Dear Parents/Caregivers

STUDENT LEADER INDUCTION ASSEMBLY
Last week I had the pleasure of attending the investiture of our 2016 Captains, Prefects, House Captains and Library Monitors. What a wonderful occasion it was for our school leaders. My congratulations go to you all. Thank you to Ms Rowlings for her outstanding organisation of the assembly.

HIGH SCHOOL 2017
Next week all Year 6 students will receive Expression of Interest forms for high school in 2017. These forms must be returned to the classroom teacher by Friday 18 March. For those parents still undecided about next year, my advice to you is to contact the relevant high school/s that you are considering. Some of these schools are currently holding information days/night and I would encourage you to attend where ever possible. If you would like further information about the high school enrolment process please contact me through the front office.

STAFFING
Congratulations to Miss Reddy who has been appointed permanently to the school through the merit selection process. She is a quality teacher and this appointment is thoroughly deserved. For 2016, Miss Reddy will continue in her role as part of the Early Action for Success program.

WETHERILL STREET ROADWORKS
I was contacted by Fairfield Council on Tuesday regarding the road works happening outside our school. As part of the works, traffic barriers will be placed on the western side of Wetherill Street from next Monday. This means there will be no parking on the western side during construction. Alternative on-street parking would include Charles Street or Du-Maurier Place. Attached to this newsletter is notification from council further explaining this with a contact number should you have any questions. Council also said that the completion date for the road widening has been pushed back to mid May.

NEWSLETTER
Last year I informed you that the school was phasing out paper copies of the fortnightly newsletter. From Term 2, you will be able to access the newsletter through your personal email, the skoolbag app or the Smithfield West Public School website. These are much cleaner, efficient and cost effective ways of keeping you informed of the happenings at our school. So that you receive your copy of the newsletter, please make sure that your email details are up to date.

SCHOOL GATES
You may have noticed that the pedestrian and driveway gates on Wetherill Street are now being closed each day. Student safety is a priority at Smithfield West and will continue to be so.
SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)
SRE classes commenced today and students have been grouped in accordance with the information previously supplied by parents/carers. Should you wish to change your child’s SRE option, this must be done in writing to the Principal. In 2016, we will have authorised clergy and religious teachers providing instruction to Catholic and Protestant groups only. Unfortunately, the Islamic Society has been unable to supply a teacher at this point of time.

P&C
The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) was held this week. Congratulations to the following ladies who were elected as executive members for 2016:

President: Karinne Moore  
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Betty O’Keefe  
Treasurer: Kelly Wales

MRS CARPENTER
Great News! Mrs Carpenter’s 15 year old daughter, Ellie, last night made her debut for the Australian Matildas in their 9 – 0 victory over Vietnam in Osaka, Japan. Ellie is the first millennial (i.e. born in the 2000s) to represent Australia. Mrs Carpenter, who is currently in Japan supporting her daughter, is one proud parent, and deservedly so. Please congratulate her next time she is teaching at our school.

TREES
Work on our trees has finally happened. Damaged and potentially dangerous trees have been taken out, other trees have been trimmed while all the debris from the December/January storms has been removed. As a result of the work, we now have lots of mulch. If you would like some of this mulch please contact me. There is no charge involved.

ATTENDANCE TIP
Even taking a small amount of time out of school can be a problem and your child might fall behind with work and be unable to catch up. Their friendships can suffer and may lead to them having difficulty maintaining positive relationships with their peers. A child with a good school record of attendance is setting themselves up for a better future once he/she leaves school. It only takes 3 or 4 days off per term to start seriously affecting your child’s education. 8 days absence or more per term and they fall below 85% attendance. This means they are unable to reach their full potential and their future life choices become far more limited.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
The Department of Education 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 $50.00
School Voluntary Contribution per family $80.00
A school receipt will be issued for all payments. I thank you for your continued support of Smithfield West Public School.

Stephen Gray
Principal

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program for Years 2-6 is planned for Monday 14 March to Thursday 24 March 2016. Students from Years 2 to 6 have already received a note. The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a fantastic program which teaches children to swim and further develop their water confidence skills. We are limited to 120 positions there are still 24 positions available. Should you have any queries please see Ms Rowlings.

S. Rowlings
ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

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PSSA

Friday 4 March – NO PSSA due to Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 11 March

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Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. PSSA sport commences at 9.30am. Good luck to all teams.

M. Licciardello

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

Cross Country Carnival Training

In preparation for the school’s Cross Country Carnival next term every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30pm children aged 8 years (this year) and up are encouraged to train. Training will be at the top playground. Please wear or bring joggers to school and a bottle of water.

F. Papadatos and M. Kirby

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 24 March, Kindergarten to Year 2 students will have the opportunity to participate in the annual Smithfield West Public School Easter Hat Parade. All the students have to do is design and create a decorative Easter Hat or Bonnet and bring it to school on Thursday 24 March. The parade begins at 1.30pm and concludes with the Easter Egg Raffle being drawn by the P&C. All parents and friends are welcome.

B. Cahill and J. Menna
P&C Easter Raffle

The eldest child in each family will receive a booklet of raffle tickets next week. Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1.00. Children are not expected to go door to door selling tickets. If you do not want to participate in this activity simply return the tickets. However, there will be lots of prizes, being baskets of chocolate Easter eggs. Please return all money, unsold raffle tickets and raffle ticket stubs to classroom teachers before Monday 21 March. Please ensure names and phone numbers are on each butt sold. Thank you.

K. Moore President

Easter Egg Donations

The P&C is seeking your support – EASTER EGGS and BASKETS NEEDED please.

The K-2 Easter Hat parade will be held on Thursday 24 March at 1.30pm in the Hall. The P&C will be running an Easter Raffle and rely on donations of eggs to make the baskets. Please support this wonderful fund raising activity by dropping off Easter Eggs at the front office by Friday 18 March.

Each child who donates Easter Eggs will be put into a draw for a special prize.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ________________________

Catholic Scripture – Confirmation 2016

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be accepted at the 6.00pm Saturday Mass and at other Sunday Masses in Smithfield Parish on the weekends of 5/6 March and 12/13 March 2016. Enrolment forms are available from Scripture Teachers, from the Parish Churches, the Parish website, or by phoning Halina or Helena on 9725 4317.