

# Congratulations!

## Bronze Awards

Mary KS  
Eva KS  
Christine KS  
Nomas KS  
Yazen KS  
Mahdi KS  
Cruz KC  
Ashor KC  
Brunel KMP  
Noah KMP  
Emaan 1A  
Brooke 1A  
Eliama 1A  
Valentino 1A  
Julian 1L  
Ruby 1L  
Nathan 1D  
Valentino 1D  
Reynalda 1/2BC  
Jolya 1/2BC  
Elyas 1/2BC  
Mekeel 1/2BC  
Masomah 1/2BC  
Blessing 2W  
Bianca 2S  
Chiara 2S  
Khoi 2S  
Preston 2S  
Kayson 2M  
Dzenan 2M

## Silver Awards

Tabitha 5/6K  
Alex 5/6B  
Tiana 3/4M  
Jacob 3/4M  
Ayah 3/4A  
Gabriel 3/4A  
Kelepi 3/4A  
Ray 3/4C  
Anh 5/6A  
Christena 4/5S  
Sara 5/6M  
Clair 5/6M  
Jun Ming 5/6M

## Bronze Awards

Vii 2M  
Zahra 3/4C  
Brandon 3/4C  
Kaeli 3/4C  
Alicia 3/4C  
Zainab 3/4SB  
Joseph 3/4SB  
Yonito 3/4SB  
Andullah 3/4SB  
Jezil 3/4SB  
Helen 3/4SB  
Matias 3/4SB  
Kevin 3/4A  
Anisa 3/4A  
Ayah 3/4A  
Jonluke 3/4M  
Eric 3/4M  
Senny 3/4M  
Tiana 3/4M  
Ashleigh 3/4M  
Jacob 3/4M  
Jivan 3/4M  
Joshua 3/4K  
Fadi 3/4K  
Trisha 3/4K  
Veronica 3/4K  
Noah 3/4K  
Eva 3/4K  
Lendra 3/4K  
Angelica 5/6B

## Bronze Awards

Damen 5/6B  
Angela 5/6K  
Tabitha 5/6K  
Demour 5/6K  
Rose 5/6K  
William 5/6V  
Tausisi 5/6V  
Cluj 5/6V  
Haaziq 5/6V  
Henry 5/6M  
Sara 5/6M  
Clair 5/6M  
Jun Ming 5/6M  
Anh 5/6M  
Jessica 4/5S  
Meriam 4/5S  
Zainab 4/5S  
Benjamin 4/5S  
Ali 4/5S  
Romeo 4/5S  
Serena 4/5S  
Maryam 5/6  
Maryam 5/6N  
Nawres 5/6N  
Linda 5/6N  
Santa 5/6N  
Khong 5/6N



Dear parents/ guardians,  
Welcome to Week 6!

### **New School COVID-19 Guidelines**

Last week, the Department of Education sent out correspondence outlining additional measures schools are required to take to continue to ensure the safety of staff and students. These guidelines were shared with parents through a note sent home on Thursday. The main new requirement parents need to be aware of is; any student absent or sent home sick from school with flu like symptoms must be COVID-19 tested. Parents need to show the negative test result notification to the front office before the child is permitted back to school. This is essential in preventing an outbreak within the school. I ask that all parents continue to be supportive and keep their children home if they are unwell and get them tested immediately.

### **Pyjama Day**

Last Wednesday was a very comfortable day for all who supported the P&C fundraising mufti event and wore their pyjamas to school. Thank you to those who supported the initiative. It is difficult for the P&C to raise funds as there is currently a restriction on P&C events. Thank you to the P&C for your commitment and creativity in attempting to still raise funds for the school working within these restrictions.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

#### **Week 4**

Parent/Teacher interviews worked well via Zoom with only a handful of technical issues. Although face-to-face interviews are the more desired approach, Zoom interviews worked as a good alternative under COVID-19 restrictions. Thank you to all teachers, parents and interpreters for participating in the interviews. If you were unable to participate in the Zoom interviews and would still like to meet with your child's teacher, please call the school and arrange a phone interview time.

### **Father's Day Stall**

Due to new restrictions, the annual Father's Day stall will not operate as normal. Fortunately, the P&C have devised a way that students can still purchase gifts for their dads or significant persons. As students cannot attend the stall, the stall will come to them! This week the P&C will send home order forms. Families can place their Father's Day orders through the front office and the items will be delivered to students to take home on 3 or 4 September. For this order, no online payments will be accepted. Students are to place the competed orders and money in an envelope and hand to the office no later than **Tuesday 1 September**. Sorry, but no late orders can be accepted.

### **PSSA and Zone Athletics Carnival Cancelled**

At the end of last week, the Fairfield PSSA Sports Associated announced that it was necessary to cancel the remainder of the winter PSSA competition and the Fairfield Zone Athletics carnival. This decision was made due to the new guidelines mandating no more than 100 students at a venue, making it impossible to continue as planned. I know many of our students will be disappointed, however, it is out of our control. Refunds for jersey hire and Week 4's bus fees are currently being organised. A separate note was sent home regarding this at the end of last week. To receive a

*Safe, Responsible, Respectful Learners*



### **Bullying and School Support**

Bullying is a term commonly misused to explain a negative incident. Below is information for parents to ensure a common understanding among the community it covers what bullying is and the support available at school if you feel your child is being bullied. I am pleased to say that recent data indicated a dramatic decrease in bullying incidents over the past three years. This I credit to the fast and effective response and prevention strategies used at the school.

#### **What is Bullying?**

Bullying behaviour has three key features:

- Intentional misuse of power in a relationships
- Ongoing and repeated
- It involves behaviours that can cause harm

Some behaviours, while not bullying, are conflicts that still need to be addressed and resolved. Examples include:

- Mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- Showing dislike for someone or a single act of social rejection
- One-off acts of meanness or spite
- Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

#### **How do I know if my child is being bullied?**

Some signs that a young person may be being bullied include:

- not wanting to go to school
- have falling school grades
- changing their route to school or become frightened of walking to school
- changes in sleeping or eating patterns
- frequent tears, anger, mood swings and anxiety
- having unexplained bruises, cuts and scratches
- missing or damaged belongings or clothes
- asking for extra pocket money or food
- arriving home hungry.

#### **What can parents do if their child is being bullied?**

- Do not directly approach any other student or their family.
- Contact the school and make an appointment to discuss the issue.
- Ask the school for a copy of their Anti-bullying Plan.
- Work with your child's school to solve the problem by establishing a plan for dealing with the current situation and future bullying incidents.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Regards

Jodi Harris

Relieving Principal

### **Postive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

Focus for the week is keeping the playground clean.



### **SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER**

Fathers Day stall 3 and 4 September

### **Athletic Carnival 2020**

## **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2020**

The annual Smithfield Public School Athletics Carnival was held on Monday, 3rd August 2020. It was a wonderful day filled with exciting events, sportsmanship, cheering and even a few broken records. All students, parent helpers and teachers participated enthusiastically throughout the day. Many of the students performed exceptionally well and all participants should be commended for their efforts.

#### **We had 3 records broken this year:**

Boys 12 Year 100m Dash - 13.96 - Alexander - Brennan

Boys 12-13 Long Jump - 4.70m - Alexander - Brennan

Girls 12-13 Long Jump - 3.81m - Sukanya - Brennan

Well done to our Athletics Champions for 2020.

#### **The 2020 champions are:**

Junior Boys - Oliver

Junior Girls - Roukaya

Senior Boys - Alexander

Senior Girls - Sukanya

Congratulations to all!

The winning house was Chisholm, with Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bossley 3<sup>rd</sup> and Kenyon in 4<sup>th</sup> place. **Well done Chisholm!**

We would like to thank the 2020 Athletics Committee for their hard work ensuring a terrific carnival. We would also like to acknowledge all staff and parent helpers for their support. Everyone worked as a team ensuring we were able to run a successful carnival.

Unfortunately, The Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival **will not** be running this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We look forward to participating in athletics events next year.

Thank you

Katelyn Moore and Athletics Carnival Committee

Please support the Year Six students of Smithfield Public School by purchasing a showbag for \$6.00. All students have until Wednesday the 26 of August to pay.

