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SMITHFIELD

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Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 6! We have many things to celebrate this week.

Smithfield PS Spectacular

Smithfield PS Spectacular was absolutely fabulous! It was a sold out event enjoyed by all. We are so very proud of the students who performed. They showed bravery, compassion for one another and exceptional behaviour. There is a rich vein of talent among Smithfield PS students. We experienced amazing dances, choir and solo singing, art, photography, and magic performances. Thank you to the families who came along and supported our students; the atmosphere in the auditorium was elevating and encouraging. Thank you to Miss Dickson and helpers for coordinating the event. The event ran very smoothly as a result of Miss Dickson's excellent organisation. Thank you to the wonderful teachers who lead the various performance groups, Mrs Heap, Miss Needham, Ms West, Ms Yeland, Ms Sander, Miss Dickson, Miss Moore and Mrs Baydoun, for the selfless support of the performing arts at SPS. Thank you for sharing your talent with the students and giving up countless hours to provide students this opportunity. Thank you also to the many staff members who helped on the evening or leading up to the event. It truly was a magical event.

Ten Pin Bowling Competition

Congratulations to the Support Unit students who represented Smithfield PS at the state Ten Pin Bowling competition. We are very proud of these students who won the local competition to be able to compete at the state level. Although they were not the winners on the day, they all played very well and did their very best.

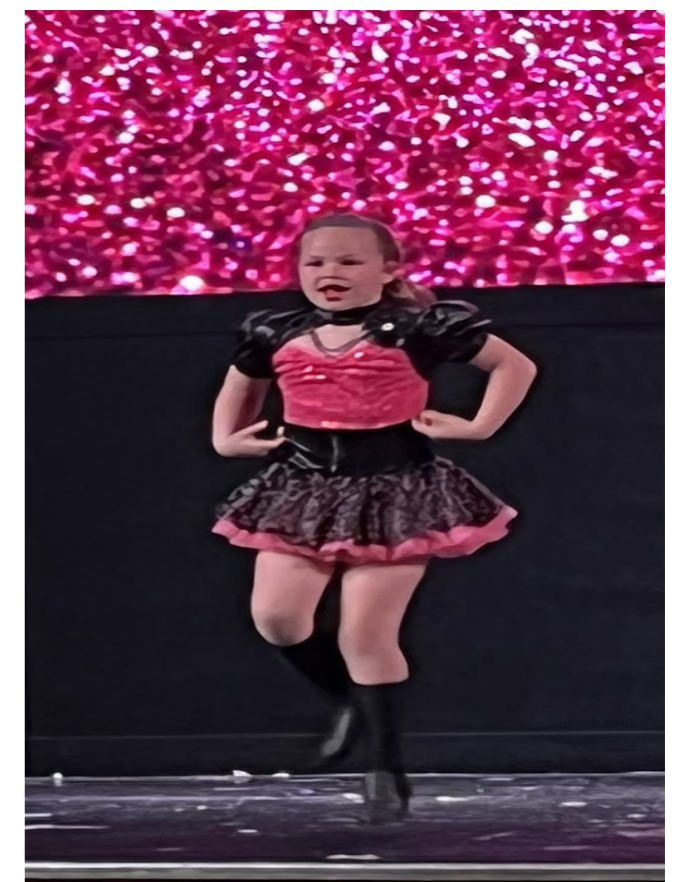
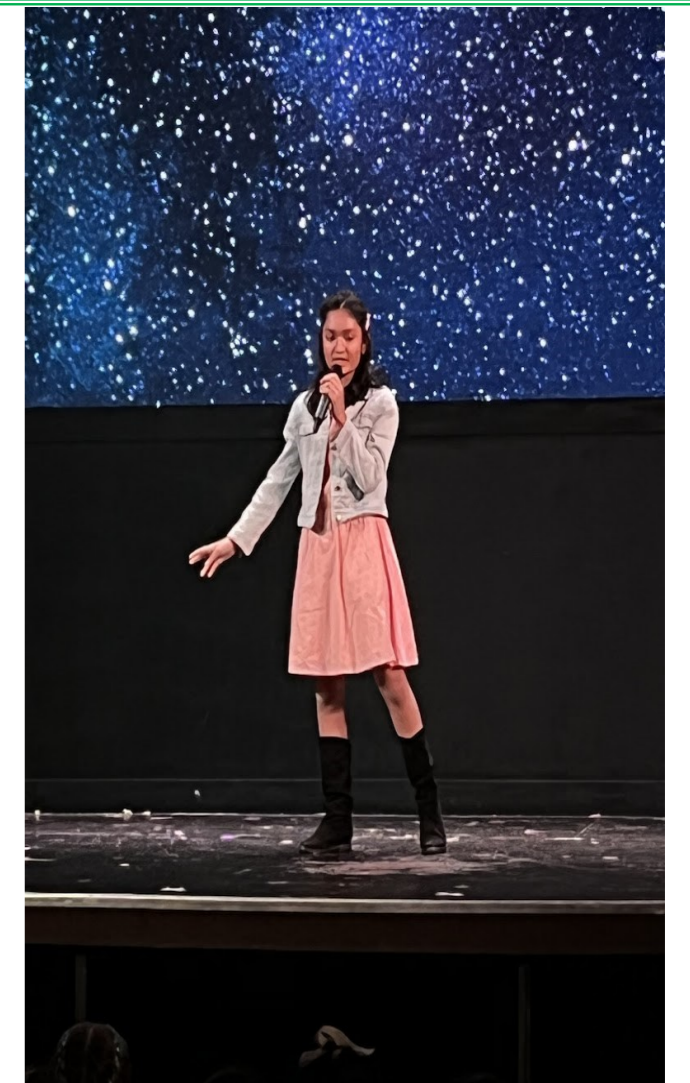
School Spectacular

We are very excited that six Smithfield PS Support Unit students will perform in next week's School Spectacular at Qudos Bank Arena and nine mainstream students will perform in the School Spectacular festival prior to the main events. These students have worked very hard, attending many rehearsals in preparation for the large scale event. Students across NSW will perform on Friday and Saturday 25 and 26 November. I wish students all the best as they represent Smithfield PS in this large performing arts arena. This event will be televised, so watch out for advertisements with times and dates on TV. Thank you to Mrs Christos, all of the Support Unit team, Miss Dickson, Ms Sanders and Support Unit teachers for supporting the students to prepare for this event and attending the performance with them. I look forward to being in the audience.

If you would like to attend this event, tickets are available via [Ticketek](#) or by calling [13 28 49](tel:132849).

For more information, please go to [Schools Spectacular](#)





Remembrance Day

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Zach, Aydin, Martin and Veronica at the Smithfield RSL Remembrance Day Service. It was a beautiful service held at the memorial park. I am very proud of the way the students conducted themselves and showed their respect to those who fought in various wars to protect our country.



Staff Awards

Four Smithfield PS staff members received awards this week. Mrs Stone receive a Principal Network award for her contributions to Smithfield PS as an SLSO. This is a prestigious award only given to one non-teaching staff member in the Fairfield network.. Next week, Miss Tran, Miss Naidu and Mrs Heap will receive Fairfield Network Awards for excellent beginning teacher, classroom teacher and leadership respectively. We are very proud of these and all of the staff members at Smithfield PS. Congratulations to these four staff members on their well deserved acknowledgement.



Fairfield Network Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 2 November, four students represented Smithfield Public School at the Fairfield Network Public Speaking Competition at King Park Public School. Abbey participated in the Kindergarten competition, Elliott participated in the Stage 1 competition, Dzenan participated in the Stage 2 competition and Ashleigh participated in the Stage 3 competition. They all did a fantastic job delivering both a prepared and impromptu speech. Abbey was the runner up in the Kindergarten competition and received the Highly Commended Award. Ashleigh won the Stage 3 competition with her impromptu speech getting a special mention by the judges as a standout on the day. Well done to all students for their hard work and dedication to practicing their speeches.



Aboriginal Koori Culture Day

Last Thursday, Mrs Matteson and our Aboriginal students (and their friends) joined Aboriginal students across the local area to attend an Aboriginal Koori Culture Day at Merrylands Public School. This was an amazing day where students explored and learned about their histories and culture. Many well know Aboriginal people, such as football players and local artists, ran engaging workshops. The weather was beautiful, making for a fun and educational day for all.



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. External link: <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.

2023 Kindergarten Enrolments

2023 Kindergarten enrolment forms should already be submitted to the school office. If you haven't already done so, please enrol your child as soon as possible so they can attend the remaining orientation sessions. 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
Principal

SPS Attendance Committee News

The current school procedures involve the analysis of whole school attendance data on a fortnightly basis. In the breakdown of this data, we look closely at unexplained leave. For this reason, it is extremely important that you provide explanation to your child's teacher or call the front office either prior to the absence in the case of a planned absence, or on the day of the absence. Explanations can be made through the Sentral Parent Portal, through See-Saw, a phone call, or through a note on the following day.

In the past few weeks, the analysis of attendance data has identified numerous individual students with declining attendance and no explanation has been provided. The school's Learning and Support Team was able to provide the necessary assistance to these families, which in turn has improved their child /children's attendance.

Please be confident in approaching the school if there are complex issues impacting your child's attendance. Your child's class teacher, Assistant Principal or a member of the executive team are always willing and up to the challenge of assisting in these situations.

Cathy Stansbury

Assistant Principal

State-wide High School Orientation Day

All public High Schools (including selective high schools) will hold their Year 7 Orientation Day on **Tuesday 29 November (Week 8)**. All Year 6 students enrolled in a public high school are invited to attend the high school for the day to 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.

Homework Policy Update

Next year, Smithfield Public School will update its Homework Policy. A committee has been formed who will review current research regarding the benefits of homework and the Department of Education's recommendations for homework. This information will be shared with parents during Term 1, 2023. Part of the process will include gathering information from teachers, parents and students through surveys. We look forward to working with the community during this process.

Gardening Club

Gardening club members would like to say a massive thank you for the generous donation received from our parents this term. This was used to purchase some much needed gardening supplies. The students were so excited to try out their new watering cans!

On another note, due to a poor growing period, the Term 4 garden stall has been cancelled. We have placed some new seeds down, which we hope to harvest by the end of the term.



50 NIGHTS OF READING

Aurelia 2A Arthine Johnathan K1/2 Daniel KM Thalia KM

100 NIGHTS OF READING

Adalia 2L Aurelia 2A Johnathan K1/S Thalia KM Onila 1/2W



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.

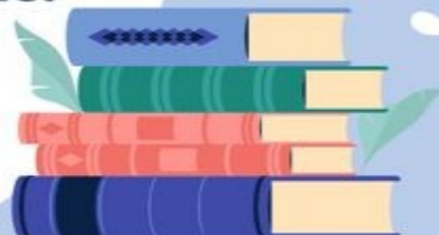
Vocabulary

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.



Silver Awards

Emma 3/4C	Masomah 3/4C	Kayla 3G	Vincent 3G
Savan 5B	Eliama 3N	Janice 3N	Joseph 5/6B
Takla 5/6B	Haider 5/6B	Zain 5/6B	Junior (3) 5/6B
Ramsin 5/6B	Hannah 3/4T	Vivian 3/4T	Pippa 3/4T
Ludmila 2/4S	Awraham 4/5M	Liesa 4/5M	Sherbel 4/5M
Danielle 4/5M	Abdulla 6MC	Martin 6MC	Mariam 5/6T
Ezella(2) 5/6H	Sofia 5/6H	Alira 5/6V	PJ 4K
Lawrence 4/6S	Christiano 4/6 S		

Gold Awards

Eliama 3N Kevin 2/4S John 2/4 Julia 5/6T Hiliau 5/6T

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.)



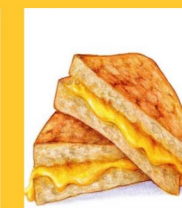
Breakfast Club

Smithfield P.S

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Every School Day (8:30am to 8:50am)

- Monday- Toast with Vegemite, Honey or Jam.
- Tuesday- Cereal, Pancakes or Cheese toasties. (Varies on day)
- Wednesday- Cereal, Pancakes or Cheese toasties. (Varies on day)
- Thursday- Toast with Vegemite, Honey or Jam
- Friday -Toast Vegemite, Honey or Jam.



Dates to Remember

- 23 November Kindy Orientation
- 26 November School Spectacular performance
- 29 November High School Orientation Day
- 30 November Preschool Play Session
- 1 December SU Kindy Orientation visit