Principals Message

What a wonderful fortnight we have enjoyed! The children’s behaviour is excellent, our playground is cleaner than ever, our debating team was successful against Fairvale and Cabramatta P.S.’s and our sporting teams are competing magnificently. Combined with some outstanding learning achievements our school is ‘moving’ along very well.

Discos

Last Tuesday afternoon, the children really enjoyed their ‘Hollywood’ discos. All were dressed in their themed clothes with some standouts eg. Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn, Avatar. Whilst the number of children attending was lower than usual, The Year 6 students managed to fundraise $700. Congratulations to them and many thanks to the large number of teachers who freely gave their personal time to organise and supervise.

Public Education Awards

Following the K-2 session of the disco I left school to attend the Public Education Foundation. Most of the awards are for high school students entering university and teachers/principals completing post graduate work. Apart from the pleasure of viewing some outstanding performances delivered by the Government school choir and orchestra, I was extremely moved by the oration of a young man, a refugee student from Holroyd H.S, who had arrived in Australia from Afghanistan as a 12 year old. He talked about his entry to school as a non-English speaker, the barriers of isolation and the support he received from Public Education. It was truly a proud moment!

Awards were won by many students from schools in our local area including Prairiewood and Merrylands H.S’s. It was also lovely to congratulate a scholarship winner from Canley Vale H.S who had attended Canley Vale P.S when I was principal. The benefit of being an old educator is witnessing the growth and development of so many talented and committed young people.

Educational Leadership Coaching

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week, the school executive team enjoyed some quality professional development provided by academic colleague, Jenny Hill. We focussed on the extensive skill set required to coach teachers to become the best possible leaders and practitioners. Embedded in solid research we traversed many facets of brain theory, learning styles, coaching techniques and adaptation for the executive role. We also practised ‘coaching’ one another and identified individual and whole school goals.
**Vietnamese Volunteer**

On Wednesday afternoon Jacqui Griffin (our Community Liaison Officer) and I will meet with Lieu Phan, president of Lansvale P.S P&C. Lieu has volunteered one day per week to work with Jacqui, our children and members of our Vietnamese community, who need assistance with translation and interpreting. We welcome Lieu to the Smithfield P.S community.

**Leadership Program**

Pia Maturana and I will conduct a leadership development program for our formal, informal and aspiring teacher leaders. We will run these sessions per fortnight over the next 2 terms in preparation for our school planning conference on Saturday, 25 October.

The subject areas to be covered include:

- Teacher quality
- Teachers as leaders
- Beliefs and values about teaching and learning
- Results focuses teamwork
- Data focussed planning for school improvement
- Strategies professional learning
- Sustainability

The purpose is to develop skills and knowledge amongst leaders that will target school improvement.

**The World’s Biggest Morning Tea**

What a wonderful school community activity! Many thanks to all those parents who contributed wonderful food for the morning tea. Everyone enjoyed a ‘not so healthy’ snack in the beautiful sunshine. The ‘vibe’ was excellent. We managed to raise $870.50 for cancer research.

**Dates for the School Photos**

Please put these dates in your diary and ensure that your child/children are wearing full school uniform: Tuesday, 10th June and Wednesday, 11th June.

**Hours of Supervision**

I have noticed the early arrival at school of some children. Please note that there is no supervision of the playground until 8.30am. Whilst some teachers arrived very early, they are preparing their lessons and classroom, not supervising the playground. If you need to bring your child to school early, either on a regular or occasional basis, please utilise the Out of School Care Centre. Please contact Margaret on 9604 8348 (6.30am – 9.00am & 2.30pm – 6.00pm). Your child deserves to be in a safely supervised environment at all times.

**New P&C President**

Many congratulations to Lisa Di Pede, our new P&C president, who was elected yesterday morning. We had a good P&C meeting with a number of additional new members joining us to hear more about our school. Again many thanks to our Vice President Michael Van den Hooven, who relieved during the period of resignation.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 23rd June at 9.10am when we will finalise decisions regarding the school canteen. Everyone is welcome!

Many thanks,
Cheryl McBride OAM
Principal
**Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea**

On Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May Smithfield Public put on a mouth-watering morning tea in support of the Cancer Council. A big thank to all students, parents and staff that supported the event. A special mention goes to the Methner family who made a generous donation in loving memory of Julia Viegas. In all we raised we raised $870.50. All funds donated will assist in cancer research.

Maria Siwak.

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**The Premier’s Debating Challenge**

On Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} May, Smithfield Public School debated against Fairvale Public School in the first round of The Premier’s Debating Challenge. The topic was that “We should have an extra hour of sport at school”. Our students put forward some fantastic arguments as the affirmative team. The students worked hard and did a great job. Well done!

On Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May, Smithfield Public School debated against Cabramatta Public School in the second round of The Premier’s Debating Challenge. The topic was that “We should all do debating at school”. Our students presented some excellent arguments as the affirmative team. The students did a great job preparing their speeches and refuting the other team’s arguments.

R.White & R Gregoire
Thanks Woolworths!

Big thanks to all those parents that collected the Woolworths earn and learn points last year 2013. We have finally received our wonderful resources.

2-6 Cross Country Report

On Thursday 8 May students in years two to six walked to Brenan Park for our annual cross country carnival. We were blessed with beautiful weather and had a great day. Thank you to the following parents: Mrs Britten, Mrs Pinna, Mrs Waddell, Mrs Nalbandian, Mrs King and Mrs Rodionoff who assisted as field stewards. Without your terrific help our carnival could not have safely gone ahead. Also, a HUGE thank you to Mrs Kean for providing us with the ute to transport the equipment and helping Mrs Fox with setting and packing up the course. Thanks also must go to Mrs Bui and the House Captains and Vice Captains who came to school early to help with setting up the event. Finally, thank you to all teachers for their enthusiastic support that helped make the carnival a success.

Congratulations to all students who ran and we will be sending a strong team of 48 to the Horsley Zone carnival at Brenan Park on Friday 30 May. Good luck to all competitors.

Horsley Zone Softball Representatives

Smithfield’s talented athletes continue to excel at the zone level, with eight students selected on the Horsley Zone Softball teams. Congratulations to Sebastian Tanti, Thomas Kern, James Nguyen, Stephanie Duong, Zailey Methner, Kristyn Baker, Ola Abdul Hadi and Sylvia Nanziri. Be proud of your achievements!

Stewart House Drive

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated clothing to our Stewart House Drive. We have collected over 50 full bags of useable clothing.

The collection date for our school is 30th May.

NO bags will be collected after this date.

Please send all bags back to school this week.

Thank you once again for all your generous support.
Sydney South West Footballers!

Smithfield Public School has a proud history of sporting excellence and our current students are carrying the tradition forward. Two students have been selected to represent Sydney South West in their chosen football codes.

Jordan Tapusoa has been selected as a member of the Sydney South West Open Rugby League team. He will be travelling to Tweed Heads to compete in the NSW PSSA Carnival on 17-19 June.

Grace Tokabobo was selected as a member of the Sydney South West Girls Touch team. Unfortunately Grace is unable to join the team in Wagga Wagga for the NSW Championships, but selection in the team is a terrific achievement in itself.

Remember these names, because we are sure you will be hearing more about these outstanding athletes in the future! Congratulations and best of luck to you both!!

“My School Without Bullying”

Recently our school entered Interrelate’s poster competition “My School Without Bullying”. It aimed to shine a spotlight on bullying issues and raise school awareness. Congratulations goes to Marissa Yang from Year 6 Butcher who received a book prize for a highly commended poster.

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2015

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten and Preschool.
Please call in at the school office to pick up enrolment forms.
Preschool children need to be turning 4 before 31/7/2015.
Kindergarten children need to be turning 5 before 31/7/2015.
You will need to bring:
- Child’s birth certificate or passport
- Proof of address e.g. copy of council rates notice, residential lease or electricity account
- Parents born overseas please bring original passport, visa and/ citizenship papers
- Immunisation History Statement
- Health Care card for Preschool children

NOTE: APPLICATIONS FOR PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT PREFERRED BY 27th June, 2014.
Please advise neighbours or friends who may be interested in enrolling in 2015

K-2 Cross Country Report

On Thursday 8 May K-2 students participated in their cross country carnival on the school field. All students ran enthusiastically and the first three place getters will receive a certificate and ribbon. Congratulations to all of the winners! Thank you to all teachers involved and a special thank you to Mrs Hangan for her wonderful announcing.
For any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Please attend the meeting on the day.

Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our friendly MSP office staff.

- Cash, cheques and money orders only on the day.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their
- Payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP photography

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Say Cheese

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 4 June, 2014 at 7pm

The Providence High School P&C Association would like to extend a warm welcome to you to attend a Parent/Carer Evening to be held in the school library on

The evening will be addressing “Back to School’ and will also include information on Cyber Safety and

Please be on time.

Wednesdays 11 June 2014

Thank you for your support.

Steve Pricotto

P&C President

15 May 2014

St. Pat’s School,

P&C Association

Providence High School.

Welcome Parent/Carer (president)