could wear on any particular day – some of us are really accessorising and should probably get into the fashion field.



**Friday 8th September 2017**

**Kareela Golf Club**

**7.30pm**

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**There are 10 tickets per table @ \$15 per head.  
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Table of 10 or we can place you on a  
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**Number of tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**REMINDER**

**7th August, 2017**

**The Bates Drive School P & C are organising a Trivia night on the 8<sup>th</sup> September this year as their major fundraiser for the school.**

**We are asking for your help by donating items to make up one of the games, which is the secret bottle raffle. If possible could you please send any of the following items to school ASAP**

**Some ideas are:**

- **Wine- red, white, sparkling**
- **Spirits**
- **Olive oil**
- **Salad dressings**
- **Anything else you can think of that comes in a bottle and could sell for approx. \$5.00.**

**Your donations are very much appreciated and all money raised will go to buy resources for the students.**

**Thank you**

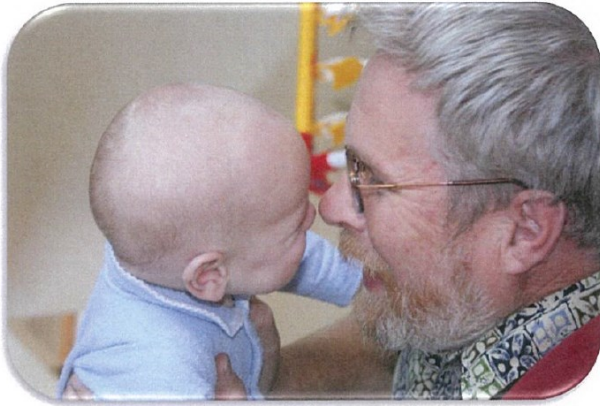
**The P & C Committee**





# Information for parents and children with Vision Impairment

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This year we will be combining Education Week and Book Week. The theme for Education Week is 'I Learn, We Learn' and the theme for Book Week is 'Escape to Everywhere'. The school will be celebrating these events during week 6 (21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August). The whole school from years K-12 will be participating in Literacy-based activities during week 6, with all parents/caregivers invited to attend classes on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 10:30am - 11:00am for Education Week/Literacy activities.

There will be no cost for the activities and students from K-6 will be invited to dress up if they wish to on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

More information to follow soon!

Victoria Pattison

Relieving Assistant Principal





# **SPEECH PATHOLOGY**

## **SPOT CHECKS**

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



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

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**WHERE:** STAR KIDS AUSTRALIA

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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



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- **FINE MOTOR SKILLS;** PENCIL GRIP, SCISSOR SKILLS AND HAND COORDINATION
- **GROSS MOTOR DEVELOPMENT;** COORDINATION AND BALL SKILLS
- **HANDWRITING**
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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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## Term 3 Calendar

Monday 17 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 18 July	Students Return to School
Thursday 20 July	Clinic (full)
Monday 31 July	P&C meeting 7pm
Friday 4 August	Minister's Visit
Thursday 17 August	Clinic
Friday 18 August	Annual Student Reviews
Tuesday 22 August	Education Week/Bookweek Activities
Wednesday 30 August	Father's Day Stall
Monday 4 September	P&C meeting 7pm
Friday 8 September	Trivia Night 7.30pm
Tuesday 19 September	Earn & Learn finishes
Friday 22 September	Last day of Term 3

## Term 4 Calendar

Monday 9 October	Students return to school
Wednesday 25 October	Grandparents Day 10am - 11am
Friday 17 November	Carols
Tuesday 21 November	School Leavers Graduation
Friday 1 December	End of Year Assembly
Friday 15 December	Last day of Term 4 for students