Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**NAPLAN**  
NAPLAN results for students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat the test in Term 2 have been sent home today. It is important to remember when reading the results that NAPLAN measures some aspects of student learning in literacy and numeracy. It is also fair to say that since May, many things would have changed. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher should you have any questions.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**  
Regular attendance has been, and always will be, a contributing factor to the success children have at school. The temptation to give a child a day off here or there is a dilemma many parents face, but is something that should be resisted. I have included a chart with this newsletter which clearly demonstrates how important regular attendance is.

**BEHAVIOUR CODE FOR STUDENTS**  
The Department of Education has released a new wellbeing framework that includes a section on the behaviour code expected of all students in NSW public schools. The framework can be found at [https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing).

The framework is based around the principles of Respect, Safety and Engagement and I have included a copy of the code that is expected to be followed by all students in this newsletter. Please assist in helping your child to comply with the behaviour by discussing this with them at home.

**ZONE ATHLETICS**  
Congratulations to the 41 students that participated at the Zone Athletics Carnival yesterday at The Crest, Georges Hall. Their efforts were outstanding and a credit to both themselves and the school. I am also happy to report that while the final results have yet to be received, I have already heard that some of our students will be progressing through to the regional carnival later in the term. Thank you to Ms Rowlings and Mrs Bennett for their work on the day.

**SCHOOL CAR PARK**  
A reminder, the school car parks are not to be used for parent parking or as drop off / pick up zones for students. This applies both in the morning and afternoon and particularly when students arrive late or leave early. As you would expect there are many young children at school each day and this is a real safety issue.

**Stephen Gray**  
Principal
**ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS 5 August 2015**

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

Smithfield West is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. Earn and Learn commenced on Wednesday 15 July and will run until Tuesday 8 September. Each child received a sticker sheet on the first day back this term. Additional sticker sheets can be downloaded from www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn or collected from the school office. So make sure you let your family and friends know that our school will be participating in the promotion. Every completed sticker sheet collected will go in a draw to win one of 10 child’s movie passes. The more stickers you collect the more chances you have to win! Collection boxes are located outside Woolworths Stockland Mall and in the school office.

* S. Pilgrim
BEHAVIOUR FOR EXCELLENCE

Some modifications have been made to our student welfare achievement program ‘Behaviour for Excellence’. Some students have already brought in merit awards to receive a large award and move to the next level. These will soon be collated and awards printed and distributed to students. As other students receive their awards they should bring them to the ladies in the office. Mr Gray is looking forward to presenting the first Silver Awards in the coming weeks.

Levels

Start of the Year ➔ Level 3
Silver Award ➔ Level 4
Gold Award ➔ Level 5

Bring in

- Two (2) class merit awards
- Three (3) ‘Behaviour for Excellence’ awards
  OR
- Three (3) class merit awards
- Two (2) ‘Behaviour for Excellence’ awards
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- Two (2) class merit awards
- Two (2) ‘Behaviour for Excellence’ awards
- One (1) Sport award (8-12 year olds)

(5 awards in total)

THEN bring in

- Two (2) merit awards
- Two (2) Behaviour for Excellence awards
  OR
- Two (2) merit awards
- One (1) Behaviour for Excellence awards
- One (1) Sport award (8-12 year olds)

(4 awards in total)

NB: All awards must be from the same calendar year and can only be presented to the office ONCE.
Behaviour Code for Students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons. Illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviours

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgement, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgement. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.
PSSA

Friday 21 August

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Friday 28 August – Finals to be advised

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

Parents are alerted of changes to PSSA sport via the skoolbag app. R. Howitt

HOME READING PROGRAM

During Term 2, Mrs Georgilas and I have been busy buying new books for our home reading program. Many of the current home readers have been much loved and so very well read that they needed to be replaced. It has taken some time to sort through hundreds of books, purchase new ones and find storage for them in the classrooms.

Home reading with your child should be practised every day as part of their homework. Each student from Kindergarten to Year 4 has now received a plastic folder with their name and school clearly marked.

We would like to encourage all parents/carers to remind their child to treat their home readers with care as these books belong to Smithfield West Public School for all students to share and enjoy. If a home reader is damaged or lost, a note requesting payment of $10.00 will be sent home to cover the cost of replacing the book.

We would like to thank the parents and members of staff who worked tirelessly on covering the books ready to take home. We hope all our students get much enjoyment from their home readers.

G. Morris and C. Georgilas

MATHS IN 1P

Over the past few weeks 1P have been learning about multiplication and division. When we start learning about multiplication in Year 1 we practice making groups using unifix cubes, counters and then explaining the groups we have made. The most important thing we had to remember was to make the groups equal in size. Then we used our strategies to add them together. 1P enjoyed going out into the playground and using themselves as counters to work out the answer to the maths problems.
JOIN US FOR OUR BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

**Book Parade**
A Book Week parade is being held next Monday with parents/grandparents invited to watch the students from K-6 parade in their book character costumes. Parents are then invited to then have morning tea with their children. Tea and coffee will be provided in the library for parents while they peruse the books for sale at the book fair.

**Book Fair**
The book fair will be held in the library

**Monday** 8.30am – 9.00am
11.00am – 11.20am  (after the parade)
3.00pm – 3.30pm

**Tuesday** 8.30am – 9.45 am
3.00pm – 3.30pm

Books start at $5.00 up to $30.00. Pencils, erasers, posters and novelty items from $1.00. EFTPOS facilities available.

A percentage of book sales will be returned to the school to purchase new books. Donations of books from the fair to the library are also welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Adams
Teacher Librarian

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**SMITHFIELD LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Competition commences on Friday 4 September from 6.00pm at Janice Crosio Oval, Rosford St Reserve, Smithfield.

Registration Dates: Thursday 20 & 27 August, 6.00pm to 8.00pm at McDonald’s, The Horsley Drive Wetherill Park.

For more information:

WEBSITE: [www.smithfieldathletics.com.au](http://www.smithfieldathletics.com.au)  or E-MAIL: smithfieldathletics@hotmail.com