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Smithton Primary School



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UPCOMING EVENTS TERM DATES

Term I

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

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 April at 11:30am

Student Free Day

Friday 12th April

HASS IN 3/4 STANLEY

This term in 3/4 Stanley students have enjoyed learning about National Celebrations and Commemorations.

Students shared the ways in which they celebrated Australia Day with their families and friends on the 26th of January.



We have begun learning about other World-wide Celebrations and Commemorations such as, the Chinese New Year.

Students compared the similarities and difference between the Celebrations of the Western New Year and the Chinese New Year using a Venn diagram.



In our reading rotations, students learnt about the Commemoration of ANZAC Day. They used their developed comprehension to illustrate how ANZAC Day is commemorated.





Principal's Message

Dear Families.

As I visit classrooms I'm pleased to observe high quality teaching and learning practices being delivered throughout our school. Staff and students are collectively focused on clearly stated Learning Intentions with students being made aware of what it is they are expected to know, understand and do. Students are being supported through the delivery of effective instructional practices which concentrate on specific skills children require in order to become more effective readers, writers, spellers and mathematicians.

We've had a busy couple of weeks with Athletics Carnivals. Mr Tuxworth organised ours, followed the week after by the local Circular Head State Schools Association (CHSSSA) competition where our cluster schools provided the opportunity for a representative team to be selected to compete at the North West Carnival. Today our CHSSSA squad have travelled to Penguin to test their athletic skills against the best from along the North West coast. Smithton Primary has 9 students taking part. Our good luck wishes have been with the following students throughout the day: Khatijah Johnson-Roberts, Mia Grey, Eli Rushworth, Rose Kay, Ashlynn Moles, Jayda Orders, Piper Alderson, Jewel Wynwood and Akacia Pollard. Jakhan Wells, Kelsie Smith, Ashka Wells and Brooke Hume were also eligible to take part but are on the Grade 6 Camp this week.

Grade 6 students are currently experiencing a fantastic historical and urban experience in Hobart and Port Arthur with an overnight stay in Launceston on the return journey. Their trip is incorporating a range of educational experiences which link to their studies of Tasmanian early settlement. The contact we've had with our travellers so far has been very positive in respect to the way they've been representing their school and community as well as the learning and fun they are enjoying.

Last Friday during our daily social skilling session 'SOS' (Switched on Smithton Primary) we were visited by Trish Nibbs, representing Smithton Soroptimists. Trish spoke about International Womens' Day and how this event helps to raise awareness of equal opportunities and gender balance. The Smithton Soroptimist branch has selected a series of books which celebrate the influence and impact many influential women have had. They kindly donated a children's book to our school, titled Amelia Earhart. We would like to publicly thank this service organisation for their very welcome gift and express our appreciation to Trish Nibbs for both making the time to speak with us and for personally presenting the book.

Senior Student Council election processes have commenced. This year Grade 5/6 students wishing to nominate themselves for a role need to use their literacy skills and construct a persuasive text which will convince others to vote for them. Their piece will need to be handed in to the office on Friday March 22.

They will then be required to demonstrate their confidence and public speaking skills by reading their finished product to peers who will vote for the students they believe have the most suitable skills and abilities for the role.

Student Reports will be coming home on Friday March 22. As stated in a previous Newsletter 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

Our updated School Expectations

We now have 4 school expectations which also incorporate our values of Respect, Encourage, Aspire and Learn.

Be Safe

Be a Friend

Be a Learner







Be REAL.

We speak regularly with staff and students about our expectations and values. We hope the acronym we have chosen for our school values helps everyone to remember what they are!



Respect

Encourage

Aspire

Learn

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

Attendance

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

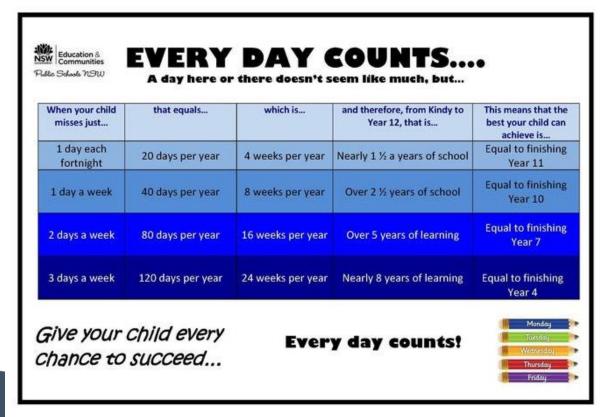
Our average attendance rate so far this year is

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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kinder Bilby	NA	NA			10
Kinder Koala	-	100%	3	NA	NA
Prep Watts		9			86
1/2 Kemp (A)		20		100%	100%
1/2 Goodwin (B)		100%	4		(C
1/2 Garwood (C)		100%	1	100%	0
3/4 Stanley (A)		100%	100%	100%	58
3/4 Grey (B)		100%	- 1		100%
5/6 Howard (A)		100%	100%		0
5/6 Hills (B)		100%	100%	100%	83

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.



Congratulations to the following students who performed well at the CHSSSA last Tuesday and well done to all who competed.

2nd Place Jayda Orders

Grade 6 Girls 400m 2nd Place Ashka Wells

Grade 4 Girls Long Jump 2nd Place Bella Cameron

Grade 5 Girls Long Jump 2nd Place Akacia Pollard

Grade 6 Girls Long Jump 3rd Place Ashka Wells

Grade 5 Boys Shot Put 2nd Place Jonty Grey

3rd Place Jack Dixon

Grade 5 Girls Shot Put Ist Place Akacia Pollard

Grade 6 Boys Shot Put Ist Place Jakhan Wells





NWPSSA Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who are competing in the NWPSSA Athletics Carnival today.

We wish you all good luck!!

Khatijah Johnson-Roberts Ashlynn Moles Akacia Pollard Jayda Orders Mia Grey Eli Rushworth Piper Alderson

Jewel Wynwood

Rose Kay

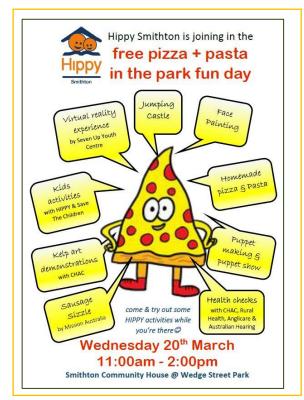


Grade 6 Trip Fundraiser

A big thankyou to Pam Kay, Tammy Tuxworth and Peter & Leonie Edwards for assisting with the BBQ at the recent athletics carnival, \$350 was raised and put towards entrance fees to Zoo Doo.

HATS

We are a SUNSMART School which means No Hats No Play during Terms I 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.



Parents and Friends Easter Raffle



Parents & Friends are holding an Easter raffle. Any donations of Easter goods or Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated. Please leave any donations at the office.

Parents and Friends Help Needed

Parent volunteers are continually needed throughout the school for many different activities. The P&F would love your support in joining our school community by volunteering your assistance. Your help in any capacity is valued and appreciated. Without our parent/families volunteering some events would not be possible.

If you are able to help please phone Teresa Young on 0438 522 458.



SAT 23 MARCH | 11 AM TO 2 PM TRAWMANNA | 73 MELLA RD | SMITHTON

Meet new people and share culture and food. Everyone is welcome to bring a plate of food representing your nationality!



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