Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to all of our continuing families and students and a warm welcome to our new students and their families for the 2013 school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break.

As usual we are going to have a very busy year with a great deal happening across the school. We are also faced with some significant changes in the Department of Education and Communities that includes a restructuring of the regional services model that will increase the size of the region that we are in and have an impact on the services that support us. The Deputy Director-General has indicated that 2013 will be a transition year with Term 1 being pretty much ‘business as usual’ and the changes beginning to be phased in from Term 2.

At Smithfield West the teaching staff will be continuing to embed the teaching and learning programs that we have introduced over the past couple of years. These programs include: Focus on Reading 3-6; Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) and the Kindergarten teaching philosophy L3. We will also be implementing a program for Years 3 to 6 called Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) which is aimed at improving our numeracy results. As well as these literacy and numeracy programs we will be engaging some external providers to teach our students dance and gymnastics. Both programs will be for five weeks with dance being in Term 1 and gymnastics in Term 4.

As many of you will know the classes the children have been put in this week are temporary and classes may need to be restructured over the coming weeks. This is due to the likelihood that we may have some extra students enrol early in the year and we may also have had some children leave during the summer break. At the moment our classes are:

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**School Attendance** – Attending school each day and arriving on time are extremely important to children’s learning and development. The school and the Department of Education and Communities take non-attendance very seriously. In recent changes to child protection laws in New South Wales, educational neglect is now reportable to Family and Community Services. Frequent non-attendance and lateness are considered as educational neglect. The school has its class rolls checked regularly by the Home School Liaison Officer and parents of children with frequent absences are contacted. Please read the article ‘It’s not okay to be away – nor be late to school’, that is attached to the newsletter.
‘Meet the Teacher’ Evenings – Last year we held two very successful ‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings and will be holding these meetings again this year. The dates for the ‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings are:

Tuesday, 26th February – Years 5 and 6 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, 27th February – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 from 5:00pm – 6:00pm; Years 3 and 4 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

P&C Annual General Meeting – The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday, 19 February at 9:15am in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend and it would be great to see as many of you as possible.

School Car Parking Areas – The two school car parking areas are for staff parking only. Please do not use the school car parks as a drop off or pick up zone for your children unless you have prior permission to use the disabled parking space in the front car park. This is for the safety of all of our students. We would hate to see a child injured because someone has driven into the car park unexpectedly.

School Communication - The school communicates with you in a number of ways to inform you of what is happening at school. These are:

- Newsletter – every second Thursday. Odd weeks on the school calendar for the whole school year.
- Notes – a variety of notes will be sent home during the year regarding such events as excursions, parent/teacher meetings and interviews and sport etc. Please check your child’s bag each afternoon for notes.
- School website – www.smithfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au – there is a great deal of information about the school on the website including a calendar of upcoming events which is updated regularly. There is also a parent’s section containing a variety of interesting articles on parenting.
- Community Noticeboard – This noticeboard is on the side of the administration building and contains a variety of notes and posters about community events.
- Roadside Noticeboard – Messages on this noticeboard advertise upcoming school events.
- School Office – the school office staff are available to answer any queries during office hours, which are from 8:30am – 3:30pm. The office is not attended outside of these hours.

Congratulations to Mrs Angelin and her husband Andre on the birth of their baby boy Jackson on Christmas Day. I wish them all the best during this very special time for their family.

Ken Smith
Principal

Parent Tips

Sleep – A good sleep on school nights. Children need a good sleep each night to be able to cope with the challenges of school. They need to have lots of energy for trying new activities, making friends, listening to and following instructions and being confident learners.

A good sleep will help your child to:
- remember what they learn
- pay attention and concentrate
- solve problems and think of new ideas
- play sensibly

UNIFORM SHOP

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
## SMITHFIELD WEST
### CANTEEN MENU

### HOT FAVOURITES
- **Hot Dog - 100% Halal Chicken With Sauce & Cheese** $2.50
- **Chicken Nuggets** $6.70
- **Hash Brown** $1.00
- **Potato Wedges** $1.50
- **Garlic Bread** $1.50

### BURGERS
- **Chicken Burger - 100% Halal Chicken** $3.50
- **Hamburger - Tomato Lettuce, BBQ Sauce** $3.50
- **Cheeseburger - Cheese, Tomato Sauce** $3.50

### PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL
- **Party Pie** $1.00
- **Meat Pie** $1.20
- **Potato Pie** $1.80
- **Sausage Roll** $2.50

### PIZZA & PASTA
- **Pizzas - Hawaiian** $2.50
- **Pizzas Large Slab - BBQ Chicken or Margherita** $3.50
- **Lasagne or Spaghetti Bolognaise - Beef** $3.50
- **Macaroni & Cheese** $3.00

### OTHER HOT STUFF
- **Chicken Crackles** $0.70
- **Yummy Drummines** $1.20
- **Fish Fingers** $0.60
- **Corn Cob** $0.80
- **Cup of Noodles - Chicken, Beef** $2.50
- **Mini Hot Dog** $1.20
- **Toasted Cheese Sandwich** $1.60

### WRAPS
- **Salad Wrap** $3.50
- **Chicken Salad Wrap** $4.00
- **Hawaiian Wrap - Chicken, Lettuce, Pineapple, Mayo** $4.00
- **Sweet Chilli Wrap - Chicken Tender, Lettuce, Mayo** $4.00

### ASIAN SPECIALTIES
- **Butter Chicken** $4.00
- **Daily “Chinese” Special Curry** $4.00

### SANDWICH & SALADS
- **Vegemite, Jam or Honey** $1.50
- **Devon** $1.60
- **Cheese** $1.50
- **Egg** $2.00
- **Salad** $2.80
- **Ham or Tuna - Salad add $1.00** $2.50
- **Chicken** $3.00

**Extras**
- Mayonnaise, Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot, Cucumber, Carrot, Pineapple 40c Sauce Portions 30c. Lunch Bag 1.50c
- **Salad Bowl - Light Tasty Cheese** $3.50
- **Salad Bowl - Chicken, Tandoori Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna** $4.80
- **Caesar Salad** $4.20
- **Caesar Salad - With Chicken** $4.80

### SNACKS
- **Red Rock Chips - Honey Soy** $1.20
- **Jummys** $1.00
- **Mamee Noodles** $1.00
- **JJ's Chicken Crackers** $1.20
- **Popcorn** $1.00
- **Choc Chip Cookies** $1.00
- **Ovaltinees** $1.20
- **Eucalyptus Drops** $0.60
- **Yoghurt - Various Flavours** $2.00

### HOMEMADE CAKES
- **Homemade Muffins - Various** $1.00
- **Brownies** $1.00
- **Banana Bread** $2.00

All Homemade Cakes are “Light”

### MILK DRINKS
- **Moove 300ml - Chocolate or Strawberry** $1.80
- **Moove 500ml - Chocolate or Strawberry** $2.80
- **Hot Chocolate** $2.00
- **Up & Go Breakfast Drink** $2.00
- **Dare Iced Coffee - (Teachers & Parents Only)** $3.60

### COLD DRINKS
- **Poppers 100% Juice 200ml** $1.40
- **Berris Pure Fresh Juice 300ml** $2.00
- **Sprite Zero** $2.00
- **Diet Coke - Caffeine Free** $2.00
- **Arona Mineral Water** $2.00
- **Water - 355ml** $1.20
- **Water - 600ml** $1.60
- **Jelly Cup** $1.00

### SLUSHIES
- **Small Slushie** $1.50
- **Large Slushie** $2.00

### ICE CREAMS
- **Jelly Joys** $0.20
- **Fruitee Ice** $0.40
- **Sour Snap Aparts** $1.00
- **Sunny Boys** $1.00
- **Ice Mony** $1.00
- **Zooper Dooper** $0.60
- **Mini Calippo** $1.20
- **Paddle Pops** $1.60
- **Frozen Yoghurt** $2.20

### FRESH FRUITS
- **Apple** $1.00
- **Orange** $1.00
- **Banana** $1.00
- **Other Daily Specials** $0.50

### $3 Everyday Lunch Special
- Hot Dog + Can of Drink, Popper or Water

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