



# The Scoop

The news that matters from the  
Smith Street Unit

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## From the desk of Dale-Myree

We wish to thank Andrew Turvey, Principal of Karabar High School, Jeanine Dunkley, Head Teacher Curriculum Support, and Krysia Skiela, PDHPE Teacher, for facilitating the delivery of the Crossroads Curriculum to our Year 11 students in an engaging, interactive and face-to-face manner. Krysia is an enthusiastic, professional and effective teacher. She is highly experienced in delivering sensitive topics and she has built a good rapport with our students in previous visits. *Sincere thanks!!!*



The unit staff and students wish to thank the Karabar teachers Ian (Mathematics), and Aamir (Science), for taking the time to work with the students on "Time" problems. The students enjoyed the hands-on games and activities. They especially appreciated the teachers' handball skills!!!!



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<i>Last Day of Term 2</i>	Friday, 01 July "Reports sent home"	Enjoy the holiday!!!
<i>First Day of Term 3 for Teachers</i>	Monday, 18 July	Welcome Back!
<i>First Day of Term 3 for Students</i>	Tuesday, 19 July	Welcome Back!

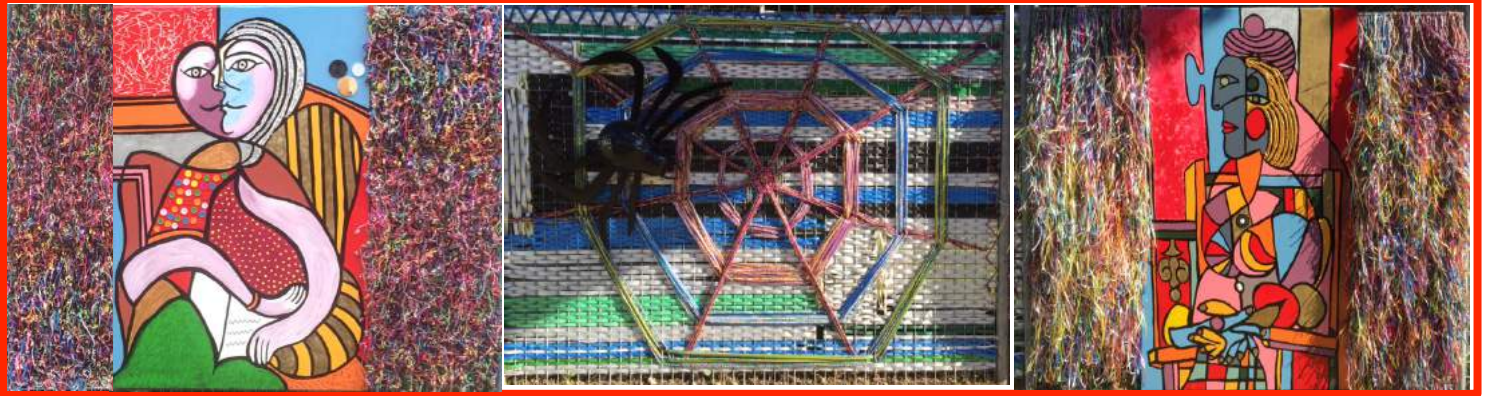
**RESPECT**

**SAFETY**

**LEARNING**



# Arts, crafts and creativity



At the Smith Street Unit, we think outside the box and are very creative. The fence Artwork created by Dale-Myree and Ziik brought Picasso to life. Since most of our students are fascinated with spiders, the art incorporated a spider web spun with the French knitting completed by the students. **Wow!!!**



## SSU Building Site

We are very happy to announce that we have a toilet for the back class. The Time Out room has been converted to sports equipment shed, the old bathroom has been gutted and changed into a laundry facility, and we prepared a slab for our BBQ area.



The unit staff wish to thank **Peter Scott, Senior Asset Services Officer, from the Asset Management Unit** for facilitating the renovation of the bathroom and the arrival of the additional toilet. Special thanks to Ben and Ziik who worked with the students to convert the Time Out room into storage shed.

*We are happy to have an aesthetically pleasing work environment!*





# Reconciliation Week-Sharing Stories 2016

Bailey and Emeka waiting for the show.



Students from the Illawarra area schools came together during Reconciliation week to perform and share Dreamtime stories through singing, storytelling, art, dance and plays. Sharing Stories celebrates and consolidates the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The Smith Street Unit Staff and students attended the show on Friday

the 3rd of June and were proud of our student Jacob Newman who participated in the dance with the Koori Men's Shed.

It was an amazing show and we are so proud of Jacob!!!



## Staffroom News



Dale-Myree attended a conference on Friday on Behaviour Learning Nutrition. Some of the topics covered are strategies for managing disruptive behaviour, dealing with non-compliance, ways to overcome anxiety, how food and food additives can affect behaviours, and the importance of a healthy diet in learning. The staff look forward to hear and learn about the topics.

The new addition to the Smith

Street Family is

**Daniel the Sheep.** Our cleaner Daniel chose the sheep's name. The unit staff wish to thank Daniel for maintaining our unit. Thanks also to Pam, Ziik and Dale-Myree for making the sheep.



## Assembly Highlights



On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of June, Georgina Pike and Beck Simon from the Illawarra Legal Centre visited the unit to chat with our students about youth related issues in Wollongong. They spent 2 hours discussing issues that are relevant to our students including their rights, employment issues, financial issues, fines, and where to get help and support. The "Illawarra Legal Centre is an independent, not-for-profit, community based legal centre. We provide **free** legal services to the public by telephone, at our

centre and at a range of outreach locations. We focus on helping people living with disadvantage and people with special needs".

The students enjoyed having the visitors and they shared their insights and opinions. They displayed positive attitude, social appropriateness and genuine understanding of the challenges facing them after school, during employment and when dealing with the police.

*The staff and students found the talk very informative!!!*



# MISSION AUSTRALIA | together we stand

The unit staff wish to thank

**Jeniveve Podmore** (Mission Australia) and **Roger McCoy**

for assisting James with the transition to Illawarra Vocational Services (IVS).

James recently signed his contract and is currently employed by IVS on Thursday and Friday.

IVS is the Disability Trust's Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE). It offers services such as lawn maintenance, cleaning, gardening, landscaping, car detailing, pamphlet distribution, waste removal, packaging and assembly to businesses from Thirroul to Kiama.

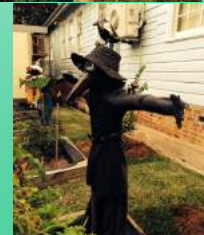
Thanks Jeniveve and Roger for your continual and relentless support!!!



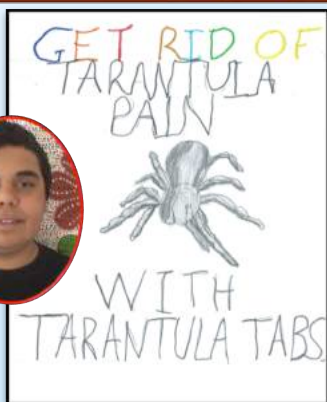
The garden needed so much Tender and Loving care to fix our scarecrows.



Thanks to Ziik and Dale-Myree for keeping our garden and scarecrows beautiful.



Bailey worked hard in Science learning about poisonous chemicals from animals and their medicinal use. He really enjoyed the learning.  
*Well done!!!*



Congratulation to David for completing 4 days work experience at Wollongong Wholesale Nursery. David is currently undertaking a Horticulture course as TVET. The unit staff wish to thank Annette from the nursery for facilitating the placement.

<http://www.wollongongwholesalenursery.com.au/>  
Dryden and Jack will be undertaking work experience next term.

We wish to thank Merryl Bennett for assisting with all TAFE matters.

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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