Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**STUDENT REPORTS**
At present our teachers are finalising the Semester 2 reports for all students. These reports will indicate the achievements, attitude and application of your child to their learning experiences. The reporting process is lengthy and teachers spend many hours at home and school in both assessment analysis and report writing. Our aim is to communicate meaningful information to you about your child’s achievements and future directions for successful learning. Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 8th December.

**EXTREME WEATHER**
As you know, we experienced extremely hot conditions last Friday. On days like this it can make operations difficult for both students and staff. While these days are rare, when there are extreme conditions we implement a range of flexible approaches to ensure the well-being of all students and staff.

Our situation was further complicated last Friday due to a water main being broken by workers building the new road. This meant that we did lose all water for a period of time. I was able to liaise with both Sydney Water and the Department of Education and full service was resumed much quicker than I originally anticipated.

During the time when the service was down, bottled water was made available to any child that required a drink.

Congratulations and thank you to all students and staff for their sensible and safe approach to the extreme weather last Friday.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**
Congratulations to the following students who have attained Gold level status in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Kasey Cross 4L  
Chloe Thacker 4L  
Kaleb Thacker 5/6R  
Christina Davila 5/6R

To achieve Gold level students need to participate in the program for 4 years. I look forward to presenting more Gold certificates in 2016.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**
On Tuesday 11th November the students at Smithfield West commemorated this most significant day in our history. Our student leaders outlined the meaning and importance of this day as we all paid our respects. Thank you to all the students who contributed flowers.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Thank you to the families who have paid a Voluntary School Contribution ($40 for one child/$60 for two or more children) this year. Your assistance has made a significant contribution to the increased quality of learning materials available in our classrooms.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen will be open right up until the last day of school on Wednesday 16th December. Students will be able to order their lunch and purchase items at recess and lunchtime as usual.
Stephen Gray
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES
Wednesday 2 December - Sports Assembly Years 3-6 9.10am
Thursday 3 December – Year 7 2016, High School Orientation Day
Tuesday 8 December – Presentation Day Assembly K-6 9.10am
Thursday 10 December – Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 11.30am
Thursday 10 December – Year 6 Farewell (Years 5&6) 6.00pm
Monday 14 December – K-6 Picnic Days
Wednesday 16 December – Students’ last day of Term 4

2016
Tuesday 26 January – Australia Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 January – School Development Day (student free)
Thursday 28 January – Students’ first day of Term 1 2016 (Years 1-6)
Thursday 28 January, Friday 29 January and Monday 1 February – Kindergarten Best Start Assessment
Tuesday 2 February – All Kindergarten students’ first day

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS 25 November 2015

| KG    | Raydan Honeysett, Sofia Vigo, Maia Marqus |
| KW    | Stephanie Omongos, Milka Milosavljevic, Graham Richardson |
| 1P    | Eliana Navarro, Sophie Nansen, Lucas Lazar |
| 1S    | Esabilla Chom, Angelina Franso, Yara Abdulaziz |
| 2C    | Jaden Ha, Fizz Latapu, David Yousif |
| 2M    | Mathew McGann, Esmeralda Ureta, Jonathan Ouraha |
| 3B    | Maryos Marqus, Joy Al Khouri, Amy Bui, Larissa Kakoz |
| 3/4G  | Amira Ghamrawi, Athena Savidis, Maryam Yonan, Samantha Poloa |
| 4L    | Rikhil Bali, Marcus McDougall, Chloe Thacker, Johanna Tapaleao |
| 5S    | Atqiya Amin, Jordan Cheav, Kiara Gooley-Clark, Rami Trabulsi |
| 5/6R  | Tupara Hazel, Samisoni Kailea, Maddison Brown, Ronelio Cruz, Manaia Mete, Martin Kamil |
| 6P    | Nathan Nguyen, Sophia Simic, Gillie Kanno-Pereira, Sarah Farrugia |

YEAR 7 2016, HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY
The Orientation Day for all Year 6 students who will be attending Government High Schools in 2016 is on Thursday, 3 December. Orientation Days are arranged by each high school and they will provide details about the day. Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from the Orientation Day activities. If you have not received information from your local high school please contact them directly. All Year 6 students not at Orientation Days are expected to be at school.

S. Rowlings

IMPORTANT
If you have moved house or changed phone numbers or the phone numbers for your emergency contacts have changed please update your records at the office. For a change of address you will need to provide proof of your residential address e.g. original copies of council rates notice, residential lease, electricity accounts or statutory declaration.

M. Bennett
IMPORTANT NEWS – CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS PASSES

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible students free or subsidised travel between home and school.

From term one 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Transport Scheme via a new online process.

If your child already has a bus pass they will be issued with a School Opal card automatically when school resumes next year.

A new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student in Year 2 this year and will be in Year 3 next year.
- The student is changing school, including going between primary and high school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address)

Applications must be made online at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Helping to feed the hungry

As the festive season nears we will be supporting Starr Partners Real Estate in conjunction with the Uniting Church Diner Fairfield who feed and care for more than 300 people of all ages and backgrounds each week. We are aiming to fill three grocery trolleys with non-perishable items which will be used to feed those less fortunate than ourselves at this special time of the year. **On Tuesday 1 December we will ask each child to bring a non-perishable grocery item to support this very valuable cause.** For ideas of what sort of items to bring see the list below. We have the opportunity to help others in our local community - let’s make this a success again this year.

S. Rowlings

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**Starr Partners Real Estate**  
in conjunction with  
**Uniting Church Diner Fairfield**  
**Christmas Grocery Appeal**  
12 **year Anniversary**

Suggested items the diner requires: Pantry and Tinned foods

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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.

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS
As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child’s hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.

- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.

- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pesteriansafety.html)

Have a safe holiday break!

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**Healthy Kids Program**
**Term 1 2016**

**Enrol in a program near you today!**

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**Could your kids do Go4Fun?**
- Free program for kids aged 7-13 above a healthy weight
- Families learn healthy eating and exercise with fun games
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- After school during term in an encouraging environment

1800 780 900   www.go4fun.com.au

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[NSW South Western Sydney Local Health District](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)