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Special Unit News



Orientation

Over the last fortnight we have welcomed some of our new EIU families to our school. We have enjoyed meeting and getting to know our new students and parents. We have also started our support class orientation and welcome our new families starting Kindergarten with us next year.

Transition

We have also started our High School transition programs. We have contacted the various High Schools and organised transition meetings to share information and Personalised Learning and Support (PLaSP) goals. Some of the High Schools have also organised zoom session which we have been able to support. Our teachers will also support transition with various planned activities in the upcoming weeks.

Our Early Intervention has also had a focus on transitioning our current students. Our teachers have contacted the new schools to share information and PLaSP goals. We have also facilitated some visits with various schools, supported resource creation such as social stories and visuals. The teachers have also planned various activities this term to support the transition to Kindergarten next year.

Have a lovely fortnight everyone.

Bitia Christos
Deputy Principal Special Education



SMITHFIELD

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 8!

Presentation Day Assemblies

The annual Presentation Day assemblies will be held on **Tuesday 13th December 2022**. Presentation Day assemblies will be held in stage groups, Kindergarten, Stage 1 (grades 1 and 2), Stage 2 (grades 3 and 4) and Stage 3 (grades 5 and 6). There will also be a major awards assembly at the end of the day. Family members of each award recipient (plus all students who nominated for student executive) have been invited to attend the relevant assemblies. We look forward to seeing families celebrate student achievements with us on this special occasion.

Uniform Reminder

As we near the end of term, it is easy to become relaxed about uniform. I ask that parents continue to ensure their children dress in full school uniform. This not only evokes a sense of school pride, it also helps students remain focused and responsible. Just a few reminders about uniform:

- Students need black shoes (which can be joggers). They can only wear other coloured joggers on sports day.
- No jewellery except a watch and small stud earrings. Wearing jewellery can be a safety concern and the school cannot ensure it will not get lost or damaged.
- Students need a school hat. Students are not permitted to wear hats other than school hats.

Semester 2 Reports – Only available through the Sentral Parent Portal

Teachers are busy preparing Semester 2 reports. From now on, to reduce paper usage, the school will no longer print school reports. Parents will be able to access the reports from the Sentral Parent Portal. If you have not signed up to the portal, please contact your child's class teacher for your unique code, as this is the only way you will be able to access the reports.

School Crossings

Unfortunately, some parents are driving unsafely in the school zones, performing U-turns in front of the crossings across double yellow lines. This is illegal and very dangerous. Parents are also asked not to use private driveways to perform U-turns. This is unsafe as our students cross these private driveways on their way home. It is important parents model safe crossing use. Currently, several parents cross their children in unsafe places, such as at the round-about. There are two crossings outside our school. It takes an extra minute or two to use these crossings. This is not a lot of time and is definitely worth the minor inconvenience for the safety of our students. Please ensure your children walk straight across the crossing and do not veer off the side. Some students have been observed doing this of late. It is dangerous and easily avoided.

School Spectacular

Wow! What an amazing event! Last Friday and Saturday, Aydin, Paul, Seyhan, Houston, Collin and Kevin represented Smithfield PS performing in the School Spectacular at Qudos Bank Arena. All boys did a fantastic job and immensely enjoyed performing in this large arena. Eden, Ella, Ruby, Mia, Takla, Ashleigh and Dayna also represented Smithfield PS performing in the dance flash mob as part of the School Spectacular festival. These girls demonstrated excellent performance skills and thoroughly enjoyed dancing. It was phenomenal to see over four thousand students from across NSW perform, showcasing exceptional creative talent. Congratulations to the Smithfield PS students who performed! Thank you very much to the hard working teachers and SLSO's who made this opportunity possible.



Year 6 Farewell

We are excited to announce the Year 6 Farewell will be held at Smithfield RSL on **Thursday 15th December 2022**. Please mark the date in your calendar. Students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to attend the farewell commencing at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join the farewell for the presentation at 8:15pm. This is strictly an alcohol free event, therefore, parents are not able to bring drinks into the auditorium.

The school is paying for a professional photographer to take photos throughout the night. Stage 3 students will be given access to these photos after the event, which can be downloaded for free. The photographer is employed as students are not permitted to bring devices such as phones and cameras. We want students to spend their time enjoying the event, rather than watching it unfold behind their screens. Please ensure your child does not bring a device to the farewell. Student devices will be confiscated if brought to the farewell and returned to parents at the conclusion of the event.

Last Day of Term 4

The last day of Term 4 for students is **Friday 16 December 2022**. Please see below details regarding the change to official last day.

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). [External link https://finder.service.nsw.gov.au](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

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. 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

Volunteer Morning Tea

On Tuesday, we held a thank you morning tea for the many volunteers who help out across the school. This includes community members who help out with scripture, carnivals, excursions, in classrooms, P&C, uniform shop, etc. I would like to extend our gratitude to all of the wonderful people who volunteer their time to support our students and teachers. We truly appreciate everything you do.



Aboriginal Workshop

On Wednesday 17 November our Aboriginal and SRC students had the pleasure of listening to Aunty Carol Brown talk about Darug country and work with her to create our very own whole school Acknowledgment to country.



Presentation Assembly

Tuesday 13 December 2022

K-2 - 9:15am
Stage 2 - 11:35am
Stage 3 - 12:35pm
Major award ceremony - 2:00pm

SPS Attendance Committee News

As a school community, we are committed to improving the overall attendance rate and reducing the number of students arriving late to school. In 2023, we will launch a reward system called **'At School, On Time and Ready to Learn'** to celebrate our students who are arriving at school on time and attending everyday.

At the beginning of Week 6 and the last day of school each term, an **At School, On Time and Ready to Learn** raffle will be held in both the K-2 and 3-6 assemblies. In Week 6, ten lucky students will win a voucher for the school canteen. In the end of term raffle, the students selected from the raffle will be invited to attend a Principal's Pizza Party.

To be eligible for the raffle, a student must meet the following criteria:

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)

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)

In order to ensure your child is able 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**.

Thank you for your efforts to support students with attendance.

Cathy Stansbury
Assistant Principal

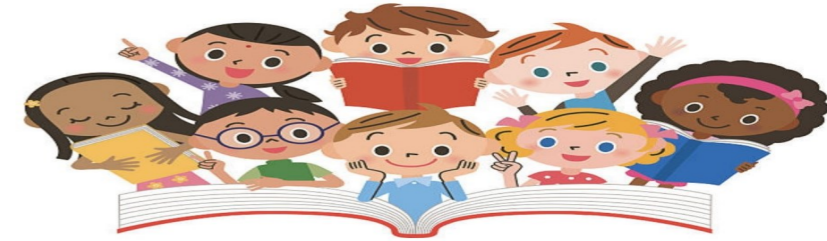


50 NIGHTS OF READING

Joseph K/1S	Issa K/1S	Avannah KS	Holly 2A	Almir 2A
Leila 2L				

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



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

Minan	KS	Layla	KM	Justin	2A	Fadi	2A
Layla	2A	Leila	2L	Sienna	1NC	Emily	1NC
Giselle	1NC	Angie	1L	Elliot	2A	Matthew	2M
James	K/3B	Larissa	K/3B	Caruso	K/3B	Maryam	KS
Aiden	K/1S	Aleena	KJC	John	3/4T	Miranda	3/4T
Sokhom	3/4T	Audrey	3/4T	Michelle	3/4T	Vivian	3/4T
Natalie	5/6B	Alira	5/6V	Tiana(x2)	5/6H	Angelina	5/6H
Alexander	5/6H	Eva	5/6 H	Kinda	5/6H	Newrose	6SO
Jessica	6SO	Ali	4L	Collin	6MC	Abdulla	6MC
Ayrton	6MC	Martin	6MC				

Gold Awards

Holly	6A	Romeo	2/4S	Tiana	5/6H	Aydin	6MC
Angelina	5/6H	Zain	5/6B				

Dates to Remember

30 November	Preschool Play Session
1 December	SU Kindy Orientation Visit
5 December	P&C AGM
6 December	Christmas Stall
7 December	Preschool Concert Graduation
8 December	OC Orientation
9 December	Preschool Concert Graduation
13th December	Presentation Day
14th December	Pre school Parent Orientation session
15th December	Year 6 Farewell
16th December	Last day of school



**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.

If you are interested in your child receiving school-based therapy services, please contact us at in-take@AHPpartnerships.com.au

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

Your sincerely,

Allied Health Partnerships Team.

HOMework CLUB

(UPDATE)

Last Homework Club Session will be Monday in Week 8.

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 **Bega**

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.

