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TERM 1 WEEK 5

1st March 2018

It was with great pride and excitement back in November when I was appointed to the Principal position at Bates Drive Public School. On a personal note I would like to thank the staff, parents and carers that have made me very welcome and I look forward to meeting you all at our school open evening on Wednesday 7 March. I have had the opportunity to meet many families and carers already and I thank you for such a positive warm response. The Bates Drive community spirit is fantastic and I have already attended my first P&C meeting. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Feel free to stop by, telephone me to discuss any concerns, suggestions and ideas or just simply to have a chat. I look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming few months.

I hope the summer holidays were a good chance for all our students to revitalise their batteries in readiness for another stimulating year of education. We have certainly had a hectic start to term one with the swim school program and Rhythm Village program in full swing.

David Toogood

Principal

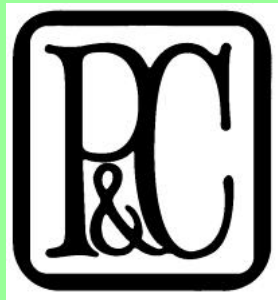


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The P & C would like to extend a warm welcome to returning families as well as new families to Bates Drive. We have some exciting fundraising events planned for 2018, starting with our Easter raffle in the coming weeks. Please put Saturday 25th August in the diary for our Comedy for a Cause evening. A night of fun, laughs and entertainment, whilst we raise funds that go directly back to the children of Bates Drive.

We would love you to join our closed Facebook page to connect with other parents, contact the school if you haven't received instructions yet. We are also looking into running a second hand clothing pool if there is enough interest. Expressions of interest will be sent home soon. Our next meeting is Monday night 19th March where we will be wrapping our Easter hampers. We would love to see you, if you are free to help.

Regards

Shantelle Tagg

Care of P & C Committee

P&C Meeting

Date: Monday 19th March 2018

Time: 7pm

Where: Staffroom

Parking: Bates Drive entrance

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NEPTUNE

Hello and welcome to 2018! The Neptune's have had a fantastic start to the year and have enjoyed welcoming our new friends Jeet, Haydyn and Mariana who started kindergarten this term. Everyone has settled in well to their new routines and our kindergarten friends are learning all the expectations of 'big school'.

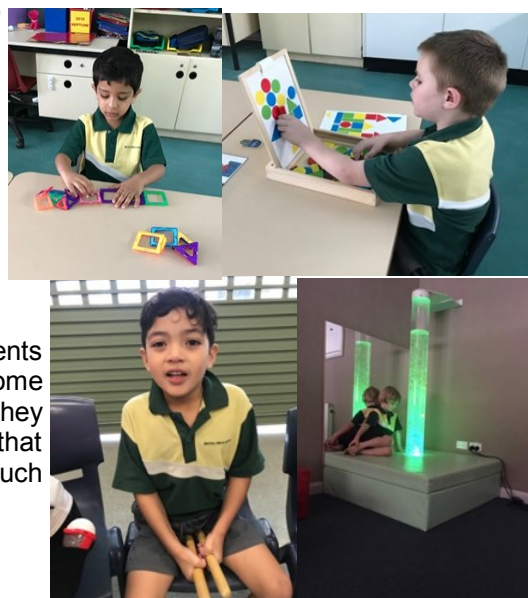
We have been engaged in a lot of sensory play to find out our likes and dislikes so that we can use these in our Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) lessons to develop our communication skills. Squishy strings, light up wands and spinning toys seem to be a particular hit.

During swim school in weeks 2 and 3 we started each morning with a lovely swimming session. We made good progress over the two weeks, with our reluctant swimmers learning to relax in the water and walk in the shallow end while our more experienced swimmers were working on using arms correctly and blowing bubbles in the water. These skills will continue to be developed throughout the term during our weekly swimming session with the Comets class.

Another of our favourite programs is our daily reading circle. All students are highly engaged in our story 'Walking Through the Jungle' and some are attempting to repeat words or copy the sounds of the animals. They are also engaged in requesting turns of the animal puppets and toys that support the story. Bec and I have been pleasantly surprised by how much we all enjoy engaging with books and reading.

We look forward to a fun filled second half of the term.

Nicole and Bec



COMETS

Welcome to 2018! The year has been off to a great start!

Term 1 started off with lots of celebrations with most of the boys having their birthdays in the holidays and the first few weeks of school. So a big happy birthday to Jeremy, Aaron, Brady, Connor and Akif!

Swim school proved to be a big hit with all the boys. It's been a lot of fun watching them excel in their swim skills. Our new Rhythm Village music program has also been a hit! The boys have shown delight in using the drums and shakers and have even tried playing the guitar.

In Mathematics we have been exploring shapes. We have been engaging in lots of hands on activities which keep us busy and are a fun way to learn!

We can't wait to see what this year brings us. Both Carmen and I are very excited to be working with the boys this year!

Ciara, Carmen,
Akif, Brady, Aaron,
Jeremy, Oscar and
Connor



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VENUS

Hello everyone and welcome to 2018! I can't believe that we are nearly half way through the term already! The Venus class have been incredibly busy in all areas of the school so far. During weeks two and three students participated in the Swim School program, practicing skills such as floating on their backs, blowing bubbles under water and swimming laps of the pool. Now that Swim School has completed, we have continued with a weekly swimming program with the K Stars class to keep practicing to swim and water safely in the school pool.

We have commenced a weekly cooking program during which we join with the Comets class to create concoctions such as toasties, chocolate hearts for Valentine's Day and more. During cooking and other learning programs, students have been patiently waiting for their turn and participating in individual and group tasks.

Literacy programs include writing, spelling and re-telling of stories, while numeracy programs are focusing on number recognition, counting and identifying 2D shapes. Students have also been strengthening their PECS skills and utilising this across many areas of learning as possible throughout the day. This progress encourages students to comment on familiar topics and stories and spontaneously request items using three visuals to create a sentence. All students have been putting a lot of effort in to their work and we are very proud!

Victoria and Deb



MERCURY

Hello Mercury families!

Welcome to 2018! We have already had a wonderful start to the year. The students in the Mercury class have settled into their daily routines and are enjoying the warm weather!

We started the year with one of our favourite activities, Swim School! They loved swimming each day and enjoyed using new pool equipment like round noodles and diving toys. They have gained independence not only in the water, but by practicing their personal care skills while getting changed. We couldn't have asked for better weather during Swim School, it was fabulous!

The Mercury class have also started their daily T.E.A.C.C.H. program where they follow an individual visual schedule and rotate between stations. In this program they have one to one work with myself and Natalie, our SLSO. They also access the class computer, sensory room, reading corner and complete fine motor activities. This routine has settled the students and is something they all look forward to each day.

Before our T.E.A.C.C.H. stations, the Mercury students complete circle time where they check into their Zones of Regulation, identify the date and answer various simple questions. Their favourite activity during circle time is their personal care routine where they brush/comb their hair and apply deodorant. Our class has been staying healthy and looking fresh!

Another amazing program we have started this year is Rhythm Village! We are fortunate to have Daniel come into our school on Wednesdays to play music with us. The students love playing the drums and listening to him sing while playing guitar.

It has been a great start to the year. I can't wait to see what is in store for the Mercury class. Stay tuned for more!

Molly, Natalie, Donna and the Mercury class



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K STARS -

K-Stars have had a great start to the year getting to know each other and settling into class and our routines. K-Stars students have especially been enjoying a range of sensory programs and use of the outdoor playground equipment as part of our fitness programs.

K-stars have been participating in assessment tasks and have begun our lessons in understanding our own emotions through participation in the Zones of Regulation program. Our reading circle program is a particular hit, especially when being able to read aloud or use the microphone to answer questions.

We plan to have a very productive year in the syllabus area of Creative Arts, a big favourite of all of ours.

We look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming PLP meetings.

Kirrily and Jacquelyn

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 2018! In our class we have Ahdil, Yann, Byron, Luke, Riley and Hayden. Jen is our SLSO and Genevieve will be taking our guys for RFF.

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 in the next few weeks. Jen 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!

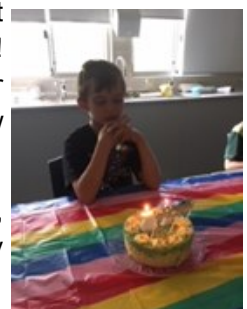
Our first week back saw us celebrating Hayden's 13th birthday with a fun soiree of party games, presents and treats. Happy Birthday Hayden! We all hope you have a great year!

We celebrated Valentine's Day by giving chocolates and flowers to our secret valentine's, playing 'love song dedications' on the interactive whiteboard and creating several heart-themed artworks.

We have also learned about Chinese New Year through interactive whiteboard activities and created Chinese dragons for display in the classroom. We celebrated the 'Year of the Dog' with a dragon dance while listening to traditional Chinese music. We have also had Special Swim School EVERY DAY for the last two weeks which left us with some very tired people by the end of the two week program! Once Swim School finished we were able to start our cooking program (Tuesdays) and our class swimming program (Thursdays). We have also been very excited to start the new Rhythm Village program (Wednesdays). Our busy term is well under way!

We can't wait to see the wonderful progress that will be made by Ahdil, Yann, Byron, Luke, Riley and Hayden over the course of the year. 2018 is shaping up to be a big one so stay tuned!

Mel and Jen.



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HSK

Welcome to 2018! We are off to a great start in HSK this year. The boys have settled in to the new year and are keeping busy with a lot of great work and activities being completed. We have a focus on communication through visuals and the students are motivated to choose their activities and rewards as a goal for completing work tasks. We are participating in literacy activities and comprehension questions where the students answer through visuals. HSK has taken time to complete some theme work and art activities based on the Olympics, Chinese New Year, Valentines Day and birthdays. Rhythm Village is fantastic! HSK participated in movement activities and experience a variety of instruments they brought to play. Swimming has started for the high school classes and students are encouraged to try different skill based movement tasks and breathing activities depending on each students skill level. In cooking we have made pizzas, tacos, rice bubbles hearts for Valentines day, and chocolates brownies. Mixed reviews when it comes to consuming the food however most of the options have been enjoyed by all.

Keltie, Cassie and HSK



HSS

Welcome to 2018! HSS have had a great start to the year! We are in the process of planning our timetable for the term, which will include swimming sessions, sensory room time, life skills and literacy and numeracy work. So far we've looked at Chinese New Year, the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang and completed some cards for Valentine's Day. We will be studying Ancient Greece, number and time as well before the term ends. The whole class is enjoying music sessions on Wednesdays with Daniel from Rhythm Village, where everyone gets to play a different instrument each week. All our students have settled into their new classrooms and routines and are hard at work learning new skills across the curriculum!

From Shinead, Narelle and Joanne



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HSV

Welcome back to yet again another school year. We would like to welcome the families of Braden, Rayne, Jackson, Theodore, Victoria and Michael to HSV. We have two x Year 9, two x Year 10 and two x Year 11 students in our class this year. And welcome to Kelly and Teresa who job share as our class SLSO and Catherine who is our RFF Teacher.

It has been an exciting start to the school year. We started our work in History Life Skills by celebrating the Chinese New Year and the year of the dog. We matched various Chinese new year symbols, prepared fried rice, ate fortune cookies and learnt more about Chinese culture and traditions. Then we celebrated Valentines' Day, making a Valentines' Day card and some chocolates for that special someone.

We have started our daily Teen Talk program that incorporates Stage 4 -5 and 6 literacy and numeracy programs. We identify our own photo, name, address and phone number, the days of the week, months of the year and the weather. We also have been learning about identifying the different emotions or feelings such as happy, sad, angry, tired or feeling sick.

I am not sure if you are all aware that the students in HSV are quite skilled in the kitchen and our students really could be part of MKR! Each Friday we not only prepare a pizza for our lunch but during the week blueberry muffins, pop-corn, cracker biscuits and make toast!

We have all enjoyed participating in the weekly Rhythm Village music lessons and getting to know Daniel the facilitator. We all enjoy listening to different types of music and also using a range of unique musical instruments.

Think that's about it for now.

Cheers



HSA -

Welcome back to 2018. In HSA this year we have a class of all Year 12 students. So we will be the Bates Drive graduating class of 2018. As it will be our students last year at Bates Drive School, we are especially looking forward to another busy productive term. The students in HSV have settled into their new classes and are getting to know each other.

We have had a great start to the new school year. The Rhythm Village music program on Wednesdays with Daniel has been a great success. Classes have been playing different instruments, drumming and singing songs. HSA will be cooking on Tuesdays. So far we have made muffins, trifle and toasted sandwiches which has been our favourite so far.

We celebrated Samuels 18th birthday – happy birthday Samuel. Later in the term Jessica will also be having a birthday. Happy birthday to you Jessica. Hope you both enjoy your special day.

In HSIE Life Skills this the term we will be learning about Ancient Greece and participating in Harmony Day activities. In Science Life Skills high school students will be focusing on Living and Non – living.

Eamon, Robbie, Samuel, Rick, Reece and Jessica

Annemarie and Cassandra



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HSL

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018!

HSL have had a brilliant start to the term. We have all returned to school settled and ready to get into a year of solid learning.

HSL is a big class that consists of five year 12 students - Mark, James, Julian, Egypt and Connor. Two year 11 students – Luke and Lachlan. And Yawkra who is in year 10.

HSL have been diligently working on receptive language activities as well as cognitive exercises to improve memory retention and develop problem solving skills. We have also been learning about money, time and number, drum therapy, swimming and Ancient Greece. During our daily reading blocks and at the end of each day most students email their parents to tell them what they have been doing throughout the day. The highlight of the term so far has been the bike riding sessions. Each student has been doing 4 laps of the school parking lot with decreasing assistance. All HSL students love it, and it is always the highlight of the week.

Next term, HSL will be participating in a Community Learning program to the Sylvania Bowling Club to practice our money skills and have lunch. We are all looking forward to that!

Here is to a great year of learning and enjoyment

Lee and Belinda





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MAKING THE MOST OF MY PLAN PAID SUPPORTS

St Vincent de Paul Society 'taster' workshops for Participants, families and carers

The sessions, run by Vinnie's LAC team, will focus on:

- Understanding your funding and getting the most out of your paid supports
- Increasing your skills, knowledge and confidence
- Your rights under the NDIS
- Learning from, and connecting with others

Date:	Time:	Address:	RSVP:
16 February 2018	10:00am – 1:00pm	Hurstville Library Miles Franklin Room 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville 2220	9 February 2018
23 February 2018	10:00am – 1:00pm	Miranda Community Centre Wattle Room 95 Karimbla Road, Miranda 2228	16 February 2018
1 March 2018	10:30am – 1:30pm	Waverley Library, Theatre,ette, 32-48 Denison Street, Bondi Junction 2022	22 February 2018

Please RSVP by the above dates for catering purposes
Schedeen.Snowden@ndis.gov.au or 0434 478 305

Participants, family members and carers are welcome,
and light refreshments will be served.

Service Providers are welcome to attend only if supporting a Participant to attend.



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DO YOU REQUIRE SUPPORT WITH IMPLEMENTING YOUR PLAN?

**You are invited to a FREE information session aimed at
helping you to navigate plan implementation.**

St Vincent de Paul Society's Local Area Coordination Program are trialing weekly Plan Implementation sessions for NDIS Participants, their carers and family members. Each session will include two different types of support, and Participants may attend both depending on availability:

Option 1: Plan Implementation presentation:

- 1:00-3:00pm

In the presentations, we will explain:

- What happens at the meeting with your LAC, and what you can do to prepare
- How to set up your MyGov Account
- How to find and work with Service Providers
- Service Agreement and make Service Bookings

Option 2: One on one Q & A session with an LAC at a pre-booked time slot (bookings essential):

- 1:00-1:30pm
- 1:30-2:00pm
- 2:00-2:30pm
- 2:30-3:00pm

These sessions are for St Vincent de Paul's Society Participants who:

- Have had their First Plan Meeting; or
- Have had their Plan Implementation meeting but would like further information

Session details:

Address: St Vincent de Paul Society's LAC office, Level 1, 38-40 Urunga Parade, Miranda NSW 2228

Dates:

- Wednesday 7th March 2018
- Wednesday 14th March 2018
- Wednesday 21st March 2018
- Wednesday 28th March 2018
- Wednesday 4th April 2018
- Wednesday 11th April 2018

**To reserve your place, please speak to your LAC,
indicating the date and location you would like to attend.**

To register using an interpreter:

- 1) Phone TIS on: 131 450
- 2) Ask for an interpreter
- 3) Ask the operator to call Schedeen Snowden from St Vincent de Paul Society on 0434 478 305 to register for the NDIS information session
- 4) Stay on the line and the operator will connect you to Schedeen so you can in your language

PLEASE NOTE: These sessions are designed to explain the Local Area Coordination transition process to NDIS Participants, their family members and carers. They are not for general discussion about the NDIS, specific funding questions or provider related concerns.



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ARE YOU ABOUT TO TRANSITION INTO THE NDIS?

**We're running FREE information sessions about the NDIS
and the role of Local Area Coordinators.**

We will explain:

- What the NDIS is, and how it protects us all.
- What is funded by the NDIS.
- How the NDIS makes our communities more inclusive.
- What happens at the meeting with your Local Area Coordinator.
- What you can do to prepare.
- What happens when you receive your first funded plan.

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19 February 2018	10:00am – 11:30am	Hurstville Library Miles Franklin Room 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville 2220	14 February 2018
22 February 2018	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Cronulla Central, Meeting Room 1, 38-60 Croydon Street, Cronulla 2230	19 February 2018
28 February 2018	9:30am – 11:00am	Lionel Bowen Library, Level 3, 669/673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra 2035	23 February 2018
23 March 2018	10:00am – 11:30am	Hurstville Library Miles Franklin Room 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville 2220	20 March 2018
28 March 2018	10:00am – 11:30am	Miranda Community Centre, Wattle Room, 95 Karimbla Road, Miranda 2228	23 March 2018
5 April 2018	10:30am – 12:00pm	Waverley Library, Theatrette, 32-48 Denison Street, Bondi Junction, NSW 2022	2 April 2018

**To reserve your place, please email Schedeen.Snowden@ndis.gov.au
or call 0434 478 305 by the above dates.**

NDIS Participants, carers and family members are welcome.

Service Providers are welcome to attend only if accompanying a Participant.

March 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Meet the Teachers	8	9	10
11	12 School Photos	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 P&C Meeting	20	21 Harmony day	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 K-6 Easter hat parade	30 Good Friday	31

April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 K-6 Comm Games Carnival	12	13 Last day of term	14
15	16 School Holidays	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 School Holidays	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Staff development day					