

FREEMANS REACH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Student Recognition

School Procedure

February 2023



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.

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

Award	Description	Student Eligibility
Performing Arts	Shield	Each year a student from Stage 3 who has shown outstanding overall commitment, enthusiasm and performance skills is chosen for this award. Participation in Dance, Music, Debating, Public Speaking, Choir, Band etc..
Premiers Sporting	Medal provided by DoE	Stage 2 Sports Encouragement and Participation
Sports Boy and Girl	Trophy	Participation in school, district, regional and state carnivals along with representative team and individual sports

Sam Cook Award	Shield and Trophy	In memory of a past student, Sam Cook this award is presented to a Year 2 student who is deemed by staff to demonstrate citizenship.
Garry Sullivan Award	Shield and Trophy	This is awarded to a student from any grade who staff deem to demonstrate zest for life and enthusiasm for learning. It is a special award of encouragement in memory of Mr Garry Sullivan, who served our school for many years as the School Crossing Supervisor.
Rotary Citizenship Awards (2)	Provided by Richmond Rotary and presented at Rotary Meeting. These are represented at Presentation Day	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 - Presentation folder with voucher and certificate provided	Hawkesbury City Council provides a book voucher and certificate for the Year 6 recipient who is chosen by staff for their outstanding contribution to the school.
Encouragement and Improvement Award	Supplied by Local member	A student in Years 3-6 for improvement in attitude, academics, and social skills.
Improvement Awards (LaST) (4)	Certificate	A selected for effort and achievement through our Learning and Support program
Lynne Rennie	Trophy and Perpetual Trophy	Awarded to a Year 6 student who is deemed by staff to demonstrate an outstanding General Knowledge. It is honour of Mrs Lyn Rennie, who was a dedicated teacher at this school.
DUX	Boxed medallion Perpetual Trophy Certificate Honour Board	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. A Year 6 student who has come first as a sum of assessment scores throughout Year 6.

Class Awards for all classes K-6

Outstanding Academic Achievement	Certificate and Trophy	
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	Certificate of Merit	
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Encouragement	Certificate of Merit	
Improvement	Certificate of Merit	
Library	Certificate of Merit	
Computing	Certificate of Merit	
P&C	Medallion	The school's Parents and Citizens Association awards medallions to a student from each class who shows outstanding diligence and commitment to their learning.

Other Awards

Kindergarten	Book award for completing Kindergarten program with Certificate and Buddy photo	All kindergarten students
Year 6	Graduation pack for competing 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

Presented at School

Premiers Reading Awards	Annual certificates for completion for PRC – Bronze / Silver / Gold	K-6 Students
Dance/Debating/Public Speaking/Operation Art	Certificates supplied to school by organising body	Team members
Age Champions for Swimming 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
Museum of Fire Award	Trophy supplied by Museum of Fire for Safety	

Merit Award System

Rationale

To enhance the Wellbeing of all students at our school we have a Merit 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.

WE FOLLOW THESE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

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

MERIT SYSTEM

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.

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 6 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 6, 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.

Mathletics Awards

Rationale

Freemans Reach Public School encourages all students to be engaged and fluent in Mathematics. Mathletics has provided each child the opportunity to consolidate their learning through engaging online activities and drills in basic computation. The program has an inbuilt reward system that students are encouraged to participate in. It is possible, with regular participation, for each student to earn 2 Gold awards each year.

School Procedures

For all activities that students complete, points are awarded. It is encouraged that students will earn over 1000 points each week to achieve a Bronze award. Bronze awards can be printed and kept by students. On earning 5 Bronze awards, a Silver award is achieved. 4 Silver awards equates to a Gold award. Bronze, Silver and Gold awards will be printed by the school and presented at fortnightly assemblies and published in the school newsletter.

Class-Based 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.

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

- Stickers and stamps
- Class Dojo (online program)
- Lucky tickets
- White merit awards
- Verbal Praise