



# SMITHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2023 school year! I hope you had a fabulous break and enjoyed time with your families. It is fabulous to see our students return to school smiling and ready to learn. They look smart in their neat uniforms and black shoes. I request they maintain this level of pride in their uniform throughout the year. Students are quickly settling into their new classes.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our new families, students coming to us for other schools, Kindergarten, preschool Early Intervention and Support Unit students who started with us this week. I look forward to getting to know you.

### Staff

On the last day of Term 4, Mrs Singh was successful in obtaining a classroom teacher position at a school closer to her home. It was a pleasure having Mrs Singh as a member of staff at Smithfield PS. We wish her all the best in her new school.

At the very end of Term 4, Miss Assaad was successful in gaining a permanent classroom teacher position at Smithfield PS through a merit selection process. We are very pleased to have locked Miss Assaad in permanently. Congratulations Miss Assaad!

### The 2023 Smithfield PS leadership team will be:

Principal – Mrs Harris

Deputy Principal – Miss Maturana

Deputy Principal Inclusion and Support (Support Unit) – Mrs Christos

Deputy Principal Curriculum and Instruction – Mr Albanese

Deputy Principal Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs Subotic

Assistant Principal Inclusion and Support (Support Unit) – Ms Matheson

Assistant Principal (Relieving) Kindergarten – Miss Naidu

Assistant Principal Stage 1 – Mrs Heap

Assistant Principal Stage 2 – Ms Best

Assistant Principal Stage 3 – Mr Houry

Assistant Principal Learning Support – Mrs Stansbury

Preschool Supervisor - Miss Huynh

EAL/D Supervisor – Miss Best

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### Maintenance and Upgrades

During the holidays the following work was undertaken:

- The 2022 Year 6 present to the school was the painting of the stairs leading down to the library to look like books. This was completed last week and looks sensational! Thank you Year 6 2022!
- The garden outside the hall was restored and new plants planted. Please help these new plants in ensuring your children stay out of the gardens.
- Scaffolding was placed around A Block in preparation for the installation of a new roof which will commence this week. B and C blocks will follow.
- Three new flag poles were ordered and will be installed early this term. These will replace the existing flag poles. The new ones will be moved to where the cow garden is. The third pole will be for the Torres Strait Islander Flag.
- We are waiting on confirmation that the new disabled toilet outside A block is complete. There are a few finishing details that need to be done before it can officially be used. Hopefully we get the go ahead very soon.

### Student Leadership Induction

This year's Student Leadership Induction will be held Wednesday 22 February. Parents of students who were elected as Student Executives, SRC, Sports Captains and Library Monitors are encouraged to attend to see the students complete their pledge and receive their badges. All parents are welcome to join the special assembly in the hall starting at 2pm.

### School values

Be GREAT!!

During 2022 we undertook a review of the school values. Originally there were seven school values decided upon by students, staff and parents. Work was undertaken to synthesize these values to reduce them to something more memorable for students. Below are the new school values as of 2023:

**G** – **Grit** - show grit and determination

**R** – **Respect** for all

**E** – **Empathy** for all

**A** – **Acceptance** of self and others

**T** – **Trust** – build trust in self and others through honesty and integrity

These values will be unpacked with students during Term 1. They are the values that we ask students to adhere to while at school to be the best versions of themselves. Please support this initiative by discussing these values at home.

### Changes to Newsletter

In 2023 we aim to empower the student executive to take leadership over the school newsletter. The student executive will work with Ms Best and myself to develop a podcast version of the newsletter. The podcast will be published and available via Sentral three times a term. We look forward to facilitating the students' creativity and leadership skills through this initiative.

### Quietland

The Quietland playground is now open of a morning from 8:45am for support unit students and their parents. Mainstream students are to play in the regular morning playground as usual.



Meet the Teacher

On 16 February there will be a Meet the Teacher afternoon. This is an opportunity for parents to learn about their child’s class, planned learning for the year and grade/stage activities. I encourage all families to attend. A separate note will be sent home shortly with further details.

Government Back to School Vouchers

Parent can now apply for the Premier’s Back to School NSW program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies like uniforms, shoes, bags and stationary. These vouchers can also be used to pay for student Stationary Packs (see separate note). Vouchers are \$50, in value and change cannot be given. As the stationary packs are less than this, we advise you use a voucher if purchasing more than one pack otherwise keep them for uniforms or other school needs. Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for the vouchers. You can apply for and access your vouchers in your MyServicesNSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by visiting your local Service Centre. To be eligible your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in 2023.

Kind regards  
Jodi Harris



Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023. The total cost is \$17 which includes the bus to and from the pool as well as entry into Fairfield Leisure Centre. Years 3-6 and all year 2 students turning 8 in 2023 are expected to attend. The last day to pay is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023. All payments are to be made at the front office.

SPS Attendance Committee News

Welcome back! A particularly warm welcome to all Kindergartens and new students.

It is a NSW Department of Education requirement that all student absences are explained. At Smithfield PS, we encourage parents to provide this explanation through the Sentral Parent Portal on the day of absence. It is also acceptable to provide explanations by phoning the school office or providing a note to the class teacher on return to school. In the case of absences due to illness or injury, a doctor's certificate may be provided.

At Smithfield PS, we are focused on improving our attendance rate and reducing late arrivals. In 2023, we will begin a new attendance reward system, ‘At School, On Time and Ready to Learn’.

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.

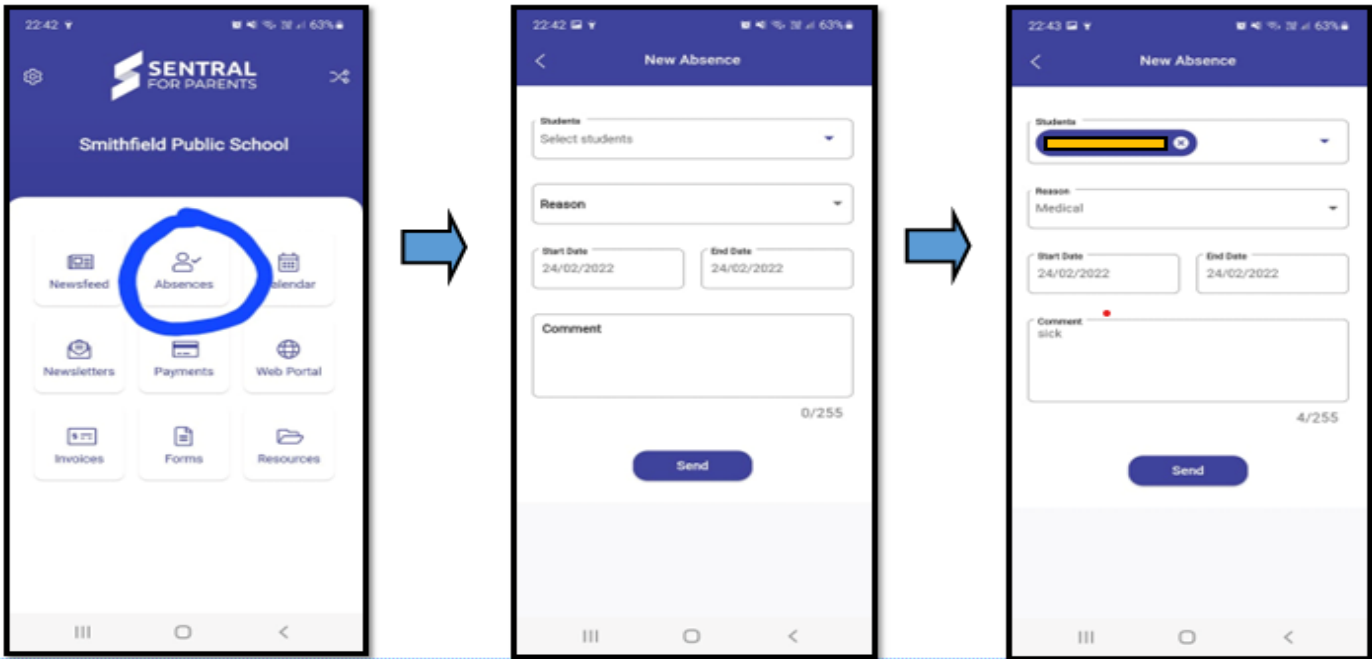
We look forward to working in partnership with all parents in 2023, to improve attendance and eliminate late arrivals.

Cathy Stansbury  
Assistant Principal



Explaining Absences in Sentral Parent Portal

The new Sentral Parent Portal makes it quick and easy to communicate the reasons for absences with your child’s class teacher.





## 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.**



## HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club

TBA

Years 3 to 6

(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.  
Thursday- Toast with Vegemite, Honey or Jam  
Friday -Toast Vegemite, Honey or Jam.



## Dates to Remember

13th February	Best Start for Kindergarten
14th February	Best Start for Kindergarten
15 February	Swimming Carnival
16 February	Meet the Teachers BBQ and Information Session



## UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 2-3pm    Wednesdays 9-10am



Order forms are available at the front office. If you are ordering a uniform on credit card, please include your credit card number, expiry date and 3 digit CVC on the order form. Alternatively, you can enclose cash in an envelope and pay at the front office.

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## Smithfield Public School

### UNIFORM ORDER FORM

ORDERED BY:	ORDER METHODS	DELIVER VIA:
Name: _____	Online: <a href="http://www.exceluniforms.com.au">www.exceluniforms.com.au</a>	Student Name: _____
Telephone: _____	Email: <a href="mailto:smithfield@exceluniforms.com.au">smithfield@exceluniforms.com.au</a>	Class: _____
Date: _____	FREE FAX: 1800 739 832	Pick Up At Uniform Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Sent To Class <input type="checkbox"/>

	Item	Size	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
GIRLS	Summer Dress	4-6	\$35.00			
	Summer Dress	8-10	\$38.00			
	Summer Dress	12-16	\$41.00			
	Girls Skorts	4-16	\$22.00			
	Girls Long Pants	4-16	\$22.00			
BOYS	Grey Skorts	4-16	\$22.00			
	Grey Long Pants	4-16	\$22.00			
SPORTS	Sports Shirt	4-16	\$22.00			
	Sports Shorts	4-16	\$20.00			
	Green (Bronze) Sports Shirt	6-16	\$22.00			
	Blue (Bossley) Sports Shirt	6-16	\$22.00			
	Yellow (Kenyon) Sports Shirt	6-16	\$22.00			
	Red (Chisholm) Sports Shirt	6-16	\$22.00			
UNIFORMS	Polo Shirts	4-16	\$25.00			
	Long Sleeve Polo Shirts	4-16	\$27.00			
	Zip Jackets	4-16	\$34.00			
	Tracksuit Pants	4-16	\$24.00			
	Tracksuit Tops	4-16	\$24.00			
OTHERS	Hats	S, M, L	\$12.00			
	School Bag Mini		\$35.00			
	School Bag Mighty		\$45.00			
	Excursion Bag		\$20.00			
	Library Bag		\$15.00			
	Soccer/Football/AFL Socks	One size	\$10.00			
					Total:	

1. CREDIT CARD DETAILS:  
(Minimum Spending \$20.00)

VISA/MASTERCARD  
(Please circle one)

CARDNUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRYDATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CARDHOLDER NAME(PleasePrint): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Internet Banking or Bank Deposit  
ANZ Bank  
Account: Excel Uniforms  
Account No.:4960 98813  
BSB: 012 294  
Please mark SPS and your family name

3. Cheque: Not Accepted

**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@AHPartnerships.com.au](mailto:in-take@AHPartnerships.com.au)

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

Your sincerely,

Allied Health Partnerships Team



**YMCA Smithfield  
OSHC**

Available at  
**Smithfield  
Public  
School**

The YMCA is a child safe organisation. We acknowledge that we are living our safety values for children and young people.

**Before + After School Care + Vacation Care**

We value and respect parents as partners in the care and education of children. Our program follows the National Quality Framework, offering a range of exciting activities that encourage independent learners.

**ENROL today to secure your child's place!**  
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