

## Tournament of the Minds

The Tournament of the Minds is a program for Primary students which provides the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges. These challenges foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork. This year, Smithfield Public School entered a team of 6 students to compete in the "Language Literature Challenge."

The team did an amazing job, and despite being a tough competition and countless entries from around the region, they received "Honours" for their entry. This is no small feat, and is evidence of the absolutely brilliant final submission the team was able to produce. We are very proud of them.

Congratulations to: Issac, Oliver, Carolynn, Laila, Vanessa, Jennifer and Devansh.



This term staff at Smithfield engaged in two Wellbeing professional learning sessions. The first session was focused on learning about Social and Emotional Learning, the Dimensions of Health and Wellbeing and Emotional Intelligences. The second session was focused on teachers as wellbeing models. Teachers learned strategies and how to put them in order to become wellbeing models for our students and community.

We understand the enormous responsibility and challenges that Home Learning placed on parents, guardians, and students this term and would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holidays. The following diagram includes some activities and ideas that may help you through these times.

From the Wellbeing Team.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 10!

### **Learning From Home**

Over the past fortnight, I had the pleasure of joining KS, 3N, 5K, 5/6MC, a Stage 1 incursion and the Possum preschool group Zooms. I thoroughly enjoyed connecting with students and seeing them working very hard. It was my pleasure to read stories to the Possums and KS. 3N shared their word making skills through a game of Boggle and used their imagination in a drawing task. The Stage 1 wildlife incursion was very interesting. I was impressed with the excellent questions students asked. I was blown away with the knowledge of erosion students in 5/6MC demonstrated. 5K had a very constructive conversation about bullying. Ruby contributed an insightful quote which I would like to share with you. Ruby stated, 'Blowing out someone's candle will not make yours burn brighter.' An intelligent mindset from a kind and caring student.

### **Tournament Of Minds (TOM)**

Congratulations to the TOM team on their excellent submission in the literacy challenge, where they were awarded 'Honours.' This is an extremely competitive competition. Achieving honours or a place is an outstanding achievement. We are very proud of this team of dedicated and talented students. Well done team!

### **Second Parent Zoom Pop in Sessions**

Last week, we held the second Parent Pop In session. It was lovely to see many new faces and some who joined the precious session. Parents provided feedback regarding remote learning and made suggestions for the coming weeks. It was lovely to connect with you all. Thank you very much for your time.

### **Term 4**

As mentioned in previous communication, the first three weeks of Term 4 will be remote learning as per Term 3. If Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) is no longer deemed an area of concern by 25

October, at this point, Kindergarten and Year 1 students will return to school. Years 2 and 6 will return on 1 November and the remainder of the school on 8 November. Students in the support unit will return with their grade cohort. We are still waiting on advice regarding the return of preschool students. In the event that Fairfield LGA is still deemed an LGA of concern on 25 October, we will continue with remote learning. Let's hope this is not the case. Further information regarding this staggered return to school will be shared with you next term.

## 2022 Kindergarten and Preschool Enrolments.

We are currently taking 2022 Kindergarten and Preschool enrolments. 2022 Kindergarten orientation will commence early next term (either face-to-face or virtually), so please ensure your children are enrolled before then. It is very important they attend orientation. Parents are encouraged to use the online enrolment form available on the school website or through this link <https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=3073> for Kindergarten enrolments.

The preschool enrolment form can be accessed through this link:

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/fc42beb1-eff2-4592-b7da-a253901e002a/1/preschoolapptoenrol.pdf>

If you are unable to access the online forms, please call the school office and a paper copy will be mailed to you.

## Holidays

Next Monday starts the spring holidays. Enjoy this time with your family, relaxing and getting outdoors. Students return to online learning from Tuesday 5 October as Monday is a public holiday. Have a happy and safe week!

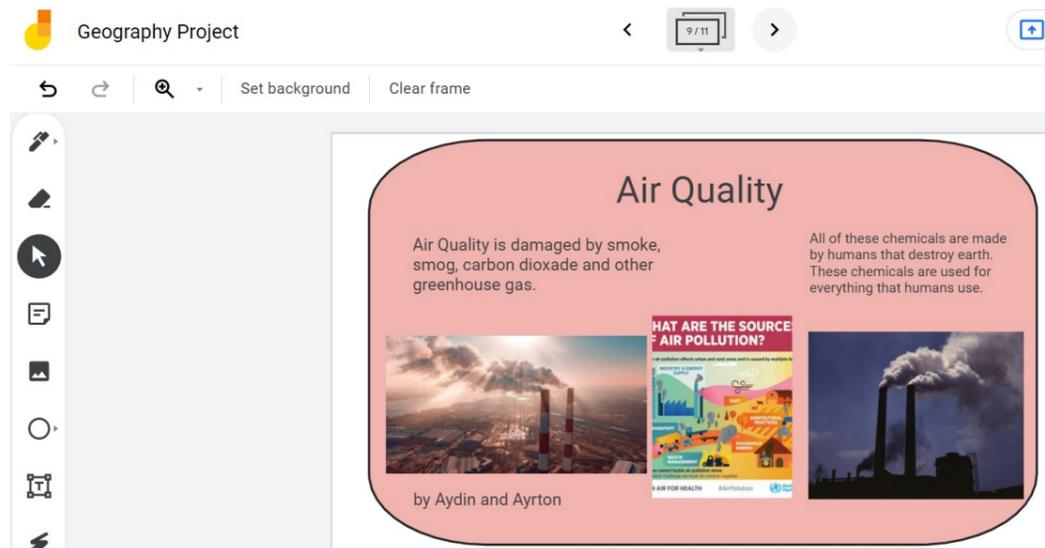
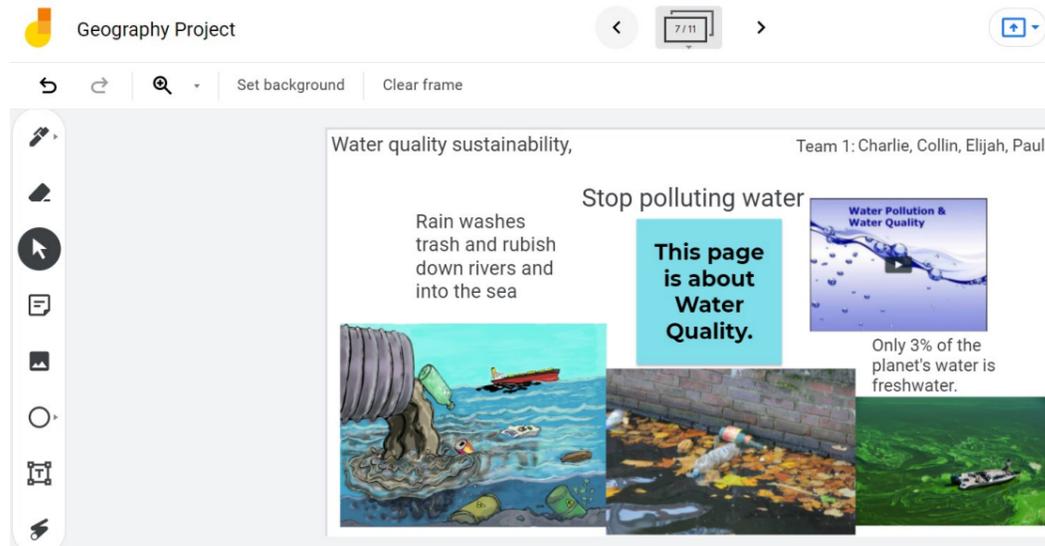
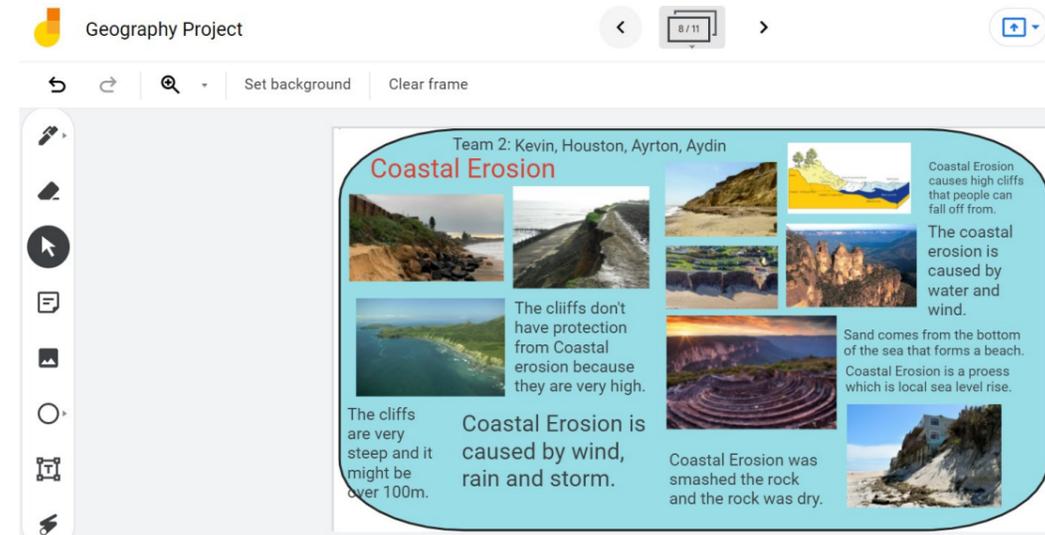
Kind regards  
Jodi Harris  
Relieving Principal



Elijah from 2M used items from his garden to make a piece of art. He then used Seesaw to colour it. Great work Elijah!



Students in 5/6 MC worked collaboratively during our Zoom using Jamboards to show their learning in Geography and Science this term. Great work. Mrs Matheson.





**Remote learning**

Welcome to week 10! It has been a challenging term for all. Through challenges we see strength in our community. We truly appreciate the partnership and support between our families and educators. Next term we will host review meetings for K-4 and Year 6 students via zoom. More information will be sent out about the reviews this week.

Our 'Friday Fun Day' zoom sessions for this past fortnight have included 'Jersey Day' and a special 'Superhero day' paying tribute to our amazing SLSO's who do a wonderful job supporting families, students and teachers. We had a special visit from our own superstar athlete, Miss P! We are very proud of her soccer achievements. We all hope you have a happy and safe holiday, look forward to seeing you all next term

Bitia Christos  
Deputy Principal Special Education

**Jersey Day**



**SUPERHERO DAY**



# Now taking enrolments



Smithfield Public School is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2022!

Is your child due to start Kindergarten in 2022?



Complete the application to enrol:  
[bit.ly/kinder2022](https://bit.ly/kinder2022)



Email the completed form to:  
[smithfield-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:smithfield-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

If you require a paper copy, please call the school on [9604 5475](tel:96045475) and we will mail a copy to you.





# SMITHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL



**Is your child turning 4 on or before 31 July 2022?**

**We are now taking enrolments for 2022**

**Complete the Application to Enrol form at:**

**<https://bit.ly/preschool2022>**

**Email the completed enrolment form to:**

**[smithfield-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:smithfield-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**

**If you are unable to access the online form, please call the school office on 9604 5475 and a paper copy will be mailed to you.**