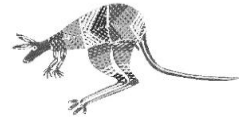




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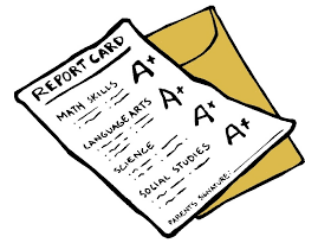
A Community with Expectations of Achievement and Success IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	27 June 2018	Kim Brennan Visit
Friday	29 June 2018	School Banking
Wednesday	4 July 2018	NAIDOC Day
Friday	6 July 2018	Student Reports Sent Home and Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday	24 July 2018	First Day of Term 3
Wednesday	8 August 2018	3-6 Athletics Carnival

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11 July 2018

As Term 2 comes to a close, I would like to congratulate our students on the exceptional manner in which they have applied themselves to their learning this term. I am in the fortunate position of being able to visit our classes often and I am constantly impressed with the high level of engagement and enthusiasm that fills our classrooms. Our students have continued to work towards achieving their goals that are set in collaboration with their teachers. We have celebrated the success of many goal achievers across the term. Each of our students are unique individuals who strive to be the best they can be. We hope you will enjoy sharing their success as you view their Semester 1 report. I would like to take the opportunity to also congratulate our incredibly hard-working staff. From our simply amazing office staff and SLSOs to our talented teachers, your children are surrounded each day with adults who have only one objective – to ensure each child at St Marys North reaches their full potential in a happy, safe environment.



NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT



Recently, our school appointed a new Assistant Principal through a merit selection process. The new position is to replace the Assistant Principal position that I held prior to gaining the substantive Principal position here at St Marys North. I am pleased to announce the new AP will commence with us from the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Deb Marsh comes to us as a highly experienced teacher, having worked across a wide number of schools. She will move into the Stage 1 Assistant Principal position. I would like to thank Mrs Smith who has been both the Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal this year. Mrs Smith will now be the Assistant Principal for Early Stage 1 as well as her continuing role as an Instructional Leader working with our Kindergarten classes.

Mrs Marsh will also be taking over in the position of classroom teacher of 1 Blue Gum. She will continue on with the quality learning program that Mr Caguin has implemented so far this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Caguin for his dedication to the students of 1 Blue Gum. He has been a valued addition to the St Marys North staff this year. Mr Caguin has provided wonderful learning experiences to our students and we look forward to continuing to see him here at Norths in various other roles across the remainder of 2018.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This week, we were in the privileged position of surprising our students with an attendance reward day. Smiles and squeals of excitement filled the air Tuesday morning as our students arrived at school to see the Obstacool inflatable course set up on the school oval. As you are aware, attendance at school everyday is vital for our students to be the best learners they can be. Every day and minute counts. We were incredibly proud of over 100 of our students who earned the privilege of having extra time on the course as they had achieved 100% attendance during Term 1 or 2. Congratulations to all students who are working towards improving their attendance rates, we are very proud of each of you!



COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT



A huge thank you is extended to the many parents and community members who joined us last week for our community coffee and chat. It was a cold winter's morning, with the coffee and hot chocolate a welcome relief. The ideas flowed as we chatted about how we can work together to improve our school for our children. We spoke about how we can communicate more effectively to a broader range of our community. It is hoped by next term we will be able to add a new phone app to our varied forms of communication methods. The app will add to our current newsletter, school website and Facebook page as a means of sharing with you. At the beginning of Term 3 we will be seeking to form a community fundraising committee. It is hoped that fundraising will go directly towards our robotics and coding

programs that form a part of our current school plan. If you were unable to join us last week you may still wish to contribute next term. With the high level of interest and ideas we are certain that the future-focused learning programs at St Marys North will be a huge success.

NAIDOC DAY

This year's NAIDOC Day celebrations were among the best I have attended. This year's theme '**Because of Her I Can**' celebrates the essential role that women have played - and continue to play - as active and significant role models in the community. We were blessed to have so many community members join us as we celebrated the proud culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. It was an absolute delight to watch our very talented students perform in our Aboriginal dance group – Marayong Dreaming, and our senior choir as they performed 'My Island Home'. I would like to acknowledge the incredible amount of planning and hard work that Miss Wallace, Miss Bishop and countless community members gave to ensure our day was a huge success. It is during such special events that we are able to witness the strong sense of family and community spirit that we are surrounded with daily. Thank you to all involved!



NOTES

On a regular basis, notes are sent home for a variety of reasons. I am seeking your assistance in ensuring that notes are returned to us in the given time frames. We are still waiting on the return of many Permission to Publish notes, which is causing us to be slower in our ability to share events with you. Excursion and special activity notes each have *Return By* dates. It is vital that these time frames are adhered to. If notes are not returned by given dates we simply are unable to include your child in the given activity due to planning processes that often require prepayment to venues. Your assistance and understanding with this is very much appreciated.



Finally, I would like to wish our wonderful students, staff and community members a fantastic holiday break. Take time to make special memories together and enjoy each other's company. We will see you back on Tuesday 24 July to begin another term of learning.

'Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing.'

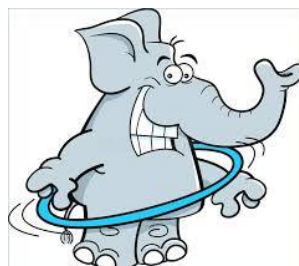
Mrs Parrello

Principal

Principal's Awards

Kaylah Robertson

What is it called when a hula hoop gets a cough?



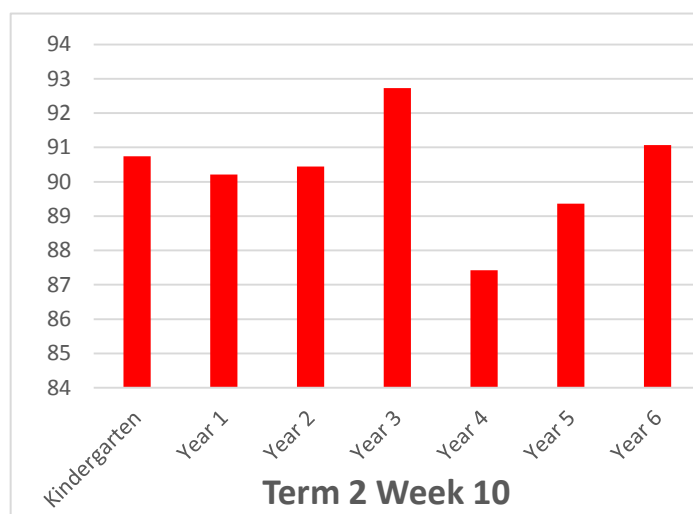
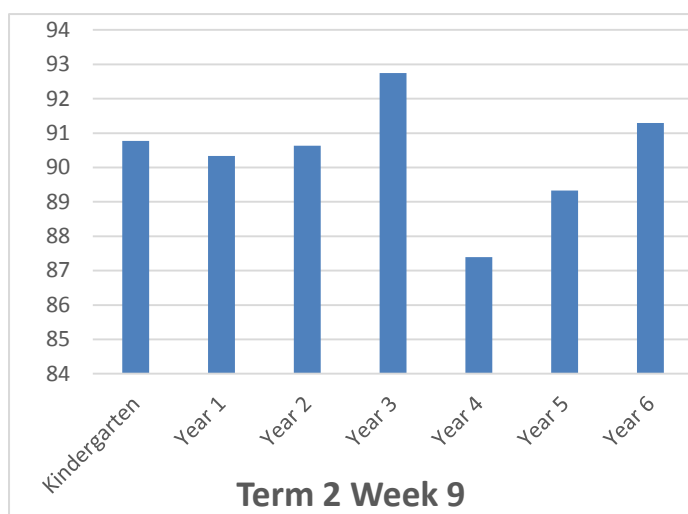
Hooping cough

ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, improving our attendance is a major focus for St Marys North at present. This week we introduced a *Weekly Class Attendance Trophy* that will be handed out each Monday at assembly to the class who had the highest attendance rates for the previous week. The students are very keen to ensure that they help their class win the trophy. We do understand at this time of the year that many students are sick. We ask that you contact the school to let us know when your child is too unwell to attend. Notes will be sent home requesting reasons for absences and should be returned to the front office once your child returns to school.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – TERM 2

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	91.36%	91.42%	91.17%	91.02%	90.80%	90.74%	90.58%	90.51%	90.42	90.34





























Congratulations to the following classes for having the highest attendance rates over the last 2 weeks and for meeting our school target.

Week 9 – 5 Acacia 97%

Week 10 – 3 Orchard 93.33%



WEEK 9	WEEK 10	Put Rubbish in the Bin	WEEK 10	Respectful	Wear a School Hat
 K BLUEBELL	 K BLUEBELL	Selomiti Taufia	Riley Irving	Thulu-Wii Hopkins Kinchela	Samuel Enriquez
 K DAISY	 K DAISY	Arizona Dando	Joshua Grey	Eamon Benico	Hayden Elphick
 K COOLABAH	 K COOLABAH	Ainslee Grisedale	Nathaniel Dawson	Samuel Hobson	Braithyn King
 1 GUMNUT	 1 GUMNUT	Kevin Kessing	Saam Soltani	Sandar Tan	Phoenix Hill
 1 PROTEA	 1 PROTEA	Faith Stacy	Malakie Pampling	Nate Jaeger	Ebenezer Nomor
 1 BLUE GUM	 1 BLUE GUM	Jafra Younis	Wyatt Fry	Shyla Jeffery	Xzavier Sait
 2 FRANGIPANI	 2 FRANGIPANI	Tamara Tuivasa	Jaydan Watson	Riley Edwards	Elijah Pologa
 2 WARATAH	 2 WARATAH	Britney Jones	Lydia Allanson	Lucas Hepenstall	Sophie Keomoukhoun
 2 GREVILLEA	 2 GREVILLEA	Ella Paul	Taylor Shuttleworth	Jakin Reuelu	Cayden Duffy
 3 LILLY PILLY	 3 LILLY PILLY	Myah White	Teera Russell	Hayden Green	Brianna Thomas
 3 ORCHID	 3 ORCHID	Kye Davis	Janitta Dixon	Elijah-Marrio Brybag	Ajay Tyson
 3-4 GUM BLOSSOM	 3-4 GUM BLOSSOM	Connor Knibbs	Aveai Pologa	Paige Stacy	Talisha Basiuk
 4 JACARANDA	 4 JACARANDA	Ruby Pannaye	Enoka Fretton	Cooper Edwards	Jaydaleah Browning
 4 BANKSIA	 4 BANKSIA	Azaria Siafolau	Isabella Vassallo	Charlee Collis	Chole Rewi
 5 ACACIA	 5 ACACIA	Rita Reuelu	Kurt Alderton	Kamil Knibbs	Ella MacKay Patten
 5 KANGAROO PAW	 5 KANGAROO PAW	Isabelle Mills	Lucy Doole-Dunham	Davut Can Harput	Senila Kalolo
 6 JARRAH	 6 JARRAH	Emillia Cartwright	Monique-Rose Saunders	Kayleigh Collins	Seth Armodoros
 6 EUCALYPTUS	 6 EUCALYPTUS	Adam Bartlett	Jack Alderton	Tatiana Rewi	Jasmine Borg



BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

8-15 JULY 2018

Our NAIDOC Day was a huge success and the students, staff and community joined together to celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

A huge thank you must go to Miss Wallace and all of our parent volunteers who helped make the day a success. Many, many thanks for all of your efforts!

It was lovely to see so many community members who stayed throughout the day to spend time with their children participating in the activities.





Descriptive language about a character by 5 Kangaroo Paw!

The elf-like creature had big, black eyes with fur as brown as coffee. He had a neck shaped like a mushroom and sharp, golden thorns. By Naomi

He had fragile, clear wings, a mushroom-like neck with spots, weak legs and a diamond-like nose. By Jermaine



He used his dragon fly wings to find food. He camouflaged himself with the mushrooms around him. On his head, he had fur like a wolf. By Matari

He looked sad, hungry and lonely as he searched around the mountains for food. He turned his ears. They looked like feathers covered with fur. By Archie

He stared around for butter, with his eyes that were as dim as the night sky. He flew past a bush with his speedy, energetic fairy-like wings. He froze. By Lucy

He heard a noise and got scared. He had dragon fly wings and a pointy spear-like nose. He had skinny, long legs and a mushroom-like neck. By Daniella

He flew over some trees with his four crystal, clear wings while searching for a hiding spot as tiny as him. He could hear them talking and looking. He couldn't see them. His one dented wing represented something he did a long time ago, that included...them. By Zoe-Jane

She flew with her crystal, see through wings so she could find a friend. She used her mushroom-like neck to protect herself from danger. By Sisigafua

He had huge, round, alert eyes and two sharp, spiky horns on his head. He had soft fur, huge insect-like, crystal wings and four, long hands. By Senila

The dwarf-like, killer fairy was feeling generous. As she was searching in the deep, dark caverns with her gigantic, black eyes, killer instinct and trustworthy nose, she smelt danger. By Baher
The elf-like creature was feeling sad. She needed a friend. She looked around and went down the street. She has wings like a fly and is as small as a fairy. By Bellah

The elf-like creature was feeling so sad because he had no friends. So he flew off to find friends. He had cat-like eyes and a neck like a mushroom. By Isabelle

He looked around with his night vision and glowing eyes. In front he saw a mystical, mysterious tree that had the power to heal damaged wings. massive,
Suddenly he heard something.
By Davut Can

His neck was in the shape of a mushroom. He had wolf-like ears and large eyes. His breed was the friendliest creature on Earth.
By Bryce

The weird, butterfly-like creature was feeling tough and wild. She turned her long, fuzzy ears. She smelt something with her

diamond-shaped nose.
By Marcus

The elf-like creature was feeling lonely and unhappy. He flew like a drone. His light, floppy legs were just dangling down. He was savage and wild. By Bailey

He has wings like a fly and teeth like a vampire. He is a rude, nasty boy and he has a mushroom-like neck.
By Brooke



He flew with his shiny, thin, crystal clear wings, while his soft, short fur ruffled in the wind. His butterfly shaped head turned. He could see something with his round, pitch black eyes. His mushroom-like neck and his thin, furry legs froze. By Leilani

He flew with his emerald green wings. At sunset he was tired from flying all day but he needed to get food for winter so he transformed into a bat. With his crystal blue eyes he saw lots of food.
By Dakota

The elf-like creature was feeling horrible, selfish and hopeless. She searched the woods for her sister and brother. She flew across the wild sky, the wind blowing her. By Chelsey

The six handed elf-like creature turned his head, as if he was wondering what he saw in the mirror. He looked with his tiny, diamond blue eyes then he flew away with his crystal-like wings, as if there were stars twinkling on them. His body was a mushroom, as if it had been ripped out of the ground. His ant-like antlers could sense everything around him, from a far distance away.
By Isabella

He used his dagger-like horns to sense things, as he was very careless. He lifted off into the cloudy storm to search with his spear-like nose, dagger-like horns, vampire fangs and jellyfish neck. Off he went, into the night. By Henifha

She looked around in search of something with her clever mind. It looked like she did not have a mind because of her soft, cat-like fur. She did have a mind. Then it hit her. She had to look for the thing she needed. She was in need of a friend. By Michaela

Olympian Kim Brenner visited our school and spoke about her Olympic experiences.

Stage 3 made some connections between the GROWTH MINDSET they learn at school, and the mindset required for professional athletes to achieve success in their chosen sport.

It's the same message!

Here are some of Kim's inspiring messages...

"Never give up and you will achieve your goals"

"Just be the best person that you can be"

"You can do anything if you try"

"Don't give up just because you can't do something.

It just you can't do it... yet!"

"Keep trying – even when it is difficult"

"The nerves I was feeling was my body telling me that I cared about the outcome"

"If someone says you can't do something...
prove them wrong!"





Olympic Day at St Marys Nth

Kim Brennan, an Olympic rower visited our school on Wednesday the 27th June to help us celebrate international Olympic day.



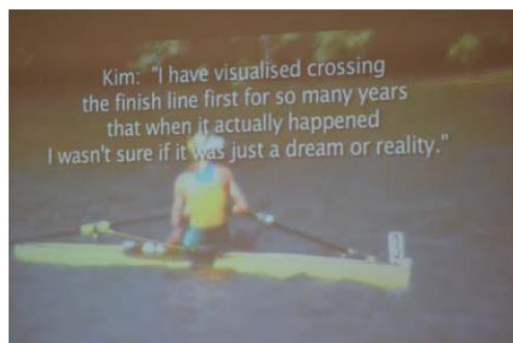
A summary of what Kim told us.

- Cathy freeman was her idol. Kim thought Cathy was lucky to be fast.
- Watched her train realized it wasn't luck just hard work.
- Kim started to work at becoming an elite athlete.
- Made it to the top but injury stopped her.
- Looked for another sport, tried rowing.
- Was told she was no good but kept working at it.
- First Olympics 2008, came last.
- Kept working at it and trying
- 2012 Olympics won a silver medal.
- Kept working at it and trying.
- 2016 won an individual gold medal.



A very clear message is illustrated through her story if you keep on trying and work hard one day you just might reach that goal you are working towards.

Back in the classes, the students discussed what they learnt from Kim's talk. One year two boy stated that the saying '**I cant do it YET**' became so much more powerful for him through Kim's talk.





Olympic Day on Rooby Roo Verandah

The Rooby Roo verandah had a very special visitor on the 27th June and the students were very excited. Kim Brennan a three-time Olympian read the students two stories. Kim said that she has always enjoyed reading and was happy that she had the opportunity to share some stories with the students. Then they sang a few songs with Rooby Roo. Kim said that she has always enjoyed reading and was happy to share some stories with the children.



Next term Mrs Nolan is looking for Grandmothers, Grandfathers, mothers and fathers who would like to read their favourite childhood story to the students on the Rooby Roo verandah. Please let her or the school office know if you are interested.



LIBRARY



If your child is away on their library day, please remember that they can always come to the library straight after school when they come back to return and borrow or between 9 and 10am with their class teacher's permission.

K-4 students need a library bag to borrow. Any type of fabric or plastic bag is acceptable.

There are many overdue library books at the moment. Please remind your child to check at home thoroughly during the holidays and return them as soon as possible. Overdue notes will be sent home in Week 1 next term.

The winner of the class borrowing competition for Term 2 was 3 Orchid with a weekly borrowing percentage of 76%. They will have their free sausage sizzle lunch on Thursday Week 1. In 2nd place was 5 Kangaroo Paw with a weekly borrowing percentage of 68.75% and in 3rd place was KD with a weekly borrowing percentage of 54.60%.

This term, 93 students earned a Good Work card for being a Champion Borrower! Remember to be a Champion Borrower, students need to return and borrow every week each term.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Each week, there is a PBL focus for both the classroom and the playground. Teachers identify students from their class who display that focus behaviour and the student receives a Good Work card at the following week's assembly.

The PBL focus for each of the first 2 weeks of Term 3 is:



WEEK	CLASSROOM	PLAYGROUND
1	Responsible students	Being safe by wearing a school hat
2	Respectful students	Being responsible by walking to lines when the music starts

How can you show your teacher that you are a responsible student in the classroom? Maybe you could make sure that you are on time and ready for learning; or look after equipment; or ask sensible questions.

How can you show your teacher that you are a respectful student in the classroom? Maybe you could say and do kind things; or work cooperatively with your classmates; or use good manners.

Remember to check out the Expected Behaviours Matrix on display in every classroom for some other great ideas. A copy of this matrix will be sent home in the first newsletter of each term.

The House group boxes are located in the office foyer. Students must place their WOW ticket in the correct box.

ALLENS (yellow) for surnames starting with **A-F**

ELLIOTS (red) for surnames starting with **G-K**

LANDYS (green) for surnames starting with **L-R**

SANDS (blue) for surnames starting with **S-Z**

The House with the highest percentage of WOW tickets and winners of the WOW games afternoon to be held on Thursday Week 1 is ALLENS!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Well done to the following Years 3-6 students who have also completed this year's Challenge independently:

Jason 3O, Natasha 3O, Elijah 4J, Davut Can 5K, Gracie 5A and Rita 5A.

Fabulous effort readers!

You have **8** weeks left to finish your 20 books.

YOU CAN DO IT!



Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday 22nd June, students' participated in a 'Jump Off' day at St Marys North Public School. Each stage did different skipping activities for an hour to celebrate the end of the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser. I would like to say a huge thankyou to the students, parents and community members that participated in the fundraiser and raised much-needed funds for the Heart Foundation! Overall, our school raised \$3402.45, which will go towards vital heart research and education programs.

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart



Alex Chambers

Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator





♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Do you have a child that will be starting school next year?

Anyone who would like to enrol their child into Kindergarten for 2019 at
St Marys North Public School,
please come to the school and speak to Mrs Coleman in the office.

Mrs Coleman will give you an enrolment form and answer any questions that you have.

The office is open between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

You will also need the following documents:

- ❖ Birth Certificate
- ❖ Immunisation Certificate
- ❖ Proof of Address

Gateway Family Services

Parenting Group Programs

Term 3, 2018



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.</i>	Every Tuesday 7th Aug—18th Sept 10:00am - 12noon <i>* Childcare available</i>	Westend St, KATOOMBA Connect Child & Family Services Door to right of Mikayla Children's Centre	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
	Every Saturday 4th Aug—15th Sept 10:00am—12noon ** NO Childcare	Heatherbrae, Lawson 1 Benang Street, LAWSON, (located beside carpark behind Lawson Pub)	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Tuning In To Kids <i>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour.</i>	Every Thursday 9th Aug—13th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i>	Pinnaroo OOSH Winmalee Public School White Cross Rd, WINMALEE	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds.</i>	Every Tuesday 7th –21st August 6:30pm - 8:30pm <i>* Childcare available</i>	Gumbirra Children's Centre 97a Cook Parade, ST CLAIR	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
	Every Tuesday 21st Aug—4th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i>	Kingswood Park Public School Caloola Avenue, KINGSWOOD	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Let's Talk about Siblings without Rivalry <i>Discussion and practical tools for parents who want to help their children live well together so you can all live.</i>	Every Thursday 9th—30th August 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* NO Childcare</i>	Wentworth Falls Public School Falls Road, WENTWORTH FALLS	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
From Floundering to Flourishing <i>Helping adults identify how to maximise kids successes giving you tools to enhance and improve kid's resilience.</i>	Monday 17th September 9:30am—11:30pm <i>* Childcare available</i>	Tanderra OOSH 14 Raymond Rd, SPRINGWOOD (behind Neighbourhood Centre)	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Bringing Up Great Kids <i>Learn your parenting style, the meaning behind children's behaviour, ways parents can take care of themselves & find support when they need it.</i>	Wednesday 8th Aug—12th Sept 10:30am—12:30pm <i>* Childcare available</i>	Blaxland Uniting Church 72 Old Bathurst Rd, BLAXLAND (Onsite parking available)	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway family services parent group program is funded by DSS and NSW FACS.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.

