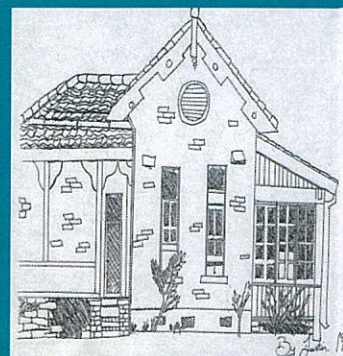




The Scoop

The Smith Street Unit



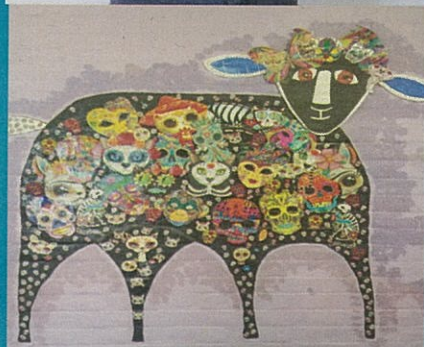
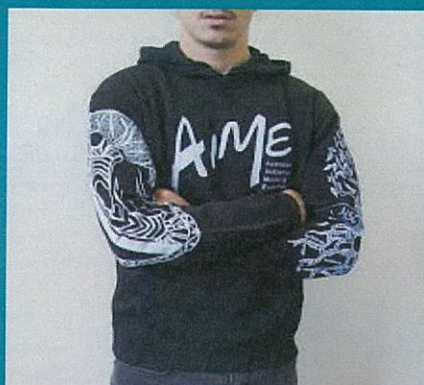
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From the Desk of Dale-Myree

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Jonmarco Sanchez to the Smith Street Unit team. Jonmarco comes with a wealth of experience and a great sense of humour; it already feels that he has been here forever as his passion for our students and the extra initiatives he has already organised for term 4 will only be of benefit to everyone.

The Unit has also been lucky enough to have been involved with AIME- Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience this term. The motto that they can provide mentors for a fairer world has certainly been demonstrated here with our students. Each Thursday morning a dedicated, dynamic engaging group of young indigenous mentors arrive to motivate and assist to reach out and succeed.

AIME provides a dynamic educational program that gives indigenous high school students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to finish school. This term the mentors donated a AIME hoodie for students to win for displaying improved behaviour. Emeka Benson won the XL hoodie in the raffle, but had to draw again because they do not make a jumper big enough to fit Emeka. The team gave Emeka a new AIME cap and Nicholas Scott was lucky enough to win the hoodie on the second draw.



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dates to Remember

Dates of Term 3	
Last day of term 2	Friday 30th June
First day of term 3 Staff Development Day	Monday 17th July
Students return	Tuesday 18th July

AIME—The Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience



AIME is an educational program that gives Indigenous high school students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to make this happen. By matching Indigenous high school students with university student mentors, AIME successfully supports the students to finish high school. AIME also connects students with post Year 12 opportunities, including further education and employment.

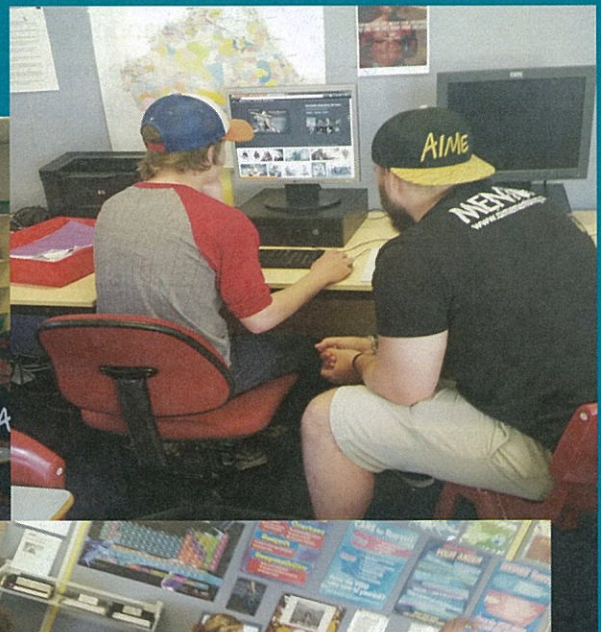
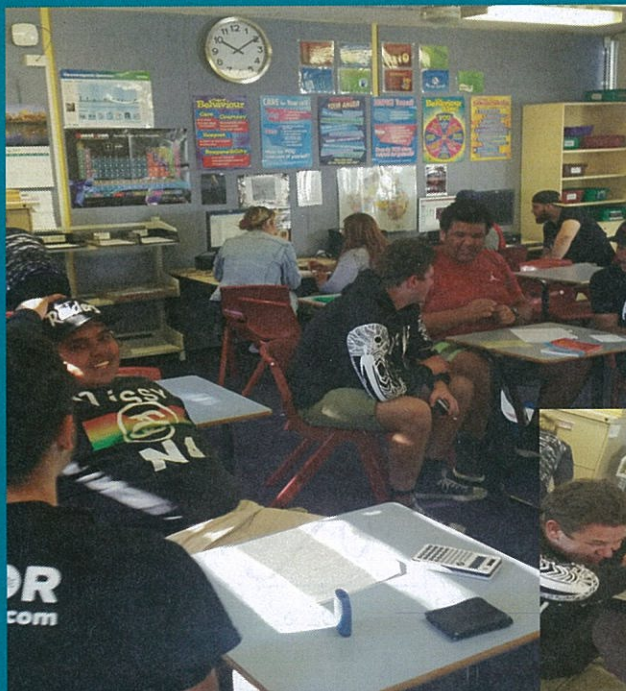
ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016

The year 12 attainment rate of AIME participants was

93.7% compared to an average of
58.5% for other indigenous students and
86.5% for non-indigenous students.

Given the stage of AIME's maturity and established status of the organisation within the SVA portfolio, SVA's support is less intense than earlier stage ventures. We continue to provide support and network connections as requested from time to time.

The AIME mentors have been visiting Smith Street this term on Thursdays as you can see by the photos the students are enjoying the program.



Sports News

This term has seen the students getting involved with the PCYC Wollongong especially in **Archery**. The PCYC have many activities such as:-

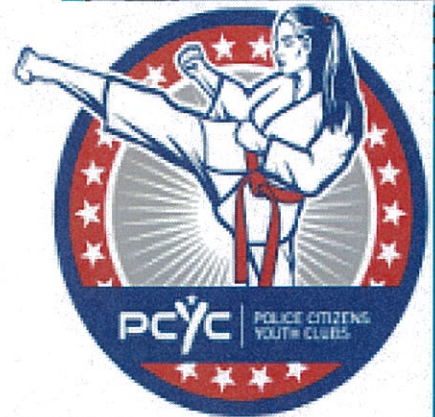
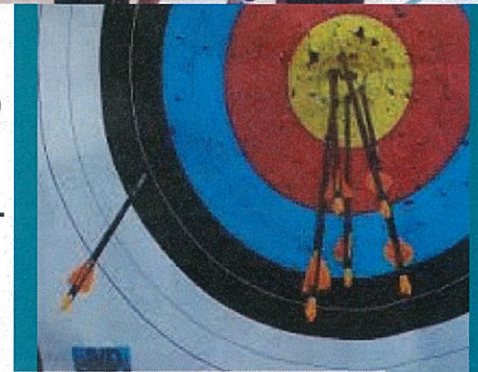
Martial arts
Gymnastics
Boxercise
Gym+fitness

At PCYC Wollongong they offer a great range of fun, safe activities. Located in North Wollongong close to the university, beach & public transport. Offering fun & affordable programs catering for preschoolers to adults. A dedicated team of Police, Staff & Volunteers are there to assist you with anything you may need.

There are many great reasons to join a PCYC – sports, activities, new friends and lots of great stuff to do.

As a club member you are entitled to: Use PCYC facilities; gain entry to any PCYC club in NSW (local activity fees may apply); participate in PCYC activities and programs; help your local club elect and operate a club committee to promote PCYC activities; and offer yourself as a PCYC volunteer.

Junior Membership is \$10.00



GREAT GYMS GET FIT, HAVE FUN



GREENHOUSE PARK

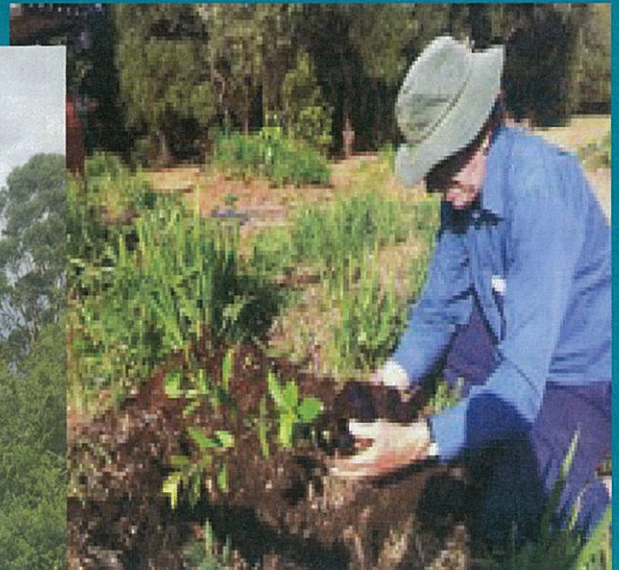
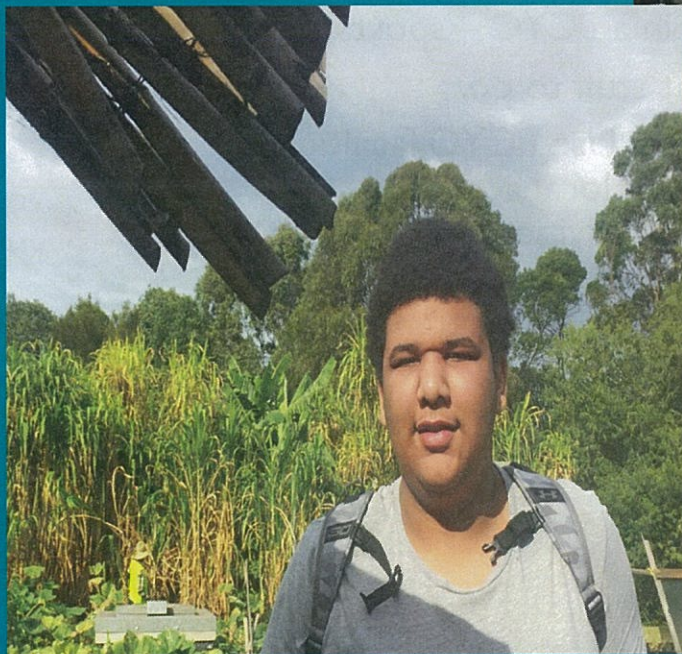
This term has found Emeka doing the WOW (workers of Wollongong) program at Greenhouse Park. Greenhouse Park is an old builders' tip that is being transformed into an Eco Park.

Over 200,000 trees have been planted at the site, with look-outs, and habitats for many native birds and wildlife, such as the Bell Frog.

The park is maintained by volunteers who weed, mow, and plant trees and gardens on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7am - 2pm.

The park is located off Springhill Road, Wollongong, is accessible on foot at any time for people to walk through and view the wonderful diversity in the park.

Emeka has participated in mulching, planting, propagating - cultivating and a team leader of 5 people.



"I encourage you to get in touch with nature"- Emeka



Introducing Jonmarco



We would like to introduce you to Jonmarco, our newest member of our teaching staff, joining the Smith Street Unit early this term. Jonmarco is a family man who recently welcomed his first child named Sierra Marisa Sanchez. He has been teaching the past three years at the Rieby Justice Centre. He applied for the teaching position at Smith Street Unit to be closer to home and spend more time with his family. "I have really enjoyed the move. I did enjoy myself at Dorchester ETU but it was time to move on. Staff have been fantastic and very welcoming and the students have also been awesome. Really looking forward to my next chapter"



In term 4 Jonmarco will be running The National Rugby League's (NRL) 'In League in Harmony' (ILIH) program at Smith Street which aims to empower students to be agents of change for a more cohesive society. This provides opportunities for the students to develop social skills in addition to the fundamental playing elements. By being a part of the program students will be empowered to acknowledge, appreciate and celebrate the diversity amongst his peers and the wider community. The program unites the students to explore how their similarities and differences provide opportunities for them to move forward together in harmony.



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Some of the reasons young people come to **headspace** Wollongong, include fights with family or friends, past or current concerns about bullying, relationship break-ups, mental health issues (such as depression or anxiety), problems at school or work, physical health concerns, sexual health and contraception, issues with alcohol or drugs... and many more.

Sometimes you might feel like something isn't quite right, but you can't pin point exactly what the problem is. That's ok too. No matter what problem you are experiencing, there is no problem too big or small. Call on 4220 7660.

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