Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I know it’s hard to believe but we have been at school for nine weeks and Easter is already upon us. How time flies!

Today our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children had a great time at the Easter Hat Parade. It was terrific to see so many very excited children and all of the wonderful hats. It was also great to see so many parents at the parade. Thank you to Mrs Bodnar and Mrs Cahill for organising today’s event.

On Monday our school captains and prefects travelled to the city with Mrs Papadatos and Mrs Morris to participate in the Halogen Foundation Young Leaders Conference. The children and the teachers tell me they saw some inspiring speakers throughout the day and really enjoyed the conference. We are hoping to send a larger group of students to the conference next year. Mrs Papadatos also recently attended a conference on developing student leadership in primary schools and we are looking at some of the models that were presented at this conference to determine which one would be the most appropriate to implement at our school.

If you requested a parent/teacher interview for Wednesday, 3rd April you should have received a slip from your child’s teacher yesterday indicating the time of the interview. If you have not received this slip or want an interview and haven’t already requested one please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Teachers will be unable to accommodate anyone who turns up for an interview without a pre-arranged appointment time.

Unfortunately we continue to have some parents or carers who continue to put the safety of our children at risk by ignoring the signs on the gates and the repeated requests in this newsletter not to drive into either of the school car parks to drop off or pick-up their children. This is not acceptable and I will be contacting the police and asking them to do a safety blitz around the school. This means that they will issue a fine to anyone who illegally enters the school grounds or who is illegally parked in the streets around the school. You have been warned!

The next P&C Meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th April at 9:15am in the staffroom. Graham Bernard – General Manager of Healthy Canteens Australia the new licensee of our school canteen will be here to speak at the meeting.

Finally, we have had a really good start to the school year and I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for their effort and input into school life. I hope you all have a very happy Easter and enjoy the four day break.

Ken Smith
Principal
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

PSSA

PSSA – On Friday 5 April PSSA Newcombeball, Oz-Tag and T-Ball teams will be playing St Johns Park Public School in the seventh round of the PSSA competition at 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.

R. Howitt

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Library News

We have been having lots of fun with dress ups in the library at lunchtime. If you can assist us we are in need of adult short party/evening dresses, skirts, shirts, handbags, vests of all kinds (the sparkly the better), aprons, jackets or anything else you think might be great for dress up.

There are still students who have been unable to borrow from the library this year as they have not been bringing along a library bag. There are good sturdy school library bags available from the uniform shop for $7 or you can just send along a plastic bag.

I am in need of parents willing to cover new library books. If you can assist please send your child with a note and I can organise to send the books and contact home.

Students from Year 1 will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. Students in Years 1 and 2 will be required to read 30 books while students in Years 3 to 6 will be required to read 20 books before September 1. An information morning to assist parents in helping their children complete the challenge will be held on Thursday May 9 at 9am in the library. Further information will be provided next term.

N. Adams
ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day - On Thursday 12 April 2013 at 9.30am under the COLA playground we will be having a service for the commemoration of ANZAC. Students are asked to bring fresh flowers to their classrooms on Thursday morning for floral tributes. Parents, family and friends are invited to join us.

M. Cilia

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

Smithfield West Public School has registered again this year to be part of the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. For every $10.00 spent at Woolworths Supermarkets you will receive a point to be placed on a point’s sheet which the school can redeem for valuable teaching resources. Once point sheets are completed, return them to school and place them in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Box at the office. The program starts on Monday 8 April and runs until Sunday 9 June.

S. Pilgrim

DRYBODZ RAINCOATS

Raincoats are now available at the Uniform Shop. We have purchased a small supply of Drybodz raincoats which are now available for sale.

Raincoats are $15.00 each, are made of durable plastic and are designed to fit over your child’s backpack.

Sizes: Small K-1 Medium Yrs 2-3
Size Large (Yrs 4-6) are available on special request.

S. Pilgrim

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our Coles Sports for Schools Program sporting equipment has arrived. These are a selection of the equipment SWPS was able to purchase thanks to the generosity and impressive shopping ability of our families.

S. Pilgrim
Learning and fun outdoors!
Looking for a fun and healthy school holiday activity that won’t break the bank? Get your kids off the couch and unhooked from the iPad with a Sport and Recreation Centre holiday program.

Sport and Recreation Centres are government-run facilities. These overnight and day adventures are offered in beautiful Australian bush and coastline locations for kids aged 7 to 16.

See your child blossom
Our programs use challenging, adventurous activities to help kids develop independence, self-esteem and social skills.

Under the supervision of friendly and qualified staff, conquering these age-appropriate challenges can help kids develop confidence as they master new skills and make new friends.

Our affordable school holiday packages include all activities, accommodation, nutritious meals and 24 hour supervision. Supervised transport is also available to and from most camps.

Sport and Recreation Centres: getting kids active outdoors for over 60 years.
For full details including program descriptions, head to our website at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps. Please note, age restrictions do apply for some activities.