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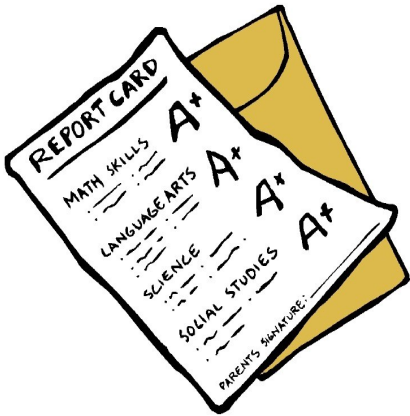
The Smith Street Unit is a service of the NSW Department of Education, providing specialised support in a unique environment. Students are provided with individualised learning programs to meet their educational needs.

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

What is your child achieving?

Soon the postie will be delivering your child's reports. We hope you'll take the opportunity to sit with your child and see the positives.

The classroom teachers are available, by appointment, to discuss your child's program. Call to book in for a chat and update on their progress.



Garawanda Excursion



Cyndy took a few of our Indigenous students to the Aboriginal Cultural Centre for Garawanda. Garawanda is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Indigenous students from the northern Illawarra. The boys got to inspect some fabulous artworks and enjoyed a variety of performances. They joined in celebrating the achievements of other students.

Matt, Bailey and Jack were great ambassadors for the Smith Street Unit. We're proud of what they achieve here. We'll be over the moon if they can get themselves a nomination at Garawanda next year.

Thanks to the principal of Wollongong High, Doug Hearne, for taking this happy snap.



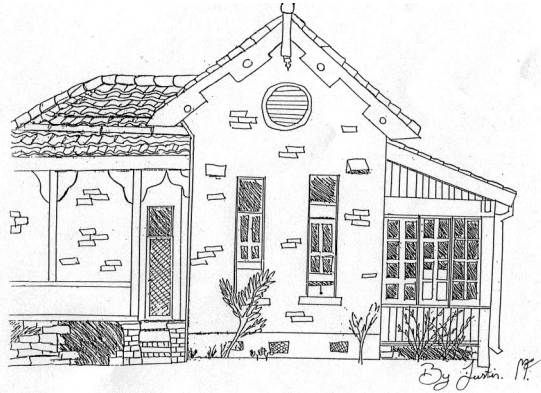
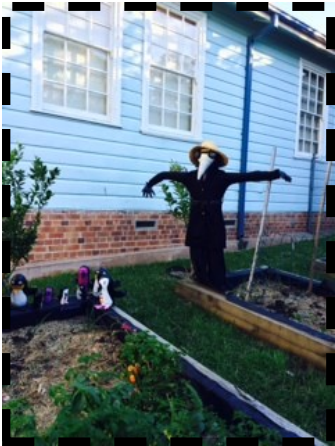
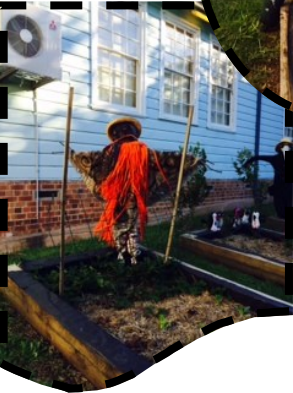
From the desk of Dale-Myree

As I sit here at my desk thinking about what the staff offer our students I am overwhelmed with a sense of pride. The milestones being achieved and the sense of accomplishment in these achievements is a credit to all and a true reflection of the commitment to meeting measurable outcomes for each child in our care.

Staff have been working on Semester reports and will be in the post early next term, please give me call on 4228 8884 your opinion and feedback is always welcome.

Dale-Myree

P.S. Did you see our penguins are now getting their daily dose of Vitamin D?



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Stars of Smith Street

Perhaps you heard the Harley Davidson roar of success?

The Smith Street Unit was proud to see the way Dryden Jack represented us during his work placement with Delany Cakes. Dryden is our first student in 2015 to gain work experience. The Smith Street Unit is immensely grateful to Jenevive from the Mission Australia Transition Support Project. This pro-

gram is designed to assist students like those at Smith Street to find their way to success post-school.

Dryden set up, baked, and cleaned. His reward from the management of Delany Cakes was the chance to finish off his week by decorating the cake of his choice. The only regret here at the Smith

Street Unit was that we didn't get a taste!

Fantastic effort Dryden.

Chahla



- Special points of interest:
- Work Experience Legend
  - Catch up with Sue
  - Student successes
  - Garawanda
  - Assembly Award excitement – Bailey Murray earns the first Bronze Award in 2015



## Assembly Highlights

Our May assemblies had some exciting highlights for staff and students here at the Smith Street Unit.

We were thrilled to see Bailey Murray receive the first Bronze Award of the year. Bailey has shown consistent application to his distance education work and has earned many merits.

Ziik Savu was nominated by the Smith Street Unit student body for her outstanding effort in designing and constructing the Senior Area on the playground. The boys of years 9 & 10 have a great space to spend their recess and lunch breaks if they choose. Next time you're here,

why not check it out?

The winning student, Jaemee, for his consistent effort in class received a free lunch. Worth going for with our tasty canteen options.

Keep an eye peeled for more Bronze Awards. With the effort some students are putting in there are bound to be more soon.

*Danna*



A word from  
our School Counsellor

**Hi from Sue, the counsellor at The Smith Street Unit.** I am at the school on Thursday each week to provide a counselling service. I am also a Registered Psychologist.

I am here to help by:

- \* talking with students about lots of different things and giving counsellor support
- \* giving information about different issues and concerns
- \* working with students, teachers and families on emotional, psychological and behavioural issues so students can make their best progress at school
- \* doing different kinds of assessments, for learning or behaviour, to help get a clearer picture of what's going on and what is the best way the school can support students
- \* referring to other agencies or services to get specific support and help if needed
- \* working with teachers so that student receive the best learning and behaviour support at school
- \* helping the unit be the most positive place it can be!

This support is voluntary and confidential. Students can either self-refer by asking to see Sue or be referred by a teacher if the student agrees. If parents or carers are concerned about their child it is suggested they discuss this with the Head Teacher or leave a message for Sue to get in touch.

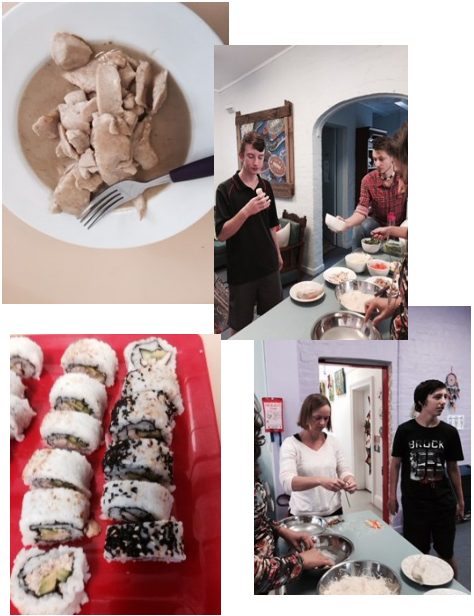


## Chahla's Kitchen



The kitchen here at the Smith Street Unit has been a hive of activity on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon during Food Tech. The junior class have been making healthy versions of their favourite take away. The cheeseburgers didn't last long enough to get a photo!

The senior class have continued to explore food from around the world. They've made a green chicken curry, sushi and rice paper rolls. These have all tied into the theory lessons on food inequality, where we've been finding out about the difficulties of people from poorer countries.



Getting creative at the Smith Street Unit

James and Ziik have been having great fun in recent weeks. Before school, they've had the tools out. They've cut, drilled, screwed and painted. Check out their handiwork



The junior class have been recreating resin fossils. Thank you Cyndy and Ziik



## The Dirt on Gardening at The Smith Street Unit

This term the students have been busy planting many winter vegetable seedlings. Now the garden has lots of broccoli, cauliflower, beetroot, and leek plants in it. We're hoping that we get to feast on our produce, before the snails.

Students and teachers have tried many different methods to keep the

snails away. Sprinkling crushed egg shells, setting non-beer traps, and using lots of mulch have all been tried. However, young plants are still the victims of snail attack. If anyone has good ideas about stopping the snails from devouring our plants, please pass them on.

*Cyndy*

