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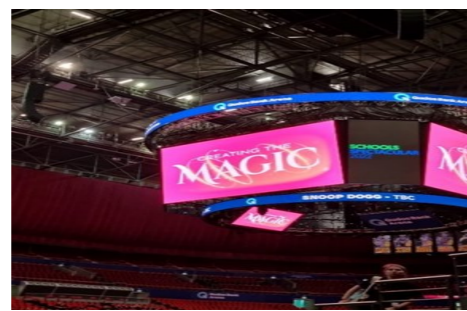
Term 4 Week 4

Last week we had our first combined school rehearsal at Qudos Bank Arena for the School Spectacular. A few of our boys were featured on channel 10 news as various news outlets were filming rehearsals. Tickets for the School Spectacular are still available for you to come and support our boys at Qudos Bank Arena, Homebush on the 25th and 26th of November. Notes have been sent home about tickets and I have also included the link for ticketing purchases. <https://www.schoolspectacular.com.au/tickets/>

On Thursday our bowlers will compete in the NSW Inclusive Sport State bowling competition at Rooty Hill West HQ, we wish them the best of luck. Last week we began our orientation process met our new families coming to our K-6 support classes in 2023, we look forward to meeting the children over the next few weeks. Review meetings for our K-4 and year 6 students will be held this Tuesday the 1st of November. Notes with dates and times have been sent home. Our staff have been busy tracking and analysing students' data particularly in numeracy which has been driving numeracy programs. Last week staff also engaged in wellbeing mindfulness activities which they will be using with students in the classrooms. This Friday the 4th of November we are very fortunate to have Grace Fava from the Autism Advisory Service coming to do a special presentation for families on 'How to talk to your child about Autism'. The workshop will start at 9:15am in the meeting room.

Deputy Principal Special Education

Bitia Christos



SMITHFIELD

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 4!

Reminder - Additional School Development Day (SDD)

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there is an additional SDD planned for Term 4. This creates a date change for the last day of Term 4. **Students will now finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.** School Development Days allow staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students. With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19 December 2022. You can find local vacation care services for your child via Before and After Care School Finder. <https://finder.service.nsw.gov.au>

While there will be no classes on Monday 19 December, if you cannot arrange alternative care for your child, we will provide minimal supervision at school.

School Strategic Planning Day

On Saturday, staff and parents came together via Zoom for the annual Strategic Planning Day. Throughout the day, teachers presented program and initiative proposals for 2023. The quality of proposals was very high. With what is proposed for 2023, I am confident it will be a great year of student growth and attainment. Parents and staff voted on the proposals. We will now collate these votes and put forward the finalised plan for 2023. Thank you to all staff and parents who attended this very important decision making day.

2023 Kindergarten Orientation began today.

2023 Kindergarten Orientation commenced today. It is very important students attend orientation to ensure a smooth transition to Kindergarten in 2023. If you haven't already done so, please enrol your child before the next orientation session on Wednesday 9 November. 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.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Kind regards,
Jodi Harris

Opening of New Outdoor Library Area

On Thursday 20 October, Smithfield PS held the official opening of the outdoor library area, Turanza Garden. It was a beautiful occasion enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs Topalian, Mrs Frost, Miss Thompson and helpers for coordinating the event. We were honoured to have Mrs Deb Summerhayes (Executive Director, for the Metropolitan South & West School Performance Directorate), Mrs Lisa Porter (Director Educational Leadership | Fairfield Principals Network), Mr Frank Carbone (Mayor of Fairfield City), Mr Andrew Turner (Representatives of the Turner family from Wynstan Blinds), Ms Aleisha O'Sullivan (Marketing & Promotions Manager and representative for Smithfield RSL), Miss Claire Speranza (a former Smithfield Public School student who's initiative the garden was) and her family join us for the occasion. The student executives, library monitors, Ivy, Adalia and Alexa were exceptional in their welcoming of guests, delivering of acknowledgement of country and a speech and their general hosting of the event. Thank you to all students, parents and staff who attended the opening.

The garden is now ready for students to enjoy whenever the library is open. It is not a play space, rather a space for students to relax, read or sit down and chat to their friends. It is wonderful to see many students already enjoying this space.



Australian World Teacher's Day

We are very fortunate to have an outstanding group of teachers at Smithfield Public School. I thank them for their unrelenting efforts in ensuring the best education and care for our students. Teachers were celebrated on World Teacher's Day last Friday, through a fabulous lunch provided by a large group of parents and the two CLOs Mrs La and Mrs Abedine. I am overwhelmed and humbled by the efforts of the CLOs and parents in putting together the lunch. It really was an exceptional event which teachers were very grateful for. Thank you very much!



State-wide High School Orientation Day

All public High Schools (including selective high schools) will be holding their Year 7 Orientation Day on **Tuesday 29th November (Week 8)**. All Year 6 students enrolled in a public high school are invited to attend the school for the day and meet key staff and tour the grounds.

Students **must wear full school uniform** on the day and be dropped off and picked up by a parent or guardian. If your child is enrolled in a religious or independent high school, please refer to the information sent out by that school.

If you have any questions, please see Ms Best.

SPS Attendance Committee News

Initial assessment of the Term 4 Attendance Data indicates a steady increase in students attending at least 90% of the time. We are proud of this effort!

However, there are still a substantial number of our students that are turning up to school late.

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

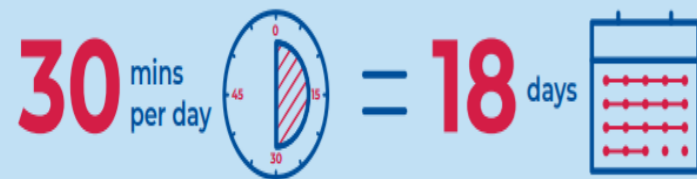
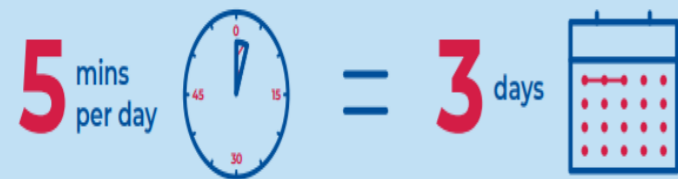
Lateness is recorded as a partial absence in class rolls and must be explained by parents.

Cathy Stansbury
Assistant Principal

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will continue in Term 4 Week 3.

Every Monday

Years 3 to 6 3pm to 4:30pm

(Talk to your classroom teacher if you are interested.)



Breakfast Club

Smithfield P.S

Proudly supported by 

Every School Day

(8:30am to 8:50am)

Monday- Toast with Vegemite, Honey or Jam.

Tuesday- Cereal, Pancakes or Cheese toasties.

Wednesday- Cereal, Pancakes or Cheese toasties.

Thursday- Toast with Vegemite, Honey or Jam

Friday -Toast Vegemite, Honey or Jam.



Dates to Remember

2nd November	Kindy Orientation
3rd November	State Bowling Championship
9th November	Kindy Orientation
10th November	Aboriginal Korri Culture Day Smithfield Spectacular at Smithfield RSL
15th November	Kindy Zoo Excursion
16th November	Kindy Orientation
23rd November	Kindy Orientation
26th November	School Spectacular performance
29th November	High School Orientation Day
30th November	Preschool Play Session
1st December	SU Orientation Kindy visit
9th December	Preschool Concert/Graduation
7th December	Preschool Concert Graduation
13th December	Presentation Day
14th December	Pre school Parent Orientation session





Silver Awards

Lily 1L	Ethan 1NC	A tra 1NC	Anmar 2L	Cooper 2/4S
Yousif 2/4S	Frank 1/2W	Hannah K/1S	Maison 3/4T	Ashleigh 5/6V
Jolya 3/4C	Fbean 3/4C	Aiden 4/5M	Danni 4/5M	Eric 4/5M
Oshana 4/5M	Hayder 5D	Zahlya 3N	May 5/6B	

Gold Awards

Jolya 3/4C	Zahlya 3N	May 5/6B
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Rachelle	1/2W	For helping others to clean their activity after Maths had finished.
Bailee	2M	Bailee and Christina found \$10 and handed it into the front office.
Ismail	1NC	Sharing and showing Mariam how to play with Beyblades at lunchtime.

50 NIGHTS OF READING

Ruby KM	Mahmoud KS	Brianna KS	Dragan 1/NC
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100 NIGHTS OF READING

Ruby KM	Amelia KS	Minan KS	Matthew KS
Dragan 1/NC	Pippa 3/4T	Motto 5B	



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.





Smithfield Spectacular– Tickets Purchase & Events Update

With only a short time our premiere of Smithfield Spectacular, please read the events updates and ticket advice below.

The Smithfield Spectacular performance will take place at Smithfield RSL, 10th November 2022.

This event will feature all our performance groups, as well as featured solo acts. Students are to be dropped off at the RSL club at 5pm to allow time for hair, costuming and makeup. Parents and carers will be asked to wait until doors open for seating.

Tickets are currently on sale through the front office, with no limit. Each ticket costs \$5 with children under 3, attending for free if they can be seated on a guardian's lap. If there are any remaining tickets on the day of the performance, these will be sold at the door. Please ensure you have an original copy of your paper ticket to present to the usher at the door to secure your spot. Seating is not allocated, and will work on a first come, first serve basis. Doors will open for audience member from 6.10pm.

We also wish to acknowledge that this will be an alcohol free event. Any persons attempting to enter the audition intoxicated will be asked to leave. Frinks will not be permitted in the auditorium at any time.

We look forward to welcoming you to what will be a night to remember!

Miss Kat Dickson
(Performance Coordinator)