



The Scoop

The news that matters from the
Smith Street Unit

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From the desk of Dale-Myree

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome students, staff and our parents/carers to the new school year. I hope that you all have had an enjoyable and restful holiday break and are ready to start the year with gusto.

I would like to introduce Sue Bromham. Sue is the Unit counsellor and offers a range of support for the students including emotional and psychological help and educational assessments and referrals. We are lucky to have such a competent and professional individual in Sue, she goes above and beyond to provide the best service to students, parents and staff. Sue has become an integral member of the team at Smith Street and I value both her friendship and professional input.

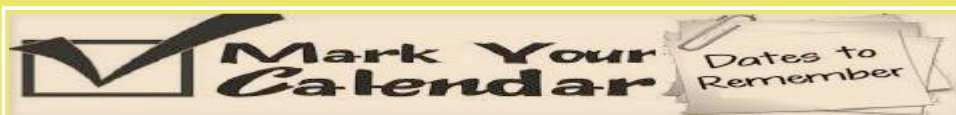


Sue Bromham

I have been the counsellor at Smith St for a couple of years and love coming here to work with the students and staff. I have worked as a counsellor in many schools over many years and think that Smith St has a very positive, warm and family like atmosphere that is quite special. The counsellor is someone who can provide some different skills to support the students in learning how to manage their behaviour and emotions, to make good decisions, and learn the best they can. Also staff and parents need information and support, so the counsellor is here to help with that too. My main focuses here are to be a helpful part of the team and to get to know everyone.

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GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Friday 25 th of March	Happy Easter!
EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Monday 28 th of March	Happy Easter!
LAST DAY OF TERM 1	Friday 8 th of April	Enjoy the holiday!!!

WELCOME



Paul Ryan
Principal
Wollongong
High School
of the
Performing
Arts

The staff and students would like to welcome our new Principal Paul Ryan, the Deputy Principal from Albion Park High School. Having worked with Paul and experienced first hand his generosity of spirit and concern for the welfare of students, parents and staff; the Smith Street Unit is looking forward to forging a stronger link with WHSPA and promoting our milestones and achievements with pride.

From Dale-Myree

SPORTS



The students at the Smith Street Unit have the opportunity to participate in a gym circuit session before class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cyndy Starr runs the sessions and makes sure the students enjoy the physical challenges while having a great workout. Cyndy is quite impressed with their behaviour and positive attitude towards sports.

Staffroom News

- ☐ We gladly announce that Danna Sheedy had a healthy baby boy.
- ☐ *Sebastian Philip Sheedy was born on 30 December 2016.*



Jacob Newman

We would like to welcome Jacob Newman to the Smith Street Unit. Jacob is in Year 7 and he has proven to be a delightful polite young man. Jacob has settled well into his new school. He participates in all activities and relates well to students and staff.



TAFE NSW

Congratulations to Shane, Jack, Dryden, David and Dylan for enrolment in TVET courses.

Shane: Bricklaying
David: Horticulture
Dryden: Retail Baking
Jack: Digital Animation
Dylan: Web Design

Dylan, Dryden and David attend TAFE on Wednesdays and Shane and Jack attend TAFE on Thursdays.

Keep up the good work!!!

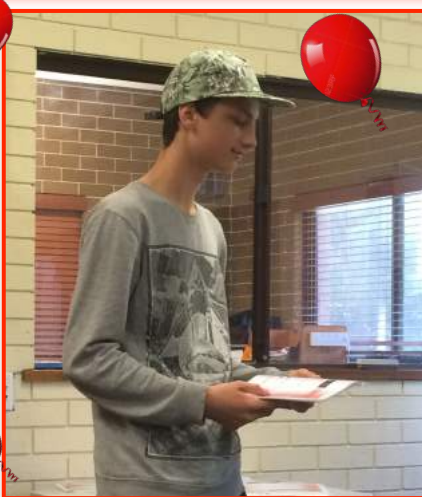


Loretta continues to focus her lessons on safety and hygiene practices in the kitchen. The students will explore and learn about different equipment used in the food industry. Eating the delicious healthy food remains the highlight of the lesson.

Yum Yum!!!!



links to learning



Congratulations to Dylan Hart and David Hermann for participating in the Links to Learning Program at Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre. David and Dylan obtained their White Card. Dylan also completed units from Cert II in Business and First Aid course.

In 2016, Grahame Glover will be the relieving coordinator and the Smith Street Unit is looking forward to working with Links to Learning to provide the students with opportunities to learn new skills.

Assembly Highlights

Congratulations



Ben

Ben Hightower was voted as the staff member of the fortnight.



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Student of the fortnight

Congratulations to Jacob Newman.

Jacob has settled well in the unit and is building positive relationships with the staff and his peers.

Well done!!!



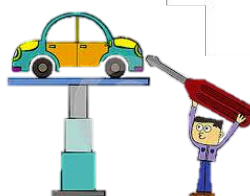
We are excited!!!!

The watermelon plants at the unit are doing well and we are looking forward to sharing our produce with the students.

The students have helped to clear the vegetable gardens and to prepare them for the winter plants such as red cabbage, broccoli and carrots.



- ☐ The unit's school hours for 2016 are from **9 to 2** and include one lunch break from 11:30 to 12:00
- ☐ **Petrina** continues to cook healthy yummy lunches
- ☐ **Ben Hightower** is replacing **Danna** while she is on maternity leave
- ☐ The students have settled in well for Term 1 and have adapted well to the change in routine
- ☐ Sue the unit's counsellor is available on Thursdays to support the students and families.



My name is 'Blake and I'm thirteen
I like fixing cars and I am mean
I like playing PlayStation games
But I am not good with names
I am nearly always friendly
But if you upset me I can be really cranky
I really enjoy swimming
I hope I always am winning.

By Blake
Year 8

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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