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UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM DATES

Term 1

6 February – 11 April

Easter Break

19 April – 23 April

Term 2

29 April – 5 July

3 May – Agfest Public Holiday

28 May – Kinder 2020 Enrolment Info
Session @ 3pm

6 June – Kinder 2020 Enrolment Info
Session @ 5:30pm

10 June – Queens Birthday

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

Be Active – Birth to 5 years
Commencing 9th May @ 1:45pm

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

Student Free Day
Friday 12th April

I-2 Kemp

Learning about the past

I/2 Kemp have been looking at the past and comparing it to the present by looking at toys, transport and technology through videos, books and items in the classroom. The students decided to paint a picture to show how people were able to get from one place to another in the past.

Transport



Penny Farthing



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is with very mixed emotions I write my Newsletter contribution for this week. As I've communicated previously I will be undertaking a temporary position within the Department of Education as a School Improvement Leader for Terms 2 and 3. This role involves supporting Principals, leadership teams and Community and Family Centre leaders to continue their school improvement journeys. My heart is certainly at Smithton Primary School and have no doubt that it will continue to be as I transition to the new role. I included the following quote on last week's Staff Memo: *Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.* During the past 2 ½ years, through my words and actions, I've endeavoured to convey this sentiment to every student at Smithton Primary. Your children have certainly had a huge positive impact on me and enriched my life in so many ways. I'm going to miss everyone and am looking forward to returning in Term 4 already! As soon as the Department has completed the Acting Principal process we will communicate who the successful applicant is.

Last week's Assembly was a real celebration of some terrific teaching and learning accomplishments occurring both within classrooms and across a range of additional programs. The Assembly opened and closed with an outstanding combined Grades 3 - 6 musical presentation. I'd like to acknowledge the impressive work of Music Teacher Jess Popowski who taught and coordinated the item, and who was very capably assisted by SPS Youth Worker Dudley Billing and parent volunteer Lyn Nankervis. To each of you we appreciate your valued commitment to enriching our Arts program.

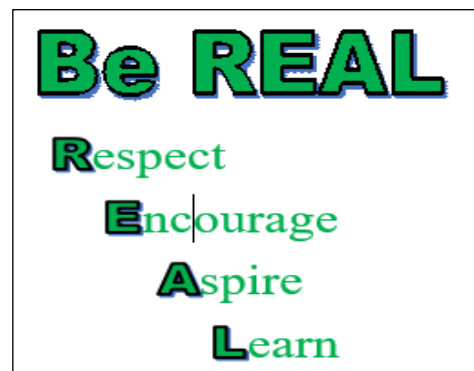
Well done to our newly elected Student Council representatives who hosted the assembly, greeted visitors as they arrived and managed the technical challenges. Student Council Office Bearers are as follows: **President Jakhan Wells, Vice President: Kishani King, Secretary: Ebony Robson-Wells, Treasurer: Cody Porteus, Committee Members: Taya Ollington, Tyla Hodgetts-Kay, Ayla Van Kempen.** We look forward to future Student Council initiatives throughout the year from this very deserving group of school leaders.

This week students are enjoying a visit from the travelling Planetarium educational experience. The 'dome' is set up in our gym for classes to visit and for students to learn about the wider world of Space and scientific concepts. So far it's been a huge hit!

Our 2019 Parents and Friends' Committee have commenced the year with great fundraising enthusiasm. We really appreciate the support of this group who work very hard behind the scenes to raise money to assist in the provision of additional resources for students. Thanks to Vice President Tammy Tuxworth who spoke about the upcoming Mothers' Day Market at our Assembly last week. More information on how you can be involved can be found further on in this Newsletter.

In Partnership,

Leslee



Attendance

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

Our average attendance rate so far this week is

93%

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.

Kinder Bilby	NA	NA		100%	
Kinder Koala				NA	NA
Prep Watts			100%		
1/2 Kemp (A)					
1/2 Goodwin (B)			100%		
1/2 Garwood (C)					
3/4 Stanley (A)			100%		100%
3/4 Grey (B)					
5/6 Howard (A)					
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 Kinder 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 11/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 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

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**. 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.

School Expectations and Values

Is your child able to tell you what our school Expectations and Values are? We recommend having a chat and helping them to more fully understand the meaning of our 4 school Values of Respect, Encourage, Aspire and Learn.

2019 Student Councillors



Congratulations to our 2019 Student Council Office Bearers President Jakhan Wells, Vice President: Kishani King, Secretary: Ebony Robson-Wells, Treasurer: Cody Porteus, Committee Members: Taya Ollington, Tyla Hodgetts-Kay, Ayla Van Kempen



All students are welcome to march with our school on **Thursday 25th April** to honour our ANZAC traditions.

All students must be in full school uniform.

Please meet Mrs White and other staff at The Reject Shop by 10:00am in readiness for the march to begin at 10:15 am. The service will commence at the Cenotaph at 10:30 am.

Please ensure that your child is collected at the end of the service.

The lucky winners of the P&F Easter Raffle



1st Harley Brown

2nd S Britton

3rd Kylie Grey

4th Sue Alford

5th Dianne Woolley

6th Pam Kay

7th Bruce Hampson

8th Anita Blazely

9th Elizabeth Evenhuis

A big thankyou to everyone who donated eggs and purchased tickets!

Parents & Friends Mothers' Day Market

Calling on families or community members who would like to be a stall holder for our Mothers' Day Market on Sunday May 5th 10:30 – 2:30 pm (Agfest long weekend) in the school gym. To book a stall to sell your items please contact Tammy Tuxworth or the school office. Pre-booked stalls cost \$10 or \$15 if you turn up on the day without a booking. Students are most welcome to come along and assist the P& Friends but **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for duty of care. Volunteers are being sought to assist the P&F on the day. If you are interested and available please contact Tammy Tuxworth on 0428 316 222 or via email: tammytux@bigpond.com



2019 P&F School Calendars

Parents and Friends have calendars for sale if anyone would like to purchase one. The price is now \$8.50 each.



WANTED

Prep Watts wants your junk! We are after any cardboard, keys, buttons, boxes, wool, string and bottles for some upcoming projects. If you could please bring it in to our classroom it would be greatly appreciated ☺

Thank you

Mrs Watts (Prep)



Auskick returns to Circular Head in Term 2 kicking off on Friday May 10th at the Smithton Rec, 4-5pm and continuing til Friday 12th July. Open to boys & girls from Kinder- Grade 6.

Cost involved is \$85 per child, but did you know you may be eligible to redeem a voucher from Ticket to Play to assist with the cost of registrations. Check the website for more information.

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

*Registrations for Auskick are open now by the following link <https://play.afl/auskick>
For any further information please contact Thalia on 0427605314



2019 School Holiday Clinics

FUN FILLED HOCKEY SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL KIDS OF ALL AGES
at McKenna Park, Burnie



Thursday 18th April

Get into Hockey - Basic Skills Session

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Ages: 6-12 yrs

Cost: \$20

REGISTER

<http://www.hockeytasmania.com.au/Junior-Zone/School-Holiday-Program>



For further details contact Participation Co-ordinator: tbarry@hockeytasmania.com.au

www.hockeytasmania.com.au



Junior Local Roster

Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

3 on 3 Roster for Grade 9-10

Roster Starting on the 29th April

Please send the following information
to Tammy on 0448 725 654 before
the 10th April

Name of Player, Grade, Contact
Number



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