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Special Unit News



Term 4 Week 2

Welcome to Term 4! The support unit has some exciting things planned for this term. We have some great news to share about a bowling team that competed last term in the NSW Inclusive Sport State bowling competition. Our team placed second in the region, and we have progressed through to the state championships which will be held at Rooty Hill West HQ on 3 November. Our champion bowlers that will represent our school at the state championships are Julia, Danielle, Sherbel and Lucas. We are extremely proud of them and wish them luck for the state competition.

On Monday, 6 October students started rehearsals for the School Spectacular which was held at Marie Bashir PS. The boys did a great job of learning the choreography. Rehearsals will be ongoing this term in preparation for the major production at Qudos Bank Arena on the 25 and 26 December. Ticketing information for this amazing event will be shared shortly.

Orientation for our new K-6 families will start next week with a parent orientation on the 25 October. We look forward to meeting our new families. Review meetings for K-4 and Year 6 students will be held this term. Notes will go out shortly to invite parents, with dates and times.

We also have some parent cafes and workshops planned for this term. We are very fortunate to have Grace Fava from the Autism Advisory Service coming to do a special presentation for families. More details about this presentation will be shared shortly.

Bitia Christos
Deputy Principal Special Education



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to be ME!



SMITHFIELD

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter



Term 4
Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 4! We look forward to a full term of exciting opportunities and rich learning for students.

Additional School Development Day (SDD)

Recently, the minister of education announced an additional SDD 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](#)

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

Each year, Smithfield Public School conducts a whole school strategic planning day, where staff present proposals for the following year based on thorough evaluations of the current year's programs. This year the strategic planning day will be on Saturday 29 October commencing at 9am. The day will be held via Zoom. Parents are welcome to join the day and have equal voting rights on 2023 proposals. The Zoom link will be posted on Sentral Parent Portal the morning of the day.

If you plan on attending, please contact the school office prior to the day to collect an evaluations and proposals booklet. This will help with your voting. If you are unable to attend but would still like to participate in the proposals voting, you can do so by collecting an evaluations and proposal booklet from the school office and completing the voting sheet.

We hope to have many parents join this important decision making day.

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

P&C Annual General Meeting

The scheduled Term 4 P&C meeting and AGM will be postponed due to constitution requirements. A new date in November will be advised soon. We apologise for any inconvenience

Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Farnham who was married during the holidays. We welcome her back to school as Mrs Heap. Congratulations to Mr Khoury who at the end of last term was successful in gaining a promotion as Assistant Principal at Smithfield Public School.

Miss Huynh has commenced maternity leave, therefore Miss Gogebakan will teach 4H for the remainder of the year. We wish Miss Huynh all the best with the arrival of her baby.

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2023 Kindergarten Orientation.

2023 Kindergarten Orientation is fast approaching with the first session scheduled for Wednesday 2 November. It is very important students attend orientation to ensure a smooth transition to Kindergarten in 2023. Please ensure you enroll your child before orientation. 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>

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/fe42beb1-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

I feel it is timely that we celebrate our successes as a school in improving student attendance. This week, I compare our Term 3 attendance data, with that of the Fairfield Network Schools.

Percentage of students attending at least 90% of the time - Term 3

Attendance Rate - Term 3

I am particularly impressed with the difference of 14.4% between the Fairfield Network Schools and SPS for

Fairfield Network	Smithfield Public School	Difference
44.9%	59.3%	+14.4%

students attending at least 90% of the time. Our overall attendance rate is still substantially lower than pre-COVID-19 years, however it is steadily increasing. I hope with the warmer weather and reduced cases of COVID-19 we will return to our pre-2020 levels soon.

Fairfield Network	Smithfield Public School	Difference
84.9%	89.9%	+5%

Through the joint high expectations of parents and staff, we will strive to improve these results. Keep up the great work with attendance SPS!

Cathy Stansbury
Assistant Principal

Changes to Isolation requirements from 14 October 2022

On 30 September, the government announced that from Friday 14 October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education have worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

Students and staff should continue to stay home if they are sick.

It is expected that when isolation requirements end on Friday 14 October, those currently in isolation will be advised by NSW Health that they may exit isolation. For our students and staff who have tested positive this does not mean they should attend school on Friday.

Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health [External link](#). We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 are strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask. We are able to supply families with RAT kits as needed.

We are continuing our COVID-smart measures

Our school will continue to operate with our baseline COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4 to minimise transmission and keep our school open. This includes a combination of layered safety measures such as maintaining hygiene and cleaning practices, using rapid antigen testing (RAT) when experiencing symptoms, maximising natural ventilation, strongly encouraged vaccinations and strongly encouraging mask-wearing particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.

Reporting Requirements from 14 October

Please continue to notify your school if your child tests positive to COVID-19 as we will continue to notify the school community of any known positive cases to prioritise student and staff safety and wellbeing.

Non-COVID-19 Vaccinations Reminder from NSW Health

Due to the ongoing pandemic and stay-at-home orders that were in place over the previous two years, NSW Health have noted that some children and young people have missed out on the non-COVID school-based vaccination programs that they would have taken part in. The department would like to remind parents and carers to make sure that all of their child's vaccinations are up-to-date, including other non-COVID vaccinations. If you are unsure about whether your child has missed any vaccinations, speak to your GP or go to NSW Health's Immunisation requirements in primary and secondary schools [External link](#).

Parents and carers who have children with persistent or ongoing symptoms of COVID-19 [External link](#) are encouraged to have these assessed by their local health care professional. These symptoms may be related to other illnesses that require treatment and management by a doctor.

For more information on vaccinations refer to Vaccination requirements for school sites or the Australian Governments COVID-19 vaccines [External link](#).

I want to thank you again for your ongoing support in helping to keep our students, staff and community safe.

Kind regards
Jodi Harris
Principal

Selective High School Applications

Selective high schools support students who are academically gifted by grouping them with students of similar ability and by using specialised teaching methods. To attend a selective high school, students must sit a formal assessment at the beginning of Year 6. If you would like more information about how to apply for the selective high school placement test and to register your intention to apply, please see Ms Best for the information note. A parent information session will be held on Thursday 27th October (Week 3) in Ms Best’s classroom (X2) at 3:15pm.

Ms Best
(Stage 3 Assistant Principal)

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Parent Survey Now Open

The Tell Them from Me (TTFM) Parent Survey is now open. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices.

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. The survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements and inform school planning.

The survey is conducted entirely online. It takes about 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

You can access the survey in your own time until **Term 4, Week 4 (Friday 4 November 2022).**

Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/9dfyy>

The link should open directly to the ‘Begin Survey’ page of the parent survey, and no login details should be required.

Please note that the survey can be translated in various languages. Follow the link and select the language of choice at the top righthand corner.



HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will continue in Term 4 Week 3.

Every Monday

Years 3 to 6 3 to 4:30pm

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

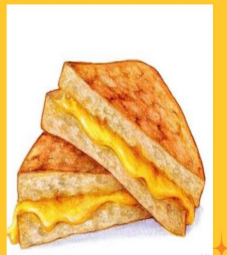


Breakfast Club
Smithfield P.S

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.



Dates to Remember

- 21st October** PSSA Gala Day
PATCH Program
- 25th October** 1/2W– EAL/D Excursion
SU Class Orientation-Parent meeting
- 27th October** 3/4C EAL/D Excursion
Selective HS Information Session
- 29th October** Saturday Strategic Planning Day
- 1st November** 5/6B-EAL/D Excursion
- 2nd November** Kindy Orientation
- 3rd November** State Bowling Championship
- 9th November** Kindy Orientation
- 10th November** Smithfield Spectacular
- 15th November** Orientation Kindy visit
- 16th November** Kindy Orientation
- 23rd November** Kindy Orientation
- 26th November** School Spectacular performance
- 29th November** High School Orientation Day





Bronze Awards

Danny KM	Naharen Km	Steven KM	Leon KM	Alexander KM
Sophia KM	Elliot	Acuei	Holly	Isaac 5/6V
Ashleigh 5/6V	Zachary 5/6V	Zach 5/6V	Isaac 5/6V	Aaditya 5/6V
Eliama 3N	Lucas 3N	Zahlya 3N	Kylie 3N	Charlotte 3N
Ai Vy 3N	Kathryn 3N	Hannah 3/4T	Audrey 3/4T	Ashley 3/4T
Eleena 3/4T				

Silver Awards

Danny KM	Naharen KM	Owen 1NC	Abel 1NC	Luciana 1/2
Holly 2A	Than(Ken) 2L	May 5/6H	Rozmari 1/2W	Christiane 2L
Veronica 1NC	Rahaf	Larissa	Ruby 6S	Chloe 6S
Allysha 5/6B	Isaac 5/6V	Abinav 5/6V	Odisho 3N	Eleena 3/4T
Kylie 3N	Maryam 3/4C			



<u>Rachelle</u>	1/2W	For helping others to clean their activity after Maths had finished.
<u>Bailee</u>	2M	Bailee and Christina found \$10 and handed it into the front office.
<u>Ismail</u>	1NC	Sharing and showing Mariam how to play with Beyblades at lunchtime.

50 NIGHTS OF READING

Aurelia 2A	Arthine	Johnathan K1/2	Daniel KM	Thalia KM
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100 NIGHTS OF READING

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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.



