

# *Congratulations!*

## Bronze Awards

Nathalie K1C  
Sienna K1C  
Selma K1C  
Queenie K1C  
Alessandra K1C  
Christina K1C  
Joseph K1C  
Lacey K1C  
Hafsah K1C  
Zahlya 1/2L  
Harley 1/2L  
Janice x 2 1/2L  
Kathryn 1/2L  
Hope 1/2L  
Brook 1/2L  
Nathan 2K  
Emaan 2K  
Reeleen 2K

## Bronze Awards

Summer KS  
Dragon KS  
Lily KM  
Johnny KM  
Mayar KM  
Emma KM  
Mason KM  
Tommy KM  
Danni K-3B  
Eric K-3B  
Rahaf K-3B  
Larissa K-3B  
Manweela x 5 1/2W  
Houik 1/2W  
Ilyas 1/2W  
Noella 1/2W  
Matias x 2 1/2W

## Bronze Awards

Vicki KBC  
Sienna KBC  
Holly KBC  
Jaxson KS  
Abel KS

## Silver Awards

Alessandra K1C  
Almir K1C  
Christina K1C  
Julian 1/2L  
Janice 1/2L  
Sokhom 2K  
Manweela 1/2W



## Bossley Park High School Talented Football Program Open Night

BOSSLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE UPCOMING TALENTED FOOTBALL PROGRAM OPEN NIGHT WHERE YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THE PROGRAM HAS TO OFFER YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER FROM BOTH AN ACADEMIC AND FOOTBALL PERSPECTIVE.



When: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 4:30-5:30

Where: St Johns Park Bowling Club, Jamieson Room



TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE

\*Please note: This event is being conducted at an external venue due to COVID restrictions on school grounds.



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Dear parents/ guardians,

### Area Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday 5 Smithfield PS students represented the Horsley Zone at the Area Swimming Carnival. This is a high level of competition and I want to congratulate Lian, Casey, Mia, Jayden and Cruz for making it to the Area carnival. These students should be proud of their effort and achievement.

### School Vision

Towards the end of 2020, Smithfield PS reviewed its school vision and guiding principles in preparation for the next four year School Improvement Plan (SIP). Feedback was sort from staff, students and parents. Further feedback was recently obtained from the Director Educational Leadership | Fairfield Principals Network, Lisa Porter. Below are the suggested minor changes which will bring our vision and guiding principles in line with the Department of Education strategic plan. The SIP is due to be finalised at the end of this term. If you would like to provide further feedback on the modified school vision and guiding principles, please do so by contacting the school office.

### School Vision

The Smithfield Public School community is committed to creating a dynamic, nurturing learning environment based on collaboration, respect, equity and trust. Students are confident, skilled and creative citizens who are well equipped to positively contribute to a complex and dynamic society.

### Guiding Principles

**Wellbeing** - A safe, secure learning environment built on kindness and empathy, fosters the development of all community members to become responsible, successful and respectful citizens.

**Curriculum** - Students demonstrate strong literacy and numeracy foundations and are confident in their ability to learn. They are effectively supported to engage in a challenging and student-centred curriculum, which promotes innovation and creativity.

**Opportunity** - Smithfield Public School provides its diverse learners with a range of opportunities, enabling them to thrive, succeed and reach their full potential.

**Community Engagement** - Smithfield Public School community respects diversity and embraces effective partnerships that shape and support an inclusive school culture.

**Expert Staff** - Smithfield Public School staff are dedicated to their own development. They are empowered to engage in evidence-based pedagogy and sustainable practices, which facilitate life-long learning and promote leadership opportunities.

Safe, Responsible, Respectful Learners



## Social Skills Term 1 Reports

In Week 10, students will bring home the first report of the year. This report will inform you of their overall social progress so far. It is a snap shot report. Please note, this is not an academic report. The purpose of the report is to inform you of the social skills and work habits displayed by your child/ren so far this year. This report provides a good opportunity to open conversations with your child/ren and set ongoing expectations for the remainder of the year. At the bottom of the report is a section where teachers indicate if a follow up interview is necessary, please carefully check this section of the report.

## Harmony Day and Celebrations Parade

On Tuesday 30 March, Smithfield PS will celebrate Harmony Day and conduct the annual Celebrations Parade. We are excited that parents are allowed onsite to join in this event. Parents are invited to join the two Celebrations Parades (P-2 and 3-6) starting at 12pm. A separate note will be sent home this week with further information. I encourage all students to prepare a celebrations hat at home to wear in the parade. This is the first celebratory event we have been able to have in over a year, so it would be fantastic to see all students participate.

## Driving Safely in School Zones

Local police, the council and our local member of parliament have recently been informed, by concerned citizens, of the unsafe driving observed within Smithfield PS school zones. These authorities are looking to put measures in place to improve the use of the school zones. Parents and carers risk expensive fines and demerit points when parking in no parking zones, doing U-turns across double yellow lines and not waiting until the crossing is clear before driving over it. I implore all community members to do the right thing. It may take you a few extra minutes to follow the rules, but it means you are helping to keep our students safe.

## Importance of a Good Night Sleep

Too often students tell me they were up past 8:30pm playing PlayStation or on another device. Research shows it is imperative that children get 8-10 hours of sleep each night. Without this, their ability to concentrate and learn is greatly diminished. There are times when this lack of sleep also leads to inappropriate behaviour through reduced tolerance and resilience. I urge all parents to ensure their child/ren receive sufficient sleep to maximise their learning. Start with a sleep supportive evening routine where devices are turned off at least 30 minutes before bed. Encourage reading in bed before lights out and reward compliance with bedtime routines. You will be surprised the difference it makes.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Regards  
Jodi Harris  
Relieving Principal

## 2021 Smithfield PS Wellbeing Team

In 2021, Smithfield PS has put together a wellbeing team, to ensure that all members of the community feel heard and supported with their wellbeing needs. The Wellbeing Committee consists of:

Pia Maturana, Linda Matheson, Vicky Luong, Christina Huynh, Rabeeh Khoury, Arthi Naidu, Maryam Baydoun, Sulaf Hamid and Angela Bugge.

The goal of the committee is to ensure a planned and consistent whole school approach to wellbeing that promotes resilience and a mentally healthy community. Please speak to any of the committee members if you have any further questions.

Rabeeh Khoury



Lian is the 2021 Horsley Zone 11 Years Boys Age Champion!

Congratulations Lian, Jaden, Casey, Cruz, Mia and Dylan who successfully qualified for the SSW Regional Swimming Carnival. They represented our school and the Horsley Zone at the Regional Carnival with great pride.



**Swimming Carnival Lost Property:** There are still many lost items left over from the school Swimming Carnival earlier in the term. All items have been washed and added to the lost property container next to the front office.

**Cross Country:** It is time for students to start training at home for the Primary Cross Country Carnival. The Primary Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday 27 April (Week 2, Term 2) at Brenan Park for all students aged 8 - 13. Students aged 8-10 years of age will run 2 km and students aged 11-13 will run 3km at the carnival. Ms Sander and her organising team are seeking parent/carer volunteers to help on the day. If you would like to volunteer at the carnival, please leave your name with the front office and an organising teacher will contact you in the coming weeks. Just keep in mind we have limited spaces for volunteers.

## High School Review Meeting

On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> our families with children in year 5 are invited to attend High School review meetings.



## Support Unit News (SUN)



At this meeting we will discuss and review progress and placement options for High School 2023. Notes about the reviews have gone home and parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please see your classroom teacher or Mrs Christos if you would like further information.



## Virtual Reality

This term our Support Unit borrowed virtual reality kits from the Department of Education's - Stem Technology for Learning hub. Our teachers and students have been learning how to use Google expedition with the virtual reality sets to enhance their learning.



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