Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over the last couple of weeks there have been a number of important events in our school. These events have included:

**Parents and Citizens Association’s Annual General Meeting** – The Annual General Meeting of the P&C was held on Tuesday, 19th February. Thank you to the eight ladies who attended the meeting.

The office bearers for 2013 were elected at the meeting. They are:

President – Helen Yazar  
Vice President – Anna Van Kampen

Secretary – Karinne Moore  
Treasurer – Carol Vigo

Thank you to all four ladies on your continuing support of the school and its community.

**Swimming Carnival** – Sixteen students competed in the annual Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. All students who competed tried very hard with Breeana Leef, Zoe Galea and Liliana Mijatovic being the outstanding performers. Thank you to Mrs Morris for organising the carnival.

**‘Meet the Teacher’ Evenings** – Our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings were held this week. Once again they proved to be a great way for teachers to put a face to the parents of the children they are teaching and to provide information about class routines and events that may be coming up during the year. Thank you to the parents who attended over the two evenings and to all the teachers for preparing and presenting the information.

**Prefect Induction Assembly** – Yesterday morning we held our Induction Assembly for Prefects, House Captains and Library Monitors. It was a terrific assembly with a number of very proud children accepting their badges and making their oath of commitment in the presence of their very proud parents and family. The School Captains, Prefects, House Captains and Library Monitors for 2013 are listed below:

**School Captains:** Natalie Davis and Mathew Farrugia  
**Prefects:** Antonia Dejanovic, Breana Leef, Gokhan Cetin and Ki Shepherd

**House Captains:** Bilinga – Siosifa Amone, Wiremu Chapman  
Goonawarra – Bella Carlino-Hobbs, Andrea Shmon  
Rakumba – Megan Land, Amethyst Nukutarawhititi

**Library Monitors** – Shakira Badiha, Carla Di Federico, Fatima Ghamrawi, Alisha Hakim, Anastasia Hanna and Richelle Van Kampen

Thank you to Ms Rowlings for organising the Induction Assembly and morning tea.

Please also remember that if you have an issue of concern relating to your child, more often than not the best person to speak to is their class teacher. If they are unable to help you they will direct you to the member of staff that can help. This is particularly important in the current climate of Departmental restructuring and change as there appears to be an increasing number days that I am out of the school to attend meetings or training relating to the changes.

Ken Smith  
Principal
IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION
On the school side of Wetherill Street there is NO PARKING between the hours of 8.30am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm. This area is for passenger set down or pick up only. You have no more than 2 MINUTES to drop off or pick up and you must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

A reminder to parents to take care with parking on Wetherill Street before and after school. Our children need to be kept safe. Wetherill Street is a busy road and I ask parents to consider safe parking in order to drop off and collect their children. Also consider our school neighbours by not parking in their driveways at any time. We rely on our neighbours to assist in security issues and wish to maintain positive relationships with them.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Smithfield West Public School will maintain the same procedure for school contributions with no increase for 2013. The Department of Education and Communities provides only basic funds for the school's operation. Annually, we ask parents to support their children’s education through the payment of school contributions. Whilst these contributions are voluntary we rely considerably on them to provide valuable resources to enrich and extend your child’s learning program. Information about your contributions is detailed below and every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum.

School Voluntary Contribution per student $40.00
School Voluntary Contribution per family $60.00
A school receipt will be issued for all payments. I thank you for your continued support of Smithfield West Public School.

K. Smith

Textbooks
Textbooks have arrived. Money is due by Friday 1 March and classes will start using them next week. Please ensure your child’s money has been sent in so they can work in their own books, with the rest of the class. Where children do not have books, additional time must be spent copying work from the board.

S. Rowlings

International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Our students again have the opportunity to sit exams coordinated by the Educational Testing Centre of the University of New South Wales. The exams are in Computer Skills, Science, English, Mathematics, Writing and Spelling. Students received this note today seeking entries for the competitions. Children may enter one or more of these competitions. All competitions are included on one note. The cost of each competition is $8.00 with the exception of the Spelling and Writing Competitions which are $11.00 and $17.00 respectively. This is due to the fact these papers must be individually hand marked. Please send entries to the locked box in the office and note the closing day for entries is Friday 15 March 2013.

C. Georgilas

PSSA
PSSA – On Friday 1 March PSSA Newcombeball teams will be playing William Stimson Public School and the Oz-Tag and T-Ball teams will be playing Bossley Park Public School in the third round of the PSSA competition at Brenan Park (top). Please note change of venue.

On Friday 8 March PSSA Newcombeball, Oz-Tag and T-ball teams will be playing Harrington Street Public School in the fourth round of the PSSA competition at Brenan Park (bottom).
Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. PSSA sport commences at 9.30am. Good luck to all teams.

R. Howitt
ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

| KR | Kadir Askin, Miami Aravena, David Yousif, Ann Thien Nguyen |
| KS | Angela Qriaqwz, Victoria Muratore Antunez, Phoebe Barrass, Waad Najeeb |
| KW | Patrick Huynh, Esmeralda Ureta, Daniel Kesio Seve, Juliet Tapaleao |
| 1C | Rivan Danha, Natalie Oudish, Joy Al Khouri, Jonah Elias |
| 1P | Rahul Chand, Alma Faataga Seve, Rina Francis, Malia Alefosio-Taalili |
| 1/2B | James Vigo, Jessica Nguyen, Ethan Ha, Angus O’Keeffe |
| 2G | Noah Sturiale, Benjamin Viera-Barraza, Sonya Le, Johanna Tapaleao |
| 3M | Joshua Sturiale, Rami Trabulsi, Kaleb Thacker, Leea Semenov |
| 3/4G | Samisoni Kailea, Chloe McGann, Charniah Shepherd, Jack O’Keeffe |
| 4S | Lorenzo Vusoniceva, Jayden Harding, Caitlyn Hristovska, Skye Burns |
| 5P | Luai Ali, Anwar Qriaqwz, Shmoni Khoshaba, Jaydn Ferguson |
| 5/6R | Lila El-Baf, Daniel Hawera, Khaled Ghamrawi, Alex McGregor |

School Swimming Carnival

On 26 February 2013 Smithfield West Public School had their Swimming Carnival at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. We took a contingent of 16 swimmers, one of our largest groups for many years. All competitors swam to the best of their ability displaying great sportsmanship. Congratulations to the five students who will now attend the Zone Carnival. The learn to swim program is having a positive effect. We feel sure that as children attend this program there will be an even greater number attending swimming carnivals in future years. Special thanks to Mrs Van Kampen and Ms Devile for their help in making this event a success.

G. Morris and A. Gee

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 28 March, Kindergarten to Year 2 students will have the opportunity to participate in the annual Smithfield West Public School Easter Hat Parade. All the students have to do is design and create a decorative Easter Hat or Bonnet and bring it to school on Thursday 28 March. The parade begins at 9.15am and concludes with the Easter Egg Raffle being drawn by the P&C. Normal school routine resumes at 10.30am. All parents and friends are welcome.

M. Bodnar & B. Cahill

Speechie’s Corner

Hi parents! My name is Tina Simicevic and I am the Speech Pathologist from Educational Speech Pathology and Therapy Services. I will be working at Smithfield West every Monday for the year. I will have a section in every newsletter with fun, easy and useful language activities that you can play with your children. For more information, visit www.educationalspeechpathology.com.au.

P& C Easter Raffle

Today the eldest child in each family received a booklet of raffle tickets. Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1.00. Children are not expected to go door to door selling tickets. If you do not want to participate in this activity simply return the tickets. However, there will be lots of prizes, being baskets of chocolate Easter eggs. Please return all money, unsold raffle tickets and raffle tickets stubs to classroom teachers before Monday 25 March. Please ensure names and phone numbers are on each butt sold. Thank you.

H. Yazar
Easter Egg Donations

The P&C is seeking your support – EASTER EGGS and BASKETS NEEDED please.

The K-2 Easter Hat parade will be held on Thursday 28 March at 9.15am in the Hall. The P&C will be running an Easter Raffle and rely on donations of eggs to make the baskets. Please support this wonderful fund raising activity by dropping off Easter Eggs at the front office by Friday 22 March.

Each child who donates Easter Eggs will be put into a draw for a special prize.

Child’s Name: _________________________________ Class: ________

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

Catholic Scripture – Confirmation 2013 – Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be accepted at the 6.00pm Saturday and all the Sunday Masses in Smithfield Parish on the weekends of 2&3 March and 9&10 March 2013. Enrolment forms are available from Scripture Teachers, in the Parish churches or phone Halina or Maureen on 9725 4317.
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Curriculum Dance Lessons

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

One of the requirements of the NSW Board of Studies PDHPE syllabus is the teaching of Dance. To meet this requirement the school has engaged the services of an outside provider named Dance2bfit who will provide specialist teachers to conduct a one hour dance lesson with each Stage group.

The lessons will occur on Wednesdays and will be for 5 weeks commencing on 5th March and concluding on 2nd April.

Many of the children will remember the Dance2bfit as we were involved in their program a couple of years ago. Dance2bfit is an energetic, innovative and fun way to get 'fit and funky' with the latest dance styles to the 'hottest' music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time. Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus where students have fun learning a new dance each lesson.

There is no cost for students to participate in the Dance2bfit program this year. As the teaching of Dance is a syllabus requirement all students are expected to participate. Each student's participation and the skills that they learn and develop will form part of their assessment in the PDHPE area of their Semester 1 report.

Having seen the lessons that Dance2bfit offer I am sure the students will enjoy them and learn some new skills. We will be offering the same opportunity in Gymnastics in Term 4.

Ken Smith
Principal

Is dried fruit OK for Crunch and Sip?

Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (e.g. sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable Crunch and Sip option. Dried fruit tends to cling to the teeth, so is best eaten with a meal or when a toothbrush is handy.

NOTE: fruit straps, yoghurts, bars, rolls or any kind of tinned or packeted fruit are NOT usually permitted as they contain large amounts of sugar. Crunch and Sip is a time for a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable and a bottle of water (no fruit juices are permitted during this time).