



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 Loretta Smith. Loretta is a very capable and competent teacher who brings a sense of warmth to all the students in her care. She has a wealth of knowledge and professionalism and her insights are valued by the team at the Smith Street Unit.



Loretta Smith

I have had the pleasure working here at the Smith Street Unit for three years.

My teaching career has taken me all over the world, but I am happy to have settled here in Wollongong with my young family.

I spend Tuesday afternoons with the Year 7 and 8 cooking up a storm in the kitchen.

Next year, I will be working three days a week while Danna is on maternity leave.

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| 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 ASSEMBLY | Wednesday 9 th of December | SSU's end of year assembly to celebrate our students' academic achievements and efforts. |
| LAST DAY OF TERM | Wednesday 16 th of December | 17 th and 18 th of December are Pupil Free Days |



National Gonski Week commenced on Monday 26 October and concluded on World Teachers Day, Friday 30 October.



Students and staff at SSU celebrated National Gonski Week on Tuesday 27th of October by wearing green clothing and having a green morning tea. The junior class cooked green cup cakes and the staff enjoyed green Vietnamese shredded chicken salad.

Dryden, Jackson and Blake were brave and tried the salad. Well done!!!

SPORTS



The students at the Smith Street Unit participated in boxing session at the PCYC. Michael ran the lesson and made sure the students had a great workout and were exhausted after the lesson. Michael thanked our students for displaying sportsmanship skills and for their participation. He was quite impressed with their behaviour and positive attitude towards sports.

Staffroom News

We gladly announce that Robyn Christofides, Head Teacher at Flametree has recently received an award from ACE (Australian College of Educators). *The staff and students wish to thank Carol Marshman and John Wilson for nominating Robyn for the prestigious and well-deserved recognition.* Debbie Lowe, School Education Director, was delighted to present the Award to Robyn. Robyn is known in the region as the **Guru in Special Education**.

SSU wishes to congratulate Robyn on her achievement and thank her for providing support to our unit...



United for Human Rights

Social Skills Excursion



On Monday the 9th of November, Chahla and Danna accompanied our students to Woolworths in Wollongong. To our surprise we did find more than 30 products with Fair trade logo on them. The students also found different logos as well to indicate that the product is ethical in all the production chain stages.



"Fair Trade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world".



The Rainforest Alliance is similar to Fair trade, however it has more of a focus on the environment. It has five areas of focus for its model: keeping forests standing, curbing climate change, protecting wildlife, alleviating poverty, and transforming business practices".

"UTZ Certified stands for sustainable farming and better opportunities for farmers, their families and our planet. The UTZ program enables farmers to learn better farming methods, improve working conditions and take better care of their children and the environment".



<http://benclapton.id.au/2013/04/17/fair-trade-rainforest-alliance-or-utz-seeing-the-wood-amongst-the-trees/>

Day for Daniel
Get Red, Red, READY FOR
Friday 30 October



The Smith Street Unit took part in Day for Daniel on Friday the 30th of October. The activities included wearing red, watching safety videos and discussions.

Certificate of Appreciation



DAY FOR Daniel
2015



The Smith Street Unit

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation Inc. recognise and thank you for your support.

Without a united community spirit, our Foundation's efforts in the area of Child Safety Awareness Education would be considerably more difficult for us to achieve.

Denise Morcombe
Bruce Morcombe

Denise and Bruce Morcombe
On behalf of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation Inc.



Assembly Highlights

David Hermann received the student of the fortnight award for stepping up and trying something new. He is fast becoming the star at the Links to Learning Program.

Congratulations to Bailey Murray who reached the Gold level for academic achievement from Karabar Distance Education. Bailey is the first student in the history of our unit to reach the gold level.

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Well done!!!



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On Thursday 29th of October, Cyndy, Blake and Bailey attended an excursion organised by AIME at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Nowra. They watched a performance by a stunt motorbike rider Robbie Maddison. Robbie Maddison is a stunt motorbike rider and a motivational speaker.

They enjoyed the day thoroughly!!



Summer is here!!! The best season for salads!!!

The students helped to clear the winter vegetables and prepared our garden patch for the summer vegetables.

The summer vegetables and herbs include parsley, peas, coriander, lettuce, broccoli, tomatoes and leeks.

Transition to Work Program Work Experience & Employment



The Smith Street Unit wishes to thank Rodney Clark from Northcott, Jeniveve Podmore from Mission Australia, and Merryl Bennett Transition Support Teacher for assisting Zebastian Cullen in the transition to Post School program. Zeb started at SSU in August

2011 and will be going to the Transition To Work program at Northcott next year.

"During a young person's time at Transition to Work they will be offered the opportunity to participate in work experience placements. The timing of these will vary for each participant, taking into consideration the young person's goals and their work readiness. Staff will work closely with the young person to assist in skill, knowledge and confidence development in order to meet their individual goals".

<https://www.northcott.com.au/sites/default/files/Work%20Experience%20and%20Employment.pdf>

Zebbo, you will be missed!!!

Good Luck!!!

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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