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What a wonderful successful year Smithfield PS has experienced in 2013. Last newsletter I announced that our debating team were triumphant for their 2nd year, winners of the Parks Area debating challenge. Last Friday, 22 Nov, our T-Ball, Snr Cricket and Softball teams were in the finals at Endeavour Oval. Mrs Fox returned to school JUBILANT that the T-Ball and Softball teams walked away with the trophy. That’s 3 consecutive years for our Softball team and a first for our T-Ball. This was the first year that our cricket team made it to the finals. Another fine achievement. We are proud of you all!

The end of year is rushing towards us. Next week we have the Annual General Meeting for P&C where the members will vote in their new P&C for 2014, members are urged to attend and cast their votes. We also have our annual school concert within 2 weeks. Tickets are on sale now and are selling fast.

In the final week of school we will be holding our Presentation Day at school in the morning and Year 6 Farewell in the evening at Smithfield RSL. Classes for 2014 have not been finalised as yet. Teachers will know what grade they are on in 2014 by the end of this term.

News just in. The NSW Teachers Federation has called for a 2 HOUR STOP WORK on Tuesday 3 December. Smithfield PS will be sending further information by Monday 2 December regarding the availability of supervision for the morning. Students will be expected to attend school from 11am as teachers will be back on duty by then.

Vincent Albanese

Chatback
To succeed in the information age our students require 21st Century learning skills. So what are they? They are a set of skills that are embedded in our syllabus documents, reflected in the Learning across the Curriculum content areas and promoted through enquiry based learning models. They encompass the following:

Now for some fun, let us look at creativity for a moment. Often as adults we have been conditioned to conform and find it difficult to generate new ideas or elaborate on existing ones. When you are trying to be creative never stop at one good idea. You must generate at least 40 ideas before you make a choice in order to stretch your thinking. For an example check out IDEO shopping cart: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taJOV-YCiEl.

Try these warm-ups to get the creative juices flowing with your children:

- Why are 15 people standing in line?
- If people did not have names, how would we refer to each other?
- What could empty plastic water bottles be used for?
- How would you improve a smart phone?

Maria Siwak
PSSA SUCCESS

On Friday 15th, 3 of our PSSA teams travelled to Endeavour Park to play in their respective finals. The senior boys cricket team played a terrific match against Fairfield West but were defeated. Miss Truscott was extremely pleased with the way the boys played their final and how they congratulated their competitors without being asked. Well Done cricketers.

The senior girls and boys softball teams had a wonderful day with both teams being successful. The girls beat Fairfield West 4 - 1 while the excellent undefeated boys team crushed Canley Heights 9 - 2. I was fortunate to co coach these teams with Mrs Summersford and want to personally congratulate the students on their dedication and concentrated training efforts that transformed them into 2 unbeatable teams. Congratulations!

Mrs Fox
WESTERN DISTRICT BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
VACATION CARE

We are opened for VACATION CARE on the following weeks:

Monday 6/1/14 - 10/1/14

Monday 13/1/14 - 17/1/14

Monday 20/1/14 - 24/1/14

6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED, BREAKFAST, LUNCH & SNACKS ARE ALL PROVIDED BY THE CENTRE.

PLEASE PHONE MARGARET on 0424-575-343 FOR PRICES AND FEE RELIEF ENQUIRIES

SMITHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Care givers

We would like to invite you to the P & C AGM (Annual General Meeting) which will be held in the community room on DECEMBER 2ND 2013 at 9.15 am.

The AGM is being held to allow the current P & C committee to resign and have a new committee elected for the New Year, 2014.

Please remember:

- If you wish to take up a position for the 2014 committee you MUST have been a financial member for 12 months (2013).

- If you wish to vote you must have been a financial member for at least 1 month prior to the AGM.

Anyone can come along and see who is voted in.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR AND HAVE BEEN AMONG THE FIRST TO ACHIEVE A BRONZE LEVEL.

Ronan Marsh  K Hardaker
Riley Moore  K Harker
Patricia Alyas  K Ozen
Tonino Bevilacqua  K Ozen
Jayden Schiavon  K Ozen
John O'Brien  K Ozen
Kate Speranza  K Liapis
Maysa Zraika  K Liapis
Marwa Zraika  K Liapis
Meron Gorgis  K Liapis
Sakura Huynh  K Liapis
Haig Nalbandian  K Liapis
Luke Letoa  1 Kosic
Samo Yildaz  1 Hangan
Breeanna Ly  1 Hangan
Michael Rodionoff  1 Hangan
Anton Jovanovic  1 Hangan
Tania Le  1 Hangan
Tilly Brand  1-2 Goulder
Jayden Britten  2 Palamara
Raqueeb Chowdhury  Stage 2 Ross
Ryan Panuccio  Stage 2 Ross

Tim Chu  Stage 2 Truscott
Kate Rodionoff  Stage 2 Truscott
Yousif Sadak  Stage 2 Truscott
Nathan Duong  Stage 2 Truscott
Grace Bowen  Stage 2 Gregoire
Olivia Daniel  Stage 2 Gregoire
Kelly Khao  Stage 2 Gregoire
Skye Bray  Stage 2 Gregoire
Ashley Coleman  Stage 2 Gregoire
Adiana Tiuli  Stage 2 Gregoire
Edwin Valle  Stage 2 Gregoire
Tempany Blain  Stage 3 Empeigne
Katerina Grujic  Stage 3 Empeigne
Daegia Seve-Iu  Stage 3 Empeigne
Ricky Grimaldi  Stage 3 White
Nahed El-Khatib  Stage 3 White
Maryam Al-Janobi  Stage 3 Butcher
Omar Alameddine  Stage 3 Butcher
Emily papallo  Stage 3 Butcher
Jaden madhvan  Stage 3 Butcher
Kathleen tran  Stage 3 Butcher
Sarmad Tawffeeq  Stage 3 Butcher
Meena Aqrawi  Stage 3 Butcher