Principals Message

As usual there is much to report since my last communication a fortnight ago:-

Selective High School Results
We have achieved the best results ever! Of the 26 students who applied for positions, 21 have been accepted. As many of you know, James Ruse AHS is the highest achieving secondary school in NSW/Australia. Three of our students are on reserve to attend. Others have won places into Sydney Girls, Fort Street, Hurlstone, and Baulkham Hills High Schools, and the gifted streams in Prairiewood, Sefton, Girraween and Macquarie Fields High Schools. Many congratulations to the hard working students, the loving and supportive parents and the teachers (not just year 6, but all others including the Preschool). What a wonderful achievement!

Parks Festival
Our dance groups will audition for the Parks Festival on Monday, 11th August. We wish them well as Jan Williams, Principal, William Stimson PS and offiser view the students. They will perform in September.

Budget Expenditure on ICT
As the P & C’s contribution to providing wireless access is realised the finance committee has decided to purchase significant additional laptops and ipads. In an effort to facilitate 21st century learning we will establish a computer lab of 32 laptops and a bank of 60 ipads.

The funding is partially from the children’s technology contribution made by parents in Term 1 and the remainder from the Resource Allocation. I am not satisfied that our children are at the ‘cutting edge’ of learning in this area and am determined that they will become so. An excellent presentation made by the ICT committee to the teachers last Wednesday gave us an indication of what is possible. 2015 will be our year!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day
We celebrated last Monday with some really engaging activities. Teachers researched their areas and provided the children with some quality learning in Art, storytelling, performance and history. The children rotated in groups to gain the wider experience. Their feedback was inspiring!
Celebration of Public Education
As previously mentioned, we will celebrate Education Week with a wonderful assembly, open classrooms and sausage sizzle on Thursday. We look forward to welcoming all families. Please note that parents can purchase a sausage sandwich/drink on the day.

Chocolate Drive
What an excellent effort from the Smithfield PS community! We have now sold the second order of chocolates which will really support our children’s learning. I cannot sufficiently thank the group of parents who have attended school every day to receive money and distribute new boxes. Your dedication is outstanding! Thank you! We look forward to the exciting draw for the bikes, gift vouchers, and many other prizes. This will take place on 25th August. Please return any outstanding money or chocolates as soon as possible.

Canteen Progress
Potential lessees for the canteen gathered on Tuesday morning to view the facility. The committee will view tenders and make a decision on Tuesday, 19th August.

P&C Vacancy
With the move of a family to a new community, a vacancy now exists for a parent or citizen who would like to work with the executive committee. We will hold an election in the P & C meeting on Monday, 11th August at 9.15.

Behaviour Contracts
Many thanks to those parents who have co-signed their Stage 3 children’s behavioural contracts. As you know, I have a very high expectation of the children’s behaviour, especially the seniors. The very strong, united voice of parent, teacher and principal makes such a difference.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Cheryl McBride OAM
Principal

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SMITHFIELD
LITTLE ATHLETICS
FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION from 6pm for GIRLS AND BOYS 3 to 17 years old at Rosford St Reserve, Smithfield.
Registration only $80 : Thursday 14th & 21st August, 6 to 8pm at McDonald’s Wetherill Pk.
For more information:
WEBSITE : www.smithfieldathletics.com.au
E-MAIL : smithfieldathletics@hotmail.com

The Harry Kewell Academy is coming to NSW!
He is running clinics and a BBQ signing session for children aged 9-12 years on the following date:

Date : Friday 8 August
Time: 4.30-6.30pm
Location: South Creek Park Creek Road St Mary’s
BRONZE AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR AND HAVE ACHIEVED A BRONZE LEVEL

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014

The annual Smithfield Public School Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 24th July, 2014. Although we did not have lots of sunshine and clear blue skies as previous years, the tone of the entire day was calm, relaxed and very enjoyable. It was a temfisc day as all students, parents and teachers participated enthusiastically in the events and activities. Many of the students performed exceptionally well and we look forward to taking a very strong team to the Zone Carnival. We had 3 records broken this year. Yolanda Ly in the Senior 100m as well as the 200m and Ruby Nicholson jumping in the 12yrs High Jump. Congratulations Yolanda and Ruby!!
Calculating the points for the Athletics Champions was very exciting as several students came close to these titles.

The 2014 champions are:

Junior Boys - Solomon Havea
Junior Girls - Kristyn Baker
Senior Boys - Jeremy Ang
Senior Girls - Joanne Dinh

The winning house was Brenan with Chisholm 2nd, Bossley 3rd and Kenyon 4th. Well Done Brenan!

Again this year, we had an Athletics Carnival Committee and we would sincerely like to thank them for all their help. Also, there was a large group of parents and students that we would like to acknowledge for their wonderful assistance too. Due to everyone working as a team we were able to achieve a very successful carnival. Thank you Jane Hardaker, Lynne Fox, Gokce Ozen and Rabeeh Khoury.