



# Smithfield West Public School

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## Newsletter

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**Term: 2 Week: 9**

Friday 27 June

### CALENDAR

#### **Wednesday 2 July**

End of Term Assembly –  
9.10am

#### **Thursday 3 July**

Stage 1 Excursion

#### **Friday 4 July**

K-6 Pyjama Day

Last Day Term 2

#### **Monday 21 July**

School Development Day

#### **Tuesday 22 July**

First Day Term 3

#### **Wednesday 30 July**

K-6 Assembly – 2.10pm

Rosellas presenting

Wetherill Street,  
Wetherill Park 2164  
Phone: 9604 3161

#### **Principal:**

Stephen Gray

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS**

As technology becomes an integral part of children's daily lives, it is crucial for us, as parents, carers, and teachers, to ensure that their online activities are safe and appropriate. Inappropriate use of technology, such as smartphones, iPads, laptops, and other computers, can pose risks to children.

Children under the age of 13 should not be using or accessing social media apps such as Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, and Instagram. These platforms can expose children to offensive content, including inappropriate language and images. Such experiences can negatively impact their wellbeing and that of their peers.

To help mitigate these risks, I strongly urge you to take the following actions:

- **Regular Monitoring:** Regularly check your child's device usage, including the apps they are using and the content they are engaging with.
- **Open Communication:** Have honest conversations with your child about appropriate social media use, educating them on potential dangers and the importance of responsible online behaviour.
- **Set Boundaries:** Establish clear rules for internet use, such as time limits and restrictions on certain apps or websites, and encourage device use in common areas of the home.
- **Parental Controls:** Utilise parental control features available on devices and apps to manage and monitor your child's online activities.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep yourself updated on the latest social media trends and associated risks to better guide and protect your child.

By working together, we can create a safer online environment for our children and help them develop healthy digital habits. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

It was sunny, but chilly and windy for our athletics carnival at Rosford Street Reserve yesterday. The students displayed true Smithfield West spirit by competing fairly and giving their best effort. Congratulations to those who will represent our school at the Horsley Zone championships next term.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Mrs. Bennett for her outstanding job as convener, ensuring the day ran smoothly. Thanks also go to the staff for their hard work, Mr. Ron Budd, Miss Belinda Bennett and Mrs Michelle Dunat for their valued assistance, and the P&C for providing the BBQ lunch. Lastly, thank you to the parents who came to support their children. It was a wonderful team effort!

## **SEMESTER 1 REPORTS**

Teachers are finalising Semester 1 reports, which will be sent home next Wednesday. I am currently reading each report and am proud of the achievements our students have made this year.

From this term we're introducing updated reports. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and teachers to make reports easier to read and understand. Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas and in Years 1 – 6, there are teacher comments in the English, Mathematics and the General Comment sections, in line with department policy. Kindergarten students will receive a comment for each Key Learning Area, as well as a general comment. Those who have English as an Additional Language or Dialect will also receive a comment. Comments will include student strengths and areas where improvements can be made.

### **Achievement**

For students in Year 1 to Year 6, a five-point achievement scale comparing your child against statewide syllabus standards (not against other students) is used:

- Outstanding (A)
- High (B)
- Sound (C)
- Basic (D)
- Limited (E)

In Kindergarten, students do not receive an assessment rating.

### **Effort**

A three-point effort scale is used for all students:

- High
- Satisfactory
- Low

A student who receives a **SOUND (C)** achievement has met the general expectations. A **HIGH (B)** or **OUTSTANDING (A)** level indicates that a student has exceeded expectations, while a **BASIC (D)** or **LIMITED (E)** level means a student has not yet achieved the expected standards. As you read your child's report, please celebrate their achievements. If you would like to discuss the report with their classroom teacher, please reach out to arrange a convenient time.

If you do not receive your child's report next Wednesday, please contact the school as soon as possible.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Research shows that good attendance is essential for helping students reach their full potential. At Smithfield West, the attendance team, led by Ms. Fleming, is doing an excellent job promoting attendance. I am pleased to report that our average daily attendance rate currently sits at 93.1%, which puts us well above both the state and Fairfield Network averages.

Well done, everyone, and keep up the good work!

## **COLD WEATHER – SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As we head into the cooler months, it is important for students to stay warm. However, some students are opting for jackets, jumpers, and hats that do not comply with our school uniform policy. Please remember that all students should wear their Smithfield West jacket/jumper and school hat each day. The sun's rays can still pose a risk during winter, and we must prioritise skin safety year-round.

## **WETHERILL STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

I would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of crossing Wetherill Street at the traffic lights and waiting for the green pedestrian light. I have observed many people running across this busy road against the lights, which is dangerous and sets a poor example for children.

Some parents and carers have mentioned that the traffic lights have a long cycle. After contacting Service NSW, we were assured that this is not the case. Therefore, there is no reason not to do the right and safe thing.

I urge everyone to cross at the traffic lights.

## **STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

Times are challenging for many families, and I want to ensure that all students can participate in the experiences we provide. If you are having difficulty paying for any school activity, including excursions, please reach out to me. I want to ensure that no child misses out on the opportunities we offer.

## **SAFE PEOPLE, SAFE PLACES**

Child safety is paramount, both at school and home. Here are some strategies we teach at school that you might like to reinforce at home:

- Ensure your parents or another trusted adult know where you are always. Always walk straight home or to your destination, using footpaths near busy roads.
- Be aware of safe places, such as shops, service stations, police stations, libraries, or schools. If you feel frightened, go to one of these places and ask for help.
- Learn about safe adults you can approach for assistance, such as police officers or trusted teachers.
- Do not interact with strangers or get into a car with someone you do not know. If a car stops and you do not know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you feel scared and have access to a phone, call Triple Zero (000) and explain your situation.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, "Go away, I don't know you!" This will alert others to your situation.

## **END OF TERM**

As this is the last newsletter before the winter holidays, I wish everyone a safe and happy break. **Friday, 4 July**, is the last day of this term, and students will return on Tuesday, **22 July**.

**Stephen Gray**  
**Principal**

## **ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS 18/06/2025**

<b>Magpies</b>	Malaia, Olivia, Munachi, Mateo
<b>Pelicans</b>	Abigail, Diva, Ayselen, Harrison
<b>Lions</b>	Rafael, Isaac, Layel, Joseph
<b>Monkeys</b>	Alex, Babylona, Domadios, Eleanor
<b>Rosellas</b>	Ali, Kristy, Alannah, Christopher
<b>3/4C</b>	Chanel, Ava, Aws, Amal, Meena
<b>3/4P</b>	Katerina, Rocco, Nirvana, Ruby, Alice
<b>3/4R</b>	Lionel, Eliama, Raziye, Lucas
<b>5R</b>	Jasmine, Aidan, Sophia, Emilia, Moutaz
<b>5/6D</b>	Kane, Brittany, Harry, Ella, Seyran
<b>5/6K</b>	Evelyn, Aogen, Marcella, Emily, Emma
<b>5/6N</b>	Jobelle, Ruben, Georges, Lachlan, Leyla

**Uniforms will be available for purchase on:**  
**Tuesday and Wednesdays**  
**8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm-3.00pm**  
**Please see staff in the Administration Office**

## KINDERGARTEN 2026

It is that time of the year when parents/carers with a child turning 5 years of age by July 31, 2026, and who will be starting school next year, start thinking about Kindergarten, 2026. Enrolments can be completed online through the school's website. If you are not able to apply online, a paper application can be collected from the school office. An up-to-date immunisation certificate, birth certificate or passport and proof of address will be required to complete the enrolment.

### SMITHFIELD WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL



**We welcome all our new  
Kindergarten students  
and their families**

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BEST IN THE WEST

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*Kindergarten 2026*



## GALA DAY

Friday 20 June results

<b>Game 1</b>	
Junior Netball	Lost 5-10 Cecil Hills
Senior Netball	Lost 1-15 Cecil Hills
Junior Boy's Football	Lost 09-1 Edensor Park
Senior Boy's Football	Won 1-0 Edensor Park

<b>Game 2</b>	
Junior Netball	Lost 7-8 Governor Philip King
Senior Netball	Lost 3-18 Governor Philip King
Junior Boy's Football	Lost 0-2 Fairfield Heights
Senior Boy's Football	Won 4-0 Fairfield Heights

<b>Game 3</b>	
Junior Netball	Won 7-4 Harrington Street
Senior Netball	Won 7-4 Harrington Street
Junior Boy's Football	Won 1-0 Harrington Street
Senior Boy's Football	Lost 1-2 Harrington Street

Friday 1 August

Netball	Endeavour Reserve
Boys Football	King Park Oval

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. PSSA sport commences at 10.00am and concludes at 2.00pm. Good luck to all teams.

**M. Kirby**





Pelicans



Look at our plants  
growing!





# Magpies

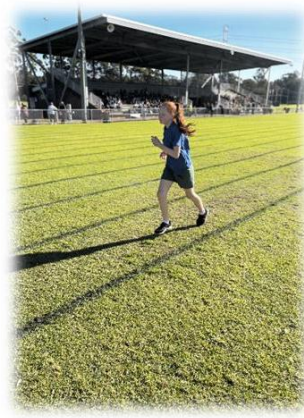
Staying healthy and active during sports rotations





# Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 25 June 2025





# St John NSW

First aid sessions - Tuesday 24 June 2025

