



Smithton Primary School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM DATES

Term 1

6 February – 12 April

Easter Break

19 April – 23 April

Term 2

29 April – 5 July

Term 3

22 July – 27 September

Term 4

14 October – 19 December

KEY DATES FOR 2019

Mother Goose – Birth to 5 years
Every Thursday, 9:00am – 10:00am

Launchpad – Birth to 5 years
Every Friday, 9am – 10:30am

Clean Up Australia Day
1st March

CHSSA
5th March at Smithton Primary School

Public Holiday
Monday 11th March

Grade 6 Trip
12th to 15th March

Anti Bullying Day
15th March

Fire Safety in School
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd March

Assembly
Friday 5th March at 11:30am

Student Free Day
Friday 12th April

5/6 HOWARD

SAVE FREDDY CHALLENGE

Students in 5/6 Howard worked together with students in 5/6 Hills to complete a Save Freddy Challenge. All students embraced the challenge well and worked hard to save Freddy!

Can you save Freddy??

Fred has been spending his summer boating on the Great Lakes, but he's not too bright (after all, the brains of worms are pretty small 😊). He's never learned how to swim and he never wears his life preserver. The worst has happened! His boat has capsized and he's stuck! Fortunately, his life preserver is in the boat, but unfortunately he does not know how to reach it without falling off and drowning. Problem: How can you and your partner save Fred using only 4 paper clips? You may not touch Fred, the boat, or the life preserver directly with your hands!

Materials: Gummy Worm Gummy, life preserver

1 plastic cup, 4 Paper Clips

The Set-Up:



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Our Family Sausage Sizzle event was a fun night and a timely opportunity for children, family members and staff to interact and get to know each other more informally. The water slide and jumping castle were extremely popular as well as the opportunity to take home a 'family selfie'. Thank you to everyone who helped make the night the enjoyable occasion it was and to kick start the school year on a high.

Be REAL

Respect

Encourage

Aspire

Learn

We've started 2019 with a new 'Be'. **Be REAL**. It's an acronym for our four core Values. **Be REAL** highlights our focus on teaching students to show **Respect** for people and property, to **Encourage** one another's efforts, to **Aspire** to achieve goals and ambitions no matter how large or small and to **Learn** through always doing their best. Staff are regularly referring to our School Values in classroom conversations in order for students and our school community to know, understand and be familiar with our core values.

Many families attended our Athletics Carnival last week. The wind and rain showers didn't dampen spirits. Mr Tuxworth kept everyone amused with his entertaining sports commentary whilst student enthusiasm and excitement resulted in numerous wonderful athletic performances. Our Kindergarten students did an outstanding job especially considering it was their first full day of all being at school together. They lined up several times to participate in some running and novelty events which certainly held the cute factor for onlookers! Well done to all students who represented their House Team in good spirits, trying their best both on a team and individual level. There were some inspiring examples of our school values in practice. The Grade 4- 6 Field Events were held on Friday afternoon. Final house scores are still being collated. Results will be announced shortly.

Qualifying place getters from our carnival will now participate in the CHSSA Athletics to be hosted by Smithton Primary on Tuesday March 5. Details will be distributed to those involved.

We are participating in the final year of the Circular Head Cluster Middle Years Literacy Project throughout 2019. This project has been a three year experience of targeted work to improve student Writing outcomes across each campus. We have accessed some high quality authors to work with students, offered a Writer's Camp which will be repeated this year and prioritised considerable resourcing for staff to become more effective literacy teachers. We know that our students are now all consistently following the same teaching and learning cycle across the six school sites and are more engaged in the writing process. We are looking forward to seeing this work reflected in student assessment results this year.

First term Progress Reports will be coming home on Friday March 22nd. Please feel very welcome to contact your child's teacher for a face to face discussion if this is something you would like to request.

In Partnership,

Leslee

Dress Code – School Uniform

A reminder of school policy that all students attend school and school organised activities in full school uniform which includes **plain black shoes**. Please ensure you child has appropriate footwear and that they are wearing the correct size for comfort as well as health and safety reasons. Makeup and /or removable tattoos are not permitted. Access to additional curricula activities and opportunities both on and off site will be fully available to students adhering to our expectations. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

HATS

We are a SUNSMART School which means No Hats No Play during Terms 1 and 4. Students are required to wear hats whenever they are outside. Beanies are not part of school uniform; children will be requested to remove them upon arrival at school. Thank you for ensuring hats and other items of clothing are clearly named.



Flag monitors for 2019

Leah Sharman

and

Nathan Young



Attendance

Thank you everyone for your commitment to enabling children to be AT SCHOOL ON TIME EVERYDAY.

Our average attendance rate so far this year is

94%

Being at school on time every day is vital to student success. Each class is aiming for 100% weekly attendance. The following table shows our attendance rates for last week.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Kinder Bilby	NA	NA		100%	
Kinder Koala				NA	NA
Prep Watts					
1/2 Kemp (A)		100%		100%	
1/2 Goodwin (B)	100%	100%	100%		
1/2 Garwood (C)	100%				
3/4 Stanley (A)	100%	100%			
3/4 Grey (B)					
5/6 Howard (A)	100%				
5/6 Hills (B)					

We are aiming to steadily increase these figures and therefore achieve our School Improvement Plan Attendance rate goal. Through school and home working together **WE CAN DO IT!!!** Regular school attendance provides our students with greater opportunity to ensure they continue to make the most of their learning. Classes are vying for the most improved attendance rate certificate by the end of the year.

EVERY DAY COUNTS...
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4


Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day... **Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!**



Athletic Carnival

Results	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
<u>800m Mixed Event</u>			
Grade 6 Boys	Cody Porteus	Tyla Hodgetts-Kay	Jakhan wells
Grade 6 Girls	Ashka Wells	Jayda Greene	Brooke Hume
Grade 5 Boys	Jayden Watson	Joel Enslow	Cooper Bryan
Grade 5 Girls	Ebony Randall	Akacia Pollard	Jenna Harrex
Grade 4 Boys	Blake Pery	Ezra Stewart	Tycan Weatherill
Grade 4 Girls	Khatijah Johnson-Roberts	Schaianne Smith	Lucy Gourley
Grade 3 Boys	Eli Rushworth	Lewis Poke	Ben Cocks
Grade 3 Girls	Ashlynn Moles	Jewel Wynwood	Leaha Saward
<u>Mixed Circular Baton Relay</u>			
Grade 6 Mixed	Albion	Valiant	Kermandie
Grade 5 Mixed	Alert	Kermandie	Albion
Grade 4 Mixed	Alert	Kermandie	Albion
Grade 3 mixed	Alert	Kermandie	Albion
<u>200m</u>			
Grade 6 Girls	Brooke Hume	Ashka Wells	Kelsie Smith
Grade 6 Boys	Tyla Hodgetts-Kay	Nathan Young	Cody Porteus
Grade 5 Girls	Akacia Pollard	Jenna Harrex	Monique Spencer
Grade 5 Boys	Jonty Grey	William Hampson	Nathan Morgan-French
Grade 4 Girls	Jayda Orders	Mia Grey	Indy Nutting
Grade 4 Boys	Andrew Hume	Ezra Stewart	Zander Philpott
Grade 3 Girls	Ashlynn Moles	Jewel Wynwood	Rose Kay
Grade 3 Boys	Eli Rushworth	Zannon Wilson	Lewis Poke
<u>100m Sprint Final</u>			
Grade 6 Girls	Ashka Wells	Tayah Ollington	Ebony Robson-Wells
Grade 6 Boys	Nathan Young	Tyla Hodgetts-Kay	Cody Porteus
Grade 5 Girls	Addy Cameron	Akacia Pollard	Desteny Stokes
Grade 5 Boys	Jonty Grey	Nathan Morgan-French	William Hampson
Grade 4 Girls	Jayda Orders	Piper Alderson	Indy Nutting
Grade 4 Boys	Zander Philpott	Andrew Hume	Blake Pery
Grade 3 Girls	Ashlynn Moles	Jewel Wynwood	Rose Kay
Grade 3 Boys	Eli Rushworth	Lewis Poke	Zannon Wilson

400m			
Grade 6 Girls	Jayda Greene	Ashka Wells	Brooke Hume
Grade 6 Boys	Cody Porteus	Tyla Hodgetts-Kay	Noah Van Kempen
Grade 5 Girls	Addyson Cameron	Ebony Randall	Akacia Pollard
Grade 5 Boys	Jayden Watson	Joel Enslow	Nathan Morgan-French
Grade 4 Girls	Jayda Orders	Schianne Smith	Indy Nutting
Grade 4 Girls	Khatijah Johnson-Roberts	Mia Grey	Sarah Al Saadoon
Grade 4 Boys	Blake Perry	Ezra Stewart	Austin Popowski
Grade 3 Girls	Ashlynn Moles	Jewel Wynwood	Rose Kay
Grade 3 Boys	Eli Rushworth	Lewis Poke	Ryan Wigg
Tug of War	Albion		

Congratulations to all involved on running such a fun, inclusive and encouraging carnival!

Mr Tuxworth was certainly the highlight on the microphone - he had everyone in stitches.

Thank you to Darryn Furphy and Gary Wells for keeping things running smoothly on the day. We appreciate everyone who took time out to volunteer and to the school community for their attendance and support on the day.

We were ably assisted on the day by thirteen students from Smithton High School who scored, marshalled and showed outstanding leadership skills.

Our SOS message last week was to be a good sport which showed at the carnival. There are certainly some talented, determined and caring children at our school.



Athletic Carnival




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FREE JUNIOR CLINIC'S

With our Imports

Jaylen Larry & Jacqlyn Poss



Smithton High School Gym
Saturday 2nd March
Saturday 16th March
Saturday 6th April

under 10's @ 10:00 - 11:00am
under 12's @ 11:00 - 12:30pm
under 14's & up @ 1:30 - 3:00pm



PLEASE BRING ALONG A DRINK BOTTLE AND CLEAN SHOES
FOR ANY ENQUIRES CONTACT
JESS O'HALLORAN
ON
0458 232 381



KNOW YOUR ODDS

SCOOT, SKATE AND BMX COMPETITIONS SERIES

WHERE: Smithton Skate Park
WHEN: 11am - 3 March 2019
REGISTRATIONS FROM: 10am

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
JODIE SAVILLE: 6452 4803

Helmets compulsory for all competitors.



Smithton Girl Guides
*New Unit Starting in Smithton
for 5 - 8 year old girls*

Where: Smithton Guide Hall (old swimming pool car park)

When: Tuesday 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Please come along and you will

- Have fun
- Make friends
- Learn new skills



Contact Sandra on 0427 521 752 for more information

Ticket to Play

Ticket to Play provides vouchers up to \$100 in value towards club membership for children aged 5-17 years and listed on a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card or in Out of Home Care.

For more information:

<https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/ticket-to-play/about-ticket-to-play>

For all Ticket to Play Enquiries: 1800 252 476

Do you want your child to have the best start?

JOIN HIPPY NOW!



Curriculum:

Activity & Story books

Smithton

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2020?

With fortnightly group sessions and home visits, HIPPY staff can support you to prepare your child for school.


We offer a **FREE** home-based educational program, giving you access to free resources and age appropriate activities to do with your child together at home

HIPPY sites are currently enrolling families with children born in 2015. For more information please contact:

HIPPY Coordinator: Leanne Marsden
Rural Health Tas, 68 Emmett St, Smithton.
Phone 6452 1266 Mob: 0429 134 001
Email: hippysmithton@ruralhealthtas.com.au

*There is an expectation to commit to both home visits and group sessions. There are limited spaces available.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence holds the licence to operate HIPPY in Australia. The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Department of Social Services.*



Autumn / Winter Junior Mixed Rosters 2019

We are now taking names for the Autumn / Winter Netball Rosters.

Please contact us with the following details:
 Childs Name: | Grade: | Parent/Guardian Name: | Phone: | Email:
 Kelli Lockett: 0429 107 318 or Alicia Jamieson 0419 207 092
 or email: chnetballassociation@gmail.com

Rosters open to boys and girls	
Grade 3 - Grade 12	

NetSetGO (Age Kinder - Grade 2)	
Autumn / Winter 2019	
Saturday Mornings - 9.00am	
Start	23rd March
	30th March
	6th April
Holidays Off (13th & 20th April)	
	27th April
	4th May
	11th May
	18th May
	25th May
End	25th May



Grade 6, 7, 8 Mixed Junior Roster	
Autumn / Winter 2019	
Saturday Mornings - 9.45am	
Start	23rd March
	30th March
	6th April
Holidays Off (13th & 20th April)	
	27th April
	4th May
	11th May
	18th May
	25th May
	1st June
W/end Off (8th June)	
	15th June
Finals	22nd & 29th June - TBC

Grade 3, 4 & 5 Mixed Junior Roster	
Autumn / Winter 2019	
Saturday Mornings - 8.30am	
Start	23rd March
	30th March
	6th April
Holidays Off (13th & 20th April)	
	27th April
	4th May
	11th May
	18th May
	25th May
	1st June
W/end Off (8th June)	
	15th June
Finals	22nd & 29th June - TBC

Grade 9, 10, 11, 12 Mixed Roster	
Autumn / Winter 2019	
Saturday Mornings - 11.00am	
Start	23rd March
	30th March
	6th April
Holidays Off (13th & 20th April)	
	27th April
	4th May
	11th May
	18th May
	25th May
	1st June
W/end Off (8th June)	
	15th June
Finals	22nd & 29th June - TBC

Smithton Hockey Club

is excited to announce that Olympian, 2 time Commonwealth games gold medallist, 2014 World cup silver medallist
Anna Flanagan is coming to Smithton!





Anna will be running 1 hour long clinics for junior and senior players on Saturday March 9th

Spots are limited—please contact the hockey club Facebook page or Melissa Stokes: 0459888425 or Sonia Poke: 0458521918 to secure your spot.

If you would like to meet Anna off the field, Smithton Hockey Club is holding a cocktail night on Saturday the 9th of March from 7pm at the clubrooms. Please contact the above to RSVP to this event.

More details to be sent out closer to the event





JOIN THE FUN



BE A MASTER BLASTER WITH WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. DEVELOP CRICKET SKILLS THROUGH PLAY AND BE PART OF A TEAM.

MASTER BLASTERS
AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS

- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in your choice of coloured player cap
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun

SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR MASTER BLASTERS PACK!
Includes a Big Bash cap, a set of Big Bash heroes and a progression tracker.

An action packed program for Australian kids of all abilities who are ready to play short games of cricket in a fun and social setting.

Circular Head Master Blast Centre
 Smithton Rec Ground
 Friday March 1st - Friday April 5th 5:30pm-7pm
 \$75

Contact Ben Richmond for inquiries on brichmond@crickettas.com.au

JOIN THE FUN AT YOUR LOCAL CENTRE
REGISTER AT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM 

TODAY
 is the day to
 learn something
NEW

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