



The Scoop

The news that matters from the
Smith Street Unit

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From the desk of Dale-Myree



Thanks to Leanne Mackay for visiting the unit every second Wednesday. Leanne has already built a strong rapport with our Aboriginal students and they look forward for her visit. Leanne works with our students to develop their literacy skills

and they enjoy listening and sharing their heritage stories.

Welcome to the team!!!



Sincere thanks!!!

The team would also like to thank Kristy Ford from Life with no Barriers and Michelle Wilson from Warrigal employment for assisting and offering Matthew Thomas and Jaydan Clifford the opportunity to participate in 5 weeks construction course at the beginning of next term.

<http://ourmob.net/company/361/Warrigal-Employment/>

"Warrigal Employment is an Indigenous owned recruitment & training company, contracted by the government to secure ongoing employment for Indigenous job seekers. We provide free assistance to both the job seeker and the employer. Warrigal Employment is committed and dedicated to ensuring the local Indigenous Community receives the right services for their needs".



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<i>Last Day of Term 3</i>	Friday, 23 September	Enjoy the holiday!
<i>First Day of Term 4</i>	Monday, 10 October	Welcome Back!
<i>Review meetings</i>	Tuesday, 22 November Thursday, 24 November	Information and times to be sent early next term

Arts, crafts and creativity



At the Smith Street Unit, we have been busy making monsters. Since most of our students are fascinated with myths and legends, Dale-Myree's art lessons incorporated the processes of making monster models. They also move and are yet to have a monster race. The students enjoyed the activity!!! ***May the fiercest monster win!!!***

Thanks to Jeanine, Ian, Aamir and Krysia who visited our unit and cooked a delicious BBQ for the parents and students. It was an Amazing day!!

KARABAR IBBO AT SSU



Staffroom News

Andrew Jago and Natalie Taylor have joined the SSU team. Andrew works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Andrew has proven to be a great asset especially during sports sessions.

Natalie learnt quickly about our office duties and is managing the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Welcome to the team!!!

WELCOME

The staff and students would like to welcome two new students at the unit Bailey Stopher from Corrimall High School and Ayeden Jones from Lake Illawarra High School.

Both students have settled in well at the unit and are taking part in the taster programs and activities.

Welcome to SSU!!!

RESPECT

SAFETY

LEARNING

CHAIN

Community Health for Adolescents In Need



Thanks to Katie from CHAIN for organising a workshop on smoking on 23.8.2016. Emeka, Nick, Bailey, David, Matthew and Jack attended the workshop and participated in all the activities. Well done!!

<http://www.syfs.org.au/syfs-services/health-services/chain-community-health-for-adolescents-in-need/>

The students learnt about the effects of smoking and about the chemicals in cigarettes. They also learnt that they could get help at CHAIN.

Smoking Cessation Quiz Questions "Fact or Fiction"

1. Tobacco is the #1 cause of preventable disease in Australia?
Fact: Tobacco kills 15,000 people each year. This is more than car crashes, illegal drugs and alcohol.
2. Most smokers start smoking as adults?
Fiction: 90% of smokers start smoking before they graduate high school
3. One in ten people who smoke will die from smoking.
Fiction: one in three smokers will die from smoking
4. Second hand smoke may irritate people who are sensitive but it is not deadly.
Fiction: second hand smoke kills 600,000 people worldwide each year. 40% of these are children.
5. There are over 4000 chemical in cigarettes.
Fact: There are over 4000 chemicals in cigarettes, 250 of which are known to be harmful.
6. It takes a long time for your body to benefit from quitting smoking.
Fiction: There are positive changes to your body as soon as a couple of hours of quitting smoking. Within a few weeks your body has better circulation, reduced phlegm production and don't cough as often.
7. Quitting smoking reduces your chance of getting cancer.
Fact: Every day since your last cigarette reduces your risk of getting cancer.
8. Reducing your caffeine consumption at the same time as quitting smoking helps.
Fact: caffeine is processed by the body differently when you smoke. Stopping or reducing your caffeine consumption can assist with your quit attempt.



Hangdog

CLIMBING GYM



Katie also organised an excursion to Hang Dog and covered the cost.

The unit staff and students wish to thanks Katie for supporting the unit and for providing the students with a fun exciting and challenging activity.

Dryden, Jack, Nicholas, Bailey, Joshua and Emeka participated in the excursion on the 30th of August 2016. They all had fun!!!

★ I'M A ★ **BRICKIE** ★ WHAT'S YOUR ★ **SUPERPOWER?**



*Using a Larry to
mix the cement*

**Maths in Trades: Ratio and
measurements**



*Matthew showed talent
in buttering the bricks!!!*



The unit staff also wish to thank **Brendan Cole and Michael** from **Australian Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation Ltd ABBTF** for assisting in organising a trainer to build the Smith Street Unit BBQ area. The students were excited to work alongside Michael and to be "A Brickie for a day". Thanks Ziik for completing the tiles and wood component!!

The BBQ area was completed over 2 days and we look forward to using it!!

EVET

The previously known TVET (TAFE delivered VET) has changed to external delivery of VET (EVET). The students who have expressed interest in undertaking courses next year are Joshua, Jaydan, Ayeden, Daniel, Jack and Dryden. David will continue with his Horticulture course. Please check the link and go to the course information tab to see the courses offered for 2017

<https://evet.nsw.edu.au/>.

Merryl Bennett continues to provide our students with the support and guidance needed for a successful transition into adult learning environments.

Thanks Merryl!!!



As part of his course "Digital Animation" at West Wollongong TAFE, Jack Mitchell is completing one-week work experience at Mission Australia. Well Done Jack!!

LITERACY



Nicholas Scott is doing well in literacy. Loretta runs the Sound Waves Literacy program and the students have shown considerable improvement in their literacy skills.

Well done!!!

Bailey Stopher is a talented young man and uses his free time to draw!!!



An artist in the making!!!



Cyndy and Petrina continue to maintain our vegetable garden. We are promoting sustainable practices and have a well-established worm farm.



We are expanding our practices and investing in a new compost bin.

The instructions manual specifies:

Do Not Compost students!!!



The students use the garden as a calming activity and as a Time Out for reflection. Mindfulness can be practised throughout the day while doing regular daily activities. The students have discovered Mindful Movement and watering the garden allows them to incorporate present-time awareness into their life.

Thanks Cyndy for providing the students with this opportunity for mindful movement practice.

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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