



SMITHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 3 Term 3 – Monday 6 August 2018

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2018

Monday 6 August	Education Week Macleay Public Schools Music Festival Melville High School 6.30 pm
Thursday 9 August	Macleay Public Schools Excellence Awards GOT IT Program
Friday 10 August	Macleay Athletics Carnival
Monday 13 August	Waterwise Visit Pre-school transition Visit / Tabloid Sports 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm
Wednesday 15 August	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm
Thursday 16 August	GOT IT Program
Friday 17 August	Helping Australian Farmers Out of Uniform Day Gold Coin Cultural Identity Project commences Assembly – 2.30 pm
Sunday 19 August – Thursday 23 August	Canberra Excursion Years 5 - 6
Wednesday 22 August – Friday 24 August	Coffs Harbour Excursion Years 3 – 4 Cultural Identity Project
Thursday 23 August	GOT IT Program
Monday 27 August	Book Parade 9.00 am – 9.30 am Book Fair – 9.30 am – 11.00 am Healthy Morning Tea – 11.00 am
Wednesday 29 August	Breakfast Program – Bacon & Eggs
Thursday 30 August	GOT IT Program
Friday 31 August	Cultural Identity Project Assembly – 2.30 pm
Thursday 6 September	GOT IT Program
Friday 7 September	Crazy Sock Day – SRC Fundraiser Gold Coin
Tuesday 11 September	Durri Dental Visit 9.00 am
Thursday 13 September	GOT IT Program Kindergarten Transition Program #1 commences 9.30 am – 11.00 am
Friday 14 September	Assembly 2.30 pm
Tuesday 18 September	School Cup Cricket Fredrickton Public School Spectacular
Wednesday 19 September	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm
Thursday 20 September	GOT IT Program
Friday 21 September	Cultural Identity Project SRC Bingo Afternoon
Wednesday 26 September	Breakfast Program – Bacon & Eggs Kindergarten Transition #2
Thursday 27 September	GOT IT Program
Friday 28 September	Cultural Identity Project Assembly – 2.30 pm Last Day term 3 P&C Disco
Monday 15 October	Term 4 commences

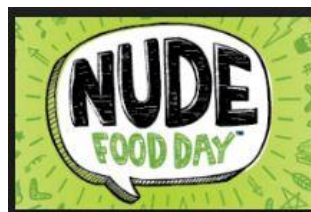


POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING - PBL
RESPECT – All settings: Use my manners!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Brontee has been recognised for her outstanding commitment and contribution to our school. Brontee is a wonderful role model for our younger students and is a great asset to our school community.



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PRINCIPAL REPORT

HELPING AUSTRALIAN FARMERS

The SRC has requested an out of uniform day where students attend out of uniform and bring a gold coin donation on Friday 17th August. We had the request below.

The Macleay Hay Run are raising funds over the next few weeks to provide some immediate drought support to our NSW farmers. Local fundraisers for this cause are Kempsey Stock and Land, Macleay Hay Run and The West Kempsey Hotel.

We are writing to you today seeking community support from all schools in the our Valley by proposing a co-ordinated Out of Uniform day held by all schools on the same day.

It is important to install in our children as to where our food originates from as without our farmers we too will be feeling the effects of the drought.

As a small community the help we can give to any farmer will be gratefully received. We realise we cannot help every farmer but our message will speak loud and clear that The people of The Mighty Macleay Valley Care enough to offer what we can to alleviate some of their burden.

MINDFULNESS

The concepts covered last week in our mindfulness session with Anna Rawlings were stress, understandings it's triggers and our responses.

- To understand what is happening inside the body and mind when stressed.
- To recognise the difference between reacting and responding.
- To bring pauses in daily life, to calm down, centre and balance body.

EXCURSIONS

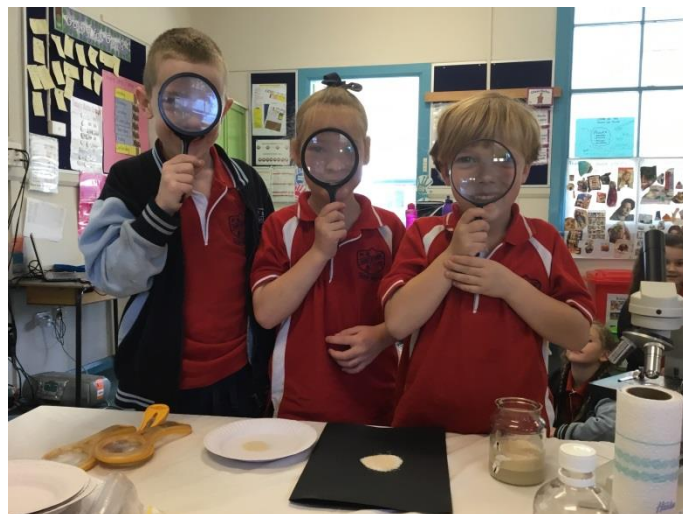
Soon many children will be attending additional learning opportunities in the form of excursions. We recognise the importance of these opportunities for our students and are genuinely grateful for our staff who are prepared to take time away from their families to support your child.

It is important that students who are not attending the excursion maintain their attendance at school as teachers will continue to provide educational programs for them. Please also note that all children attending an excursion are representative of our school and must demonstrate the school values and uphold the code of conduct at all times.

HANDS ON LEARNING



Mrs Sawyer loves getting down on her hands and knees with the K/1 maths class teaching volume and capacity. The students engage when learning is so much fun!



Last Friday Mrs Hollis facilitated an exciting day of Science experiments and once again K/1 were totally engaged with their hands on learning experience!

BULLYING NO WAY! BOX

We are aware that bully can occur at any time and usually when the teacher is not present!



To ensure we know and are able to address any bullying issues we have set up a Bully Box where children can record any bullying that has occurred.

They complete a slip which asks which teacher they have told, what was done, where did it happen, when and what follow up they would like to resolve it (in student speak).

Please continue to inform staff if there are ever any bullying issues that are affecting your child.

YPEP CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Last week we had lessons from YPEP, a government funded project our school was chosen to be a part of.

The outcomes were to increase students awareness, knowledge and strategies to deal with child protection issues.

By the end of the program, students will:

- have an increased awareness of what safe and respectful relationships are
- have an increased knowledge and understanding about rights and responsibilities for relationships
- have better skills to recognise and respond to unsafe situations

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

TERM 3		
Week	Date	Time
Week 8 – Transition # 1	Thursday 13 September 2018	9.30 am – 11.00 am
Week 10 – Transition # 2	Wednesday 26 September 2018	9.30 am – 11.00 am
TERM 4		
Week 2 – Transition # 3	Tuesday 23 October 2018	9.30 am – 11.00 am
Week 4 – Transition # 4	Thursday 8 November 2018	9.30 am – 11.00 am
Week 6 – Transition # 5	Wednesday 21 November 2018	9.30 am – 11.00 am
Week 8 – Transition # 6 and <i>Parent Information Session</i>	Thursday 6 December 2018 <i>PARENT INFORMATION SESSION</i>	9.30 am – 11.00 am

Starting school is a significant event in the life of children and their families.

We know that strong relationships and information sharing between families, early childhood settings and schools help support a child's successful transition to school.

Evidence suggests that children who have a positive start to school are likely to engage well and to experience ongoing academic and social success.

Our effective Kindergarten Transition Program for 2018 will commence this term and will continue in term 4.

Your child is welcome to attend any, or all, sessions as listed below. If one of the transition days falls on a day your child doesn't attend pre-school please drop them directly to Smithtown Public School at 9.30 am and collect them at 11.00 am.

We have also included a PARENT INFORMATION SESSION on the last transition day Thursday 6 December also 9.30 am – 11.00 am. This session is for parents to speak with teachers and other school staff to answer any

questions or queries. We will also be handing out our special Kindergarten School Packs on this day.

If you have any questions in regards to your child's readiness for school please contact Debbie Dillon at the Lower Macleay Preschool on 6567 4743 or Kate Hollis (Kindergarten Teacher) at Smithtown Public School on 6567 4529.

Please feel free to spread the word to other families and friends in the area regarding our Kindergarten transition program for 2019 kindergarten students.

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Fredrickton Public school have their school spectacular on Tuesday the 18th September at 11.00 am. The spectacular is a collection of songs, theatre and dances put together by their our students. The theme is 'Welcome to the Jungle'.

K/1/2 will be attending the performance and the cost will be \$2.00 for the bus and \$2.00 entry fee. A blue permission note will be sent home just prior to the event.

5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION 2018

3 Weeks to go!

Please note that the excursion permission, medical and dietary notes must be returned by this Wednesday 8 August 2018.

3/4 COFFS HARBOUR EXCURSION 2018

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GOT IT PROGRAM

Just a reminder to our families who are involved in the GOT IT program that it continues this Thursday at 9.00 am at our school.



MATHS BOX QUESTION

Each week our maths box question is being sent home with our newsletter on a yellow piece of paper. It is a little bit of fun encouraging numeracy and problem solving. We want our students to participate by answering the problem but we really want to see their problem solving skills by demonstrating the method they used. Students can solve these problems by themselves or with a partner.

We would also like to thank Crusty's Bakery Gladstone for supporting our initiative with \$5.00 bakery voucher for our weekly winners.

NEXT P&C MEETING

Wednesday 15 August 2018 - 6.00 pm in the K/1 classroom.

P&C NEWS – CANTEEN MEAL DEAL

Please see below the canteen roster for Term 3. At this stage we have no volunteers. If you can afford to volunteer one Friday morning 9.15 am – 11.30 am we would greatly appreciate your support.

If we do not get any volunteers the canteen will be closed on the Fridays with no volunteers nominated.

We have enclosed the orange note for this Friday 10 August in anticipation that we will get a volunteer. The note must be returned by Wednesday 8 August 2018 with your payment enclosed.

In case we do not get volunteers students will be notified verbally on Thursday and it will be posted on Facebook.

Canteen Volunteers Term 3 - 2018

Dates	Volunteers
Friday 10 August PIZZA	
Friday 17 August SOUP	
Friday 24 August HAMBURGERS	
Friday 31 August LASAGNA	
Friday 7 September CHICKEN WRAPS	
Friday 14 September SPAGHETTI BOLAGNESE	
Friday 21 September NACHOS	
Friday 28 September CHICKEN BURGERS	

NEW BIKE LAW

Children under 16 are now legally allowed to ride on footpaths in NSW.

Law change gives green light for teenagers to ride on footpaths. As students return from the winter holidays, many teenagers will no longer have to navigate traffic on busy roads while riding their bikes to school.

Children aged up to 16-years-old are now legally allowed to ride on footpaths. This change is also a great opportunity to discuss the rights and responsibilities of riding on the footpath, consideration for others and the dangers of driveways.

COMMUNITY HARVEST

Sharing our harvest – every second Friday (our assembly week) our students will be harvesting our produce from our garden and offering it to our families and friends for a small donation, in return we will buy more seeds and seedlings for your garden.

We would also like to extend an invitation to any other keen gardeners in Smithtown that have excess produce in their own gardens at home. Please bring it to school on a Friday afternoon at 3.00 pm and share your produce as well.



What a wonderful sustainable initiative for our Smithtown community!

