



Smithtown Public School

Week 4 Term 3 – Monday 12 August 2019

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Term 3 2019

Week 4

Monday 12 –
Wednesday 14 August Great Aussie Bush Camp for Year 3 and 4 students

Wednesday 14 August Cricket 10.00 am – 11.00 am
Block n Blow program years K/1

Thursday Block n Blow program years 2/6

Friday 16 August LNC Athletics Carnival Wauchope
Assembly 2.30 pm

Week 5

Thursday 22 August Book Week Parade 9.15 am

Friday 23 August P&C Movie Night at the school

Week 6

Friday 30 August Root Cause visit
K/2 9.15 am – 10.30 am
3/4/5/6 – 11.45 am – 1.15 pm
Parent session – 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Assembly 2.30 pm

Week 7

Monday September 2 –
Friday September 27 Fruit n Veg month

Thursday 5 September –
Sunday 8 September Spring into Art – Gladstone Art
Gallery

Week 8

Tuesday 10 September NRL Clinic

Wednesday 11
September P&C Meeting 6.00 pm

Week 9

Thursday 17 September NRL Clinic

Thursday 12 – Sunday 15
September Spring into Art – Gladstone Art
Gallery

Week 10

Tuesday 24 September Small Schools NRL gala day -
Gladstone

Wednesday 25
September Kindergarten Orientation 2020 #1
9.30 am – 11.00 am

Friday 27 September Last day of term
Colour Fun Run
Assembly 2.30 pm

Term 4
Commences
Monday 14 October 2019

PSSA Lower North Coast athletics carnival

The lower north coast athletics carnival is on this Friday 16 August in Wauchope. Good luck to Coby, Shara and Caelan. We wish you the best of luck!

Education week



L:R Samantha, Jesse and Anthony Steep

Last week we celebrated Education week with a delicious afternoon tea and open classrooms. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers visit our school and engage in their child's learning.

Our students were very proud to show case their work and classrooms to their parents and carers.

Professional learning

Smithtown Public School has built a reputation in the educational community for strong and steady improvement over time. We have a dedicated teaching staff with proven willingness to invest time and effort in professional learning and development and our staff use an evidence-based pedagogical approach.

Recently our educators collaborated with eight other local schools to undertake professional learning with Corwin so all staff had comprehensive knowledge in the theory and principles underpinning Professor Hattie's Visible Learning research.

Each school assessed themselves using a school matrix and collected evidence using a range of tools to generate discussion and gather staff and student voice in relation to learning, relational trust, feedback, and the mind frames of our staff team.

PBL – Responsibility

Care for myself, my property and the environment.



Education
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Classroom DOJO

We pride ourselves on strong communication links between school and home. The classroom Dojo phone app is yet another tool we use enhance our open communication promise to our families. If you have yet to sign up to the class DOJO please contact your child's class teacher and request the classroom Dojo link, username and password.



Persistence

This term we are focussing on developing habits of the mind. If your child brings home a persistence award can you please encourage them to explain to you how and why they received it. We hope you can support us and continue the conversation about persistence being an important learner quality to achieve a mindset of being a lifelong learner.

Also attached to this newsletter is two 'waking up the brain' teasers. Feel free to support your child in completing the exercises and have them returned to the 'waking up the brain' box located at the front desk of the schools office.

Great aussie bush camp

Our very excited years 3 and 4 students departed for the Great aussie bush camp this morning. They will be returning to Kinchela Public School on Wednesday 14 August 2019 at approximately 3.45 pm. Mr Lewis will keep parents updated via our schools Facebook page of the estimated time of arrival.

Cricket clinic

Our students have been participating in a cricket and skills training program on a Wednesday.

With our students focussing on persistence in the classroom with their learning and outside the classroom with sport we are seeing some remarkable improvement in all areas.



John hitting a six

Problem solving conversation WAGS

Recently at the staff development day staff learned strategies for positive, solution focused conversations with students using the following framework. All staff now use this process to have conversations with student who need timeout whilst sitting on the 'silver seat'.

PROBLEM SOLVING CONVERSATION

WAGS

Welcome – Thanks for talking with me today?

Acknowledge – I guess you have a good reason for doing.....

Gain understanding – What are your ideas about how things could be better?

Scale – On a scale of 1 – 10 where are you now?
What can we do to move you up 1?
What can you try to move you up 1?

Book week parade

Just a reminder book week parade will be held on Thursday 22 August 2019 at 9.15 am. This year's theme is 'reading is my secret power'.



The saving place No kid hungry au family food hub

No Kid Hungry AU, a humble initiative and charitable organisation piloted out of Gladstone by husband and wife team Dave and Julie Davis, is gathering attention Australia wide.

The food hub is running solely off the back of food donated by generous local businesses and a hard-working group of volunteers. The saving place is located at 28 Belgrave Street, Kempsey and is a family community budget store.

If you are a member of the co-op there is free food from 11.00 am until they run out on a Wednesday and Friday each week.

For further information on how to become a member visit their website www.nokidhungryau.com or contact mobile number 0413 444 563.

Kindergarten enrolments and transition program for 2020 students

We are taking enrolments for our 2020 kindergarten class. If you have a child, or know of anyone that will be enrolling at our school in 2020, please call the office so Jo can add your contact details to our enrolment list.

Our transition dates are as below:

TERM 3		
Week	Date	Time
Week 10 Transition # 1	Wednesday 25 September 2019	9.30 – 11.00 am
TERM 4		
Week 1 Transition # 2	Wednesday 16 October 2019	9.30 – 11.00 am
Week 3 Transition # 3	Wednesday 30 October 2019	9.30 – 11.00 am
Week 6 Transition # 4 and Parent Information Session	Wednesday 20 November 2019 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION	9.30 – 11.00 am

P&C news - canteen

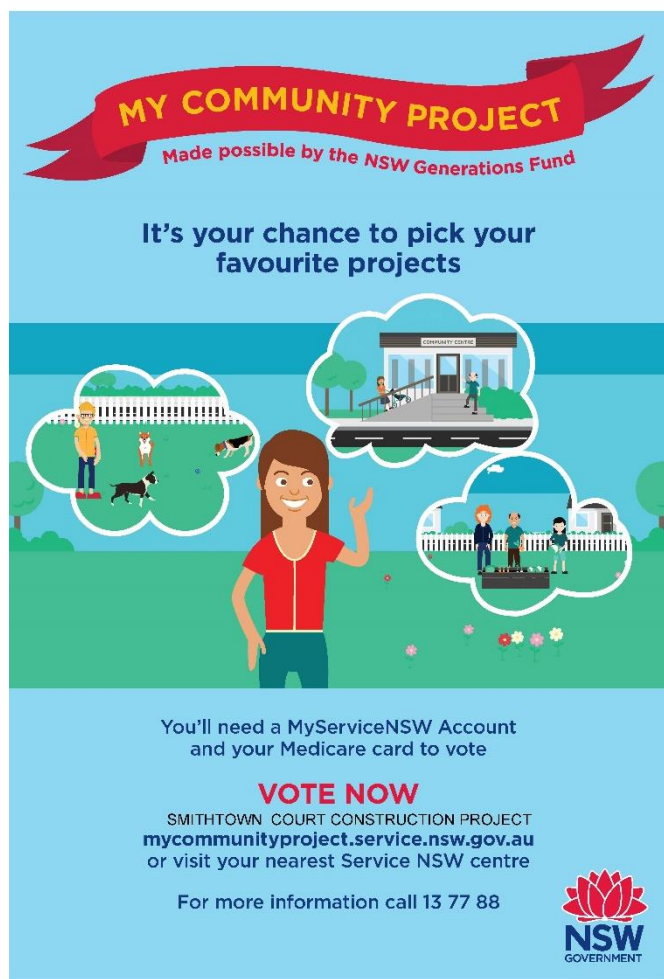
The P&C are looking for volunteers for our Friday canteen meal deal days. If you can spare two hours on a Friday morning to prepare and distribute our students' meal deal orders we would love to hear from you. You can call Jo in the office on 6567 4529 or fill in the form above and return it to the school office.

Canteen Volunteers Term 3 - 2019

Dates	Volunteers
Friday 16 August	Sam Roberts
Friday 23 August	Siobhan Graham Julie Hazelton
Friday 30 August	Maureen Johnston Robyn O'Regan
Friday 6 September	Sam Roberts
Friday 13 September	Siobhan Graham Julie Hazelton
Friday 20 September	
Friday 27 September	COLOUR FUN RUN – We are looking for BBQ Volunteers

Community News

Smithtown basketball court vote now!



MY COMMUNITY PROJECT
Made possible by the NSW Generations Fund

It's your chance to pick your favourite projects

You'll need a MyServiceNSW Account and your Medicare card to vote

VOTE NOW
SMITHTOWN COURT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au
or visit your nearest Service NSW centre

For more information call 13 77 88

NSW GOVERNMENT




Maclean Public Schools
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Spring into Art

K-12 ART EXHIBITION
Celebrating excellence in the Creative Arts

Maclean Valley Community Art Gallery, Gladstone
Thurs 5th Sept – Sun 8th Sept
Thurs 12th Sept – Sun 15th Sept
10.30am – 4pm

Featuring outstanding artworks from the talented students of our Maclean Public Schools.



Important Dates

Online Rego Open - 1st August 2019

Come and Try Day #1 - 23rd August 2019
Come and Try Day #2 - 30th August 2019

Season Opener - 6th September 2019

Club Afternoons Fridays 4pm-6pm

Little Athletics Kempsey

Little Athletics provides a great environment for athletic development. While the emphasis in the younger age groups should be on fun and participation, as the athletes get older, there are opportunities for development, competition, and participation, depending on the Little Athlete's interests.

It is important that the level of activity, training, and competition is proportionate to the athlete's chronological age and development stage.

Online Registration for Kempsey Little Athletics Season 19/20 is now OPEN!

Registration Fees

- Tots and U6 \$85.00
- U7 and Up \$100.00

Click Below to Register

<https://memberdesq.sportstg.com/index>

Don't Forget your Active Kids Voucher

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/tr.../apply-active-kids-voucher>

Glasshouse Port Macquarie

To celebrate our 10th Birthday we are throwing open our doors and everyone is invited! The Glasshouse will be a wonder of fun, colour and creativity on Saturday 24 August, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.

They will be fun activities for all ages, including art for kids, Gallery exhibitions, tours of the Glasshouse, creative workshops for children and adults. Face painting, virtual reality, jumping castles, performances and much more. Free fun for all ages!

<https://www.glasshouse.org.au/Whats-On/Community-Open-House-24-Aug-2019>



Our students had the privilege to attend at the ballet at the Glasshouse last Friday and from all reports it was amazing!

AUGUST ARTICLE

Expressive Language

Expressive Language is "the ability to communicate language"

How can it impact a child?

- Problems naming things.
- Struggle to work out the words they want to use when conversing.
- Trouble with sentences (often too short / confusing).
- Find it hard to retell an event.
- Others can't always understand what they are trying to say.
- Trouble answering questions.
- Difficulty asking for something.

What can you do?

- *Look* - allow them to watch your face / mouth as you talk.
- *Choices* - encourage them to use words to make choices, not just gestures.
- *Visuals* - use pictures as a starting point and make up stories to talk about what will / might happen based on the visuals.
- *Increase vocabulary* - repeat their responses with some added detail, eg. 'horse' becomes 'black horse', 'man' becomes 'old man', etc.
- *Model correct language*, eg. "want car" becomes "I'd like the car please".
- *Everyday talk / draw / act* what has happened, eg. Draw a picture of the cat you saw outside your classroom window, act out how the Principal spoke at Assembly.

Benefits of improving Expressive Language

- They will be able to say what they want and what they think.
- They will be able to say how they feel.
- Their story telling will improve.
- They will answer questions better.
- They will improve their ability to play and interact with others
- They will be less frustrated.

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

ADHD TOOLKIT

This booklet on **ADHD** covers areas such as the nature of ADHD, Behaviour Management, Learning Support



& Social Skills. It includes strategies for parents, teachers and health professionals.

\$12 for LDC members

\$17 for non members

+ P/H (see website!)

See www ldc org au for details