



SMITHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 8 Term 4 – Monday 27 November 2017
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TERM 4

WEEK 8

Monday 27 November – Friday 1 December	Intensive Swimming Years K-2
Tuesday 28 November	Nude Food Day
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
Tuesday 5 December	Year 6 Melville Orientation Nude Food Day
Friday 8 December	Year 6 Day Out Big Banana Coffs Harbour

WEEK 10

Monday 11 December	Year 6 Farewell Night
Tuesday 12 December	Presentation Night Year 5/6 Personal Development Nude Food Day
Wednesday 13 December	Hat Head Camp, Whole School
Thursday 14 December	Hat Head Camp, Years 2-6
Friday 15 December	Last day of term

NUDE FOOD CHALLENGE – THE MAGIC 40

Last week was an outstanding effort by all our students and staff. We had 40 people bring in nutritious and totally delicious NUDE FOOD. Come on let us see if we can get the WHOLE school to bring in NUDE FOOD tomorrow, Tuesday 27 November. We are currently ahead of Gladstone and Kinchela Public Schools.



Staff & Students proudly showing off their NUDE FOOD lunch boxes

PRINCIPAL REPORT



Just a reminder that our K/1/2 Intensive Swimming Program commenced today at Gladstone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents who have paid their fees and the P&C for supplementing funds. This ensures all our students have the opportunity to participate in this essential lifestyle program.

Please note that there will be **NO SWIMMING** on **FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER** however, the make-up day will be Monday 11 December.

Year 5 are presenting their Leadership speeches this Friday at Assembly. Already some of these students are stepping up and taking on leadership roles. Thankyou Harper and Jett for weeding the garden and mulching it in time for a hot summer. Great work!

DHALAYI DOCTORS GRADUATION

A REMINDER TO RSVP FOR THE GRADUATION

Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 have been participating in the Malpa Project's Child Doctor Program.

The students have been involved in weekly activities focussing on Leadership, Nutrition, Health Literacy, Environmental Heath, Hygiene and Wellbeing.

We would like to extend an invitation to all our parents and community members to attend the graduation ceremony to be held at our school this Thursday 30 November 2017 at 12.30 pm.

Our Mayor Liz Campbell will be here to present our students with their Graduation Certificates.



Our school leaders with The Mayor – Liz Campbell at the Kempsey Railway Centenary



PRESCHOOL TRANSITION PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Parents and Carers whose child will be commencing Kindergarten in 2018 are invited to attend our parent information session to be held on Thursday 30 November 2017 from 9.30 am – 11.00 am at the school. Each child that has completed his or hers enrolment will receive their enrolment pack on this day.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU CAKE & COFFEE

To demonstrate our appreciation we would formally like to invite all our wonderful; volunteer parents, grandparents, carers and generous community members to our cake and coffee afternoon tea at 2.00 pm on Friday 1 December 2017. Our whole school assembly will commence at 2.30 pm after coffee & cake has been served.

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 29 November 2017.

Siobhan Graham and Rebecca Box will be serving Pizza Rounders this Friday, 1 December 2017. Thank you both for being our canteen volunteers this week.



L:R Ellie, Amber, Mia are very proud of their recent harvest from our veggie garden

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

RESPONSIBILITY – Make the right choice!

YEAR 6 BIG BANANA DAY OUT

The Year 6 big day out celebration is fast approaching. We have booked for Mini Golf and the Water Park on Friday 8 December 2017. The cost is \$33.00 per student but it has been decided that the school will

subsidise more than half of the cost therefore it will be \$15.00 per student. A permission note will be sent home separately.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION NIGHT

Our Year 6 Graduation Night is on Monday 11 December 2017 commencing at 5.30 pm. Personal invitations were sent to our families last week. The cost is \$10.00 per family for pizza, drink and cake.

Please RSVP and send your payment in the envelope provided by Friday 8 December 2017.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our Presentation night will be held at the Smithtown Community Hall on Tuesday 12 December 2017. The Presentation will commence at 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm. We ask that all our students be there in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM by 5.45 pm to enable us to commence on time.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018

Smithtown Public School Swimming Carnival for 2018 will be held this year on Monday 11 December 2017. The carnival is being held this term as the Small Schools Swimming Carnival has been scheduled for Week 1 Term 1 – Thursday 1 February 2018.

The carnival will be held at Gladstone Swimming Pool commencing at 9.30 am sharp. To enable the day to run smoothly we would love some of our parents to volunteer with various jobs such as timekeeping, record keeping and as an extra pair of eyes to keep our students safe. A separate note will be sent home.

HAT HEAD CAMP OUT

HAT Head Camp out will be held in Week 10, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December 2017.

Students in K/1 will be transported by bus to and from Hat head on Wednesday 13 December for a day filled of fun activities.

Students in 2/3/4/5/6 will attend both days with a camp out Wednesday night. Parents and carers are required to transport their own children to and from Hat Head.

A permission note and further details will follow in a separate note.

PLASTIC BAGS REQUIRED

In readiness for the end of term students are commencing a clean-up from their tubs. We would appreciate it if families could send in a plastic bag with

their child's name on it (and any spare bags you may have too) so children can start taking things home.

SURVEY MONKEY

P&C would like to survey parents to see if there are days that are more appropriate and times to organise P&C meetings in 2018.

Jo is currently creating a survey monkey to email to all our families. She will also place the link on our schools Facebook page. Please keep an eye out for it and please take the time to respond as we value your opinion.

STORYBOARD VISIT AT KEMPSEY LIBRARY

We would like to thank Helen for transporting our students to the creative writing program held at Kempsey Library last week.

Our students used their creativity in writing under the watchful eyes of authors Belinda Murrell and Oliver Phommavanh.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF RAIL

Another big thank you to Helen for transporting our students to the Kempsey Railway Centenary yesterday.

Our students enjoyed learning about the history of rail in Kempsey and interacting with community members who have lived in Kempsey for many many years.



L:R Logan, Keelan, Community Members, Aminya, Felicity

THE CUBBY HOUSE

The cubby house has not had its official opening but it has been open for exploration! Furniture will be ordered over the holidays and Marshall has taken on the role of security and he has a sidekick as an assistant most days!

A huge thankyou to Joe Walsh the builder and his team of young men from TAFE and Fastplast Building Supplies who supported the project.

We are extremely grateful for the fine workmanship that has gone into the building and look forward to it providing many happy memories for our students.



Our students waiting in anticipation to have a sneak peek of the new Cubby

MISSION AUSTRALIA FAMILY SUPPORT

Kayla Smith Child & Family Support Worker from Mission Australia has extended an invitation for families seeking additional support to contact her on 6589 5081 or on her mobile 0476 806 721.

Kayla will be available up until Friday 22 December 2017 and will return on Monday 8 January 2018.

NEWS UPDATE FOR 2018

Monday 29 January 2018	Staff Return
Tuesday 30 January 2018	Students Years 1 – 6 return
Wednesday 31 January 2018	Kindergarten transition and assessments commence
Thursday 1 February 2018	Small Schools Swimming Carnival - Kempsey

CHANGE OF TIMETABLE

Lunch 11.00 am – 11.45 pm

Recess 1.30 pm – 1.55 pm

Our Staff and P&C have approved the change of timetabling for a number of reasons. The first is it allows greater focus and time for reflection on learning particularly within numeracy.

Secondly many students are hungry and prefer to eat their sandwiches, wraps etc earlier in the day.

Student leaders and Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO's or formally teacher's aides) will also be facilitating special activities for groups of students during the lunch and recess breaks.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year the school asks families to contribute to the cost of providing resources for your child. The contribution is used to buy whiteboards, markers, pencils (which the fairies seem to eat or hide), books, and consumables used in art and craft.

Jo will send an invoice at the beginning of the school year and families can make small regular payments via POP (Parenting Online Payment) to assist in budgeting.

The fees have been discussed and decided upon by P&C as follows:

- \$25.00 per student
- \$40.00 for two students
- \$50.00 for three or more

Smithtown Public School Parents & Community Christmas Raffle

Donations of Christmas Items required for major raffle to be drawn presentation night Tuesday 12/12/2017

Suggested Items –
 Christmas Wrap
 Christmas decorations
 Table decorations
 Christmas paper plates
 Christmas serviettes
 Christmas Nuts
 Christmas nonperishable nibbles
 Christmas Cake

\$5 Raffle Ticket Booklets will be sent home to sell.

Please bring your items in by Friday 8 December 2017.

**Thank you to all our Families for your help throughout the year.
Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas**



Sun Safety

Information for parents and carers

Our schools take sun safety seriously and implement a range of strategies to support school environments that protect students.

Each school has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for students and staff and this includes providing adequate protection from the sun.

Schools use the Sun Safety for Students Guidelines and support materials to plan and implement comprehensive sun safety for students. Schools are encouraged to involve representatives from across their school community when reviewing and planning sun safety strategies. Your school principal can be contacted for more information about sun safety at your child's school.

Skin damage in childhood and adolescence

All people in NSW, regardless of their culture or heritage, are at risk of overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

By the age of 15 many children have developed irreversible skin damage from exposure to the sun.

While skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia, it is estimated that 95% of skin cancers can be prevented through reducing exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Working together for effective sun safety

By reducing exposure to the sun and increasing the uptake of sun safe strategies, schools can make a significant contribution to community efforts to reduce skin cancer and related skin damage.

Schools support students and preschool children to understand why sun safety is important and to take action to protect themselves such as:

- wearing sun safe hats, clothing and sunglasses
- seeking shade during peak ultraviolet radiation (UVR) times during the school day
- wearing SPF 30+ (or higher) broad-spectrum and water-resistant sunscreen.

Sun safety - everyone's responsibility

Teachers, parents and carers and visitors to the school all have a role to model sun safety, for example, wearing a broad brimmed hat for school activities held outside.



When the Ultraviolet Index (UV Index) is 3 or above, remind students about the need for sun safety.

Encouraging children and young people to practise sun safety is a shared responsibility. Whether in the backyard or on the beach, children and young people should wear a sun safe hat and sunscreen. By practising sun safety at home, parents and carers support the messages taught at school about sun safety.

Children and young people will come to appreciate the importance of sun protection not only during their schooling, but also throughout their lives.



Suggested resources

The NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service website includes a resource in 19 languages titled Save your skin from Australia's commonest cancer. <http://www.mhcs.health.nsw.gov.au/>

The Cancer Council NSW website includes a Sunsmart information sheet in 7 languages <http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/publications/multilingual-cancer-information/>



If you have any questions and you need an interpreter to assist you with English, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you would like to ring and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to help you with your conversation. This service will be free of charge to you.

For further information
Sun safety website

Student Engagement and Interagency Partnerships

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