



# Smithfield West Public School

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## Newsletter

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Thursday 20 February

### CALENDAR

#### Monday 24 February

Dental Clinic visit

#### Monday 2 – Friday 13 March

Swimming and Water Safety Program Years 2-6

#### Wednesday 26 February

K-6 Assembly 2.10pm –4C presenting

#### Thursday 27 February

Student Leaders Induction Assembly

#### Monday 2 March

Zone Swimming Carnival

#### Thursday 5 March

P&C AGM – 9.10am

#### Tuesday 10 March

SSW Primary Swimming Carnival

#### Thursday 12 March

Selective High School Test

### INCLUSIONS

Badminton flyer

Wetherill Street,

Wetherill Park 2164

Phone: 9604 3161

### Principal:

Stephen Gray

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### 2020 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2020:

#### School Captains

Zhir Saeed

Sienna Byrne

#### Prefects

Dean O’Keeffe

Alexi Sinadinos

#### House Captains

##### Bilinga

Pepe Folauga Nua

##### Girralong

Orlando Pau

##### Goonawarra

Gissika Koril

##### Rakumba

Lochlen Semenov

#### Library Monitors

Bavin Bahaddin

Flora Dawod

Chrestina Dawood

Eliana Navarro

### KINDERGARTEN

Our 61 Kindergarten students have been at school for just over two weeks as they begin their learning journey at Smithfield West Public School. They are becoming more settled by the day and have already established positive routines and friendships. The teachers have been extremely impressed with their behaviour and work so far. Well done everyone!

### MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to the parents that attended the “Meet the Teacher” afternoon yesterday. I was pleased with the number of families in attendance and hope you had the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out where the classroom is in a relaxing and informal manner. The relationship between a student and teacher is critical to a successful year, as is the development of positive home/school interactions. As yesterday was not the time for individual interviews, it is very important that you make an appointment with the class teacher, at your earliest convenience, if you have an issue or a problem in relation to your child’s learning or social skills. Please don’t wait until the Semester 1 interviews to raise concerns or issues as these will not take place until the end of this term. Similarly, the class teacher will contact you if he/she has a concern. It is very important to me that each and every one of our students feels safe and secure at school and is learning.

### NO HAT, NO PLAY POLICY

Students are required to wear an approved school hat to school each day. There are three styles to choose from and can be purchased from the school office for the subsidised price of just \$1200. Our school has a No Hat, No Play policy. This means that if children come to school without a school hat, they will have to play in the shade during break times and will not be able to play in the unshaded playground areas.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you for your efforts to ensure that our students attend school in the full uniform. Your support, particularly with the wearing of the school polo shirt, ensures that our students show pride in their school and in their achievements. Please note that girls at our school have two uniform choices. They can wear the school polo shirt and skorts or the checked tunic.

However, can I remind all parent/carers to ensure that their children wear the correct footwear when coming to school. Students are expected to wear **black shoes** each day. This is the requirement under our school uniform policy that was agreed upon by the school community. I am happy for students to wear black joggers, as long they are entirely black. **Orange, pink, yellow, purple and other coloured shoes are not part of our school uniform.**

## **HIGH SCHOOL 2021**

For those parents who have a child in Year 6, you should now be considering your child's enrolment in Year 7 for 2021. The process for enrolling has started and the first step is to complete the Expression of Interest form in the booklet, ***Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school 2021 (to be handed out the first week in March)***. Parents are required to complete the requested information and ensure this is returned to the school office no later than Friday 20 March to ensure we are able to undertake the necessary processing. It is very important that all Expression of Interest forms are returned, even if your child will be going to a non-government or interstate school. This form should be completed by parents and carers of all students requesting placement in Year 7 at a NSW government school next year. It is not an application to enrol at the school.

After this Expression of Interest has been processed, your child will be offered a place at a government school. The school will send you an Application to Enrol, which you should complete and return. If you require an interpreter to assist you, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. This service will be free of charge to you. Further information about completing the Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 can be located in the booklet provided.

For parents of Year 6 students still undecided about next year, my advice to you is to contact the relevant high school/s that you are considering. Some schools are currently holding information days/nights and I would encourage you to attend where ever possible. If you would like further information about the high school enrolment process please do not hesitate to contact Ms Rowlings or myself.

## **MORNING SUPERVISION**

At this early stage in the year, it is an appropriate time to remind the community of our morning supervision policy. It is a potential safety concern if students arrive early to school and are left unsupervised. Supervision of students in the playground commences at **8:30am** under the Yr 3 – 6 COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area). Prior to this time, there is no direct supervision, as teachers are required to complete a variety of other tasks before the morning bell. Please assist us in protecting the safety of our students by ensuring they arrive at school between **8:30am and 8:55am**.

## **MORNING ROUTINES**

Can I remind parents not to stand at the front of the morning assembly. We encourage our students to direct all their attention to the teacher leading the assembly and if parents are not in their direct line of sight, it makes it much easier for this to occur. As well, I ask that parents, particularly those with K-2 children, say their goodbyes on the bell and do not walk with their child, carry their schoolbag or hold their hand as they move to class. Having you there makes it very difficult for the students to focus on the teacher and follow essential routines. In some circumstances this can add to a child's anxiety and make that separation from mum/dad all the more difficult.

## **P&C**

On Thursday 5 March the P&C will hold its first meeting for 2020. Come along to learn more about the school, what's planned for the year ahead and how you may be able to support the school through the P&C. The Annual General Meeting will also be held on this day, where we will hold elections for the 2020 executive.

## **NUT AWARENESS POLICY**

We have students enrolled at our school who have severe (in some cases potentially fatal) allergic reactions to products containing nuts. In the interests of their health and safety, I would like to inform you of the following guidelines:

**Students should not bring nuts, or products containing nuts, to school. This includes, but is not limited to, peanut butter/nutella sandwiches, bags of nuts, nut bars etc.** If unsure if a product contains nuts, I suggest you check the ingredients on the box/packaging/jar. I am seeking your support in ensuring these guidelines are followed. There should be no trading and/or sharing of food, food utensils or food containers. Bottles, drinks and lunch boxes provided by parents for their child should be clearly labelled with the name of the child for whom they are intended.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM**

The School Swimming and Water Safety program is now open to all students from Year 2 to Year 6. This is potentially a lifesaving program and I recommend it to you. The program is heavily subsidised by the school to enable maximum participation, with the cost being just \$50.00. The program is open to the first 120 students and payments must be finalised by Thursday 27 February. While the lessons themselves are funded by the government, the costs attached to the program are for daily pool entry and bus hire. The lessons are 45 minutes in duration, commence on Monday 2 March and run until Friday 13 March. If your child is unable to swim 50 metres confidently, then I strongly urge you to consider this program as being able to swim confidently is very important in Australia where there are so many beaches, rivers and backyard pools.

### **PARKING**

At the beginning of each year it is necessary to remind parents about safe and appropriate places to drop off and pick up children from school. **Parents should not drive into the school grounds under any circumstances.** It seems some parents are of the understanding that both the front and Charles Street car parks can be used to pick up and drop off students. **This is not the case** and I request that for the safety of your children you respect this decision and abide by the rule. Those coming by car need to park in the surrounding streets, but not in the marked bus zone or the designated Kiss and Drop area.

Fairfield Council Rangers and the police periodically monitor traffic and parking and those parked illegally may be cautioned and/or fined.

### **SMITHFIELD WEST PRESCHOOL**

A reminder that the Smithfield West Preschool, run by Fairfield City Council, is open 5 days a week from 8:30am to 3:00pm each day. There are still some vacancies available. For further details, call 0437 145 805 during school hours.

### **SENTRAL APP**

I'd like to bring to your attention the benefits of the SENTRAL app. It not only provides our newsletter and reminders about upcoming events, but can be also be used by you, to advise the school when your child is absent, thus doing away with the need to send a written note. If you haven't already registered for this worthwhile communication platform, I encourage you to do so. Please contact Mrs Wilson through the school office and she will gladly assist you.

### **BEING SUCCESSFUL IN 2020**

There are many things that will help a child grow in their learning, confidence and maturity, but, here are just a few that parents could work on instilling in their children through regular modelling and conversations:

- Listen;
- Be respectful, be friendly and kind to all;
- Be resilient – don't let problems or difficulties upset you and don't give up when things are challenging;
- Solve problems – when a problem arises, stay calm, walk away, tell or ask for help;
- Read each day (read to them, with them and get them to read to you); and
- Be positive – always look for the good in things, in people and in situations.

### **VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL**

During the school day (8:55am to 3:00pm) parents/carers and visitors are required to report to the school office to sign the visitor's book and collect a visitor's pass before entering the playground or a classroom. Entry to the school is through the Wetherill Street pedestrian gate leading to the office.

### **SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR JEWELLERY**

For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn. Lost or broken jewellery can be become very distressing to both the child and parent and I wish to avoid this scenario at all costs. If students have pierced ears, plain studs or small hoops are acceptable. Unfortunately, accidents can happen if children wear long earrings, as they can be torn from ears, while necklaces can be a choking hazard. Thank you for your support with this matter.

**Stephen Gray**  
Principal

### **ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS - 12/02/2020**

<b>KC</b>	Veedil Azeez, Matilda Waseem Sliwa, Rita Abu Louh, Kerles Philip
<b>KG</b>	Andrew Shamshon, Alessio Patane, Emilia Tuigamala, Alena Siba
<b>KN</b>	Marcus Dunat, Maksim Slepcevic, Lawrance Butrus, Lamar Al-Rubai'e
<b>1O</b>	Yasmine Taha, James, Jack Butrus, Malak Rafuoka
<b>1/2L</b>	Jimi Mikhaeil, Eden Rolfe, Kaylee Clark, Ameliya Amin
<b>2P</b>	Lionel Li, Kyle Yousif, Jeni Butrus, Nathan Dakhil
<b>2R</b>	Mariana Kanno-Pereira, Branda Tomi, Frans Esttaifan, Braxton Archer
<b>3F</b>	Hardy Nguyen, Selu Mafi, Rodeen Shabo, Jayden Pham
<b>3N</b>	Roba Al-Khalid, Raneen Butrus, Mathio Barota, Rayvin Kammeh
<b>4C</b>	Tamia Kanno-Pereira, Angelina Prostizenovski, Marinos Fajloun
<b>4H</b>	Tevita Amone, Lucas Byrne, Charlene Phan, Lily Sinadinos
<b>5D</b>	Raydan Honeysett, Milka Milosavljevic, Roqya Hafez, Raffi Misakian, Jesse
<b>5/6M</b>	Jason Watfa, Dylan Sturiale, Daniella Isho, Kareen Shabo, Flora Dawod
<b>5/6R</b>	Liam Le, Joyce Adam, Amisi Selemani, Zaharah Al Sarrajy, Liam Sarkis
<b>6K</b>	Rita Oudish, Phanuel Sana, Orlando Pau, RJ Falealii, Esabilla Chom

### **PSSA**

Friday 21 February

Newcombeball	King Park	Endeavour Reserve
Touch Football	Cecil Hills	Endeavour Reserve
T-ball	BYE	

Friday 28 February

Newcombeball	Kemps Creek	Endeavour Reserve
Touch Football	William Stimson	Endeavour Reserve
T-ball	Smithfield	Endeavour Reserve ***

\*\*\*Please note there is a change of venue for the t-ball game on Friday 28 February to Endeavour Reserve.

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. PSSA sport commences at 9.30am. Good luck to all teams.

**M. Kirby**





# This is KG at school



**Uniforms will be available for purchase on:  
Wednesdays and Thursdays  
8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm-3.00pm  
Please see staff in the Administration Office**

# **SMARTIES Before and After School Care & Vacation care**

Our experienced, dedicated, friendly and caring staff provide a service that promotes a positive environment for children to develop socially, physically and cognitively. Our service offers homework help by qualified teachers Monday – Wednesday as well as a multitude of indoor/outdoor games, sports, quiet and active activities as well as a variety of activities based on children's interests and national holidays/celebrations.

**COST:** from \$4.00 per day depending on your CCS% entitlement

**For more information, please contact us:**

**PHONE:** 0478 800 739

**EMAIL:** smartiesldc@yahoo.com

**Before School Care:** 7:00am - 9:00am **After School Care:** 3:00pm - 6:00pm **Vacation Care:** 7:30am – 5:30pm

**LOCATION:** 22 Gipps Street, Smithfield 2164



**Smarties Before & After School Care**

Little Smarties offers a homework help program every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with a qualified teacher. The homework help program is based Little Smarties Long Day Care and Preschool – 22 Gipps Street, Smithfield 2164. The program runs 4pm -5pm. Please contact 0478 800 739 to book your child in. Limited spaces available – Don't miss out!

Homework

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