



SMITHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 2 Term 4 – Monday 16 October 2017
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TERM 4	
Tuesday 17 October	Preschool Transition 9.30 am- 11.00 am
Wednesday 18 October	Staying Safe Day Safe on Social Media – PARENTS ONLY 6.00 pm
Friday 20 October	Whole School Assembly 2.30 pm
WEEK 3	
Monday 23 October	P & C Meeting 6.00 pm School Staff Room
WEEK 4	
Thursday 2 November	Preschool Transition 9.30 am- 11.00 am
WEEK 5	
Friday 10 November	Remembrance Day Whole School Assembly 2.30 pm
WEEK 6	
Monday 13 November	Rotary Club Public Speaking
Tuesday 14 November	Chess at SWR Public School
Wednesday 15 November	Preschool Transition 9.30 am- 11.00 am
WEEK 7	
Monday 20 November	P & C Meeting 6.00 pm School Staff Room
WEEK 8	
Monday 27 November – Friday 1 December	Intensive Swimming Years K-2
Thursday 30 November	Preschool Transition 9.30 am- 11.00 am Parent Information Session
Friday 1 December	Whole School Assembly 2.30 pm
WEEK 9	
Monday 4 December – Friday 8 December	Intensive Swimming Years K-2
Thursday 5 December	Melville Orientation
Friday 8 December	Year 6 Day Out
WEEK 10	
Monday 11 December	Year 6 Farewell Night
Tuesday 12 December	Presentation Night
Friday 15 December	Last day of term

STAY SAFE DAY - WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2017

Just a reminder that we have our Stay Safe Day at school this Wednesday, 18 October 2017, with Kinchela and Gladstone Public Schools joining us.

The day will commence at 10.00 am and finish by 2.15 pm. We have the Road & Maritime Services, SES, NSW Rural Fire Service, Safe On Social Media and are awaiting confirmation from the NSW Police.

Students need only to bring recess on this day, as lunch (sausage sizzle) will be provided.

Our Safe on Social Media Parent Workshop will commence at 6.00 pm with child minding at the school. We have had a MENU change - We are now going to provide PIZZA for dinner for all the children who attend whilst their parent/carer is in the SOS workshop.

Parents, this is a reminder to bring your own devices so they can be updated with the latest security settings. Please R.S.V.P via Facebook or to the office as soon as possible, so we can cater accordingly.

OFFICE UNATTENDED

Please note this Thursday 19 October 2017 the office will be unattended from 8.30 am - 11.00 am and 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm due to administration and support staff attending professional development training.

You can ring the school and leave a message on the Telstra 101 service as the teaching staff will be checking for messages at regular intervals.

In the case of emergencies please call Jenny Sawyer on 0447 201 238.



Welcome to our new students
 Skylah, Shara, Shaye and Kyan

K/1/2 NEWS

Could we please ask you to bring old magazines in for our craft sessions, eg Woman's Day, Woman's Weekly, Good Health, etc.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT (PBL)

"Be in the right place at the right time"

We are implementing a reward system at lunch times, a bluey will be given to children who are demonstrating a positive behaviour. They will place their bluey in a box, daily at the end of lunch. On Friday two students will be rewarded an ice-block.

LEARNING GOALS

The process of setting goals allows students to choose where they want to go in school and what they want to achieve. By knowing what they want to achieve, they know what they have to concentrate on and improve. Goal setting gives students long-term vision and short-term motivation.

In Literacy all students have individual learning goals that they collaboratively develop with their teacher and review with their peers.

Ask your child what they are learning in writing and be delighted by their knowledge of themselves as learners.

TRANSITION

Pre-schoolers will be visiting BIG school in readiness for a smooth transition tomorrow, Tuesday 17 October 2017, from 9.30 am until 11 00 am. If you know of any families who have not yet enrolled, please encourage them to do so!

YEAR 7 2019 (CURRENTLY YEAR 5)

Applications for year 7 selective schools entry in 2019 are now available. Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

HEAD LICE

With the warmer weather comes cute little crawly creatures that like to live in the hair of our students.

If you find they are a problem for you then please know that we have mousse for treatment available at the school for you to use at home.

We acknowledge it is an expensive and inconvenient problem! Children with their hair tied back seem less likely to encounter them. Another suggestion is to use a tiny drop of tea tree oil in a spray bottle and mist your child's head (with their eyes closed).

NO KNIVES AT SCHOOL

If your child needs to cut fruit etc then please do not send knives in their lunchbox or school bags. Staff are always willing to assist if a student requires their fruit or food cut up.

LABEL ALL ITEMS

It is great to see so many students bringing fresh salads and vegies to school. If you are missing plastic lunch boxes or containers, we have a selection in the staffroom that have been left behind, unclaimed because apparently no one owns them!

We will be able to better support you and your child keep their possession if they are labelled correctly.

NRL POSTPONED

We know the students were disappointed by the rain! The new date will be announced as soon as we find out.

STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME 2018

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December)

the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. Please let students know new cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. Note not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued).

Email: Student@transport.nsw.gov.au
<cid:image003.jpg@01CF3301.8AAA8A90>

P & C NEWS

CANTEEN NEWS

Please find attached the orange Meal Deal order form for this week. Please return the order form and the money to the school office by Wednesday 17 October 2017.

Raylene McKiernan and Melissa Shaw will be serving Pizza rounders this Friday 20 October 2017. Thank you both for being our canteen volunteers this week.

SCHOOL DISCO

We would like to run a colouring in competition - winner to be drawn at the school disco on 27/10/17.

Please find attached to this newsletter a Colouring in Competition Sheet. If you would like to participate in this great competition all you need to do is colour in, send in \$1.00 entry fee and return the form back to the school office by Wednesday, 25 October 2017.

Prizes are:

- Junior \$20.00 Big W voucher

- Senior \$20.00 iTunes voucher (donated by P&C canteen recess sales).

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Trick or Treat

HALLOWEEN

DISCO



Friday 27 October 2017

Time: 6pm – 8pm

\$10 per Family

Items for Sale:

Lollies, Chips, Glow Items

Enjoy the evening with lots of Fun, Games and Entertainment.

All money raised goes towards P&C Funding.



Professor Tony Attwood

Mid Coast Communities; Ability Links together with
Coffs Coast Autism & Hastings Autism Presents



Panthers Port Macquarie



Friday, October 20
9 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

COGNITIVE ABILITIES: A Different way of thinking and learning profile.

MANAGING FEELINGS: Cognitive behavior therapy to manage anxiety, sadness and anger.

TICKETS

www.stickytickets.com.au/52901
Individual(s) with ASD and/or family members – **FREE**
Professionals - \$40
Morning tea & lunch included

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No knives at school – parent factsheet

Health and Safety Directorate



There is no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances

If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.

The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.

Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including gaol sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a child to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

As school policy is designed to keep all students safe, no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives and star knives are all prohibited.

Your child cannot bring to school any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).

In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.

There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives.

Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.

Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.

It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old

Social Media Safety EDUCATION & TRAINING WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW

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FREE PIZZA

2017

Macleay Musical Swap Meet

MMSM

Saturday 28 October
9am - 2pm
Kempsey Racecourse

Want to Hire a stall?
Email kempseysilverband@gmail.com
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