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# Smithton Primary School

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DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
*learners first*



## 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

**Grade 6 Trip**  
12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March

**Anti Bullying Day**  
15<sup>th</sup> March

**Fire Safety in School**  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Assembly**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 11:30am

**Student Free Day**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 (CHSSA) competition where our cluster schools provided the opportunity for a representative team to be selected to compete at the North West Carnival. Today our CHSSA 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!

# Be REAL

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

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!**





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

Grade 3 Girls 400m	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ashlynn Moles
Grade 3 Boys 400m	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Eli Rushworth
Grade 4 Girls 400m	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Schianne Smith
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jayda Orders
Grade 6 Girls 400m	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ashka Wells
Grade 4 Girls Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Bella Cameron
Grade 5 Girls Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Akacia Pollard
Grade 6 Girls Long Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ashka Wells
Grade 5 Boys Shot Put	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jonty Grey
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jack Dixon
Grade 5 Girls Shot Put	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Akacia Pollard
Grade 6 Boys Shot Put	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 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.



Hippy Smithton is joining in the  
**free pizza + pasta  
in the park fun day**

Virtual reality experience by Seven Up Youth Centre

Jumping Castle

Face Painting

Homemade pizza & Pasta

Puppet making & puppet show

Health checks with CHAC, Rural Health, Anglicare & Australian Hearing

come & try out some HIPPY activities while you're there ☺

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
11:00am - 2:00pm**  
Smithton Community House @ Wedge Street Park

Kids activities with HIPPY & Save The Children

Kelp art demonstrations with CHAC

Sausage Sizzle by Mission Australia

## 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.



## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION

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!

MUSIC | DANCE | FREE JUMPING CASTLE &  
FACE PAINTING | STORIES | FOOD AND  
DRINKS | BBQ | BYO RUG OR CHAIR

Gold Coin Donation Contact Smithton Library 64789574 for details



## Come on Girls and Boys Give Netball a Try

Grade 3/4/5, Grade 6/7/8,  
Grade 9/10/11/12  
Mixed Junior Rosters

**Starts Saturday 23rd March**

Names to

Kelli Lockett 0429107318 or  
Alicia Jamieson 0419207092

By Friday 15th March



## Circular Head Netball Association Presents



A netball skills program for Boys and  
Girls from Kinder to Grade 2

**Beginning Saturday 23rd March 2019**

Names by Friday 15th March

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