



# Smithtown Public School

Week 9 Term 3 – Monday 16 September 2019  
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## Term 3 2019

### Week 9

Monday 16 September	STEM Workshop
Tuesday 17 September	NRL Clinic
Wednesday 18 September	Athletics
Thursday 19 September	Peer Groups
Friday 20 September	Climate Change Kempsey

### 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 1.00 pm – 2.15 pm Assembly 2.30 pm

**Term 4**  
**Commences**  
**Monday 14 October 2019**

## PBL – Responsibility

Include and encourage others!



## Student of the Week



Paige is committed and engaged in her learning and has demonstrated a vast improvement in all key learning areas. Paige has also demonstrated personal growth and should be congratulated. Paige is a wonderful role model including others, being friendly and acting responsible in all school settings.

## School Fun Run

1.00 pm – 2.30 pm

**2 weeks to go**



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<https://schoolfundraising.com.au/>

**On Friday 27 September 2019 at 1.00 pm we will be holding our colour fun run. For just \$1.00 your child will receive a sausage sizzle sandwich and a real fruit icy-pole. Please return your \$1.00 in the envelope provided.**

## Principal Report Celebrating student success!

Congratulations to Shara who travelled to Lismore last Friday to compete in the North Coast Athletics Carnival.



Shara competed in the 100 metre sprint placed second in her heat and progressed through to the final. Shara was pipped in the final but we are very proud of Shara who tried her absolute best and represented our school with pride!

## The Mad Food Science Program Update

I was recently in Deniliquin for a week running The Mad Food Science Program at 4 different school locations for 7 different schools and a Corporate Staff Development Training Day.

When I was at beautiful Barham Public School, Sharon, a teacher and very proud mum, could not wait to share her story with me.

### It goes like this:

It was a Monday and on the weekend it had been her birthday. Her adult daughter gave her a gorgeous little notebook as a present. The real gift was the handwritten message her daughter had written on the first page.

*"Thank you for the hours you spent in the kitchen making me healthy, nutritious snacks to take for recess. Although I resented you at the time and I was embarrassed for being the only one with baking paper wrapped home-made muesli bars, instead of dunkaroos, I know who the real winner is, even if it took me years to realise."*

I share this with you because I know it can be a tough job to be "that mum". The one who packs real food lunchboxes with healthy, nutritious homemade snacks but I wanted to give you hope. Hope that even if today your kids argue with you about it or feel like they are missing out, one day in the future, they will recognise



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what you did for their health. They will love you for the stand you took for their health.

If you're not quite there with packing real food lunchboxes, or making real food a way of life, please just remember to make a start. Choose one thing and make a start. Make it a way of life, then when everyone is on board with that one thing, choose another. This isn't a competition or race, this is about the long game - the health of your children and family.

Like I say to all the parents who come along to our parent seminars, if you're the person who loves your kids the most, and you don't stand for their health, then who is going to do it for you? Interesting and confronting question hey?

## Tell them From Me

Tell Them From Me is an approved company that collated surveys that anonymous provides data to schools which is helpful in planning.

We have the opportunity to work with them to survey staff, parents and students to help us make data informed decisions about all aspects of school life from these various perspectives.

On Tuesday we will be sending some additional information. We hope you are willing to participate!

## STEM.T4L

Today our students have had the opportunity to learn and use STEM technology within the classroom setting.

Stem.T4L is a coordinated program of STEM technology and is curriculum based set of learning challenges and an online community of practice to empower students with the skills to solve the problems of tomorrow.

Stem.T4L aims to:

- Raise awareness of effective use of technology to improve student learning
- Support student's capabilities to use technology for learning and to build digital resilience

We encourage you to discuss the STEM day with your child / children. It is simply mind blowing the evolution of technology in your child's learning journey.



L:R Izzy & Amber engaged in programming their EV3 in the foreground of the photo to operate.

## Duty of Care

Parents and carers please note that our teachers commence duty at 8.40 am daily. Student's arriving at 8.30 am are to be seated on the canteen stairs.

Should you require to drop off your child prior to 8.30 am you are required to call the school and make prior arrangements to ensure that there is a staff member on site.

## School Uniform Reminder

Over the past few weeks the staff have noticed an increase in students both boys and girls wearing inappropriate jewellery to school. This has included but not limited to Pandora bracelets, pearl and drop earrings, necklaces, bracelets and chains. For the safety of the students please keep jewellery for special occasions.

## Stage 3 Sydney excursion

Just a friendly reminder to all our Year 5/6 parents and carers that there is only **four (4) weeks** left before the stage 3 Sydney excursion. Thank you to our parents who are taking advantage of the schools payment plan. Keep those payments rolling in!

## Kindergarten enrolments and transition program for 2020 students

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 <i>Parent Information Session</i>	Wednesday 20 November 2019 <i>PARENT INFORMATION SESSION</i>	9.30 – 11.00 am

## P&C News

There is no canteen this Friday 20 September or Friday 27 September 2019.

## P&C Trivia Night

On Saturday 2 November 2019 at Smittown Bowling Club the P&C are holding a family orientated trivia night. Please diarise the date and start thinking about your team. Further information to follow in Term 4.

