



The Scoop

The news that matters from the
Smith Street Unit

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From the desk of Dale-Myree

Over the next newsletters the staff at the Smith Street Unit will be taking over the introduction to tell you a little about themselves. I am delighted to introduce Cyndy Starr. Cyndy is a passionate advocate and a Nganyaywana woman who encourages all of us to be more sports orientated and follow a healthy eating plan. Cyndy oversees the garden that is flourishing under her care. In the future, Cyndy hopes to extend the garden to include a new area that will have a designated Aboriginal focus with the aim to cultivate indigenous food.



Cyndy Starr

I have been at the Smith Street Unit for three and a half years. The subjects I cover are History and Geography for years 9 and 10 and gardening. I am currently studying to complete a Diploma in Fitness. My interests are gardening (of course) bushwalking, weight training and cycling. At our Assembly on 16/10/2015, Cyndy received the Teacher of the fortnight Award presented by Jack Mitchell. **Congratulations!!!**

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GREEN MORNING TEA	Tuesday 27 th of October	Wear a green top and join us to celebrate Gonski Week.
REVIEW MEETINGS	Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th of November	The unit is closed. Please check your mail for your letter and review time.
END OF YEAR BBQ	Wednesday 9 th of December	SSU's end of year assembly to celebrate our students' academic achievements and efforts.





National Gonski Week, coinciding with National Children's Week, will commence on Monday 26 October and conclude on World Teachers Day, Friday 30 October.



National Gonski Week is an important part of the campaign to achieve a fully funded Gonski model.

The Gonski model requires a six-year commitment from both levels of government, federal and state, to bring all schools up to a minimum resource standard.

All major NSW political parties support budgeting for the full six years of Gonski funding.

Our students need the same funding commitment from all major political parties at the federal level.

Students and staff at SSU are celebrating National Gonski Week on Tuesday 27th of October by wearing green clothing and having a green morning tea. Everyone is welcome.



Students and teachers continue to enjoy the sports program offered at the Smith Street Unit. The students love the variety of sports offered to them and the challenge they have to face "outdoing Cyndy at sport" (NO HOPE!!!!). Danna organises the sports for the term and the students look forward to Friday so they can experience and enjoy a new sport.

News from the staff room

We sadly announce that Jay Gallagher has accepted a full time position in a different field and will not be working at the Smith Street Unit.

Harry Stewart has joined the Australian Defense Force and will leave the unit next week.

We wish Harry and Jay all the best in their new ventures.

The staff and students will miss you...



Welcome to SSU

We welcome Rennay to our staff team. Rennay is a Learning Support Officer and will be working full time until the end of the year.



United for Human Rights



Chahla and Danna continue to explore with the senior students issues relating to Human rights abuse. The students are watching a movie dealing with the topic of Human Trafficking. The students will also participate in a scheduled excursion to Woolworths Wollongong to compile a list of the items that display the Fair trade logo.

The facts about Human Trafficking

- Some 27 million people are currently trafficked internationally.
- The average cost of a slave is \$90.
- Human trafficking is the largest human rights violation in the history of mankind
- Human trafficking is the world's second largest criminal enterprise, after drug smuggling and arms dealing.
- An estimated 80 percent of trafficking is sexual exploitation, and 20 percent is labour exploitation.

(Facts from Youthforhumanrights)

**MAKE IT HAPPEN
CHOOSE FAIRTRADE**



Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. When you buy products with the FAIRTRADE Mark, you support farmers and workers as they work to improve their lives and their communities.

FIRST AID



Blake and Bailey in the junior class participated in practical demonstrations of first aid as part of PDHPE lesson. Blake volunteered to be the casualty and was put in the recovery position. He also was treated for shock and spinal injury. Blake and Bailey showed great improvement and were fit enough to do gardening...



James Garbutt received the student of the fortnight award for showing consistent effort in work and behavior, respecting the rights of others and setting a good example in class.

Assembly Highlights

The following students achieved Bronze level and will receive their certificate at the End of Year Assembly: **Zebastian Cullen, Jackson Brightling, Shane Powter and Emeka Benson.**

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AIME

Cyndy, Blake and Bailey are attending an AIME session at the Novotel on the 22nd of October 2015. The session brings a new twist on Science; handball will be coming to the forefront of new theories and ideologies. AIME is a dynamic educational program that is proven to support Indigenous students. AIME gives Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to grow and succeed.



TAFE NSW

Shane, David, Dryden, Jack and Dylan have applied for TVET courses for 2016.

The courses are:

Shane: Bricklaying

David: Bricklaying or Horticulture

Dylan: Web Design

Dryden: Baking retail and Web Design

Jack: Digital Animation

We are waiting to hear back from TAFE.

Good Luck!

Predators at SSU



This butterfly loves vegies especially cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli and is attacking our garden. Their caterpillars can eat through plants in a very short time. Cabbage White Butterflies are territorial and they will not lay their eggs where they see another butterfly, as they don't want their babies competing for food. Cyndy is using solar powered Cabbage White Butterflies to deter the real ones from laying eggs in our garden.



links to learning



The Smith Street Unit wishes to thank Mandy Walker, Coordinator of Links to Learning at Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre. David Hermann and Dylan Hart were offered the opportunity to participate in the program and started on Thursday 15/10/2015. Our goal at the unit is to ensure a successful transition beyond school for all our students. The objectives of the Links To Learning program "Connect, Engage, Learn, Plan, Transition" reflect our goal and desired outcome.

The program offers the students the opportunity to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, their social and emotional skills and to obtain a White Card that is critical for their aspirations to gain employment in the construction field.

The program delivers 5 units of competencies in the Certificate 2 in Business.

To David and Dylan Good Luck and Well done!!!

The Smith Street unit is a service of the New South Wales Department of Education providing specialised support in a unique environment. Students are provided with individualised learning programs to meet the educational needs.

The unit has served the students of the Illawarra for over a quarter of a century with the key mission providing a nurturing environment where students can grow into mature young men and women. It is always exciting to see graduates come back to share their success stories.

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