



Smithfield West Public School

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Newsletter

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Term: 4 Week: 9

Thursday 12 December

CALENDAR

Friday 13 December

Last day for canteen

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Belinda Wilson

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we wrap up another fantastic year at Smithfield West Public School, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has been part of our journey in 2024.

To our amazing students – you've worked so hard, shown kindness, and brought so much energy and enthusiasm to our school. You've made us proud every single day.

To our dedicated staff – your passion and commitment to our students and their learning have been incredible. You've gone above and beyond, and it's made all the difference.

And to our families – thank you for your ongoing support and for being such an important part of our school community. We couldn't do this without you!

This year, we've achieved so much together, from exciting new programs to memorable school events. It's been wonderful to see everyone grow, learn, and support one another.

PRESENTATION DAY

This week, we held our end-of-year presentation assembly, and I want to extend my congratulations to all the students who received awards. Your hard work and achievements this year have been truly inspiring. I also want to thank the parents and carers who joined us, as well as acknowledge Ms Rowlings and Mrs Bennett for their efforts in organising such a fantastic event.

At the assembly, I had the pleasure of announcing the students elected as our 2025 leaders. Congratulations to Harry, Elissa, Jayden and Mary. Being chosen by your peers for a leadership role is a tremendous honour, and I'm excited to collaborate with you on new and exciting projects next year.

While we welcome our new leaders, I'd also like to recognise the incredible contributions of our outgoing team. Thank you, Jet, Delara, Jackson, and Handa, for your dedication and hard work throughout the year. Best wishes to all of you for 2025!

2025 CLASSES

At the start of next year, all students will remain in their 2024 classes for the first few days. Once student numbers, including Kindergarten enrolments, are confirmed, 2025 classes will be finalised. During this transition period, students may or may not have their current teacher. Learning will begin on Day 1, with all students engaging in curriculum-aligned activities at their appropriate stage level.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports were sent home to all families this week. If you did not receive your child's report, please contact the school immediately.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge inspires students to read for leisure and enjoyment, fostering a lifelong love of books. It provides an opportunity for students to explore a wide variety of authors, styles, and genres, offering fresh perspectives on themselves and the world around them. The Challenge also strengthens connections between students, their families, and the school as a community.

Congratulations to all Smithfield West students who participated in the Challenge, especially those who achieved gold and platinum certificates. Certificates and reports were sent home this week.

ROAD SAFETY

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, footpaths, or near driveways and in carparks, always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 10 years old, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk to your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html)

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ARE YOU MOVING?

If you will be moving address during the holidays and/or will not be returning to Smithfield West next year, please contact the office as soon as possible. This assists with planning and ensures that our records are up to date.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS OR SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2026

Parents and carers who are interested in having their child attend an opportunity class or a selective high school in 2026 can apply now.

From this year on, the application period for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes and Year 7 entry to selective high schools, will open at the same time and remain open over a longer period.

For 2026 entry, the combined opportunity classes and selective high schools' application period is from 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025. Parents and carers must apply during the designated application period, as late applications will not be accepted.

As the application period for opportunity class placement is now open much earlier, students seeking placement in an opportunity class will still be in Year 3 when applications open and in Year 4 when applications close.

Students seeking selective high school placement are in Year 5 when applications open and in Year 6 when applications close.

Applicants can submit their application through a link that will be available on the Selective high schools and opportunity classes [webpage](#). The application link is only available during the application period: 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025.

The opportunity class and selective high school placement tests will be computer-based from 2025 and will be held at dedicated test centres from 2 to 4 May 2025. Applicants will be allocated a test date and time on one of those days. Laptops will be provided.

Where are selective high schools and opportunity classes located?

The department's website shows where opportunity classes and selective high schools are at [Find an opportunity class](#) and [Find a selective high school](#).

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the holidays approach, I encourage everyone to take a well-deserved break, enjoy special moments with loved ones, and return feeling refreshed. I can't wait to welcome everyone back in 2025 for another exciting year ahead!

On behalf of all of us at Smithfield West Public School, I extend warm wishes for a joyful Christmas and a successful New Year. May your holidays be safe and filled with happiness. To the families moving on from Smithfield West, thank you for your contributions to our school community—you will always be a part of our story.

Belinda Wilson
Relieving Principal

Congratulations

2024 School Dux

Amanda and Joseph



2024 School Citizenship

Hadassah and Lionel



2025 School Captains and Prefects

Elissa, Harry, Mary and Jayden



PRINCIPAL'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

K	Noah
1	Zion, Jacob
2	Ruby, Lucas
3	Ali, Mikayla
4	Ryan, Katya, Lamar
5	Brittany, Audrey
6	Kyle, Zaya, Jet

STATE MEMBER AWARDS

Emily	Dolphins	Outstanding citizenship
Grace	Monkeys	Outstanding citizenship
Marvin	4K	Outstanding citizenship
Anthony	5/6R	Academic excellence

Dai Le FUTURE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Sarah	5/6R	Helpful Hero
Harry	5/6D	Awesome Attitude
Hadassah	5/6R	Awesome Attitude
Isabella	5/6D	Helpful Hero

K-6 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dolphins	Alison, Rafael, Brendan
Lions	Andre, Riley, Jana
Monkeys	Christopher, Ali, Zayn
Eagles	Padre, Ava, Layal
Rosellas	Ivy, Olivia, Thomas
3R	Ameer, Marisha, Sarah
3/4C	Aaron, Jezebel, Evelyn
4K	Ruben, Aidan, Noorhan
4P	Felicia, Angelina, Ella
5/6D	Simay, Jackson, Jeremy, Lavin
5/6N	Delara, Frans, Yousef, Daniel
5/6R	Kerstin, William, Ameliya, Yostena

2024 SPORTSPERSONS

Junior Girl Champion *Lamar and Angelina*

Junior Boy Champion *Marcus*

11 years Girl Champion *Handa*

11 years Boy Champion *Harry*

Senior Girl Champion *Hadassah*

Senior Boy Champion *Jeremy*

CAMERON OSBORNE AWARD

Koty

NSW PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE MEDAL

Noah



OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

Dolphins	Lynah, Charbel
Monkeys	Christopher
Eagles	Maryam, Padre
Rosellas	Nirvana, Ruby, Evelina
3R	Sarah
3/4C	Veronica
4P	Marcus, Matilda, Merry
5/6D	Audrey, Kinel
5/6N	Jayden, Madison

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16 December – Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 3 activity day

Tuesday 17 December – Stage 2 End of Year activity day

Wednesday 18 December – Year 6 Farewell Arch – 2.50pm

Wednesday 18 December – Last day of Term for students

2025

Friday 31 January - Staff Development Day (student free)

Monday 3 February - Staff Development Day (student free)

Tuesday 4 February - Staff Development Day (student free)

Wednesday 5 February - Staff Development Day (student free)

Thursday 6 February - First day of Term 1, for Kindergarten - Year 6 students



*The Staff and Students of
Smithfield West Public School
take this opportunity to wish you a
Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.*

Principal:

Stephen Gray

Relieving Principal:

Belinda Wilson

Assistant Principals:

Sue Rowlings

Chrys Georgilas

Felicia Papadatos

Kate Fleming

Teaching Staff:

Marlie Alkan

Ruz Angelin

Ghazia Bahram

Michelle Champion

Nichola Chand

Monika Chiandotto

Michela Daniele

Janelle Driscoll

Sarah Edwards

Annette Gee

Emi Ida

Matthew Kirby

Jamie Leaeno

Marisa Licciardello

Phindi Mdala

Glenda Morris

Wendy Nguyen

Susan Palmer

Radhika Reddy

Belmina Redzepagic

Dahlia Sari

Jenny Wallace

SAS Staff:

Nina Chryst

Marian Bennett

Tina Morabito

Alicia Cavagnino

Delveen Dagaly

Vicky Del Popolo

Claudia Lia

Muna Maroki

Natalie Marrone

Diana Tika

Debbie Lagoutaris

Steve Waller

SUMMER PSSA

Friday 22 November results

Junior Newcombeball	Lost 0-2 St Johns Park
Senior Newcombeball	Lost 2-0 St Johns Park
Junior Boy's T-ball	Won 9-7 Cecil Hills
Junior Girl's T-ball	Lost 5-17 Cecil Hills
Senior Boy's Touch	Lost 1-3 St Johns Park
Senior Girl's Touch	Lost 0-2 St Johns Park

Thank you to all parents and friends for coming along and supporting our teams.

M. Kirby

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS Week 8 - 4 December

Dolphins	Alex, Mia, Manuel, Adrianna, Babylona
Lions	Selina, Mohammed, Teo, Jayden
Monkeys	Adam, Ali, Zion, Zayn
Eagles	Eliama, Jodeci, Maryam, Jacob
Rosellas	Alicia, Martina, Adam, Nirvana
3R	Aws, Sarah, Marisha, Coca, Zeina
3/4C	Veronica, Hasan, Jason, Linden, Aaron
4K	Maria, Veedil, Noorhan, Julia, Sanuli
4P	Angelina, Louis, Ella, Seyran, Sargon
5/6D	Kareema, Raad, Braxton, Yasmine, Lara
5/6N	Zaid, Muslim, Christena, Daleen, Amanda
5/6R	Elyanour, William, Kerstin, Alexia, Nathan



WHOOPING COUGH

NSW Health has asked schools to share this advice with families and remind you to be aware of the symptoms of whooping cough (pertussis), as the number of cases in NSW continues to rise.

The highest rates are seen in school-aged children aged 5 to 16 years.

Whooping cough starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough. Coughing bouts can worsen and be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.

Children and adults may just have a mild cough that doesn't go away. In adults the cough commonly lasts 5–7 weeks, sometimes longer.

Adolescents are offered a free pertussis vaccine through the Year 7 school vaccination program, as immunity decreases following their early childhood vaccines. GPs can administer free catch-up vaccination to children and adolescents for those who have missed doses. Pharmacists can also administer these free for children aged 5-19 years. The best protection against pertussis infection is vaccination.

Large outbreaks of whooping cough usually occur every 3 to 4 years as population immunity decreases. Lower exposure to whooping cough during the COVID-19 pandemic is a likely reason for this current increase.

If you think you or a family member might have whooping cough

If you or your child's situation is life-threatening, please call Triple Zero (000) or present to your nearest emergency department immediately.

If it's not an emergency, call healthdirect on 1800 022 222 if you or your child are unwell and you're not sure where to go. healthdirect is free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A nurse will answer your call, ask some questions and connect you with the right care.

If given early, antibiotics can reduce the duration of whooping cough symptoms. After 5 days of treatment with appropriate antibiotics, people with whooping cough are no longer infectious. Without treatment, they will remain infectious for 21 days. Antibiotics are rarely needed if it has been 3 weeks since cough onset.

For more information check the [Whooping cough \(pertussis\) fact sheet External link](#) from NSW Health.