

# **FREEMANS REACH PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## **Student Recognition**

### **School Procedure**

April 2025



#### **Rationale**

All people respond positively to recognition for achievement or encouragement for effort. Freemans Reach Public School seeks to acknowledge and celebrate the achievement and effort of students and staff to encourage continued application of the person and surrounding peers. The following is not an exhaustive list of the ways in which Freemans Reach Public School celebrates student achievement. The school seizes any opportunities that present themselves to recognise students and their effort and achievement. Where practical, award winners are further acknowledged in the school newsletter.

### **Positive Behaviour for Learning & Merit Award System**

#### **Rationale**

To enhance the Wellbeing of all students at our school we have an Award System and a Consequence / Reward Behaviour Levels System. These systems operate together to reflect our Positive Behaviour for Learning at Freemans Reach Public School.

The purpose of this system is to recognise positive contributions that are made by the students, to encourage student performance and to improve self-esteem.

**We follow these school expectations**

**Be Safe | Be Respectful | Be a Good Learner | Be Environmentally Friendly**

## **PBL Behaviour Award**

We recognise students who have had excellent behaviour each term, and have had no detentions, with a certificate of recognition. Bronze for 1 term, Silver for 2 terms, Gold for 3 terms and Diamond for 4 terms.

## **ZAP Award**

Students earn ZAP Awards for demonstrating positive behaviours under each of the four school expectations. (Be safe **RED**, Be respectful **BLUE**, Be a good learner **PURPLE**, Be environmentally friendly **GREEN**). Specific reasons may include – classroom academics, sporting effort, classroom behaviour, playground behaviour, encouragement, completing homework etc. Teachers are asked to make a conscious effort to hand out a minimum of 5 per day. Students are responsible in collecting and keeping their ZAP awards.

## **STAR Award**

Once a student has earned 5 ZAP Awards they swap them for 1 STAR Award. Their 5 ZAP Awards must come from at least 2 separate School Expectations. Classroom teachers will record and administer this on a class list and kept by the classroom teacher. The STAR Award is presented by the classroom teacher during class time. Students collect and keep their own STAR Awards.

## **SPIRIT Award**

Once students have earned 5 STAR Awards (25 ZAP Awards), they swap them for 1 SPIRIT Award. The school front office will collect, record and administer this. Students and their families will be invited to attend a Principal's Morning Tea where they will receive their congratulatory certificate from the Principal in a special ceremony.

## **Freemans Reach Medal**

If students earn 5 SPIRIT Awards (125 ZAP Awards) in any number of years and one Diamond Award of that current year, they are eligible to receive a Freemans Reach Medal at the end of year Presentation Ceremony. The student must hand in the 5 SPIRIT Awards received at the Morning Teas. **ZAP and STAR Award bundles will not be accepted. THEY HAVE TO BE 5 SPIRIT AWARDS.**

The **Freemans Reach Medal** cut off will be **Friday Week 5 Term 4, 3:00pm of each year.** All documentation must be handed to school administration staff by the end of the school day Friday, Week 5, Term 4 of every year.

Once a student earns a Freemans Reach Medal, if they are eligible to earn a second one the next year (with that current year's Diamond Award), they will receive a **SILVER** Freemans Reach Medal, then a **GOLD** Freemans Reach Medal, then a **Diamond** Freemans Reach Medal.

## **Class-Based Merit Awards**

### **Rationale**

All students respond well to positive reinforcement and praise.

### **School Procedures**

Students are awarded white Merit Awards at fortnightly whole school assemblies for recognition of their learning and achievements. Each teacher awards 4 students. Students who receive a Merit Award will also receive a purple zap for learning.

Additionally, each teacher has their own methods of acknowledging and encouraging students. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Stickers and stamps
- Class (online program)
- Lucky tickets
- Verbal Praise

### **Presented at School during K-6 Assembly through the school year**

Premiers Reading Awards	Annual certificates for completion for PRC – Bronze / Silver / Gold	K-6 Students
Dance   Debating   Public Speaking	Certificates supplied to school by organising body	Team members
Age Champions for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics	Trophies to be presented at same time as carnival ribbons	Junior Boy and Girl 11yr Boy and Girl Senior Boy and Girl
Swimming	Shield to be presented at same time as carnival ribbons	Winning House in Swimming Carnival
Cross Country	Shield to be presented at same time as carnival ribbons	Winning House in Cross Country Carnival
Jack Martin Athletics	Shield to be presented at same time as carnival ribbons	Winning House in Athletics Carnival

## **Presentation Day Ceremony**

### **Rationale**

Presentation day is a time to gather the wider school community of students, staff and families to celebrate a year ending and to recognise achievement in academics, sport, citizenship and attitudes to learning. Whilst it would be lovely to reward every child, this is not representative of society and life outside of school and students must learn to celebrate the achievements of others.

### **School Procedures**

### **Major Awards**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Student Eligibility</b>
Performing Arts	Trophy and Perpetual Shield	Each year, a student who has shown outstanding overall commitment, enthusiasm and performance skills is chosen for this award. The school has an extensive performing arts program and this is a most prestigious award.
Premiers Sporting	Medal provided by DoE	The Stage Two Sports Encouragement and Participation Medallion is provided by the Premiers Sporting Challenge to acknowledge student commitment and contribution to sport and physical activity. It is awarded to a student who enthusiastically joins in games and sporting events, always tries their best and offers encouragement to others.
Sports Boy and Girl	Trophy	The Stage Three Sport Boy and Sport Girl Trophies are awarded to the students who have accumulated the highest number of points across all sporting carnivals. Includes participation in school, district, regional and state carnivals along with representative team and individual sports.
Sam Cook Award	Trophy and Perpetual Shield	In memory of a past student, Sam Cook, this award is presented every year to a student in K-2 who is diligent and conscientious.
Garry Sullivan Award	Trophy and Perpetual Shield	This is awarded to a child with a zest for life and enthusiasm for learning. It is a special award of encouragement in memory of Mr Garry Sullivan, who for

		many years as the School Crossing Supervisor watched over our school crossing.
Rotary Citizenship Awards (2)	Provided by Richmond Rotary	The Rotary Club of Richmond sponsors this award. The 2 Year 6 recipients are chosen by staff for their ability to follow the values of Rotary: Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership
School Citizenship	Sponsored by Hawkesbury City Council	Hawkesbury City Council sponsors an award for a recipient who is chosen for their outstanding contribution to the school.
Encouragement and Improvement Award	Supplied by Local member	The award is sponsored by Robyn Preston, Member for Hawkesbury. The Encouragement Award for Improvement is awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding improvement in their academic learning, attitude and social skills, a student who has made excellent growth across all areas of learning, and a focused learner who strives to do their best.
Improvement Awards (LaST)	Certificate	Student selected for effort and achievement through our Learning and Support program for each Stage (1, 2 and 3)
Lynne Rennie	Trophy and Perpetual Shield	This is awarded to a student in Year 6 who has demonstrated an outstanding achievement in General Knowledge. It is in honour of Mrs Lyn Rennie, who was a staff member at this school. She was a dedicated teacher.
DUX	Trophy and Perpetual Shield	The highest academic award for achievement is presented to the student from the graduating Year 6 class and forever remembered on the school honour board.
Primo Toscan Environmental Award	Trophy and Perpetual Shield	In memory of Mr Primo Toscan, our General Assistant (GA) from 1994-2021. This award is presented to a student in 3-6 who diligently cares for the school environment.

## Class Awards for Kindergarten

Certificate of Merit	4 awards	Teacher's choice for reason
RFF	3 Awards	Selected by RFF teacher based on programs being run in that calendar year. e.g. Library, Physical Education, Technology
P&C	1 Medallion	The school's Parents & Citizens awards Medallions to a student from each class who shows diligence and commitment to their learning. It is presented by the P&C and consists of an engraved medallion.

## Class Awards for all classes in Yr 1-6

Excellence In Learning Certificate and Trophy	2 awards	Selected by class teacher for Excellence in learning (if composite, one per grade).
Certificate of Merit	4 awards	Selected by class teacher for chosen reason.
RFF Merit	3 Awards	Selected by RFF teacher based on programs being run in that calendar year. e.g. Library, Physical Education, Technology
P&C Medal	1 Medallion	The school's Parents & Citizens awards Medallions to a student from each class who shows diligence and commitment to their learning. It is presented by the P&C and consists of an engraved medallion.

## Other Awards

Freemans Reach Medallion	Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond	Eligible students who have 5 Spirit Awards and the current year Diamond behaviour award
Kindergarten	Book award for completing Kindergarten program with Certificate and Buddy photo	All Kindergarten students
Year 6	Graduation pack for completing primary education - Presentation Folder with photobook, buddy photo and certificate	All Year 6 students
Outgoing Leaders and House Captains	Certificate	Year 6 students
New Leaders and House Captains	Badge	Current Year 5 students
Leaving Families from Year 6	Certificate	Yr 6 student from family