



SMITHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final week of 2022. The last day of school for students is this Friday 16 December.

School Reports

School reports will be released on Sentral Parent Portal towards the end of this week. A notification will be sent out on the portal to inform you of their release. Reports will not be printed anymore, therefore, the only way to access the reports is through the portal. If you have not yet signed up for the portal, please see your child's class teacher asap.

Presentation Day

Congratulations to the many students who received awards at this year's Presentation Day assemblies. I am always immensely proud of the effort students put in each and everyday and it is wonderful to see their achievements recognised. Thank you to Mrs Heap and her committee for ensuring the smooth running of the assemblies.

2023 Elected Student Leaders

Congratulations to Andro, Zacariah, Ashleigh and Tiana on being elected as the 2023 Student Leaders! This is an honourable achievement which you should be very proud of. I know you will represent the student body with pride. I look forward to working with you next year.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell is this Thursday night. Stage 3 students need to arrive at Smithfield RSL at 6pm. Parents/carers are invited to join the farewell at 8:15pm for the formal proceedings. The farewell will finish at 9pm when attending parents/carers can take their children home. Please remind your children not to bring devices. There will be an official photographer capturing the evening and photos will be made available to download for free for Stage 3 students. We look forward to a fun night.

Teacher Farewells

This year we farewell a couple of teachers. Mr Micallef was successful in gaining a permanent Assistant Principal position at Austral Public School which he will commence in 2023. We know many families and students will miss Mr Micallef. We wish him all the best in his new position and thank him for his contributions to Smithfield PS over the many years.

Mr Young will leave to pursue a family business. We expect he will return later in the year. We thank him for the wonderful work he has done teaching 5/6B this year.

Mrs Carbone will move to Governor Phillip King Public School. We thank her for her many years of dedication to our school and wish her all the best.

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2023 Term 1 dates.

Next year, students 1-6 return to school on Tuesday 31 January. Kindergarten start school on Wednesday 1 February. Preschool and EIU have varying start dates depending on which groups they are in. Please see individual group notes for further information.

The uniform shop will be open on Friday 27 January and Monday 30 January. A message will be sent on Sentral Parent Portal closer to the day with times.

2023 Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten orientation has now finished for 2022. It was a pleasure meeting the newest additions to the Smithfield PS family. If you have not yet enrolled your child in Kindergarten for 2023, please do so now as we are currently organising classes for 2023. 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>

If you are unable to access the online form, please contact the school office for a paper version.

2023 Preschool

We are also taking enrolments for 2023 preschool. Please complete the preschool enrolment form which can be accessed through this link: <https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/fc42beb1-eff2-4592-b7da-a253901e002a/1/preschoolapptoenrol.pdf>

Alternatively, you can collect a paper version from the school office.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish all families a Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday.

Kind regards

Jodi Harris

Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 27 January 2023 9am to 3pm

Friday 30 January 2023 9am to 3pm



SPS Attendance Committee News

In the last edition of the newsletter, I introduced our new attendance reward system for 2023, 'At School, On Time and Ready to Learn'.

You may recall that we will hold a raffle every 5 weeks with a ticket included for all students that have met the following criteria:

- **Been on time to school everyday** (exceptions will be made for one off appointments or other approved leave when an explanation is provided by the parents)
- **Had attendance at school everyday** (exceptions will be made for up to 5 days of sick leave or other approved leave where an acceptable explanation has been provided by the parents)

Our first raffle will be held in Term 1, Week 5. We hope to be able to include every child K-6 in the draw. In order for your child to be included in the raffle, they will need to return to school on the first day back, which is **Tuesday, 31st of January, 2023**.

The Attendance Committee is currently moving the focus from merely improving attendance, to working with families to eliminate routine late arrivals. We regularly make phone calls home to parents to discuss the reasons for these absences from school. Often the reason provided for the lateness is quite unjustified eg. slept in, unable to find a carpark or general disorganisation.

Please keep in mind that arriving late to school, even for a few minutes each day greatly impacts your child's learning and wellbeing. The most 'meaty' content is generally taught early in the morning and often being late has the impact of embarrassing an individual child.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with all parents in 2023, to improve attendance and eliminate late arrivals.

Enjoy the holidays!

Cathy Stansbury

Assistant Principal



Russ the Story Bus

Russ the Story Bus from Sydney Writers Festival visited our school last Thursday with a well known author Josh Pyke. K-2 Students were treated with an author talk, visit on the story bus and gifted a free book.



Dates to Remember

15th December	Year 6 Farewell
16th December	Rewards Day Last day of school
19th December	Staff Development Day
27 January	Uniform Shop open
30 January	Uniform Shop open
31 January	Years 1 to 6 students first day back
1 February	Kindergarten first day back



Silver Awards

Farhan(2) 5D	Brandon(2) 5D	Zahra 5D	Malissa 6SO
Aaditya 5/6V	Ryan 5/6V	Aira 5/6V	Chloe 5/6B
Yonita 5/6B	Zain 5/6B	Julian 3G	Aysin 3/4C
Rama 3/4T	Attilla(2) 3/4T	Caleb 4K	Rachel 5/6B
Sofia 5/6B	Jessica 6SO	Jainaba 5/6BH	Nathan(2) 5/6H
Montathar 5/6H	Eden 5D	Jeremy 5D	Helen 5D
Dominic 5D			

Gold Awards

Jessica 6SO	Kinda 5/6H	Malissa 6SO
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50 NIGHTS OF READING

Joseph K/1S	Issa K/1S	Avannah KS	Holly 2A	Almir 2A
Leila 2L	Kayla 3H	Eden 5D		

100 NIGHTS OF READING

Owen 1NC	Charbel K/1S	Caspian KS	Matteo KS	Luciana 1L
Benjamin KJC	Daniel KM	Anmar 2L	Angie 1L	Mayar 1L



**Allied Health Partnership Parent Pays Services (AHP-PP)
working with Smithfield Public School**

AHP PARENT PAYS THERAPY

Allied Health Partnerships (AHP) is an experienced and trusted company, who provide therapy in over 70 schools throughout the Sydney region.

Smithfield Public School have chosen to partner with AHP-PP to provide holistic and supportive therapy to ensure effective communication between clinicians, parents and teachers. The services we will be offering at Smithfield Public School will be SPEECH PATHOLOGY and OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

Allied Health Partnerships is a Certified NDIS registered provider.

Allied Health Partnerships provide speech and occupational therapy sessions for children during the day at Smithfield Public School. If you are interested in accessing this service in 2023, please complete the online form below and someone from AHP will be in touch with you.

If you are interested in your child receiving school-based therapy services, please contact us at in-take@AHPpartnerships.com.au or fill out the [2023 Expression of Interest Form](#)

Allied

Health Partnerships looks forward to providing your school with the services it needs.

Your sincerely,

Allied Health Partnerships Team.

Why is reading important?

Your child will experience the most success in reading when school and home work together.

Reading with your child at home will help your child in all areas of school.

Connection

Reading provides a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to connect. It's a nice way to spend time together and slow down during an otherwise hectic day.

Having a positive attitude towards reading will help your child view literacy in a positive way.

Development

Reading is proven to improve cognitive skills.

Reading daily to, or with young children, starting in infancy, can help with language development, communication skills, social skills, and literacy skills.

Vocabulary

Reading helps expand the number and variety of words your child uses because new texts introduce many more words than those used in day-to-day communication.

Imagination

Reading sparks your child's imagination and stimulates curiosity.

In turn, this developed imagination leads to greater creativity as children use the ideas in their heads to inform their work.

Ms Sander and Mrs Subotic have created a resource to support parents and carers with reading at home. Open the link using the QR code.





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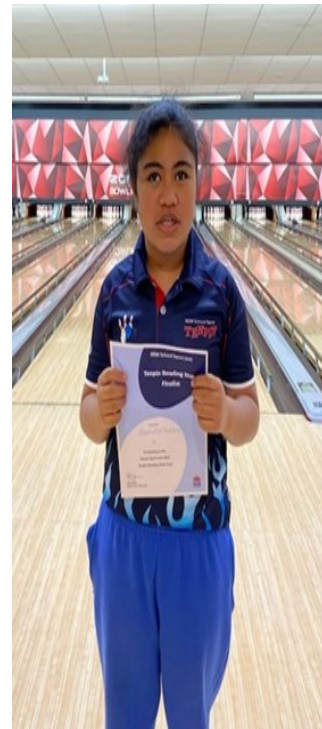
Special Unit News



Term 4 Week 1

Sport State Bowling Championship

Our children have had some exciting experiences over the last few weeks. At the NSW Inclusive Sport State Bowling Championships, 4 students Julia, Sherbel, Danielle and Lucas had a great time competing we are extremely proud of their efforts.



School Spectacular

Six of our students, Aydin, Seyhan, Kevin, Houston, Paul and Collin also performed at the School Spectacular at Qudos Bank Arena. It was an amazing show and performance by our students. This event is being televised on Saturday 17th of December, at 7pm on channel 7, look out for our amazing performers.

A big thank you to the teachers and SLSO's who supported our students for rehearsals and/or on the performance nights, Ms Matheson, Miss Baydoun, Mrs Sammy, Mrs Oliverio, Mrs Cunico, Mrs Assaad, Ms Triganza and Miss Dickson.



High School Orientation and Transition

High school orientation and transition visits have occurred for 14 of our Year 6 students throughout the term. Teachers and SLSO's supported visits and met with the high school teachers to share information and Personalised Learning and Support Plans. We will continue to support transitions for the remainder of the term.

Bowling Excursion

All students K-6 attended an excursion to Wetherill Park Bowling Centre and had a wonderful time bowling. Our Early Intervention have end of year celebrations planned and invitations have already been sent out to families.



Presentation Day

Our students showed exemplary behaviour at the presentation day assemblies. Congratulations to all students for their efforts and achievements this year.

We were particularly proud of Aydin who received a major award, The Parliamentary Leadership award for his outstanding efforts as a student leader this year.

Kind regards,
Bita Christos
Deputy Principal Special Education

