



St George Hospital School Newsletter

Term 3 2022



Principal's Message

A busy and productive term 3! This term was all about celebrating Education, with our students, families and communities through Education Week, Science Week and Book Week. Students engaged in lessons specific to key learning areas and showcased and celebrated their work during Education Week.

As this is the last week, can I take this opportunity to thank our students and staff for all the efforts this term, and may I wish you all a safe and restful break.

We Look forward to another great term to end the year!

Important Dates



Here are some important term dates for families to mark in their calendar. We will provide further information as these events get closer - we will also be adding more events regularly, so please keep an eye on our newsletter for further information.

October 10th - First Day of Term 4

October 28th - Teacher's Day

December 19 - Last Day of 2022 for Students

December 20 - Staff Development Day

Every Tuesday - Art Therapy

Every Wednesday - Music Therapy

Education Week

This year Education Week was held from 1-5 August (Week 3, Term 3). This year's theme is 'creating futures – education changes lives' and celebrates the quality education we provide and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education.

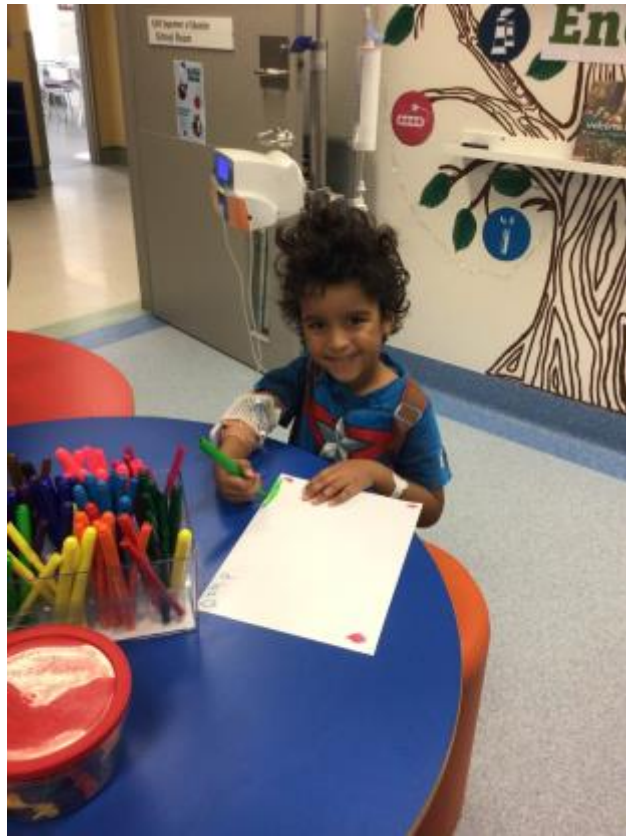
Education Week allows every school the chance to celebrate the achievements of your school, students or learning community.

"Creating futures - education changes lives"

This year we continue to celebrate the journey students and learners take throughout the NSW Education system, focusing on how we are creating futures for our students, staff and families. From the first days in child care to post-school pathways, our education system is preparing young people to be agile thinkers and lifelong learners.

We celebrate all types of learning that occurs at all levels across our education system and we have a shared responsibility in helping to shape the lives and create the future of today's learners.

Public education can change the lives of not just our students, but also the lives of our teachers, staff, families and communities. Here are some of the students we were lucky enough to meet during Education week.









Book Week - " Dreaming with eyes open"

Each year across Australia, the [CBCA](#) (The Children's book council of Australia) brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature and you will often see children's book character parades and talented librarians creating amazing displays. This year the staff and nursing staff really enjoyed dressing up for the students on the ward.







Science Week looked like this.....

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Each year, events highlight the importance of these fields and the impact they have on the world in which we all live. National Science Week is a key part of the Australian Government's approach to science engagement and inspiring Australians to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Come with us as we showcase what a Science week looked like for the students at St George Hospital School.



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H.E.L.P Conference

Ronald McDonald House Charities are proud to host the 2022 International Health, Educators, Learners, Parents (H.E.L.P.) Every year, thousands of children are treated for serious illness. The impact of hospitalisation, medications and lengthy rehabilitation is often the tip of the iceberg for these families. This term 2 of our Staff had the wonderful opportunity to engage in a 2 day seminar meeting with professionals and parents - the experts and leaders from the fields of Health and Education, to discuss the implications of chronic illness on children and consider practical strategies to help children and families. By focusing on the latest research and innovative health and education practices, we can help improve educational and psychological outcomes for children with serious illness. Together, we can bridge the gap between Health and Education to improve future outcomes for students with serious

illnesses and their families. Watch this space as St George Hospital School does amazing things to support our students in returning to school.

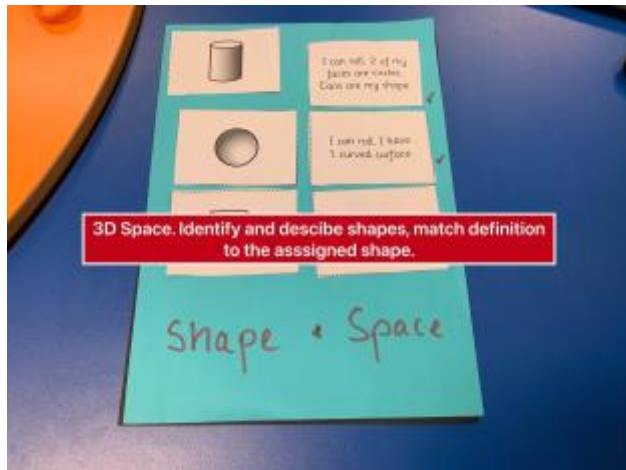


Student Achievements for July/August

Congratulations to *Max for being nominated "Student of the Month" for August who was recognised by receiving an award at this months assembly. The teachers and staff have been impressed by his hard work and kindness to others since he began at St George Hospital School. All of students in the Outreach class have started producing short, sharp videos every Friday afternoon. They have been set the task to write, shoot and edit a short video - live action or stop-motion - within an hour! Stay tuned for next months newsletter to see what they produce!

A special mention to Celine who has carried out a strong work ethic here while she has been at the hospital school. She participates in her google classroom portal work daily and completes all task work assigned to her. This month Celine has worked on creating a biography on Shakespeare, a poster on the Solar System and a timeline on the French Revolution in which we are very lucky to be able to showcase this work in the ward at the hospital. Thanks Celine.





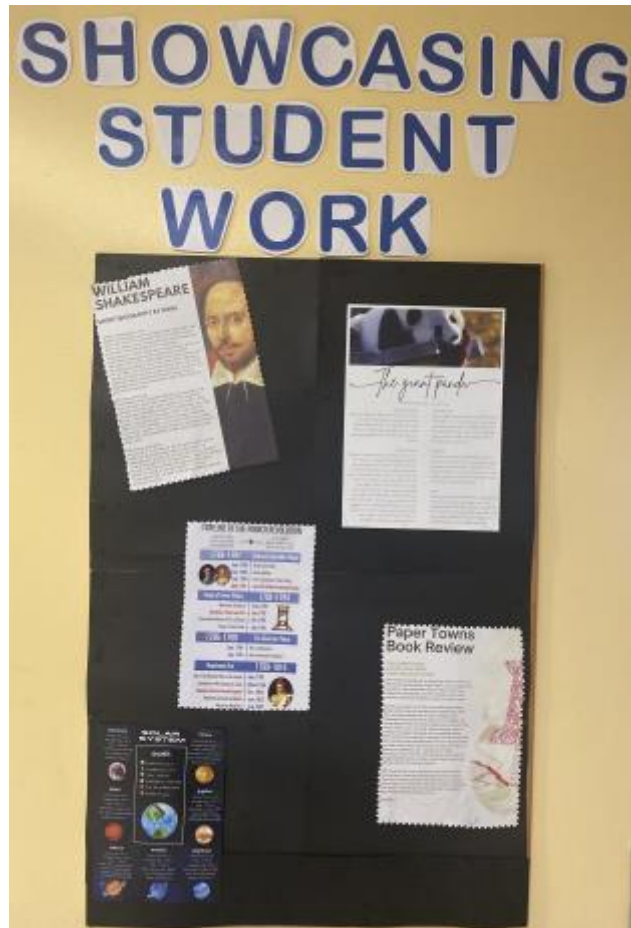


“Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela



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Getting to know the Staff behind the mask

This month we get to know our fabulous team of SASS staff with some "behind the mask" interviews conducted by some of our students at the hospital school. During the week of August 29 - October 2 the Department of Education like to say a big thank you to our wonderful SASS not only during SASS Recognition Week but every week.

Your work is critical to the functioning of our schools and our students every day. Our schools couldn't operate as well as they do without the expertise of our School Learning Support Officers, School Administration Officers & School Administrative Managers.

Thank you Dale, Marnia, Sharni, Sada & Elesha for your ongoing commitment – you go above and beyond and make the difference!

My name

Elesha

My Role at the hospital school

School administrative
manager

My hobbies

Gym
Reading

BEHIND THE MASK

Favorite
food

Chocolate

One thing I love about my job is

Meeting lots of new kids and
getting to work with great
friends!

Photo of me



My favorite
subject at school

Visual Art
and English

If I could have any super power, what would it be and why?

To be invisible... and able to tele port
through time.

My name
Marni

My role at the hospital school
SLSO;
Student Learning Support officer

My hobbies
- YOGA
- Netball



Favourite food
- Thai

One thing I love about my job is
Making a difference in someone's life.



My favourite subject at school
Maths

If I could have any super power, what would it be and why?
Healing
Why: "I think it just comes down to my personality".

My name
Dale

My Role at the hospital school
An SLSO (School Learning support officer)

My hobbies
Walking
Swimming
Cooking
Dancing



Favourite food
Anything sweet.
Chocolate, cakes, ice cream

One thing I love about my job is
Seeing the students.
Having fun at work.
Helping everyone overcome challenges.



My favourite subjects in school
Food tech and geography

If I could have any super power, what would it be and why?
Mind reading to help and understand how people really feel.

My name
Sada

My role at the hospital/school
School Administration Officer

My hobbies
Reading
Walking



Favourite food
Pizza

One thing I love about my job is
Being part of a fantastic team that makes a difference in the student's families lives.



My favourite subjects at school
Maths
Woodwork
Computers

If I could have any super power, what would it be and why?
The power to travel back in time and freeze time because I want to enjoy the happy moments with loved ones.

My name: Shami


My Role at the Hospital school: Support students in their learning

My hobbies: Oztag

Favourite food: pasta

BEHIND THE MASK

One thing I love about my job is: meeting new students

Photo of me: 

My favourite subject at school: PDHPE

If I could have any super power, what would it be and why?: transport to different locations

The Morris Children's Fund Inc

We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and say thank you to Garry Morris and the members of **Morris Children's fund Inc**. Our hugely successful weekly Music Therapy program here at the Hospital School is all thanks to the wonderful support of the fund who financially assist the programs and equipment not only at SGHS but also Schools for Specific Purposes throughout the St George Area which cater for children with severe physical and multiple disabilities, or who are ill.

View here for more information on this wonderful fund [Morris Children's Fund Inc](#)

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential and students are required to attend school each day it is open, unless they are unwell. The health and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our priority, and there are a number of COVID-smart measures designed to help keep our school open and our students learning in the classroom. These measures have been developed in partnership with NSW Health to help minimise transmissions at school. If your child is unable to attend school for the day please contact the office.

A friendly reminder for our families...



Reminder of COVID-19 symptoms

NSW Health and the Department of Education would like to remind our schools of the full list of COVID-19 symptoms that your communities should continue to look out for.

Symptoms include:

- fever (37.5 degrees Celsius or higher)
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- runny nose
- loss of taste
- loss of smell

Other reported symptoms include:

- fatigue
- acute blocked nose (congestion)
- muscle pain
- joint pain
- headache
- diarrhoea
- nausea/vomiting
- loss of appetite

Unexplained chest pain and conjunctivitis (eye infection) have also been reported as symptoms of COVID-19.

If anyone develops any of these symptoms they should get tested and isolate until they receive a negative test result.

Parents, carers and community members should refer to the [NSW Government's COVID-19 symptoms and how it spreads page](#) for further information and [Getting tested for COVID-19](#) for advice on getting testing if they or their children develop symptoms.

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