



# Smithfield West Public School

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## Newsletter

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Bulletin: 25:01  
**Term: 1 Week: 6**  
Thursday 6 March

### CALENDAR

**Wednesday 12 March -  
Monday 24 March**

Years 3&5 NAPLAN

**Tuesday 25 March**  
National Young Leaders  
Day

**Wednesday 26 March**  
School Photos

**Friday 28 March**  
PSSA Gala Day

### INCLUSIONS

Wetherill Street,  
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**Principal:**  
Stephen Gray

Dear Parents and Carers,

### THE START TO 2025

Our students have enjoyed a start to the year focused on learning and forming relationships with new teachers and classmates. As I have moved around the school, it has been wonderful to see them all enthusiastic and engaged, from our youngest students in Kindergarten through to our Year 6 students in their final year of primary school.

### ATTENDANCE

Every day matters for your child's learning. Missing school for students means missing time with friends, an important mathematics lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of term, Mondays, Fridays, or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions or incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time they attend school, the greater the opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing.

If your child is absent from school, even for just a few minutes at the start of the day, please let us know why as soon as possible. Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.



**Days  
missed =  
years lost**

If your child misses  
as little as

**1 day**  
per fortnight

they will miss

**4 weeks**  
of school  
per year

which adds up  
to over

**1 year**  
missed over  
their school life

## **SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

At this early stage in the year, it is an appropriate time to remind the community of drop off and pick up times at Smithfield West PS.

Students should arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:55am, when classes commence. Please remember that teachers are not on duty to supervise students before 8:30am.

The school day finishes at 3:00pm and we ask that you arrive at the school on time to collect your children.

A reminder that the roads are very busy both in the morning and afternoon, and I ask that parents and carers drive safely when driving near and around our school. It is very important for student safety that drivers adhere to the road rules. Please park only in legal parking places and not across driveways.

## **SCHOOL BYTES**

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help you communicate with our school. It is accessible via a website and an app and is available for both Apple and Android devices.

Smithfield West Public School uses the parent portal for various things, including online permission notes, attendance and payments, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction, even if they attend different schools (assuming all of the schools use School Bytes!).

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you for your efforts to ensure that our students attend in uniform, including their school hat proudly every day. 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 have two uniform choices. They can wear the school polo shirt and skorts or the checked tunic.

Can I also remind you that students should wear the correct footwear when coming to school. The expectation is that **black shoes are worn** 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 as they are entirely black. **Orange, pink, yellow, purple and other coloured shoes are not part of our school uniform.**

The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday, both in the morning and afternoon. Alternatively, you can place an order at the school office or online.

## **NAPLAN**

This year's NAPLAN tests will once again be administered online. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, language conventions and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

To ensure that all students are familiar with the test, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be working through NAPLAN practice tests prior to the test to familiarise themselves with the process.

This year, NAPLAN is between **12 and 24 March**.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

## **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT SMITHFIELD WEST**

As you may be aware, Smithfield West now has a before and after school care service operating out of the school. ASPIRE OSC has been selected by the Department to manage the program. A flyer with further information and contact details is included with this newsletter.

## **ZONE SWIMMING**

We had four students represent Smithfield West at last week's Horsley Zone Swimming Championships at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. Congratulations to Marcus, Evelyn, Ameliya and Maksim who all competed with distinction and were wonderful representatives of our school.

### **NO HAT, NO PLAY POLICY**

As I mentioned above, students are required to wear an approved school hat to school each day. There are two styles to choose from and they can be purchased from the school office for the subsidised price of just \$12.00. 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.

### **VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL**

During the school day (8:55am to 3:00pm) parents, carers and visitors wanting to enter the school, must do so via the electronic pedestrian gate on Wetherill Street leading to the administration building. Just press the button and wait for the office staff.

### **SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)**

SRE classes commenced Thursday 6 March. Students have been grouped in accordance with the information previously supplied by parents/carers. Should you wish to change your child's SRE option, this must be done in writing.

### **COURT ORDERS**

If there have been changes to your family situation since last year and specific orders are now in place, then I ask that you inform the school immediately and provide copies of any legal documents to ensure that correct procedures are actioned.

### **NUT AWARENESS POLICY**

Many of you would have heard of the word anaphylaxis. If a person is anaphylactic, they suffer from a very adverse allergic reaction to one or more things, the most common being nuts. This can be a life threatening situation to the students at our school who are anaphylactic. To ensure the health and safety of everyone at Smithfield West I am seeking your support in ensuring that the following guidelines are followed.

**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. 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.

### **BEING SUCCESSFUL IN 2025**

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 modeling 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.

**Stephen Gray**  
Principal

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

**ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS 19/02/2025**

<b>Magpies</b>	Haider, Alara, Andreh
<b>Pelicans</b>	Adrian, Matilda, Akira, Raiden
<b>Lions</b>	Andraws, Andre, Layel, Rafael
<b>Monkeys</b>	Antony, Zion, Jamelia, Alex
<b>Rosellas</b>	Alison, Edward, Sara, Kiarash
<b>3/4C</b>	Elsa, Jayden, Layal
<b>3/4P</b>	Ahmed, Afina, Mariel, Mario, Mostafa
<b>3/4R</b>	Eliama, Padre, Marbel, Jethya, Ali
<b>5R</b>	Aliitasi, Krstian, Jasmine, Aidan, Layla
<b>5/6D</b>	Kane, Stephen, Kareema, Ella
<b>5/6K</b>	Aogen, Michelle, Andrew, Evelyn, Lamar
<b>5/6N</b>	Georges, Arika, Leyla, Natalie, Natalia

**ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS 5/03/2025**

<b>Magpies</b>	Malaia, Jackson, Olivia
<b>Pelicans</b>	Harrison, Ella, Ayselen, Belmond
<b>Lions</b>	Grace, Lynah, Ethan, Joseph
<b>Monkeys</b>	Renata, Domadios, Jakov, Jessica
<b>Rosellas</b>	Christopher, Kristy, Teo, Alannah
<b>3/4C</b>	Meena, Marisha, Elizabeth, Crestian, Thomas
<b>3/4P</b>	Benjamin, Veronica, Alice, Nirvana
<b>3/4R</b>	Noah, Jezebel, Amal, Jacob, Lionel
<b>5R</b>	Emilia, Youstina, Marseel, Noorhan, Marcus
<b>5/6D</b>	Elissa, Merry, Charles, Ryda
<b>5/6K</b>	Laurice, Marcella, Noah, Angelina, Linden
<b>5/6N</b>	Ruben, Katya, Jobelle, Valerie

## PSSA GALA DAY

Friday 28 March

Newcombeball	Chisholm Park
Boys and Girls Touch	Brenan Park (bottom)
T-ball	Brenan Park (top)

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. PSSA sport commences at 10.00am. Good luck to all teams.



# Smithfield West Public School

## Before & After School Care



### About us

ASPIRE OSHC provide high quality care and education to school aged children at Smithfield West Public School.

We aim to provide a fun and creative age appropriate program based on the "My Time, Our Place" National Framework for school aged children.

ASPIRE OSHC provide Before and After school care programs.

These programs develop and nurture children's minds.

ASPIRE OSHC promotes a healthy lifestyle through various activities for children to discover, learn and play.

We create healthy habits by providing nutritional foods and a variety of opportunities to participate in active play.

### Session Times

(MONDAY-FRIDAY)

**BEFORE SCHOOL: 7:00am - 8:30am**  
**AFTER SCHOOL: 3:00pm - 6:00pm**

### Session Fees for 2025

(Fees are before Childcare Subsidy Charges)

**Before School Care:**  
**Permanent: \$22 Casual: \$25**

**After School Care:**  
**Permanent: \$30 Casual: \$33**

### ENROL NOW

[https://www.owna.com.au/enrol.aspx?  
c=aspireoshcsmithfield](https://www.owna.com.au/enrol.aspx?c=aspireoshcsmithfield)

### Contact Us

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Manager: Yasmin



<https://www.aspire-oshc.com.au/>

The Magpies have been working on sorting objects in Mathematics





# Kindergarten Pelicans







# NAPLAN

## National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



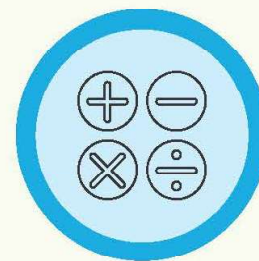
**Writing**



**Reading**



**Conventions of language**  
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



**Numeracy**

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

**Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.**  
For more information on NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).