



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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As this will be my last newsletter I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the whole school community. I have received many lovely comments and kind wishes which will stay with me always. It has been both a privilege and an honour to have been the Principal of this wonderful school for 10 years.

The position of Principal at Bates Drive School has been advertised and the new Principal will be selected next term. Until the process has been completed Vanessa Marsden will be in the acting position of Principal. I wish her every success.

The school is very fortunate to have such dedicated and passionate staff who strive to deliver the most suitable, exciting and challenging learning experiences for each child on a daily basis. I am proud to say that I have been a part of this professional team.

My best wishes go to all of the students and their families for the future. I will never forget my time at Bates Drive School. It has been a pleasure working with, and for you all.

Over the years we have been very fortunate to be supported by local organisations and clubs such as Como-Jannali Rotary, Kareela Golf Club and Busy Bees just to name a few. Their donations and assistance can never be underestimated and as a result of their support, the school has many wonderful and useful resources. I know this will continue and grow in the future.

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Term 3 Week 9

11th September 2017

The school was recently successful in gaining \$3,000 from the CDSE grant through the Kareela Golf Club and the club has also very generously donated an additional \$3,000. The money will be used to purchase musical instruments and engage the Rhythm Village in Term 1, 2018. Our sincere thanks go to the club and its members. The Kareela Golf Club has been our major supporter for many years.

Shinead Love, Kirrily Sloan and Molly Wolfel have all been successful through the merit selection process in gaining full time permanent teaching positions at Bates Drive School.

Belinda Sheehy and Carmen Whiteman have also been appointed into permanent SLSO positions within the school.

Congratulations to all of these great employees on gaining permanency after working in a casual capacity at the school for many years. Well done!

Lastly, thank you so much to the P&C team. It is amazing what this small but very proactive team does for the school and students. You are truly inspiring. Thank you.

Farewell and all the best.

Warmest Regards.

Robyn Compton

TRIVIA NIGHT

The P & C had their fundraising Trivia night on Friday night. It was a great success with everyone enjoying themselves, testing their general knowledge and raising some funds for the P & C. We raised a huge **\$3380**. We also had a Canberra Raiders signed and framed jersey donated from the Blackett family and will put this up for auction on eBay.

We would like to thank our major sponsors for the evening, Trivia Magic, The Prince Hotel, Kirrawee McDonald's and Urban Rituelle. We would also like to thank all the families who donated bottles and prizes.

Thank you all for supporting our great school and P & C.

Bates Drive P & C.

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TIGER LILIES

We have had lots of fun this term so far! The Tiger Lily boys have loved their literacy study "I'm a dirty dinosaur" by Janeen Brian. We have read the story almost every day, and engaged in a lot of fun hands on activities, like making a big dinosaur, matching and sorting dinosaurs and sensory play. We have finished our money unit for maths. We looked at different items we could buy from shop catalogues, it was fun to pretend we had lots of money. We all did very well at being able to sort coins and notes into different categories.

We have enjoyed exploring our new school PBL interactive white board program. The Tiger Lily boys have given 110% into always trying their best, which is one of our PBL values.

We are very proud.

Ciara, Bec and the Tiger Lily boys – Jacob, Connor, Abass, Robbie and Oscar!



VIOLETS

Hello and welcome to week 8 of term 3! The term is quickly disappearing, however, we still have lots on the agenda! Happy Father's Day for last weekend, we hope that everyone had time to relax and share a laugh with loved ones! Happy 8th Birthday to Emily, who was surprised with a class disco party on the 31st of August! Next Wednesday, 13th September we will be venturing to the Wollongong Learning Centre for a day of hands on learning and lots of fun. For this excursion we will be joined by the Magnolias class and we are very much looking forward to seeing and learning new things! We have continued with our regular learning program including Sports Ready each Thursday. Unfortunately, integration has been put on hold until next term and we are currently organising the next program so that we are ready to rock and roll next term! PECS continues to be a focus throughout each day and each program and all of the Violets are doing fantastic work! Students have also worked as a team to create a very bright, colourful and happy-looking artwork called 'Happiness', which will be one of the many artworks in the silent auction at the Trivia night. Jen and I look forward to seeing you at the Trivia night this Friday, 8th September!

Take care and enjoy this beautiful Spring weather! Hopefully we can all stay well and enjoy every day now.

Victoria, Jen and the Violets



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CAMELLIAS

The Camellias have been very busy having fun and learning since our last newsletter. In week six we enjoyed Book Week and getting to show our families some of the amazing work we do at school. Our literacy study was Thelma the Unicorn and we loved learning about doing lots of craft, especially with all the glitter!

We have been enjoying our Monday morning outings to Coles and buying all the ingredients we need for our cooking on Wednesdays. We have particularly loved the weeks we have been making slime and playdoh for sensory play. We are continuing our unit on Australian money with a lot of fun playing in our classroom shop as well as at the counter at Coles.

Last week we had a lot of fun with our Father's day craft and getting to celebrate all our parents and the amazing job they do.

We are using PBL in our classroom and have been sitting well with our class at the end of recess and lunch. We have all been working hard to use our PBL language and expected behaviour.

Sarah & Belinda



GERBERAS

The Gerberas have been having lots of fun since the last newsletter. We have been going to the kitchen on Tuesdays to cook with the Magnolias; the favourite recipe so far was pizza. In Sports Ready we have been playing hockey and basketball, and one of the Gerberas, Lincoln, got to represent the school at the gala day in Wollongong. We are getting better and better at sitting as a class, especially while we wait our turn on the trampoline. In the classroom we have been continuing our literacy and numeracy programs, learning lots about our families, and have enjoyed some new sensory activities like making goo and blowing bubbles as a group.



Thanks to all those who could make it to education/book week in week 6, we had a great turnout in the Gerberas' classroom and had lots of fun making masks from animals in the book 'The Snow Wombat' by Susannah Chambers.

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!

Term 3 is flying by!!! The Magnolias have been busy continuing their unit on Australian money and learning about how to be a great friend. We have also been learning about our new PBL whole school expectations and practicing these around the school. The Magnolias boys know that we need to be safe, caring and great learners to be successful. They have been participating in interactive notebook programs, deskwork and hands on activities to practice being safe, caring and learning at Bates Drive School. We have had fun walking around the school looking at all of our new signage!

The Magnolias have also been busy going on community outings. They recently ate lunch at Sylvania Bowling Club. The boys chose their lunch from a visual menu, ordered using visual supports or verbal language and then paid at the end. It was a great afternoon!

This term the boys are going to Oyster Bay Park and down to The University of Wollongong to attend the Early Discovery Centre. We can't wait!!!

Love,

The Magnolias



HSM

Hello to our HSM families!

Can you believe that Term 3 is almost over! HSM students have been crazy busy! We have been continuing our literacy work in Book Club, focussing on the short modified stories Giraffes Can't Dance and The Magic Hat. While it has been lots of fun dressing up, using props and sensory materials to bring the stories to life, the last few weeks have seen us delve deeper into the heart of the story and we have had some very in depth discussions of themes and character analysis'. We have been using our visuals to complete a story sequence to highlight the important plot points while reading the story.

This Semester we have continued our work in Geography Maps, turning our focus to the map of our beautiful country, Australia. We have completed map puzzles and have learned a little about each of the 6 states and 2 territories that make up our great nation.

We had a great session of 'fun' maths activities with the rest of the High School gang during our High School Maths Day, getting involved with a whole range of fun, interactive and 'hands-on' maths activities about number, money, shape, patterns and time.

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 we welcome the lovely, warm, Spring weather. We are all starting to slowly defrost!

We celebrated Joel's 13th birthday with an understated but elegant gathering of his nearest and dearest. Our peeps are growing up so fast!

Finally, we want to wish all the Dads, Grandads, Uncles a very Happy Father's Day from all of us here in HSM. We hope you had a great day!

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

Mel & Nat.

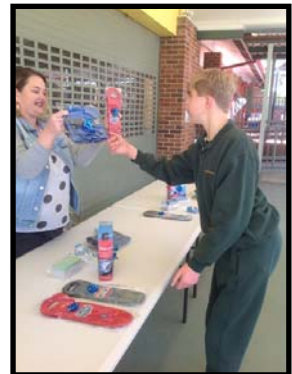
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HSA

During term 3 HSA have continued to be busy and productive. This term in geography life skills we have been learning about our community. Recently we have been focusing on activities relating to our Shire. We have been researching Cronulla, Kurnell and the Royal National Park. In science life skills, high school students are learning all about substances and materials. They have been comparing solids / liquids, woods / metals, experimenting with what sinks or floats. HSA followed recipes to combine ingredients to make play dough and slime. Last Tuesday we had our Bates Drive open education day. Thank you to all the visitors who came into our classrooms. Also, thank you to our P and C for organising our father's day stall. By selecting a gift for their Dads the students in HSA were able to practice and demonstrated their choice making skills, as well as money skills. On Monday high school students participated in combined maths activities. We had a great time having fun doing maths. This week we also celebrated Jayden's birthday with a class party. Happy 14th birthday to Jayden!!

Till next time —Egypt, Robbie, Victoria, Magnus, Jackson, Jayden, Annemarie and Carmen



HSK

Welcome to the second half of Term 3 update from HSK. We have been very busy in our classroom with many exciting activities happening. We hosted Education week with some families able to attend. We got to show off our work routines and what sort of activities we complete on a daily basis. We have cooked and baked a variety of items during our cooking class. Most of the students like the Quesadilla's and cakes the best. Sailing was fantastic every Wednesday for the first 4 weeks. Sadly our last week, the weather was questionable. We went out on the boats and then the students were brought back in because it was very windy. We went back out again and wind and rain brought us back in again. The students handled the random transitions well and it made for an eventful last week. Our community excursions have us visiting places all over Sutherland Shire, identifying schools, parks and beaches as we go. The high school students also participated in Maths day last week. We had fun completing many tasks covering all areas of the curriculum.

Keltie & Cassie



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HSSJ

This has been an amazingly busy term, but all of HSSJ have stepped up to the plate and worked productively in all areas. We had a great time at the High School Numeracy Day in week 7, where we looked at different subjects in maths including number, pattern, shape and money. We made some gorgeous canvases for our dads for Father's Day and for the school Trivia Night, which all students contributed to. We have looked at 'Our Community' in Geography, specifically where we live, and the many states and territories in Australia. Our cooking sessions on Thursdays are improving as we become more independent and safe in the kitchen. We are looking forward to Pirate Day in the last week of school!

From Shinead, Kelly and Jo M



HSL

Welcome to the last newsletter of term 3! This term has absolutely flown!

The gentlemen in HSL have had a very happy and productive term 3. We are well in to our learning groove and have been producing some great work and our social skills are flourishing.

This term has seen HSL participate in the High School Maths theme day, weekly music lessons, mind activities and receptive language activities, cooking sessions, the Kirrawee friends program and last Friday most of the boys in HSL participated in the Sports Ready Gala day at Beaton Park Wollongong. The boys did great in the circuit activities of ball skills, tug of war, Frisbee, parachute and an excellent time was had by all. I say it every term, but I am very proud of the boys commitment to their studies and their positive interactions and friendships in the class they have made this year. Onya boys!

Term 4 will see us very busy, we will begin our PDHPE swimming life skills program as well as preparing for our graduation night and Carols in the Park, on top of all the rest of our curriculum studies.

Here is to a restful and safe holiday. Enjoy the warmer weather and sunshine!

Till next time

Lee, Narelle and Donna



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HSV

This term has been very busy for all students in HSV. In Geography Life Skills, we have been working on a unit of work on "Maps". A focus for us has been learning about the map of Australia and identifying the different states and territories through matching activities, pasting activities and our Smart Notebook program that we access through the Interactive Whiteboard. We have also been learning about maps in our local area and have looked at maps of the suburbs in the Sutherland Shire, Kareela and even a map of Bates Drive School.

We have also been busy working on the school's new PBL expectations. Each day as part of our morning Teen Talk we read through the expectations and complete a range of activities on the PBL Notebook program.

Think that's about it!

Cheers from

Michael, Tassi, Anthea, Jessica, Samuel and Maryam,

Vanessa, Kirrily and Cassandra



Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

We would like to invite all families to complete the online Tell Them From Me Partners in Learning survey. The survey focuses on the areas of student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. The feedback we receive from this survey will assist us in the school planning process and allow us to make strategic improvements within the school. The survey is completely anonymous and should only take about 15 minutes to complete.

To access the survey follow the link below on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/d256f>

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RELAXED SHOW INFO



INTRODUCTION

Kids: they love music that goes "BOOM!" and ghosts that go "BOO!"

Enter Ghost Jam! by Mama Dojo, a dream team of comedian Sean Murphy and musician Sophie Unsen. The show is a hilarious re-imagining of classic Japanese ghost stories with fantastic live music ([trailer here](#)).



Perfect for adults and kids ages 5 to 12+, it's an interactive and inclusive experience that brings the audience face-to-face with silly specters unlike any they've seen before.

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a mesmerising
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Beat Magazine ([link](#))

"Ghost Jam! was
fantastic—adults also
loved the show
and found it hilarious.
Keep up the good work!"

Mary Robertson
Northern Beaches Council

SHOW DETAILS

GENRE
Interactive storytelling

DURATION
60 minutes

SUITABILITY
Adults and children 5 to 12+

AUDIENCE CAPACITY
Unlimited

INCLUSIVE ELEMENTS

- WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE:** We welcome children and families with disability, sensory and learning challenges. Interaction, noise and expression is encouraged!
- LIGHTS ON:** The house lights are left on; we reduce loud noises and unexpected lighting changes.
- CHILL OUT ZONE:** The auditorium doors stay open and a chill out area is available so kids can take a breather.

PERFORMER BIOS

Sean Murphy makes people laugh all over the world! He's toured shows to the Adelaide and Edinburgh Fringes as well as Singapore, N.Z. and the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Sophie Unsen is a member of the renowned Taiko ensemble and specialises in taiko drums and the shinobue bamboo flute. She's performed in Japan and the USA with some of the most prominent practitioners of traditional Japanese music.

SAY HI!

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Date: Time:

Monday 18th September 2017

- 4:00pm-5:30pm

Address:

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To reserve your place, please call 0466 005 467 (Mandarin and English) or email joanne.liu@ndis.gov.au by Friday 15th September 2017.

Carers, family members and service providers are welcome, and a Mandarin interpreter will be available.

Term 3 2017 Calendar

Tuesday 19 September	Earn & Learn finishes
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Friday 22 September	Last day of Term 3
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Term 4 2017 Calendar

Monday 9 October	Students return to school
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Wednesday 25 October	Grandparents Day 10am - 11am
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Friday 24 November	Carols
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Tuesday 21 November	School Leavers Graduation
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Friday 1 December	End of Year Assembly
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Friday 15 December	Last day of Term 4 for students
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Term 1 2018 Calendar

Tuesday 30 January	Students return to School
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