



The Scoop

The news that matters from the
Smith Street Unit

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From the desk of Dale-Myree

This has been a big year here at the Smith Street Unit, and as this is my last newsletter this year I would like to thank everyone for pulling together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

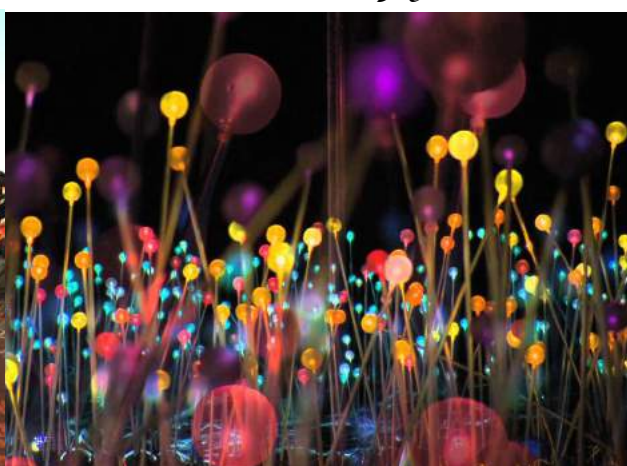
When I return next year after some leave later this term, I hope our positive momentum, new students and returning staff members will continue to enhance the amazing programs we offer.

The relieving Head Teacher from the 28th November will be Chahla Maksour.

We wish you a great holiday!



Bon Voyage!



New Counsellor

We wish to welcome Bronwyn Philps to the team at SSU. Bronwyn is our counsellor and is available on Tuesdays in the afternoon.

Welcome to the team!!!

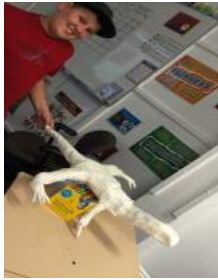
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<i>Dale-Myree on leave</i>	Monday, 28 November	Enjoy your holiday!
<i>End of Year Assembly</i>	Thursday, 8 December	Come and celebrate with us!
<i>Last day of term</i>	Friday, 16 December	Merry Christmas!

Arts, crafts and creativity



At the Smith Street Unit, we have been busy making totems. Some of our students are Aboriginal and are proud of their cultural heritage. The art lessons incorporate their beliefs to develop and foster understanding of this cultural aspect. The unit staff embrace multiculturalism and celebrate the uniqueness of our students.



MISSION AUSTRALIA | together we stand

With great sadness we announce that Jeniveve Podmore is no longer working with our students. Jeniveve and I worked closely together as part of the Transition Support Project since December 2014. Jeniveve assisted the students in many ways e.g. doctors appointments, travel training, centreLink, and work experience. Jeniveve is still working for Mission Australia in a new role "Relationship Intervention Worker, Joint Support Program".

We wish you all the best in your new role!!!

By Chahla

Dryden, David and Jeniveve on her last day!!!

SPORTS



"Fit Ball" Volleyball remains a popular game at SSU. Cyndy is very creative at using our small space and at modifying the games to suit the physical environment. Cyndy makes sure the students enjoy the game while practising social skills and accuracy skills. We are proud of the students' engagement and positive attitude towards sporting activities.



Southern Youth and Family Services

Providing accommodation and support to homeless and vulnerable young people and their families



CHAIN (Community Health for Adolescents In Needs) is one of the health services provided by SYFS.

<http://www.syfs.org.au/syfs-services/health-services/>

"CHAIN provides a range of health services to young people aged from 12 to 24 years (inclusive) including young people who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and homeless or those at risk of disadvantage and homelessness and their families".



Our students participate in the cooking classes at CHAIN on the first 2 Tuesdays of the month. Last week they made shepherd pies with Vince.

Thanks to Katie, Jeanine and Vince...

PASTA

With Loretta and Chahla

The students enjoyed making homemade pasta as part of their social skills interactive lesson. The pasta was delicious but the process was MESSY!!! Ben ended up vacuuming the whole kitchen area. The students loved the activity especially playing with the flour and using the pasta machine. It was a true hands-on lesson!!!!



RESPECT

SAFETY

LEARNING

Geography

Australian Geography

Case study: The Great Barrier Reef

Poem By Joshua Thompson

Save the Reef

Hi Mate, Recycle and be smart

Choose your bag wisely. It is an art

Do not use the dryer - natural is best

Turn off the TV and computer - do not be a pest

Turn off the lights and save the world

Drive less, use buses, trains, and spread the word

Do not put chemicals or rubbish down the drain

Plant more trees and help ease the environment's pain



SSU Young Talents

Bailey Stopher is a talented young man who loves to draw (Portrait of Krysia-PDHPE Karabar teacher).



Celebrating Students' Achievements



Bailey Murray

Unit- Media and Me

Case study: Design your product



Design Your Product

Name: bailey for dogs

Brand Name: MR MURRAY'S HOUND HATS

Animal: dog

Cost: 30.00

Picture:



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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