Principals Message

Teacher Leadership
Last week Maria Siwak was one of the first teachers in NSW to complete the highest professional standard in education-Lead. Maria was observed by an external examiner – an ex principal and bureaucrat from the North Coast, Terry Pearson. Terry was treated to a day of outstanding teaching, learning and leading. He parted with the words, ‘What a fabulous person!’

This follows a two year cycle of external examination and feedback from colleagues, self-reflection and the submission of evidence that addresses every dimension within the 7 standards:-

1. Know children and how they learn
2. Know the content and how to teach it
3. Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning
4. Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments
5. Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning
6. Engage in professional learning
7. Engage professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community

Now that Maria has completed her part of the process, all evidence will be submitted to the Executive Director, Murat Dizdar, and the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards.

We know what the result will be. Many congratulations, Maria! Smithfield P.S. is so proud of you!

Parks Festival
Our three dance groups were auditioned last week and were successful in gaining entry to the Festival. The amount of time, practice and sheer energy that has been contributed to training the children has been outstanding. Many thanks to Vanessa Asper, Bita Christos, Sasha Tribisonna and Bianca Le!

We so look forward to watching the performances on Wednesday, 10th September and Thursday, 11th September. Information regarding tickets, time and venue will be forthcoming.

Public Education Day
My happiest day at Smithfield P.S. thus far (and I have already had many)! What an extraordinary day, beginning with a wonderful assembly (Public Speaker – Stephanie Duong, Year 2 Dance group, singer – Tennika Pasic AND Harry Kewell), followed by open classrooms, and a sausage sizzle. The feeling of all members of the school community uniting in a celebration of education was wonderful. Many thanks to all those teachers and parents (especially those who manned/womanned the barbecue and ran down
the road when we ran out of bread) for their organisation, commitment and good humour. There are too many of you to name!

The day was complete when I saw our children on the news playing soccer with Harry.

Zone Sports Carnival
An amazing result! Second in the area! There must be something ‘in the water’ this year at Smithfield P.S. Please refer to Lynne Fox’s report for all the detail.

Boys Rugby League
It was a pleasure to watch our boys play their semifinals at Endeavour Park last Friday against Fairfield Heights P.S. and Fairfield West P.S. I am sure by now that you will have heard that the juniors were victorious. Their enthusiastic coach, Rabeeh Khoury, may have told everyone by now. Congratulations all boys and coach. Your fair, skilled play and sportsmanship are to be admired.

Chocolate Drive
Is well into profit! What a fabulous effort from all concerned! We look forward to completing the drive with the draw for bikes and other prizes on Monday, 25th August. Many congratulations to Lisa and the P & C team for their organisation, time and commitment. We look forward to posting the total profit next week.

Canteen
We have attracted ten tenders for the canteen (an excellent result!) and the committee will make a decision today (Tuesday, 19th August). Many thanks to Michael Van Den Hooven, Lisa diPede, Vanessa Asper, Judy Conway and Christina McIntyre.

Evacuations Practice
Next week if you hear the alarm, please do not be disturbed. We will be holding our regulatory practice.

School Visit
Tomorrow, Wednesday, 20th August, teachers from Annandale P.S. will visit the Early Intervention Unit to view our practices and programs.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Cheryl McBride OAM
Principal

BRONZE & SILVER AWARDS
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR AND HAVE ACHIEVED A BRONZE LEVEL

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On Monday 4th August Smithfield acknowledged National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day. The day is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. This year the theme was Kids in Culture: Strong, Proud and Resilient. At Smithfield all the students got involved by participating in workshops. They had the opportunity to learn about traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander crafts, games, music, culture, dance, history, Dreamtime stories and even some language. The experiences enabled students to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural expression and identity.

M. Siwak
On Friday 8th August, 49 students competed in the Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival at Rosford Reserve. What a WONDERFUL day. All students tried their very best and due to their fine efforts Smithfield placed 2nd out of 16 schools. This is the best result we have ever had. Not only that, but 10 students will now progress to the SSW Regional Athletics Championships on Wednesday 10th September at The Crest Athletics Centre at Bass Hill. This again is the best result Smithfield has ever achieved.

Well Done!!!

Outstanding results were:

**Yolanda Ly** (12 yrs):
1st: 100m
2nd: 200m
1st: Long Jump
Equal 2nd: High Jump
1st: Senior Relay

**Cassandra Chang** (12 yrs):
2nd: 100m
3rd: 200m
1st: Senior Relay

**Lionel Khou** (8 yrs):
1st: 100m

**Francesco Panuccio** (8 yrs):
3rd: 100m

**Nelson Tran** (9 yrs):
2nd: 100m

**Viliami Havea** (12 yrs):
1st: Discus
2nd: Shot Put

**Adiana Tiuli** (11 yrs):
1st: Discus

**Grace Tokabobo** (12 yrs):
2nd: Discus
1st: Senior Relay

**Ola Abdul Hadi** (Junior 8-10 yrs):
2nd: Shot Put
4th: Discus

**Jacinta Bounkeua** (12 yrs)
1st: Senior Relay

Other Terrific Results were:

**Ruby Nicholson** (12 yrs):
1st: High Jump

**Kristyn Baker** (Junior 8-10 yrs):
2nd: Long Jump

**William Nguyen** (12 yrs):
4th: Long Jump
Harry Kewell Visits SPS

Very exciting day for Smithfield Public. We had Channel 9 and the Daily Telegraph.
Work with Children Check

The NSW Government now requires all parents and workers volunteering at any school to have a Work with Children Check. This process is FREE to volunteers and is processed through the RTA.

We have a lot of parents that volunteer their time to help in classrooms, excursions and fundraising events. We will require these parents to start the process of getting a Work with Children Check.

All new parents that would like to start volunteering at the school including excursions, carnivals and all school events will require a Work with Children Check.

If you already have a Work with Children Check we will require a copy for our records.

Please make note only issues with child protection are investigated. This does not include minor offences like parking fines etc.

If you need assistance please make an appointment with our CLO Jacqui Griffin at the school office.

Please refer to the following website for more information. And there will be a separate note going out.


Jacqui Ranera-Griffin
CLO

OFFICE NEWS

With each school excursion or event you will now receive an envelope for payment.

Please make note that the envelopes will also be the permission slip. Excursion, event and your child's details will be printed on the envelope.

Please make sure that all envelopes returned to the office are signed by a parent or carer giving the child permission to attend.

We also now have a payment box in the office foyer (Mr Frog). You will be able to place your payments into the box anytime from Monday to Friday during school hours.

Most importantly please place the correct money in the envelopes as we do not have the cash flow to give change.

We appreciate your patience and support with this new procedure. And we hope this will make things easier for the school community.

Office Staff