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TERM 4, WEEK 6

18th November 2019

Principal's Message

2019 has been a fantastic year for Bates Drive School. As we come to the end of the year, the final newsletter gives us a chance to reflect on and celebrate the successes of 2019. While it is an exciting time for our school as we look forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2020, we must also take this time to celebrate 2019 and recognise the achievements we have all made.

The Education Week assembly was the highlight of the year for me—the musical performances were brilliant and showcased what Bates Drive is all about. The dedicated teaching and support staff spent many hours developing not only performance and musical skills, but also the social skills of all students whether directly involved in the assembly or participating in the audience. The event highlighted the talents, skills and passion of our students.

The school has refurbished the COLA and School Hall areas, with new paint and new carpet added to reduce the noise and make it a more comfortable sensory experience. The softer floor allows for students to complete a greater range of activities in the space. Lee Carey has written more information about this process in this newsletter and has also provided some details about the new music room that is attached to the COLA and School Hall.

The School Pool is now utilised 40 weeks of the year and has seen a major change in how we operate in the cooler months. The benefits to the students are immense. We officially celebrated with an opening at the end of term three.



Photo: Nick Feros of The Feros Group, Shantelle Tagg—President of the Bates Drive P&C, David Toogood—Principal of Bates Drive Public School, Carmelo Pesce—Sutherland Mayor, Bec Williams—Sutherland Shire Council Environmental Scientist, Garry Morris—Trustee at St George Children with Disabilities Fund, with Lachlan Rowney and Lincoln Wintle—students.

<https://www.theleader.com.au/story/6372339/year-round-swimming-for-students-with-special-needs/>

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Principal's Message, Continued...

During the coming summer holidays, the toilet block that is located in the older part of the school is going to be fully refurbished at a cost of \$300,000. This was my priority in 2019 and after many hours and days of chasing people and inviting people to visit the existing facilities, we were successful in obtaining funding late last term. This will make a very significant difference to students and staff, especially in the area of dignity and personal/private spaces created within the new design. It will meet all of the disability building standards.

We have celebrated many theme days this semester—Pirate Day, Halloween, Jeans for Gene's Day, Pink Breakfast for Breast Cancer Awareness, The World's Biggest Morning Tea, Mobile Farm, Wests Tigers, AFL, NAIDOC Week and Moon Day to name a few. These special days are an excellent teaching and learning opportunity and are embedded into programs with direct curriculum links. All students have the opportunity to participate.

A priority this year was to increase our engagement with the local community. We have conducted many successful integration programs with other schools, both onsite and offsite. These programs have proven to be very beneficial not just for the Bates Drive School students, but also for the participating students from Jannali East Public School, Kirrawee High School and Oyster Bay Public School. In addition to these programs, students across the school have attended a variety of teacher-led Community Access programs, visiting geographical areas of the Shire and beyond. Once again, my highlight is the Sailing Program—the smiles in the photos are the best form of an evaluation for this program.

The School received an award at the Australian College of Educators—World Teachers' Day celebration dinner for "outstanding Contribution to Educational Initiatives". This award concerns the transdisciplinary model of embedding Occupational Therapists into Special Education settings.

I would like us all to take this opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on the successes of the school in 2019 and also to thank those involved in continuing to provide outstanding educational experiences for the students of Bates Drive School. Also, thank you to the parents, guardians and families of our students. We value the feedback and support of you all and continue to encourage families to get involved in the school and the events that we offer.

Molly Wolfel has formally resigned from her position at Bates Drive School and is currently residing in the United States—we wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life.

We are soon to celebrate the Graduation of 4 year 12 students and from all of us, we wish you all the best in life after Bates Drive School.

Please stop in and say hello at our show piece 'Carols in the Park' event on Friday 6th December and we wish you all a wonderful, safe and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing all of our students back at school on Wednesday 29 January, 2020 and to continue to work with all families and the wider community in 2020.

David Toogood,
Principal

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External Service Providers

This year has seen more therapists than ever being involved throughout every day at Bates Drive School and across the whole school with weekly, fortnightly and sometimes termly visits from therapists to work individually with students.

We would like to take this moment to thank all of you for your ongoing support in requesting services during school hours and also for your ongoing support in allowing us to follow the Department of Education procedures in collating the relevant documentation from external service providers. It is not an easy process, however it is essential in ensuring the safety of all students whilst at Bates Drive School.

With 2020 on the way, current documentation will begin to expire as many parts are only valid for one year. We ask that you please continue to support us so that we can continue to have various therapists entering the school safely and working towards achieving learning outcomes with students.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy start to the New Year!

Victoria Pattison

Assistant Principal



P&C

The P&C would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. All of the money that we have raised and will continue to raise goes directly back to our children through the funding of invaluable experiences and resources.

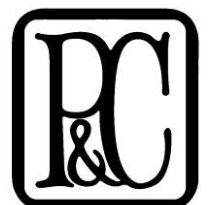
We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 'Carols in the Park' event on Friday 6th December.

Please don't forget to take your recyclable bottles and cans to Menai or Sylvania Reverse Vending Machines by 24th November to contribute to the Bates Drive School P&C.

Please send your Christmas raffle donations in as soon as possible and let us know if you would like raffle tickets via the Skoolbag App.

Shantelle Tagg,

President of the P&C



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Extra Special Event – Grandparents' Day and Halloween

On Thursday 31st October, we hosted an extra special Halloween event. As Grandparents' Day took place on Sunday 27th October, we decided to combine both of these special events and have a great time –showing all of our Grandparents what our annual Halloween event looks like, feels like and sounds like – exploring our senses.

K-6 and High School groups welcomed Grandparents for two separate events and had the opportunity to participate in a variety of Halloween-themed activities, including:

- ◆ Sensory station – with jelly, spaghetti, playdoh and a skull volcano
- ◆ Art and craft – creating a spider web using paper plates and wool
- ◆ Music – accessing the new music room inside the hall
- ◆ Dress up / photo booth – dressing up and taking photos
- ◆ Sports Ready – taking turns to play games and sports in the sandpit

In addition to the activities above, students also had access to a Haunted House, located in one of the classrooms and some students created a real Jack O'Lantern. Some of the photos from the day can be seen below, however there are more photos which may be located on the Bates Drive School Facebook Page – please have a look!

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves on the day and thank you for coming.



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Learning for Life—Schools Plus Project

It has been a very exciting term as our Schools Plus project has been recognised by the Australian College of Educators—World Teachers' Day awards for "outstanding contributions for educational initiatives". The photo below shows many of the people who have been involved in making this program a success.



Word has continued to spread to other schools about what a great job everyone is doing. We have schools requesting training on the implementation of sensory practice and the Zones of Regulation. This is due to the continued dedication of staff in implementing this project each and every day and they should all be congratulated on this.

As the year progresses, we will be reviewing the Zones of Regulation profile for each of the students in preparation for next year. I encourage you to contact the school office should you wish to discuss these and I can make a time to contact you.

The revamp of the COLA and school hall is looking amazing. It is being transformed into the VAST (Visual Auditory Sensory Theatre). It has had a lick of paint, new carpet to assist with the acoustics and movement activities and make it a bit more sensory friendly. Our first concert was a success and it was very nice to see everyone enjoying the space.

I have continued to meet with teachers each week to assist with the reviewing of sensory behaviours in the classroom. This has meant that I have seen a few of the classrooms each week—I love spending this time in the classrooms with teachers, SLSOs and students.

We continue to meet with Minerva and Cook Schools to review our progress. In the past month, the schools have been reviewing the project with the university representative for the final review and write up of the report, so we are looking forward to receiving the results. The findings are going to be presented at conferences and hopefully they will have a positive outcome in lobbying for additional therapy services within schools. This week, I will be presenting a webinar in conjunction with the university representative to Disability SPOT <http://spotondd.org.au>. This is a professional body of Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists that work in the area of disability.

Susan Heiler,

Occupational Therapy; Schools Plus Project

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RFF–Science

During Term 3, High School looked at 'Natural Disasters' and the impact that they have on our society; disasters such as bushfires, floods and drought. In the last week of term 3, we explored volcanos and joined together in the COLA to construct a volcano and watch it explode—it was very exciting!

Primary School classes looked at and learned about the weather, how it effects what we wear and how animals and plants adapt to the weather conditions, for example whale migration and flowering plants.

During Term 4, we are working on a unit called 'Animals and their Habitats'. The focus is on why animals live in particular habitats and what features draw them to that environment. We have explored the bush environment in the top garden of the playground and identified its characteristics. We have also spotted some wild life while being out in the playground. The animals that we have found include grey-headed flying foxes, the regular kookaburras and all of the local lizards. Hopefully we will encourage more wild life to the area as we are creating a 'Lizard Lounge', an 'Insect Hotel' and will also incorporate a bird bath in the garden area.

This year, we have been aiming and beginning to revitalise the top garden area. There's a long term plan to turn it into a sensory garden that will provide a safe environment for students to explore and stimulate their senses. We have nurtured the plants that Bunnings and The Botanic Gardens provided us earlier in the year. Now that the weather is heating up and the plants are requiring more attention, we have classes assigned to help in the garden. All of the students just love being up there with nature. The strawberries and celery are growing and we are just waiting for the tomatoes to ripen to red now.

Genevieve, Nat, Renee and Shirley,

RFF Team



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The Music Room

We are very excited to announce that the Music Room is near completion!

From what was previously known as a Sport Equipment Storage Room, the Music Room is now a functional and purposeful space that encourages our students to appreciate, play and perform music.

The Music Room now has:

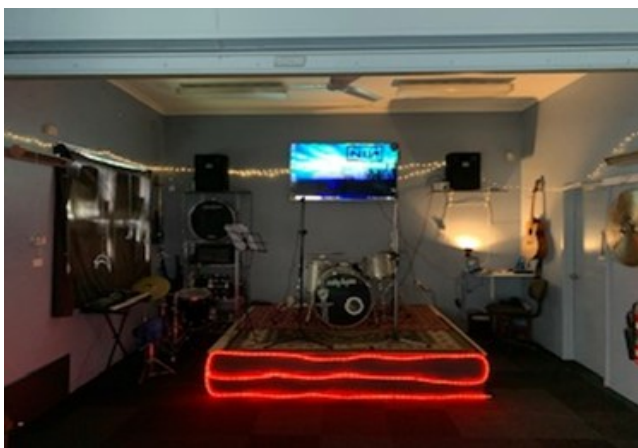
- ◆ A stage
- ◆ 65inch TV monitor and computer
- ◆ Sensory lighting
- ◆ PA sound system and microphones
- ◆ Drum kits, guitars, keyboards and percussion instruments
- ◆ Air conditioner
- ◆ Blinds (to be installed soon)

Not only is the room fully equipped for learning and rehearsing, it is also a functional space for performances.

In Term 3, we had our first school performance in the new space with a school band and singers at Education Week. It was so thrilling to see the students' engagement, enthusiasm and enjoyment for performing as well as an appreciative audience of peers and staff. The students got so much out of the few rehearsals that they had, so it will be wonderful to see their full potential once the room is completed.

Music truly is a great communication, therapy and emotional outlet that benefits our students greatly.

A huge thank you to David Toogood—Principal, Paul Hammond—Tech support and Terry Taylor—GA for all their support and effort in completing the project.



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Crocodiles

Our class has been flying through Term 4. We have continued to work on our Geography unit of work. The students have had a great time exploring different cultural celebrations through art. They particularly enjoyed using spray paint bottles to symbolise Holi, a Hindu celebration. We also joined the whole school in celebrating Halloween and Grandparents' day. The Crocodiles enjoyed getting involved with a whole range of fun, interactive and hands-on activities including exploring slime, playing with pasta and taking selfies at the photo booth. Also, we would like to thank all the Grandparents who joined us in exploring the spooky things around the school. Although it was hard to say goodbye to our Grandparents, we sure had a great day!

The weather has finally warmed up and the Crocodiles have been having a blast in the pool during our weekly swimming program. The students have been working on their swimming and water safety skills, as well as focusing on stretching, movement and relaxation in the pool. We have all had a lot of fun and look forward to swimming each week.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas—we are all very excited about our upcoming carols night. We have been busily getting prepared to contribute on the night and getting into the spirit by listening to Christmas songs and playing along with musical instruments. We can't wait to see you there!

Overall, we are so proud of each of our students this year. It has been a pleasure getting to know them and the Crocodile families throughout the year.

I also need to send out a huge thank you to Bec, our fantastic SLSO for all her hard work in helping to make this year a great one for the Crocodiles. We couldn't have done it without you.

Finally, we would like to thank our wonderful families for all of your support this year. We wish you all a very happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2020.

Best wishes,

Catherine, Bec and the Crocodiles



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Cockatoos

Welcome to term 4! The year has flown by and it's bittersweet to think that this is our last news instalment for 2019.

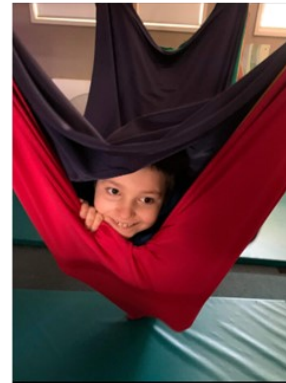
On behalf of all the Cockatoo educators, I want to say how extremely proud we are of each of the Cockatoo boys—they are absolute rock stars! Our two focus goals for the year as a class were to build our communication and play skills and they have blown us out of the water. Play skills have been such an important part of learning this year as we can focus on so many different Key Learning Areas in one activity. We have all developed our own interests including playing with balls or cars, sensory play and construction work. Each of the boys are able to keep busy through the day by exploring these interests and working alongside one another. Communication has also been a big focus. Each student communicates in different ways and we have supported students to build on these methods. Switch work is a favourite for all the Cockatoos—we have also learned to use AAC devices. The 'VerbalMe' application has been the most fun and adaptable communication tool for all of us to use—well done, Cockatoos!

During term 4, we have been making good use of the swimming pool by swimming almost every day—if we are not swimming then we are outside reading, singing and playing. We all had lots of fun at our spooky, Grandparents' and Halloween Day. It was wonderful to have so many family members come to visit us at school.

Thank you to all of our amazing Cockatoo families—thank you for always supporting the Cockatoo class and for sharing so many magnificent school memories with us.

Take care,

Ciara, Belinda and the Cockatoos



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Seahorses

It's term 4 already! Wow – this year has gone so quickly! The Seahorses have enjoyed every minute, from swimming all year round to celebrating birthdays and special events. The highlights of term 4 have included Halloween with our Grandparents, Remembrance Day and starting our Christmas craft!

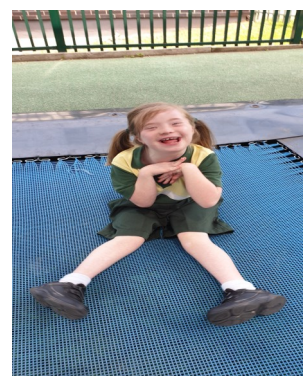
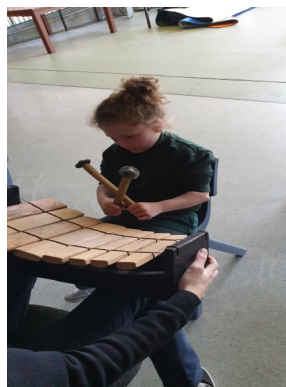
All of the students within the Seahorse class have accomplished personal goals during the year, including:

- ◆ Staying with the group
- ◆ Using utensils appropriately during meal times
- ◆ Communicating when frustrated or upset through signing or using an iPad
- ◆ Eating hot meals for lunches
- ◆ Using expressive language to communicate with staff in a variety of contexts
- ◆ Successfully completing self-care routines
- ◆ Expanding on gross motor skill development
- ◆ Increased eye contact and use of eye gaze for communication

We hope to see everyone at the famous 'Carols in the Park' event on Friday 6th December so we can have a dance to some Wiggles music and Christmas songs!

It has been an absolute pleasure having the Seahorse class this year and Jo and I are so proud of everyone's accomplishments! We hope all families have a safe break during the holidays.

Shinead, Jo and the Seahorses



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Kookaburras

Term 4 has been very eventful. So far, we have been loving swimming three times a week! We have been playing chasing games in the pool and the students are getting very fast at moving around the pool safely. There are lots of giggles and smiling faces when we play these games. Through this activity, students are learning how to navigate through water and have been strengthening their swimming skills.

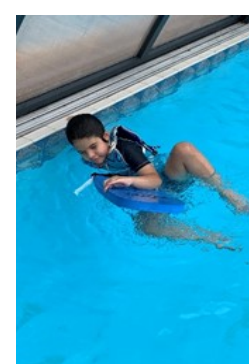
We enjoyed celebrating Halloween with our Grandparents and students enjoyed taking their families around to a variety of literacy, numeracy, and sensory stations in the COLA area. We had a few students arrive dressed up and also had access to a costume box throughout the day. During that week, we also completed some Halloween-themed work books with mazes and maths activities.

Our class has been having fun out on the bus each Wednesday during the term. We have stopped by a bakery and taken turns to order an item from the shop. The Kookaburras definitely look forward to this experience each week and are very eager to eat and enjoy their chosen item.

As 2019 comes to an end, we are remembering all of the fun times we have had in the Kookaburra class this year. From excursions and integration to sport, swimming and walking in the Reserve next door. We participated in numerous theme days: Pirate Day, Move-a-thon, Moon Discovery Day, NAIDOC Week, Mobile Zoo, Footy Day and many more. The time has gone fast and we have enjoyed the year together.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Keltie, Deb and the Kookaburras



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Kangaroos

The Kangaroo class have had a very active term. We have had a new student join our class who has been a wonderful addition and new friend.

Narelle, our awesome SLSO has left us for this term to further develop her skills within the department. Though irreplaceable with her fantastic sense of humour and spectacular support, along with rocking dance moves, Tracy has been with us and is just amazing—our students adore and trust her.

Pirate day last term was an absolute hit again and is linked to a variety of content in both K-6 and High School curriculums, while being a fun and interactive learning experience throughout the day with role playing activities. The students thoroughly enjoyed it—this could be seen through the role playing that continued in the playground during break times, engagement in the literacy stories, as well as the verbal and visual recounts of the day from the students.

Our two High School students have been learning about rainforests. This unit has been so much fun. We have visited the Wollongong Botanic Gardens; what a beautiful place to spend a day. It was so perfect for our students to be relaxed and engaged in learning. We did everything from eating native berries and leaves, to being immersed in the sounds, smells, tastes and feel of the rainforest there, to even holding worms and finding the cockroaches and ants that are an integral part of the rainforest ecosystem. It was an engaging, exciting and interesting day for all. Penny, at the Botanic Gardens was so patient with all of our different learning styles and interests and we could not have asked for a better guide on the day.

The Kangaroos do have another exciting excursion in the pipe works with an aim for our students to address our unit of work on celebrations and practice the skills we have mastered in the Positive Behaviour for Learning program along with our goals in communication. We have had such a great year that we all deserve to celebrate.

Hoping to see you at the Carols,

Kirrily, Narelle, Tracy and the Kangaroos

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Minnamurra

It has been a very busy year in the Minnamurra class with plenty of opportunities for the students to be involved in curriculum-based learning, community learning experiences and the development of their practical life skills.



This term, we have been exploring and assembling maps of Australia, working on our Number knowledge, learning the language of 'position' in maths and reading and viewing a range of new stories and texts. We have also worked on our play and social skills through classroom resources such as our ever-expanding wooden train set.

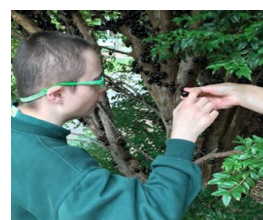
We have expanded our repertoire of recipes and cooking skills that we hope to use in the future, having learned to cook many simple and delicious meals. We have developed our skills in the kitchen to include breaking and preparing eggs in a variety of ways, chopping vegetables and fruit, assembling pizzas and mixing pasta with sauce.



In getting out and about in the community this year, we have made regular trips to the shops to buy ingredients for our cooking, checked out some new and familiar places to order and eat food, visited Taronga Zoo, Kamay Botany Bay National Park and most recently the Wollongong Botanic Gardens. It's been wonderful to see all of these great places as well as to experience everyday activities through our community learning. We have worked on other practical skills that we can use at home to help our environment. We are now experts at sorting our rubbish to reduce the amount of waste we put in landfill. You should see the confidence we have in using the 'scrunch' test to identify soft plastic for recycling! We have helped out in the garden to bring new life to our school's top garden, which now features a variety of herbs and strawberries as well as the addition of more native plants.

The Minnamurra students and teachers would like to thank our parents and carers for their support of our programs. It has helped make 2019 a positive and successful school year for us all!

Matt, Cassandra and the Minnamurra class



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Annan

Can you believe that this is our final newsletter for 2019?

Over the next few weeks we will still be keeping busy and completing many programs and participating in special events, this includes farewelling our Year 12's, Carols in the Park at Bates Drive and a visit from the Wests Tigers.

What a year 2019 has been!

The Annan class have had a very busy and productive year. Some of our favourite activities have involved accessing the community, swimming in our newly covered and heated school pool, cooking pizza, playing music, recycling—learning to use the Return and Earn machines and learning new game and sporting skills through Sports Ready.

We would like to thank all of the students in the Annan class for your hard work this year. We would also like to thank our families for all of the support you have given us this year—we couldn't do it without you and your continued support is very much appreciated.

We would like to wish everyone a safe happy holiday and all the best for 2020!

Annemarie, Carmen and the Annan class



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Vale

Greetings to the families and friends of the Vale class; it is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another school year and that the Christmas holidays will soon be with us.

The students of the Vale class have had a busy Term 4 so far, with an array of daily functional learning programs aligned to each students' PLP and of course the Life Skills syllabus.

Recently, our class celebrated Halloween as a part of a whole school theme day. We not only decorated our classroom, but we also participated in a range of exciting and scary activities and helped to carve out a real Jack O Lantern.

As a part of our work in English Life Skills, our class has enjoyed a daily shared reading program, titled 'Reading Circle'. Each term, we have read a selected book and with all the necessary visual supports to match and identify which makes reading so much fun. Our favourite books this year would have to be '*Underpants, Thunderpants*' and '*Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas*'. Check these books out if you get a chance over the holidays!

Our daily Teen Talk program has enabled our students to have practise in matching their own name, address and photographs, as well as identifying the day of the week, month of the year, calendar, the weather, the season and daily temperature. We also have embedded Bates Drive School PBL expectations into our Teen Talk program as well as the Zones of Regulation. This ensures that each of our students are able to identify and communicate to others how they are feeling and also to be aware of positive expected behaviours.

In Mathematics Life Skills, we completed the Footy Tipping Competition. We were able to graph each team's progress and also our own successful selections through our visual NRL table— trophies will be awarded later this term. The weekly Lunch Order program has enabled each student to make a takeaway lunch order and also to handle a small amount of money.

In the Cooking program, we continued to prepare our lunch once a week. Simple food preparation such as making pizzas, hot chips and toasted sandwiches were popular. In a Snack Preparation program, we made delicious muffins and not only did we sample one as an afternoon tea snack, but we also got to take home muffins to share with our families and carers!

In Geography Life Skills, we completed a unit of work on Australian Rainforests. We viewed many images of rainforests via the interactive whiteboard, completed lots of rainforest- themed art and craft and we also went on an excursion to the Royal National Park to view areas of rainforest in term 3. In term 4, we started our unit of work on 'Maps'.

The weekly Sports Ready program and other physical fitness programs such as swimming, accessing the Liberty Swing and jumping on the trampoline have continued to be highly successful. It has been pleasing to observe each student participating in their preferred fitness activity.

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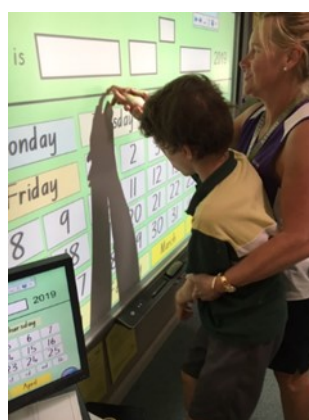
Our Community Learning program this year has seen us going for a drive through the Sutherland Shire, a walk at Como Pleasure Grounds and in Term 4, a visit to South Village Shopping Centre in Kirrawee. Our program was also supported by our 2 Itinerant Support Teachers, Lisa and Kathy. This meant that our students were able to be fully supported when accessing the local community.

Rhythm Village and also the Music programs provided by our teachers, Matt and Lee, meant that students in the Vale class were provided with a variety of opportunities to not only play a range of instruments, but also to listen to live music.

I would like to congratulate Jackson Orlic, who is in Year 12 and will be graduating from Bates Drive School at the end of this year. We are incredibly proud of all of the achievements that Jackson has made over the years whilst attending Bates Drive School and we will miss him! We wish Jackson and his family all the best for the future.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday and all the best for 2020.

Vanessa, Kelly, Teresa and the Vale class



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Nepean

Hello dear families and welcome to the middle of term 4 – I can't believe we're here already! This term has already been very busy for the Nepean class and the whole school, with special events and programs. On Thursday 31st October, we were very excited to welcome all Grandparents into Bates Drive School for our extra special Halloween and Grandparents' Day event. We combined both of these events this year as they fell within days of each other and we wanted to share our special activities with loved ones, including sensory, art, music and sport activities. We hope that our Grandparents had a great time!

The Nepean class have continued to participate in weekly programs such as walking at the Sir Joseph Banks Native Reserve, next door to the school. We usually walk at the reserve once or twice each week and we comment on what we can see and hear using visuals. We access the swimming pool twice a week and this is a really nice way to start the day on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Students are interacting more with each other and playing games together in the water. Sports Ready has continued each Thursday, with students practicing a range of throwing, catching, kicking, scooting and game skills. We also access the hospitality kitchen each Monday, Tuesday and Friday to complete cooking programs. Each week, students have three recipes and sets of ingredients prepared for them and each cooking day, students each use their photo on the interactive whiteboard to select which recipe they would like to cook that day. Nachos, choc chip cookies and pasta have all been a hit this term!

Very soon, we will be starting to make some Christmas decorations, recipes and artworks. Some things will be displayed within the classroom to spread Christmas cheer and will be sent home towards the end of the term. We are not slowing down just yet – we have some new skills to learn, including sewing! We will communicate with families as always to keep you up to date with your child's learning in the Nepean class!

Enjoy the lead up to the Christmas season and it's been a pleasure working with you this year.

Victoria, Nicole, Jen and the Nepean class



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Lennard

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2019—every year just seems to fly!

The Lennard class have had a great year at school and we are incredibly proud of all the boys' efforts and achievements throughout our school year.

Some highlights of our time together include:

- ◆ The Sailability program
- ◆ Regular Community Learning programs at the Kareela Golf Club and shopping at Coles
- ◆ Progress in receptive listening skill activities
- ◆ Progress in the Cognitive Rehabilitation program
- ◆ Progress in both PBL and Zones of Regulation programs in the classroom
- ◆ Morning boot camp and walks in the Sir Joseph Banks Reserve
- ◆ Learning to read and play rhythm charts and perform in a drum circle
- ◆ Band practice in our band new music room
- ◆ Celebrating three 18th Birthdays in style at The Prince Hotel

I can honestly say that it has been a very rewarding, enjoyable and productive year at school.

It is a bittersweet time in the Lennard class. As we reflect on the great year that we have shared together, it is also time to reflect on the memories that we share with our school leavers as they ready themselves for their transition to post school programs. On behalf of all of the staff and students at Bates Drive School, we wish you all the very best and a happy life post school.

For the remainder of the term, we will be hitting the pool as the weather warms up, continuing with our cognitive rehabilitation skills and Community Learning programs along with rehearsing for 'Carols in the Park'. This is our 5th year of doing Carols at our school and it is a highlight for all staff, students and families of Bates Drive School.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year into 2020.

Lee, Nat, Donna and the Lennard class



November

2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 West's Tigers	21 Clinics	22	23
24	25	26 Graduation	27	28	29	30

December

2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 Carols in the Park	7
8	9	10	11	12 Clinics	13	14
15	16	17	18 Last Day of Term	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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January

2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Australia Day	27 Public Holiday	28 Pupil-free Day	29 School Returns	30		

FREE DANCE PROGRAM

Dance class for school aged children who have special needs.

Thanks to the generosity of the Westfield Local Hero Grant, Shimmy Shakes is now able to offer our special needs class at no cost to participants.

This class is designed for children of school age, who have significant disabilities. A parent or carer must attend the class to assist the child.

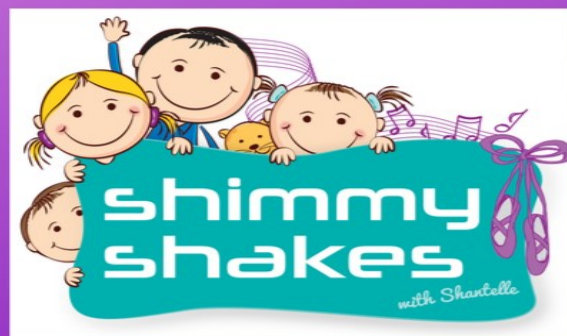
WHEN: Monday 4.30pm - 5.15pm

Starting Monday 21st October, thought to Monday 16th December.

WHERE: Bates Drive School Multi Purpose Centre (enter via back gate from Mikarie Place)

Please email shimmyshakesdance@gmail.com to confirm your place.

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We wish all of our students, families, caregivers, staff and community members a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a safe and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.