

Notice to Parents:

There have been a number of students involved in water fights at the school. Please be aware that this is a breach of our school's Code of Behaviour. Students responsible will be suspended.

Administration

Notification of Student Absences using Mobile Phone Text Messages

Parents/guardians or caregivers will be informed by mobile phone message – Short Message Service (SMS) each time their child is away from school.

At Smithfield State High School, student attendance and student safety is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe at school. To improve our attendance and safety procedures, we will be informing parents/caregivers about any unexcused absences for their child.

The school expects parents/caregivers to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent or late on contact number 4055 6604.

If this is not done an SMS text message will automatically be sent to the mobile phones of parents explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school without an explanation.

If your child **is absent** and a **reason has been provided**, then parents **will not** receive a SMS. As part of this process, we are seeking your assistance to ensure that our family contact details are accurate and up to date. Please contact the school on 4055 6604 if your details have changed (eg mobile contact numbers, work numbers, emergency contact details or address).



VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL

A big thank you to all who gave to this appeal.

The school total was \$1354.25.

Thank you all for your great support.

Year 10: WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM 2009

What is the Work Experience Program 2009?

Smithfield State High School conducts a compulsory work experience program for Year 10's. The aim of our work experience program is to provide students with an insight into their chosen career path and to help assist them to understand what it is like to work in this position. The program also aims at giving student information how to achieve their chosen career path and what education or experience is necessary.

We try to place over 180 students in two one-week work experience blocks from 11 to 22 May, 2009. The work experience program will be held over two weeks:

Block A 11 - 15 May, 2009

Block B 18 - 22 May, 2009

The students will receive a letter explaining the work experience program in more detail before the end of the month. We require the Work Experience Request form to be returned to E Block – Senior Schooling Staff room immediately.

Work Experience is a compulsory program for all Year 10 students. If students/parents have suggestions of possible employers, please put details on work experience forms and we will contact employers directly.

CAN YOU HELP???

We are seeking employers from all industry groups who would be willing to participate in our work experience program. Any interested employers can contact Lisa Courtney on 4055 6604 Ext 55 or lcour15@eq.edu.au for more information.

Arrival to school:

If your child is late they must have a signed note and they need to sign in at the office before going to class.

School Dental Service

New dental contact / emergency contact. Please contact Smithfield Community Health School Clinic on 4038 9954.

WET SEASON

Could parents please remind their children to be prepared for the wet weather. Don't forget their raincoat/umbrella.

Driving onto the school grounds to drop of children is not allowed. Please use the drop off zones in the front of school.

2009 Staff:**Principal:**

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EQI Coordinator

Ms Simone Phillips

sphil48@eq.edu.au**EQI Homestay Coordinator**

Ms Cassandra Quirk

cquir12@eq.edu.au**P & C**

We realise everyone is busy, however if you are interested or would like to become part of this committee please contact Mrs Mandy Mayers, P & C Secretary by email Mandy.Mayers@deta.qld.gov.au

Meetings for the P & C are held in the school library at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18 March which will be followed by a normal general meeting.

EQI Homestay

If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact Cassandra Quirk.

Why Host?

It is an interesting way to help the school, and the cultural exchange is an enriching experience for both the host family and the visiting student.

What is Homestay?

Homestay is caring for, supervising and accommodating an international student in your home for a period of between three and twenty-four months.

What do you need to provide for a student?

- ◆ Supervision and care
- ◆ Private bedroom with desk and wardrobe
- ◆ All meals

How do I become a Homestay parent?

Contact Cassandra Quirk

Phone: 4055 6604 ext 53

Mobile: 0423 124 177

Email: cquir12@eq.edu.au

Please note that it is a requirement that all household members over eighteen years of age hold a Suitability Card (Blue Card). Further information regarding this can be given at time of enquiry.



Smithfield SHS
Resource Centre

Open for
student use
7.45am - 3.30pm

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Swimming Carnival

Cost \$2.00 entry
Come dressed in your house themes
Kewarra "Most Creative"
Trinity "Baywatch"
Ellis "Hawaiians"
Clifton "Crocs"
This is a compulsory school day and attendance is required.
Coordinator: Mr Thomas

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Constitutional Convention

Cairns Regional Council Chambers
Own transport required
Meet at 8.30 am for a 9.00am start and concludes at 2.30 pm
Dress in Formal School uniform
Coordinator: Mrs Bell

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Indigenous Constitutional Convention

Own transport required
Meet at 8.30 am for a 9.00am start and concludes at 2.30 pm
Dress in Formal School uniform
Coordinator: Ms Sweeney

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

Sport: Away against STA

Coordinator: Mr Thomas
Recreational Sport: various locations
Coordinator: Mr Thomas

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

Yr 10 Biology Excursion

11.40 am - 2.20 pm
Coordinator: Ms Park

TUESDAY 10 MARCH

Year 11 Biology Exc. Wangetti

Depart at 8.30 am
Return at 2.30 pm
Coordinators: Ms Park / Mr Ham

Catholic RE P 1-3

Holy Cross church
Period 1 - Year 8
Period 2 - Year 9
Period 3 - Year 10
Students escorted to and from Holy Cross by instructors.
Coordinator: Mrs Pappas

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

School Photo Day
Coordinator: Ms Anthony

Sport: Away match against Woree State High School

Coordinator: Mr Thomas
Recreational Sport: various locations
Coordinator: Mr Thomas

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

Year 11 Biology Exc. Wangetti

Depart at 8.30 am
Return at 2.30 pm
Coordinators: Ms Park / Mr Ham

Writers' Camp Year 8 - 10

Selected students
Own transport to Yorkeys Knob Boat Club
8.15 am to 2.30 pm
Coordinator: Ms Baker

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

Writers' Camp Year 11 and 12

Selected students
Own transport to Yorkeys Knob Boat Club
8.15 am to 2.30 pm
Coordinator: Ms Baker

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

Year 8 and 10 Immunisations

Coordinator: Ms Krzemien

Year 7 to 8 Parent Info Evening

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

Sport: Away against Trinity Bay SHS

Coordinator: Mr Thomas
Recreational Sport: various locations
Coordinator: Mr Thomas

P & C Meeting - AGM

7 pm Library

MONDAY 23 MARCH

Salty's Tales out

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Jazz Club stage band rehearsal
Coordinator: Mr Fox

Sport: Home against Djarragun College

Coordinator: Mr Thomas
Recreational Sport: various locations
Coordinator: Mr Thomas

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

Year 8 SOSE Excursion

Coordinator: Mrs Courtney

Year 11 and 12 mid-term maths exams, P2

Coordinator: Mrs Crookes

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

Year 8 SOSE Excursion

Coordinator: Mrs Courtney

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MONDAY 30 MARCH - FRI 3 APRIL

Yr 11/12 HPR Coffee Shop

Workshop

Selected students
TAFE
9.00 am—3.00 pm
Own transport
Coordinator: Mrs Hungerford

Instrumental Music - Strings

Welcome back for 2009.

Vacancies exists for students to learn a string instrument. The instruments taught are Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass.

We have loan instruments available for all of these instruments.

If you are interested please contact Mr Coxon (Q Block staffroom) or Mr Bray on Fridays in Q Block.

TECHNOchicks

Girls only computer club!
Meets from 2.30 - 4.00 pm on Wednesday afternoons.
About to start for 2009—any girls interested come and see Debbie Sheppard in Admin for details.





The digital video solution for schools

ClickView is now being used by teachers at Smithfield SHS. This service allows students to view educational programmes from their computer and some teachers may request students to view programmes as part of their homework.

To view programmes at home, the ClickView Player will need to be installed on your home machine. Below are the instructions, and for any technical queries please call ClickView technical support on 02 9518 5165.

ClickView Player for Windows is compatible with any of the following Microsoft Windows operating systems:


- ✦ Windows ME
- ✦ Windows 2000
- ✦ Windows XP (Home or Professional)

For the purpose of accessing the ClickView School Bag, ClickView Player for Windows can be installed onto a student's home PC by following these simple steps:


1. Download the ClickView Player setup file from www.clickview.com.au/downloads
2. Once downloaded, simply run the installation file and follow the prompts until the installation process is complete. (More information on the installation process can be found by going to <http://www.clickview.com.au/support/install.php#ClickViewPlayer>)

As the ClickView Player requires the Microsoft .NET Framework, this process may attempt to automatically download the Microsoft .NET Framework during the ClickView Player installation procedure.

3. Open the ClickView Player by double-clicking the 'ClickView Player' short-cut located on your Desktop.
4. To open your ClickView School Bag, simply click 'File' -> 'Open School Bag' from the menu bar. Then simply select the location of the ClickView School Bag and press OK.
5. The ClickView School Bag will appear under 'Video Library' where it can now be accessed.



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Welcome back to all students and a special welcome to all new students. We hope that you achieve the results you want this year and seek assistance when necessary.

For me, this is my tenth year at Smithfield and as each group of students move through the school, I still find it enjoyable to teach in such a wonderful environment. I will be taking Maternity Leave later in Term 2, but rest assured that we have plans in place to ensure qualified Maths teachers take the subjects that I will leave!

STAFF

This year we have a few new staff to our school and department, namely Ms Aiva Mostert and Mr Manni Todorov both teaching senior and junior Maths as well as Science for Mr Todorov.

The Maths staff this year comprises:

Mrs Sharyn Crookes
Mrs Cherie Harrison
Mr Glenn Best
Mr Roger Dienhoff
Ms Mostert
Mr Todorov
Mr Paul Nagle
Ms Kitty Crossan
Mrs Ingrid Park
Mr Ryan McClelland
Mrs Kay Cox
Mrs Debbie Kerlin
Mr Andy Kurth
Mr Rob Ham
Mrs Beryl Burchill

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any concerns. Teachers are also happy to receive email enquiries – check the website for email addresses.

CURRICULUM (a bit of news....)

Your son or daughter should have received a **detailed semester planner** outlining the course topics and assessment. Please take time to read it through with your son/daughter as it is most important.

Our senior subjects are thriving and for the second year in a row we are

able to offer Maths C (the top engineering maths) to both Year 11 and 12 as separate classes. These students work hard showing persistence and dedication in their pursuit of high results and possibly a career in Engineering or Science. Good luck to this years' students!

Year 12 Maths A students are once again about to take their boat licensing course as part of their Navigation study – good luck to all. (Any year 12 student is eligible for this course – see Mr Dienhoff for details).

It is highly important that students recognise they need good results in Maths to allow them in to certain pathways later in their schooling. Please talk with your Maths teacher should you feel the work you are doing is either too easy or too hard.

HOMEWORK

By now students should have started their first unit of work in Maths. Please check their books regularly, ask them about homework and how they are coping with the work. **Each teacher sets homework on a regular basis.** If students have no homework they should be reviewing what was done in class that day. As a general rule, juniors should spend about 15-20 minutes on each subject and senior students 20-30 minutes.

FREE TUTORING has proved exceptionally popular over the last few years and is again available on a Monday afternoon. It is held in E002 from 2.30pm - 3.30pm. Your son or daughter can also seek assistance from their class teacher at any time or from myself. Tutoring commenced week 3, 9 February. It is scheduled for every Monday of the school year except public holidays!

EQUIPMENT needed for each maths lesson!

JUNIOR STUDENTS REQUIRE:
Writing equipment – pens, pencils, eraser
Ruler (30cm)
Exercise book (96 page or higher)

Text book (different for each subject/year level)
Scientific calculator (Year 8 -10) Casio or Sharp.
Glue
Graph pad
Protractor
Compass
Scissors

SENIOR STUDENTS REQUIRE:

Writing equipment – pens, pencils, eraser
Ruler (30cm)
Exercise book (96 page or higher)
Text book
Scientific calculator – Pre-Vocational Maths, Maths A
Graphics calculator – Maths B and C (CASIO only)

COMPETITIONS

The first competition for the year is the Westpac Maths Competition which is held on Thursday 6 August. This is an Australia wide competition and we usually achieve some good results. The registration closes at the start of May so we will call for nominations soon. The cost is \$5.00 (for administration costs) and all students who study either Maths B, Year 9 Extension, Year 10 Foundation Maths B plus any Year 8 student is welcome. We highly encourage those students listed above to enter.

Again, welcome back. Contact us at any time. I hope you have a good year.

Sharyn Crookes
Head of Mathematics Department

