



Smithfield West Public School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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I would sincerely like to acknowledge the support of all our Smithfield West families in ensuring the safety of everyone across our school community.

We have endured this lockdown for many weeks, and whilst we do seem to be moving towards an end point, we are not there quite yet.

With the holidays here for the next two weeks, please be mindful there will be no online work or phone calls. Take the time to rest and recharge.

Please be aware, there are a number of services to help those in need. If you are in need of immediate help because you are concerned about your own or somebody else's safety or health, call triple zero (000).

For parenting advice or support, you can call

Parent Helpline: 1300 1300 52

Parent Helpline is a free telephone counselling and support service for parents and carers with children aged 0 to 18 who live in NSW.

Mental Health Line: [1800 011 511](tel:1800011511)

Operates 24hrs a day, 7 days a week and can connect you to a mental health service if you are concerned about the mental wellbeing of yourself or someone you know.

Beyond Blue's Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service: [1800 512 348](tel:1800512348)

This free service, funded by the Australian Government and delivered by Beyond Blue, is available around the clock, delivering clear, evidence-based information, advice and support specifically tailored to the mental health and wellbeing challenges raised by the pandemic.

Students, if you are safe but need to talk to someone, you can call

The Kid's Helpline: 1800 551 800

24hr confidential support for children 5-25yrs and their carers/parents.

SAS STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK

Last week was SAS Staff Recognition Week. SAS is an acronym for School Administration and Support staff and at Smithfield West this includes Nina Chryss (School Administration Manager), Marian Bennett and Tina Morabito (School Administration Officers), Joanne l'Anson, Delveen Dagaly, Muna Maroki, Natalie Marrone and Claudia Li (School Learning Support Officers) and Steve Waller (General Assistant).

Recognition Week is an opportunity for teachers, parents, carers and students to show these valued staff members that they are greatly appreciated while acknowledging the significant contributions they make to our school. Without them, we would not be able to operate anywhere near as efficiently as we do.

We are fortunate to have such a caring, committed and hardworking SAS team at Smithfield West. I thank them for everything they do.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results for students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat the test in Term 2 were mailed home last Thursday. It is important to remember when reading the results that NAPLAN is a point of time assessment that measures some aspects of student learning in literacy and numeracy. If you have not received your child's results or have any questions, please contact the classroom teacher.

TERM 4

Just a reminder that the first Monday of Term 4 is a public holiday. All students will continue with their learning from home on Tuesday 5 October.

I hope everyone has a relaxing holiday!

Stay safe, stay healthy

Stephen Gray
Principal



Smithfield West PS is continuing to plan for 2022. If you have a child or know a friend who has a child starting Kindergarten next year, 2022, please notify the school now. The best way is to complete an online enrolment form following the link:

<https://smithfielw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/.../enrolment.html>

If you are unable to enrol online, please ring the school on 0459 861 534.