Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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. Even 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.smithfielw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.smithfielw-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.
- **Skoolbag** – this is a school mobile app that allows you to receive messages and reminders about upcoming events. If you haven’t already downloaded the app onto your phone then go to the website – [http://www.skoolbag.com.au/parentinstructions.pdf](http://www.skoolbag.com.au/parentinstructions.pdf)
- **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. If you need any further information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Hats – All students are to wear school hats during the breaks and all outdoor activities. If students don’t have a hat they will be requested to move to shady or covered areas when outside. Please make sure your child’s hat is clearly labelled with their name and class.

School Swimming and Water Safety Program - The School Swimming and Water Safety Program for Years 2-6 is planned for Monday 9 March to Friday 20 March 2015. All positions are filled. Final payments are due by **Monday 2 March**. Should you have any queries please see Ms Rowlings.

Stephen Gray
Principal
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Smithfield West Public School has maintained the same procedure for school contributions with no increase for 2015. 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.

S. Gray

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
The School Photographer will be taking our school photographs on Monday 2 March 2015. Envelopes were sent home on Monday 9 February.

Please send your child along in their summer school uniform on this day. If a child is not in school uniform an attempt will be made to fit them out as best we can, but there is no guarantee.

Note that all money is handled by the photograph company, NOT by the school. Money needs to be exact and cheques made out to ‘The School Photographer’. Cost of the different packages ranges from $6.00 to $40.00. To ensure smooth running on the day, please note that all orders are to be pre-paid and envelopes are to be handed to the school by FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2015 in the locked box at the front office.

NB: All students need to have their own envelope (which is to be handed to the office once completed.)

Family photos will also be taken on this day. These are only for brothers and sisters enrolled at Smithfield West Public School. Envelopes for family photos may be collected from the school office and returned with payment by Friday 27 February.

M. Bennett

PSSA
Friday 20 February
Newcombeball Fairfield West Endeavour Reserve
T-ball Fairfield West Endeavour Reserve
Oz-tag Fairfield West Endeavour Reserve

Friday 27 February
Newcombeball Prairievale Endeavour Reserve
T-ball Prairievale Endeavour Reserve
Oz-tag Cabramatta West 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

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will commence on Thursday 5th March, and will be processed here at school by a team of volunteer parents. Please note the change of day for 2015.
Kindergarten students will bring home an information pack today, explaining Student Banking and informing you of the process required to set up an account. For students in Years 1-6 who wish to open an account, application forms are available from the office.
One of the options will be for the account to be opened here at Smithfield West, by Alison, the Commonwealth Bank representative. The day she will be available is Wednesday, 25th February from 8.30am.
While the staff at our school support Student Banking there is no obligation to set up an account and bank through Smithfield West Public School. Please call in at the office or phone the school on 9604 3161 if you would like any further information.

S. Pilgrim