



Smithtown Public School

Week 6 Term 4 – Monday 18 November 2019
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Week 6	
Tuesday 19 November	Swimming Assessment Years 4/5/6 and selected Year 3 students
Wednesday 20 November	Kindergarten Orientation 2020 #4 Parent Session 9.30 am – 11.00 am
Friday 22 November	School Surfing Years 4/5/6
Week 7	
Friday 29 November	Last assembly for 2019
Week 8	
Monday 2 December – Friday 13 December	School Swimming and Safety Program K-2
Week 9	
Monday 9 December	Oz Harvest Visit – 2.00 pm
Wednesday 11 December	Year 6 Farewell Night
Thursday 12 December	Whole School Presentation Night
Friday 13 December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Monday 16 December – Tuesday 17 December	Hat Head Camp Out
Wednesday 18 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

PBL – Safety

I am respectful, responsible and safe on the swings!



Ciara our chook whisperer!

PRINCIPAL REPORT

2020 STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 CAMPS

Our staff are currently planning our 2020 stage 2 (years 3 and 4) camp and stage 3 (years 5 and 6 camp). Venues and costs will be confirmed early in term 1 2020.

School camps provide children with the opportunity to work with a variety of adults, that will nurture experiential education, build intergenerational relationships and result in a different style of learning.

Teacher involvement is, of course, vital to every successful camp, with the bonds between students and teachers strengthened away from the classroom. Our students have the opportunity to form relationships through first-hand experiences with trained, caring adult role models and experience a sense of achievement in a supervised, safe and positive environment as a result.

Our camp leaders and teachers are equipped to convey teachable moments in a variety of settings whilst also developing and building upon personal competencies.

These competencies should help shape a successful future for our children. Whilst there are many benefits to the experience of a school camp, I have included some of the ones that we as a school feel are of vital importance such as team building, and leadership skills, the ability to overcome limitations and a growth in confidence.

- Social skills
- Independence skills
- Team building and development of leadership and decision-making skills
- Encouragement of physical fitness and active lifestyles
- Personal challenges

Camp is a great opportunity to develop all of these skills, however, often the thought of sleeping away from home can cause anxiety for children and their parents.

Common worries about camp include:

- What happens if they can't sleep?
- What happens if they don't like the food?
- Who will they share a cabin with?
- What will happen if they don't enjoy the activities?
- What will happen if they feel homesick?

Although these concerns are valid it is important to help kids feel positive about the experience. They will very quickly pick up on any anxiety you may have and will emulate these feelings.

Should your child still be worried about the camp experience it would be beneficial to talk with them about their fears and worries and help them to look forward to the experience. There are a variety of ideas that may help - discuss the activities that they will participate in, pack together and include a special memento such as a toy or photograph, visit the website and find out additional information about the campsite.

Throughout their schooling years, children are required to attend school camps, each has progressively more demands, so it is important to keep encouraging them to prepare for what should be a great childhood memory.

We also acknowledge that camps are expensive. To avoid financial hardship you can start paying off 2020 camps now online via our school website see the link below or cash at the office. Jo will assist by creating a payment plan for your child / children.

Smithtown Public School Online Payment

<https://quickweb.westpac.com.au/OnlinePaymentServlet3?action=EnterAccount&communityCode=DETSQW&supplierBusinessCode=3075&ActionCode=h8yQRR8oRDo3eK570M4GQA>

KINDERGARTEN 2020 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

TERM 4		
Week 6 Transition # 4 and <i>Parent Information Session</i>	Wednesday 20 November 2019 <i>PARENT INFORMATION SESSION</i>	9.30 – 11.00 am

P&C CANTEEN

Thank you to Darnell and Cheryl who have volunteered for this week's canteen. Macaroni and cheese are on the menu. See the orange meal deal order form to be returned by Wednesday 20 November 2019.

P&C FUNDRAISING AT CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our P&C will be fundraising by selling christmas themed tattoos at the Gladstone Memorial Park Community Christmas Party this Friday 22 November 2019 at 5.00 pm. Your help would be greatly appreciated in helping to sell and applying the tattoos on children and also to support this wonderful community event.

Proceeds from the Gladstone Evening Branch of NSW CWA Community Christmas Carols are going to Macleay families impacted by recent fires.

Firefighters

Firefighters are helping homes and animal's, even koalas. Allot of places like QLD and NSW have fires.

Allot of people have evacuated their homes, so people had to go to the Kempsey show ground.

3 people have died in fires in NSW so far. 150+ homes have been lost and burnt.

Embers and ashes are falling to the ground as well as burnt leaves. The bush fires are burning down a lot in Australia.

Australia is where people live, but the worst bit is where fires are ruining the nature and where animals live. The firefighters are being supportive and doing a great job.

Poor little koalas have no homes and little joey's and kangaroo's, and another animals.

Firefighters try to save homes and property. They try their hardest to get people out if it is a emergency, and take cover. People are sad because their homes are gone and local real estates are trying to give them rentals first so they have a home not near the fires. Allot of fires are near the rivers and streams also and they are in forests and bushland.

Allot of kids have no toys because they were burnt down in the fires.

I hope kids get toys donated to them only and especially to the ones that have nothing left. I hope that mums and dads get a new home not near fires and within safety, and people do this because they are nice, kind and careful like me.



By Addison Connors K/1

Entry by gold coin donation



2019

Community Christmas Party

Friday 22 Nov, 5 - 8pm

Carols & Dancing | Food & Drinks
Facepainting & Games | Raffles & Prizes
Family Photos with Santa

Gladstone Memorial Park

Proudly hosted by the Gladstone Evening Branch of NSW CWA

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