

## Smithfield West Public School

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### Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 3. It was wonderful to have our students return to school last week for more quality face to face teaching and learning. The teachers have worked hard to plan many engaging programs for this term, which consider the needs of each and every student.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES

All school activities and operations are being implemented in line with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee and NSW Health guidelines as applicable. Students do not need to follow social distancing guidelines, but should follow the good hygiene practices that were put in place at our school last term. Staff continue to remind students of these guidelines throughout the day. The last newsletter of Term 2 listed the health and safety practices being implemented at Smithfield West.

#### AFTERNOON PICK UP

Afternoon pick up arrangements for Term 3 have not changed. When picking up children, parents/carers are asked to adhere to social distancing of 1.5m from other adults and not gather around the exit gates. Once the children have been dismissed by the teacher, please move off quickly.

#### STAFFING UPDATE

Welcome to Miss Ida who will be working at our school this term. I know the whole school community will join with me in welcoming her to Smithfield West.

Welcome back to Mrs Alkan who has returned from maternity leave and is working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in an EAL/D role.

#### OPEN DAY

Education Week will look quite different this year. With parents/carers unable to attend the school, each stage will be putting together a short video which can be viewed through our Facebook page. Further information will be sent home next week.

#### ATTENDANCE UPDATE: PARTIAL ABSENCES

Did you know.... our school is required to record the partial absence of any student and provide this information to the Department of Education (DoE)? As with whole day absences, partial absences require an explanation from parents/carers.

Therefore, if your child arrives late for school, you are required to accompany them and provide a written or verbal explanation for their partial absence. Likewise, if you are collecting your child early, a justified reason must be provided. Both late arrivals and early departures are recorded as partial absences. The DoE regularly monitors our rolls and may forward any attendance concerns to the Home School Liaison Officer for follow-up.

Bulletin: 20:08 **Term:** 3 Week: 2 Thursday 30 July

#### CALENDAR

Friday 31 July Winter PSSA commences Monday 3 - Friday 7 August Education Week

Wetherill Street, Wetherill Park 2164 Phone: 9604 3161 9604 4501

Stephen Gray Principal

#### KINDERGARTEN 2021

It is that time of the year when we start thinking about Kindergarten, 2021. If your child is turning 5 years of age by July 31, 2021, and will be starting school next year, please contact the school so the enrolment process can begin. An up to date immunisation certificate, proof of age and proof of address will be required for each child enrolling.

#### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our School Development Day last Monday was most rewarding. The staff engaged in professional learning activities which saw them listen to a livestream involving the Minister of Education and Secretary of the Department of Education, work on the school's scope and sequences for the teaching of English and plan for the new term.

#### Stephen Gray Principal

#### SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School Photographer will be taking our school photographs on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

Photo payment and orders must be returned to the school office by Monday 17 August 2020. (Please use your envelope from Term 1 if you still have it)

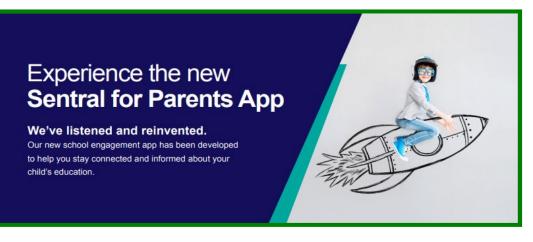
Please send your child along in their summer school uniform including black shoes on this day.

The price of the different packages range from \$25.00 to \$45.00.

**Sibling photos** will also be taken on this day. These are only for brothers and sisters enrolled at Smithfield West Public School. **Envelopes for sibling photos may be collected from the school office and returned with payment by Monday 17 August.** 

Further information will be sent home soon.

#### M. Bennett Organiser



#### It's Official! The Sentral for Parents App is here.

We're thrilled to announce the new Sentral for Parents App has launched.

The new app is stacked with numerous smart features and can be easily accessed with one Parent ID.

Discover the possibilities, download the app today.

https://info.sentral.com.au/new-app-getting-started

If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Wilson.







# 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!



