



SMITHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 1 Term 2 – Tuesday 1 May 2018

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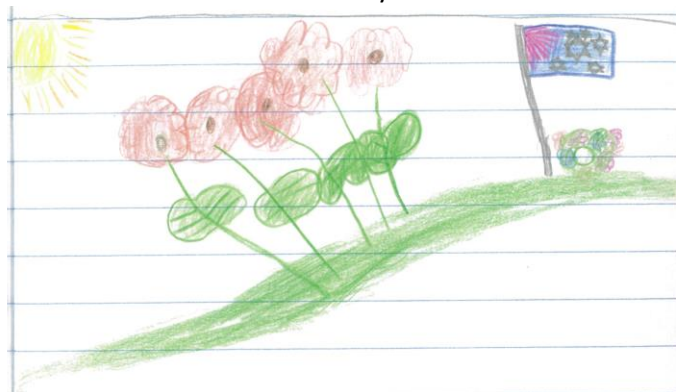
2018	
Monday 7 May	SRC Baking Cakes – Year 2
Wednesday 9 May	Bacon & Egg Roll Breakfast Club Block & Blow Ear/Nose Program P&C Meeting 6.00 pm
Thursday 10 May	Peer Clubs
Friday 11 May	P&C Lamington Drive Friday Sport - Athletics Program Assembly
Monday 14 May	SRC Baking Cakes – Year 1
Tuesday 15 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 16 May	NAPLAN
Thursday 17 May	NAPLAN Peer Clubs
Friday 18 May	Friday Sport - Athletics Program
Monday 21 May	SRC Baking Cakes – Kindergarten
Wednesday 23 May	AFL - Paul Kelly Cup
Thursday 24 May	Peer Clubs
Friday 25 May	Friday Sport - Athletics Program Assembly Cross Country
Monday 28 May	SRC Baking Cakes – Year 6
Thursday 31 May	Peer Clubs
Friday 1 June	Questacon School Visit
Monday 4 June	SRC Baking Cakes – Year 5 Macleay Cross Country
Tuesday 5 June	Robotics
Wednesday 6 June	Athletics Carnival P & C Meeting 6.00 pm
Thursday 7 June	Peer Clubs
Friday 8 June	Friday Sport - Athletics Program Assembly
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
Wednesday 13 June	Bacon & Egg Roll Breakfast Club NC Cross Country
Thursday 14 June	Peer Clubs
Friday 15 June	Friday Sport - Athletics Program
Monday 18 – Thursday 21 June	LNC Dance Festival Peer Clubs
Friday 22 June	Assembly P&C Disco
Monday 25 June	SRC Baking Cakes – Year 3
Tuesday 26 June	Small Schools Athletics
Monday 2 July	SRC Baking Cakes – Year 2
Wednesday 4 July	NAIDOC – South Kempsey P & C Meeting 6.00 pm
Friday 6 July	Assembly
Sunday 8 July – Sunday 15 July	NAIDOC Week <i>Because of her we can!</i>

PRINCIPAL REPORT

ANZAC DAY

A massive thankyou to all our families and particularly our students who represented our school on Anzac Day at Gladstone during the school holidays.

Mr Lewis's students put together this review of key information about ANZAC day.



The drawing above is by Ellie in class 2/3/4

PARADES

On ANZAC Day everyone gets up at 4.00 am to remember who died in the war. The people who survived, march around the city to commemorate.

MEMORIALS

Every town has a memorial as a place to remember people who died in the war. You can make wreaths to put at the memorials. On ANZAC Day we go to a memorial to say thank you for risking or giving your lives to save ours.

POPPIES

To commemorate the people who fought and died in the war to keep us safe they wear special clothing that have special patterns. We wear the poppies to remember the people who have died.



School Captains Jemma and Jett on flag duty during our beautiful ANZAC service at School.

MEDALS

People wear medals on ANZAC Day. If they wear their medals on their right side of their chest they were in the war and if they wear them on their left side it was family members medals.

WREATHS

Wreaths are a symbol of memory. Wreaths can be poppies weaved together into a round shape. Wreaths are held on the left side and the bottom side. They are placed next to memorials to remember fallen soldiers.

BUGLES/LAST POST

A bugle is a loud horn. The bugles are played in the parades. The last post is played and is the sound of peace and we have a minute silence. In the war it was played at the end of the day to stop the fighting.

FLAGS

Flags represent each country. On ANZAC Day the flag flies at half mast to represent the memory of those that are dead.



L:R Maddi, Brontee, Destiny & Tayler preparing our rosemary sprigs for our ANZAC service

ROSEMARY

People wear rosemary on ANZAC Day so they don't forget the ANZAC memory.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Joel Connors who completed the internal painting of the cubby house with chalkboard paint and also oiled the floors and deck.

Soon Andrew Nee will paint the outside when time permits. Another thank you to Buck who has prepared the grounds to look beautiful in preparation for an exciting term ahead.

SCHOOLRUN4COLOUR

WOW! What an effort on behalf of everyone, especially Jo in our office. She took it upon herself to coordinate the entire day and did a magnificent job. Thank you to our wonderful parents who assisted throughout the day, especially on the BBQ and supporting the students as they ran! Jo will advise the amount of money raised for the Lower Macleay Education Network Community Bus in next week's newsletter.

What a great day for Public Education. A solemn ANZAC service followed by great games and ended with a huge amount of fun for us all.

We are so lucky to live and work in a supportive, cooperative community.



BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS TOMORROW

Breakfast club commences tomorrow morning at 8.40 am and will finish at 8.55 am. Our Year 5/6 students will facilitate the program every week on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Parent volunteer Hillary has offered to cook bacon & egg rolls on every second Wednesday each month. Hilary's first bacon & egg roll breakfast is Wednesday 9 May and Wednesday 13 June 2018. Thank you Hillary!

We would welcome your donation of spreads to have on toast such as vegemite, honey, jam and any other healthy yummy options. **Sorry no nut spreads allowed e.g. peanut butter.**

We value your support!

STAFF CHANGES

This term Mrs Hollis will be undertaking a promotion position within our asschool as an instructional leader as Mrs Williams is relieving principal at Kinchela Public School. Mrs Hollis will remain on her class until the afternoon session when Mrs Bennettt or Mrs Sawyer will be teaching the class.



Mrs Stevens & Mr Lewis loved the SchoolRun4Colour

STAFF TRAINING

Yesterday staff worked with Tracy Cappel from New Zealand to plan strategies for improving student understanding of how to learn to achieve their potential in a manner that develops their capabilities to be know where they are in their individual learning journey, what to learn next, how to develop processes to consolidate their learning and how to know when they have achieved it.

In teacher talk we call that 'student agency'. Tracy will continue that work in stage teams on Tuesday with Mrs Stevens and stage 3 teachers from other schools and Wednesday with Mr Lewis and Stage 2 teachers.

GOT IT MINDFULNESS

This term Mrs Anna Rawlings in working with all students to develop mindfulness. Mindfulness is the pause between what we think, feel and act and being aware of ourselves throughout those processes.

A parent session will be held on Monday, 28th May at 3.00pm, to give you an overview of the mindfulness program. You will be shown how the program can foster emotional regulation and how this can benefit your child/children and family. Anna is looking forward to meeting you and answering any questions about the program.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note that **ALL STUDENTS** photo's were taken today. If you have not placed an order you can do so online by this Friday 4 May 2018.

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P&C NEWS

Our next P&C Meeting will be Wednesday 9 May 2018 at 6.00 pm at the school. We would like to extend a warm invitation to our new families to attend. Being involved in the P&C allows you to gain an insight into how our school operates and more importantly, you can have your say and be part of the decision making for your child's school and their education.

Mother's Day Fundraising Lamington Drive – Term 2 – Friday 11 May 2018

- \$6.00 for ½ dozen (6)
- \$10.00 for a dozen (12)

Are you available to volunteer in the canteen just one morning this term. Please fill in you name in the date that suits you and return to the office as soon as possible.

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Canteen Volunteers Term 2 - 2018

Dates	Volunteers
Friday 11 May	
Friday 18 May	
Friday 25 May	
Friday 1 June	
Friday 8 June	
Friday 15 June	
Friday 22 June	
Friday 29 June	
Friday 6 July	

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STAGE 2 COFFS HARBOUR & STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSIONS

We understand that camp is a wonderful opportunity for your child but also extremely expensive for parents, who are now able to start paying it off. You can make payments directly each week for as little as \$ 5.00 cash to the office OR use our online payment facility.



Getting on Track in Time – *Got It!*

Getting on Track in Time - Got It! is a children focused program led by the NSW Ministry of Health in partnership with the NSW Department of Education. Got-It! is coming to Smithtown Public School starting next term.

Got It! Is an early intervention social and emotional wellbeing program for children in Kindergarten to Year 2, and their parents and carers. The program is an early intervention approach to support children with social and emotional difficulties and challenging behaviours as well as their parents/carers and the school at an age which is likely to be most effective. Regularly occurring disruptive behaviours can negatively influence children's academic, emotional and social development. The program will give families an opportunity to be a part of a fun and supportive group that can improve children's prosocial and emotion regulation skills.

Children will display problem behaviours as a normal part of development because they do not yet have the social, emotional and problem solving skills to manage new challenges. The **Got It!** team works together with education staff, children and their families to intervene early and help your children become more resilient.

Got It! Will be in the school over two (2) terms:

Term 2 - The initial term is a 'whole of school' intervention, including teacher professional development, and parent and teacher screening for child strengths and difficulties with follow on referral for individual needs.

Term 3 - The second term comprises a 9 week targeted clinical group program for children with identified social and emotional challenges, and their parents/carers. Between 6-8 children will be in the group program who have been identified through the Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire screening responses from teachers and parents in Term 2. The child and carer/parent group are facilitated by the Got It! clinicians along with a school support teacher.

Benefits of being involved in the *Got It!* program

Getting help and support early to address children's social and emotional difficulties will achieve better outcomes for your family and community.

Got It! provides opportunities for children to:

- Manage their feelings and behaviours both at home and school
- Learn to make and maintain friendships more easily
- Develop problem solving skills
- Become more confident and resilient

All families are asked to complete a questionnaire for each child in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Please help us by returning this form ASAP.

A Got-It! information session will be held at your school on **Friday 4th May 9.00am – 9.30 am** and we invite parents to come along and ask any questions in regards to the program.