Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**SCHOOL REPORTS**
Thank you to all the parents who attended interviews with their child’s classroom teacher last week. If you were not able to make it, please contact the teacher to make an alternative time.

**SCHOOL RESOURCES**
Thank you to the parents who have paid their school contributions and to the P&C for their continued support. All money received or raised is used to benefit the students at our school, and believe me, every dollar counts.

Some of the resources purchased this term include:
- Student iPads ($13,500)
- Home reading books ($10,000)
- Photocopier ($8,000)
- Rugby league uniforms ($1,500)

**SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**
I had the pleasure of attending the Parramatta All Schools Rugby League presentation at Parramatta Leagues club on Monday night with Mr Howitt, the senior rugby league team and their parents. I came away very proud and honoured to be the Principal of Smithfield West Public School after I saw the way our students both presented and conducted themselves. Special mention must also be made of Samisoni Kailea, who, as captain of both the school and football team, presented the speech of the night.

Congratulations to all involved!

**READING TO CHILDREN AT HOME**
Children learn about the value and importance of reading as they watch their family read and write in everyday life. Here are a few simple things you can do at home to make reading fun.

1. Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
2. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
3. Talk about books together and make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
4. See that there is a range of reading material, both fiction and non-fiction, for your child at home.
5. Try not to let television or the computer intrude on reading time – set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.
**OPEN DAY**

A date for your diaries. Education Week is in Week 3 of next term, with our Open Day on Wednesday 29 July.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for family members and friends to visit our school and see some of the great things that happen here.

Further information will be sent home next term.

**TERM 3**

Don’t forget that tomorrow is the last day for this term. All students should return to school on **TUESDAY, 14 JULY** for the commencement of Term 3.

During the last few weeks many families have been struck down with winter illnesses. The holidays will provide a wonderful opportunity for everyone to recharge their batteries and get fit and healthy once again.

Have a safe and restful break and I look forward to seeing you again when school resumes.

**Stephen Gray**  
Principal

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS**

| KG  | Janel Barcenas, Mohamed Taha, Maia Marquis |
| KW  | Caitlyn Graham, Darren Sok, Daniella Isho |
| 1P  | Sharon Latapu, Zhir Saeed, Pauline Mafi |
| 1S  | Jayda Tu’Akoi, Justin McDougall, Angelina Franso |
| 2C  | Alicia Onn, Daniel Keshany, Justin Muscat |
| 2M  | Layla Castillo, Juliet Tapaleao, Noah Masri |
| 3B  | Amy Bui, Cooper Harris, Jessica Nguyen, Lotus Semenov |
| 3/4G| Patrick Nguyen, Tiffany McDougall, Athena Savidis, Amelia Nissan |
| 4L  | Elizabeth Kailea, Lily Tieu, Kitana Kanno-Pereira, Noah Sturiale |
| 5S  | Zuhal Mohammed, Andrew Elsobky, Faafetai Mefiposeta, Jacob Herring |
| 5/6R| Tiari Whakanke, Emily Hirmiz, Maddison Brown, Olivia MacManus-Penza |
| 6P  | Nathan Nguyen, Sara Coombe, Zeinab Hafez, Sarah Farrugia |

**PSSA**

**Friday 26 June**

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Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. PSSA sport commences at 1.00pm. Good luck to all teams.

**R. Howitt**
PARRAMATTA ALL SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

On Thursday, June 11, our senior rugby league team played in the final of the Open B Parramatta All Schools competition at McCredie Park, Guildford. Our opponents were the Northern Division winners, Galston Public School. It was a hard fought and exciting final, with the match in the balance right up until the final minute.

We were first to score and things looked good for a convincing victory, but it was not to be. The lead changed several times throughout the match and when the full time siren sounded we were still behind on the scoreboard. Fortunately, the last play of the game was still in progress and we were able to dive over for the winning try, making the final score 18 to 14.

The team now travels to Penrith next month to represent Smithfield West and the Parramatta district at the NSW All Schools Carnival.

We are very fortunate to have such a talented group of players representing our school and something that they will all remember. The excitement and emotion of these games is well worth the effort put in by all parties.

Congratulations to the players for their sportsmanship, attitude and on field performance. You all should be very proud of your achievement.

Thanks also to the parents who have supported their children by attending games and giving so much encouragement.

We wish them all the best at Penrith.

R. Howitt

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Johnny Stamiris, Elizabeth Kailea, Emily Nguyen and Eliza Tran participated in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition held at Bonnyrigg Public School. These students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and should be commended for all their efforts.

S. Stadler

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Smithfield West will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. Last year we were able to order over $2,000 worth of teaching resources for use in our classrooms. Earn and Learn will commence on Wednesday 15 July and run until Tuesday 8 September. Each child will receive a sticker sheet on the first day back next term. Additional sticker sheets can be downloaded from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn or collected from the school office. So let your family and friends know that our school will be participating in the promotion. There will be some great incentive prizes on offer!! More details next term.

S. Pilgrim
MATHS IN KINDERGARTEN
Thank you to the families who joined us for Maths in Kindergarten last week. Mrs Sargent and Miss Reddy showed families what happens in a Kindergarten classroom when teaching Mathematics. Families saw and joined in with our counting songs, as well as seeing the students participate in a number talk. This is where the teachers give the students a mathematical question and the students not only give the answer, but explain how and why they got their answer.
Families also observed student working on iPads to improve their counting and number recognition and listened to Miss Reddy and Mrs Sargent as they worked in small groups to explicitly teach addition and subtraction skills and strategies.
A page has been added to the school website which has links to the songs as well as some games and apps parents may which to use at home to support their students (see below).
I would like to thank Mrs Sargent and Miss Reddy for their hard work and willingness to open the KG classroom.

B. Wilson

MATHEMATICS WEBPAGE
As a follow on from our Maths in Kindergarten classroom demonstration, a Mathematics page has been added to the Smithfield West Website.
http://www.smithfielw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
This page includes a link to some counting songs, cards games that you can play at home with your children, links to online games and activities and some suggested apps which the students use at school.
The webpage will be updated on a regular basis, so please continue to have a look and see what is new.

B. Wilson