

# World Teachers' Day

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day. The teachers at Smithfield PS were treated to an amazing morning tea put together by a large group of parents. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to these parents on behalf of all teachers. You really did an outstanding job of making us all feel special and appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teaching staff at Smithfield PS for the exceptional job you do everyday. You are all very talented, passionate and caring, which ensures our students are provided with the best care possible and an excellent education.



## Cooking Club Graduation

On Monday 16 September, we were fortunate to enjoy the graduation of 18 Smithfield PS students from the joint Cooking Program with Smithfield Baptist Church. We had Iain and Michelle from Smithfield Coles join us to congratulate the award winners. During Term 3, Smithfield Coles generously donated \$500 to support the purchase of foods for the program.

We were also joined by Sheridan, one of our wonderful volunteers from Smithfield Baptist Church. Over the term, we had 6 volunteers work with our students in developing Social and Emotional Learning skills while focusing on creating various recipes.

Thanks must also go to our Student Mentor, Eddy who has done a marvellous job in working with all the students in this





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Dear parents and carers,

This is the final week of Term 3. It feels like only yesterday I was welcoming families to the beginning of this term!

### Evaluations

Last Thursday was the first of our program evaluation afternoons. Thank you to the parents who attended. The next one is on Thursday 17 October starting at 3:15pm. I encourage parents to join these meetings to learn what the school has achieved throughout 2019.

### Math-Tastic Afternoon

This was a fabulous afternoon of mathematical exploration and discussion. Many parents and carers enjoyed the open classroom session where they got to see how their children learn mathematics at school. This was followed by an entertaining afternoon of engaging mathematics activities. Students and parents participated in hands-on learning experiences where their mathematics skills were challenged. Thank you to everyone who attended this engaging opportunity.

### Parking in Drop Off, No Standing Zones and Car Parks

It is essential that all parents and carers follow the road rules to ensure the safety of all students. I remind drivers not to park in the Kiss and Drop Zone. This area is designed for parents to drive in, remain in their cars, collect or drop off students and drive off. When parents park in this space, it blocks the flow of cars and creates a dangerous situation with cars back up towards the school crossing. Please do not park in the No Standing Zones. Not only is this illegal, it is also very dangerous. Police and rangers regularly patrol the area and will issue fines for offending vehicles. Parents and carers must not park in any of the staff car parks, including the one attached to the church. There have been a few near accidents in these spaces and it is a very unsafe area for children. I appreciate that parking is limited around the school, however, student safety must always come first.

### Hawaiian Disco

On Thursday 17 October during lunchtime, the P&C will hold a Hawaiian disco. Entry cost is just \$3 only. Students are allowed to come dressed in Hawaiian themed clothing (excluding midriff tops, thongs and swimmers). Lollies will be available to purchase on the day.

### School Plan in Action

Below is the next School Plan in Action instalment. This week I will explain process two, 'Professional leadership development reflects the goals for school improvement,' from Strategic Direction 3: School Governance and Leadership.

The main focus in this process was to establish systems to enhance our already strong evaluation process. Leaders received professional learning on evaluative thinking. From this, leaders posed evaluative questions and determined what ongoing evidence would be collected to demonstrate impact. At specific points throughout the year, leaders paused to reflect on the progress of programs and answer the evaluative questions, to determine if programs were meeting desired outcomes and if any adjustments were needed. These refined systems enabled teams to remain on track with planned strategies and also resulted in more accurate end of year evaluations.

School holidays begin at the end of this week. Students return to school on Monday 14 October. I wish all of our families a lovely holiday with their children and look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 4.

Regards

Jodi Harris  
Relieving Principal

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## Math-Tastic Open Day 2019

The Math-tastic Open Day was held on Thursday 12th September, 2019. Students, parents and teachers all had lots of fun on the day. There were open classrooms from 2-3pm, where students showcased to parents what they have been learning about in Mathematics. Many classes participated in engaging Number Talks, Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) lessons and other various technological activities.

During the after school session, K-2 activities were held in the library while Years 3-6 were based in the hall. Parents and students enthusiastically used problem-solving and working mathematically skills to complete the different activities.

We would like to say a big thank you to all staff members who dedicated their time and effort into making this day a success. Also, we would like to extend our appreciation to all the parents who came along and joined in on all the Mathtastically fun activities. We are looking forward to what next year has in store!

Thank you,

Mathematics Committee



## Regional Athletics Carnival

On Friday 13th of September, eight students from Smithfield Public School attended the Sydney South West Regional Athletics Carnival. This took place at the Campbelltown Athletics Centre and featured the best track and field student athletes in the entire region! All Smithfield students that attended represented our school immaculately and participated with great energy and enthusiasm. A big congratulations to Alex, Le'Ati, Nardeen, Zahara, Zion, Jaxon, Dylan and Ayen on their wonderful efforts.

In addition, Alex (long jump) and Le'Ati (long jump, shot put and discus) were able to qualify for the State Athletics Carnival. We wish them the best of luck!

## Enrolments

We are now taking Preschool and Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. Enrolments forms can be collected from the front office. Please ensure you bring your child's immunisation history statement from Medicare, birth certificate or passport and proof of address.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR TEACHERS

Sep 23 Stage 3 Planning Day  
 Sep 24 Stage 2 Planning Day  
 Sep 25 Stage 1 Planning Day  
 Sep 25 Grammar/Write/Know/Teach

### SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

Sep 23 K-2 Reward day - middle session  
 Sep 23 Stage 2 Excursion - Elizabeth Farm for  
 3/4 W, 3/4Thompson, 3/4Sammy, 3/4L, 3/4SB  
 Sep 24 Fairfield Network Public Speaking Competition at  
 Smithfield West PS  
 Sep 24 Pizza Day  
 Sep 24 Preschool Excursion to Lizard Log  
 Sep 25 Gymnastics in hall K-6  
 Sep 26 Stage 2, Elizabeth Farm for  
 3/4K, 3/4M, 3/4Taylor and 3/4 Baydoun  
 Sep 26 SWC 5/6B & 5/6N  
 Sep 27 Rewards Day 3-6 Middle session  
 Sep 27 Preschool Excursion to Lizard Log  
 Sep 27 K-2 Rewards Day  
 Sep 27 Last day of Term 3  
 Oct 14 First day of Term 4

## K-2 Sports Carnival

Class	Boys	Girls
KMA	1 <sup>st</sup> : Sokhom 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Vincent 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Valentino	1 <sup>st</sup> : Enya 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Miranda 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Lujain
KC	1 <sup>st</sup> : Sam 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Kenan 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Derrick	1 <sup>st</sup> : Sara 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cassandra 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Kayla
KFO	1 <sup>st</sup> : Valentino 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Hanna 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Julian	1 <sup>st</sup> : Kathryn 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Lanaa 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Theresa
K1N	1 <sup>st</sup> : (Tied) Alan Atilla 2 <sup>nd</sup> : (Tied) Aurelian Preston	1 <sup>st</sup> : Catherine 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pippa 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Audrey
ASPECT	1 <sup>st</sup> : Nia 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cameron 3 <sup>rd</sup> : William	
1/2 Matheson	1 <sup>st</sup> : Kevin 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Liesa 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Danielle	
1/2 Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> : Romeo 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Lawrence 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Bianca	
1/2 Huynh	1 <sup>st</sup> : Lucas 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mary 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Shaun	
1L	1 <sup>st</sup> : Caleb 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dion 3 <sup>rd</sup> : William	1 <sup>st</sup> : Aliyah 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mia 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Rihana
1J	1 <sup>st</sup> : Phil 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Ethan	1 <sup>st</sup> : Imahni 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Set 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Katrina
1/2 B	1 <sup>st</sup> : Bebo 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Larsin 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Sherbel	1 <sup>st</sup> : Jezil 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Helen 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Floransa
2S	1 <sup>st</sup> : Kelepi 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Muhammed 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Zain	1 <sup>st</sup> : Yvonne 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Indigo 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Lendra
1/2 A	1 <sup>st</sup> : Ali 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Raymond 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Donny	1 <sup>st</sup> : Michelle 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Savannah 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chloe
2K	1 <sup>st</sup> : Emaad 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Alvino 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Nathan	1 <sup>st</sup> : Amelia 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Amylili 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Jainaba
1/2 ME	1 <sup>st</sup> : Dzenan 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jacob 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Kirem	1 <sup>st</sup> : Eden 2 <sup>nd</sup> : May 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chiara

## Cricket Club Donation

Thank you to Smithfield RSL Cricket Club who kindly donated 2 cricket bags full of equipment such as gloves, helmets, pads and wickets.

This was very generous and I am sure that our PSSA cricket team will be able to use the equipment when they start the Summer competition again. There will be plenty to share with home sport groups too!

If your child is interested in joining a junior cricket team, Smithfield RSL Cricket Team have provided the office with registration forms for any families interested.