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Dear parents/ guardians,

Welcome to the 2020 school year!! I hope you all had a fabulous break and enjoyed the time with your families.

It is fabulous to see all of the students return to school smiling and ready to learn. They look smart in their neat uniforms and black shoes. I request they maintain this level of pride in their uniform throughout the year. Students are quickly settling in to their new classes.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our new families and students and look forward to getting to know you all. Kindergarten students started class on Monday 3 February. They are a very settled group who appear excited to be here.

### <u>Staff</u>

I would like to officially welcome Miss Tran to the teaching team at Smithfield PS. Miss Tran is familiar to the school in that she did casual days in 2019. We are pleased to have her on class this year teaching 3/4C.

I would like to welcome back Miss Pollicina. After a year of sporting endeavours, Miss Pollicina has returned as a Student Mentor and a Student Learning and Support Officer. Both students and teachers are excited to have Miss Pollicina back in the school.

Miss Sander has also returned after a extended holiday exploring the world. Students and parents will be happy to know, Miss Sander returns as a permanent teacher to Smithfield PS. I'd also like to congratulate Miss Sander who was married during her travels. We wish you all the best in your future as a married couple and welcome your new husband to the Smithfield family.

At the very end of Term 4, four of our teachers achieved permanent status at Smithfield PS. It is a great pleasure to congratulate these teachers on their permanency:

Miss Megan Best – as English as and Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) Teacher

Mr Khoury – as classroom teacher

Miss Needham – as classroom teacher, and

Mrs Subotic – as Assistant Principal.

During the holidays, preschool had new outdoor play equipment and rubber flooring installed. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions, the work is still in progress and should be completed by this Wednesday. The new equipment looks very exciting; preschool students should have a wonderful time playing and exploring in the new outdoor environment.

Ramps were installed in H Block, outside the library and office as well as a path leading up to the basketball courts to accommodate the needs of a student in a wheelchair. The railing for the H Block ramp will be installed shortly. We are pleased to have these provisions available to enable access for all students.

### Toilets

As we start a new year, I would like to remind returning parents and inform new families that any adults needing to use the toilet whilst on school premises (including those accompanying toddlers) are asked to use the toilets in the library. Toilets in the





playground (at both ends of the school) are for students only. Parents are also reminded that there is no smoking allowed on school grounds, which includes the toilets. I ask parents and carers to respect this request in the interest of student safety.

Community Engagement

Look out for the Community Engagement Newsletter which will come out later this term. It will include a variety of different ways you can be a part of the school, including courses specifically designed for you. If you have any questions regarding these opportunities please see Mrs Sulaf Hamid or Mrs Sandy La in the office.

### Swimming carnival

The annual swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 18 February. All students turning 8 or older are eligible to compete. Please mark the date on your calendar and look out for a separate note for further information.

Meet the Teacher

Teachers will conduct Meet the Teacher information sessions on Thursday 20 February. There will be two identical sessions for each stage, 3:15-4:15pm and 5-6pm. Parents are encouraged to attend to be informed on what their children will learn about this year and stage routines for 2020. A note with greater detail will be sent home shortly.

### Student Leadership Induction

This year's Student Leadership Induction will be held on Thursday 20 February. The assembly will commence at 2pm in the school hall. Parents are invited to join us on this momentous occasion.

**Paperless** 

Just a reminder that as of 2020 Smithfield PS newsletter will be paperless. Parents are required to download the newsletter from the school app or visit the school website. In the near future, we will launch a parent online portal, where you will be able to readily access the school newsletter and various other types of important information regarding your child/ren's education. I will inform you when this is ready to be launched.

Kindness

The first challenge I have set for students this year in our school kindness endeavours, is to get to know at least five other students in their new class that they don't already know very well. Making connections with your fellow class mates is essential in developing a sense of belonging. I ask parents and carers to support this initiative by reinforcing it at home.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Regards

Jodi Harris Relieving Principal









# **CLASSES FOR 2020**

Classes	Teachers name
5/6M	Alex Mansfield (AP) / David Sun
5/6A	Magda Aren
5/6B	Phoung Bui
5/6V	Stefan Vrankovic
5/6K	Rabeeh Khoury
5/6N	Arthi Naidu
Stage 2	Slobodanka Subotic (AP)
4/5S	Kat Sander
3/4SB	Carmen Betsey /Rebecca Summersford
3/4K	Katerina Liapis
3/4M	Katelyn Moore
3/4T	Indiya Taylor
3/4C	Christina Tran
1/2B	Helen Best (AP) / Stacey Cordero
2W	Natalie West
<b>2</b> S	Arti Singh
1A	Feryal Awick
2M	Monica Mueller
1L	Vicki Luong
1D	Kate Dickson
Kindergarten	Renee Farnham (AP)
KN	Aleisha Needham
KS	Michelle Slan
КМР	Jeff Micallef / Christian Pagano
KC Special Education	Mili Cvijic
2/3B	Maryam Baydoun
4-6S	Sunita Sammy
K-2M	Belinda Morgan
K-4H	Linda Huynh
3-4M	Linda Matheson
4-6T	Cheryl Thompson
EIU	Roop Rekha/Kylie Muras/Linda Huynh