



#### SILVER AWARDS

JORDAN 1L  
ROZIN 2M  
CHRISTINA 2M  
AYDIN 6MC  
ABDULLA 6MC  
CHRISTIAN 5/6T  
GRETEL 3N  
  
SANA 3/4C  
RIHANA 4L  
  
MIRANDA 3/4T  
DZENAN 3/4T  
KENAN 3H  
GISELLE 3H  
KAYLA 3H  
AIRA 5/6V  
ABDULLAH 5/6B  
RONNY 5/6B

#### GOLD AWARDS

DZENAN 3/4T  
REELEEN 3H  
ELYAS 4K



## Smithfield Public School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week will see changes to COVID-19 restrictions for schools. We are very excited to begin Week 6!

#### Changes as of Week 6

From Monday 28 February:

- parents are allowed onsite to drop off and pick up children
- Cohorting is no longer required. This means we can return to normal morning and afternoon routines.
- Mornings - supervision is provided for students from 8:30am. Students will sit on the silver seats 8:30 – 8:45am. At 8:45am K-2 students will play under W Cola and 3-6 on A-B block asphalt. If you wish to come onsite in the morning, please come between 8:45-9am.
- Afternoons – all students will finish school at 3pm. Gates will open at 2:45pm. Parents are welcome to come onsite and wait outside their child's classroom to pick them up. Parents are still able to meet their children at the gates if preferred.
- Students can now go to the canteen at either lunch or recess
- Students can choose which playground they play in. This will mean students need to remember to bring their hats if they wish to play on the field, basketball courts or in Quietland. Anyone without a hat will need to play under EIU shelters.
- Students will be offered sanitiser as they enter their classrooms instead of at gates in the morning.

#### Rapid Antigen Testing Update

Schools have now fallen in line with community requirements of symptomatic testing. This means testing is at parents' discretion. Parents may wish to only test their children if they develop flu like symptoms. We ask that parents still notify the school if their child returns a positive test result. Each student was provided with a supply of RAT kits at the end of last week. We will continue to distribute kits if and when we are directed by the Department of Education.

#### If Your Child is Unwell at school

Any student (or staff member) who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home and asked to stay home until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed with another condition (in writing from a medical professional), the student or staff member can return to school.
- If a student tests positive on a RAT or PCR test, the student and any household contacts (unless they've had COVID in the last 28 days) need to isolate for 7 days.
- Where a family does not want to complete a RAT or PCR test, the student needs to remain home for 7 days and must be symptom free before returning to school. To return prior to the 7-day isolation period, the student must be symptom-free, and provide written advice they have been 'diagnosed with another condition' by their Health Care Provider.

#### ZONE Swimming Carnival 2022



- Primary school teachers are required to wear face masks for one more week. From Monday 7 March staff will only wear masks if they choose to, however, all staff working in the Support Unit are required to wear masks until further notice. Students are welcome to wear masks if they wish to.

### Library

During the extensive rain last week, the library experienced minor flooding. The fast action of staff ensured the damages were reduced and all books were saved. The way staff jumped into action to save the library was fabulous. Once again, our team of dedicated staff demonstrated their willingness to go above and beyond for the school. Thank you to everyone who helped. As a result, the library will be closed until further notice for repairs.

### Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher sessions for grades 1-6 will be held this Wednesday 2 March. Parents are invited to come onsite to meet with teachers to hear of planned learning for the year and find out about individual class organisation/routines. Parents are encouraged to wear face masks as this is an indoor event.

### Support Unit PLASP Meetings

The Support Unit PLASP meetings will be held this Tuesday 1 March onsite. Each family should already have an individual interview time. Please contact your child's teacher to make an interview time if you don't already have one.

### Kindergarten Best Start Interviews

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend an interview to discuss their child's Best Start results and meet their class teacher. These will be held on Wednesday 9 March. Please contact your child's teacher if you need help to book an interview.

### Induction Assembly

Smithfield PS will hold the leadership induction assembly on Friday 11 March at 2pm in the school hall. Student Executives, Sports Captains, Library Monitors and Student Representative Council (SRC) members will be formally inducted into their roles and receive their badges. Parents are invited to join the assembly onsite.

### New Sentral Parent Portal

It is wonderful to see a large number of families have already signed up to the Sentral Parent Portal. Each family received an individualised login code. If you have not received yours, please contact your child's teacher. This portal will replace the current School App at the end of Term 1. Through this portal, you will receive an SMS if your child is absent reminding you to go into the portal to register their absence. This will replace the usual system of sending in a written note. You will also receive notifications and messages from the school and your child's individual class. All notes and newsletters will also be available through Sentral Parent Portal. Parents can also access the events calendar to know when things are on.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Kind regards  
Jodi Harris  
Principal



*Please keep dry  
Stay warm  
Stay safe*

### SPS Attendance Committee News

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if they are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnerships with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

There are a number of valid reasons why a student may be absent from school, including illness, injury, bereavement or overseas holidays. In these cases, it is expected that a child's absenteeism is communicated with the class teacher either prior to the leave or from the first day of the absence.

There are different ways that parents may choose to communicate the reasons for absences with the school, including the following:

- Explaining leave through the new Sentral Parent Portal
- Sending a handwritten note or doctor's certificate the following day

Whenever possible, parents should aim to schedule vacations for the school holidays to avoid students missing substantial learning at school.

Keeping in mind that research tells us that students with an attendance rate below 90% are educationally at risk. (Every Day Counts, 2021).

Cathy Stansbury

Assistant Principal

## Explaining Absences in Sentral Parent Portal

The new Sentral Parent Portal makes it quick and easy to communicate the reasons for absences with your child's class teacher.