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Smithton Primary School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM DATES

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

Walk to School Day
Friday 17th May

Cross Country
Wednesday 22nd May

Public Holiday
Monday 10th June

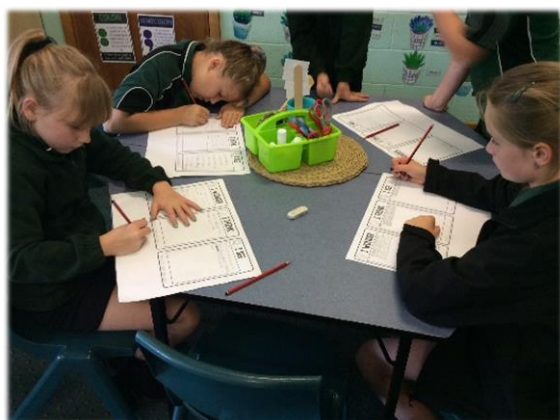
Assembly
Friday 31st May at 1:45pm

3/4 Grey

Earth & Space Science



In 3/4 Grey we have started our science unit by looking at some items on our inquiry table and then used our prior knowledge to think about what we might be learning about and what we already know about the topic.



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 2!

As you know Leslee White has taken up another position with the DoE and I have stepped into the Acting Principal role for Term 2 and Term 3. We have had a great start to the term and I have felt very welcomed by students, staff, parents and community. I look forward to working with and getting to know you all over the next few weeks. Please feel free to introduce yourself to me.

Our *Switched on Smithton* social skills focus highlights our School Values and will continue to be a focus for us throughout this term and the year. This was identified by all stakeholders as a core value and central to all school community interactions.

Please feel very welcome to visit our school at any time via the office, or contact us through our Smithton Primary Facebook page, phone or communication books. Parents, carers and volunteers are welcome in our school at any time. We encourage you to communicate with us as soon as possible if you have any queries or concerns. Early knowledge of potential issues will often help resolve matters quickly for everyone involved. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher or a member of the Leadership Team please contact us for an appointment time.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that your child's attendance at school is vitally important. While we expect students to attend school, as the winter approaches many of us will succumb to illness. If your child is unwell please ensure they are kept at home until fully recovered. This assists with a speedier recovery for your child but also helps to minimise the spread of winter illnesses. If your child is absent from school for any reason please make contact with the school office as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Leanne

Be Safe



Be a Friend

Be REAL



Be a Learner



Kindergarten 2020

Enrolment Information Sessions

Enrolments are now been accepted for children born in 2015 to commence Kinder in 2020.

Smithton Primary is offering two information sessions in the Kinder classroom;

Tuesday 28th May @ 3:00pm

Thursday 6th June @ 5:30pm

Market Day Success

The P&F market held last Sunday was a success.

It was a beautiful sunny day and hopefully people got some great Mother's Day bargains!!



Days like these could not be done without the help of the P&F and volunteers so a big thank you to you all for your help.

Thank You!!



Welcome

Mrs Steers



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

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

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 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 21 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

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.



Leadership Profile

Name: Jakhan Wells

Grade: 6

Leadership Role:
Student Council President
Aussie Sport Leader



Tell us something about yourself:

I love sport mostly football and basketball

What makes you an effective leader?

I think I can talk to kids in a calm way and talk in front of the school

What are you hoping to achieve in your role in 2019?

To become the best role model I can be

What advice would you give someone wanting to become a leader?

Keep trying, never give up

NAPLAN

Next week students in year 3 and 5 will begin participating in the annual NAPLAN assessment. These assessments are conducted each year and provide information on how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy. This year the assessment period has been extended to allow for online assessments to be undertaken. Grade 3 students will however continue to have a paper assessment for the writing component of NAPLAN this year. Year 5 writing and all other assessments for both groups will be conducted online. Parents should have received some additional information last week from school that has been provided by the testing authority ACARA. If you did not receive this information or have any questions please contact Michelle Ewington through the main office.



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 17TH MAY

Once again, SPS are participating in the National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 17th May.

This event promotes road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

We will have 3 starting points for you to meet and we encourage parents and siblings to join us. The Breakfast Club will be providing a muffin breakfast when we arrive at school!!

The starting points will be as follows and all walks will begin at 7.50am to meet at SWIRL by 8.15am to walk to school together:

The Reject Shop: Miss Garwood, Mrs Goodwin.

West Esplanade: Mrs Jayde Grey, Mrs Kemp

The Hospital: Mr Smith, Mrs Watts.

Please join us for a wonderful way to start the day.

Karen Goodwin



ANZAC DAY

Thank you to students and families who made the ANZAC march in Smithton.

We are very proud of our young marchers and wreath layers.

Thank you to Mrs Hardy for the beautiful wreath.



Student Absences

If your child is away from school for any reason it is important that you contact the school to provide a reason. Information is recorded electronically by the Department of Education to monitor absences. Parents are now required to provide a medical certificate for students who are absent with illnesses for 5 or more days in a calendar year.

- Ring the school office on 6452 1955 on the day your child is away
- **Text the school office on 0427 016 460**
- Send a written note to the school office
- Email the school on smithton.primary@education.tas.gov.au on the day your child is away

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Student Medications

If a student requires medication whilst at school, please discuss with your child's teacher and school administration staff to ensure that school staff are clearly advised on how to administer the medication.

Written permission (Education Department Medication Form) must be provided for any non-prescribed (e.g. Panadol) or prescribed medication to be taken by your child. Medication must be given to the school in its original packaging. The form for prescribed medication must be signed by the doctor or chemist who administers the prescription.

Education Department Medication Forms are available at the school office.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is here!!

With every \$10 spent at Woolworths, one sticker is collected. These can be placed onto the Earn & Learn sticker sheets and dropped into the collection box at Smithton Primary School or your local Woolworths.

With the stickers collected Smithton Primary will be able to choose equipment for learning needs across Arts & Craft, Digital Technologies, Maths, English, Science, Outdoor and Indoor Play and more.





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EARLY YEARS AT SMITHTON PRIMARY

Term 2, 2019

Thursday

'Mother Goose'

Age: Birth – 5 year olds
9.00-10.00am

A fun and interactive time to develop oral language and pre-literacy skills through songs, rhymes, stories and movement.

With Miss Maddie Hine in the Kinder Classroom.

Beginning
2nd May

Thursday

'Bee Active'

Age: Birth – 5 year olds
1.45-2.45pm

Getting active...Balancing, core strength, hand/eye coordination – developing Gross Motor skills

With Miss Maddie Hine in the School Gym

Beginning
9th May

Friday

Launchpad

Age: Birth – 5 year olds
9am – 10:30am

Families and children playing and interacting together – This is also a great opportunity for children and families to familiarise themselves with the Kinder Classroom.

With Miss Maddie Hine

Beginning
10th May



Find our closed Facebook group page – Early Years @ Smithton Primary School
(request to be a member if you are attending our programs)

★If you would like any information about these programs ★
Please contact the School Office 6452 1955

Fidget Quilts

In Term 2, we have the 2019 Tasmanian Australian of the Year recipients coming to speak with students about their achievements and how to make a difference in their community.

The 2019 Tasmanian Local Hero recipient, Vicki Purnell is a sewing guru that founded Bridies Blossoms and Blessings as well as making fidget quilts for dementia patients which she donates to the Launceston General Hospital. Fidget/activity quilts are composed of assorted textured fabrics with many objects such as lace, zippers, beads, braids, cords, keys, elastic hair ties, plastic cat toys etc. securely attached. Designed to sit on a lap, fidget quilts provide a soothing and calming experience for those living with dementia. The textures and movable components provide a sensory stimulus for hands that become increasingly restless and fidgety, hence the fidget quilt name. The gentle repetitive nature of the tactile components enhances the quality of life for the patient by stimulating memories and curiosity.

Fidget quilts have proven invaluable in our hospital environment in Tasmania especially when patients with dementia find themselves in unfamiliar and overwhelming situations such as the emergency department. Fidget quilts given to patients in our hospitals remain with them during their stay and then accompany them when they return to their home environment.

Help Vicki put together the next lot fidget quilts by bringing in any old bits and bobs you have lying around such as zips, ribbons, buttons, hair ties, patterned fabrics, beads, keys or basically anything that could be attached by a piece of string or fabric. These quilts will then start to be put together in a fidget quilt workshop held at Collegiate College in Hobart before being donated to hospitals around the state. Please bring any items you wish to donate to Vicki to the front office by Tuesday 28th May 2019.



Australian
of the Year
➤ Awards

Nominate someone today and give our nation's
finest the recognition they deserve

Australianoftheyear.org.au

#BeGreatandNominate

Nominations close 31 July 2018

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.

HATS

We are a SUNSMART School which means **No Hats No Play** during Terms 1 and 4. We require students to wear hats whenever they are outside. Thank you for ensuring hats and other items of clothing are clearly named.

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**BOOK
FAIR**

ONE DAY ONLY

May 18

9am to 3pm

Old Catholic Primary School off Fleming Court

**Tassie's Biggest
Book Fair**

Over 50,000 books to choose from!
Bargain Prices and Many out of Print



Weekend "This Place Matters"

May 18: 10-4.00 &
May 19: 10-2.00pm

Senior Citizens Building

FEATURING

A display of history projects from local schools
Photos of Balfour with Rob Saltmarsh
Jye Crosswell reed basket making and indigenous history of the area
Photos of horses and bullocks used by early settlers of Circular Head
Lots of photos of early settlers
A display from the Stanley Discovery Museum featuring historic Stanley
Old style spinners, weavers and patch workers
An information display on the Centre's Zygomataurus Tasmanicum (Ziggy)
Family history using the Internet

SPECIAL EVENTS

Butter churning demonstration 1.00pm each day
Talks and photos from Jos Flint and John Hammond—2-4.00 on Saturday 18th

Dress up in period costumes and take a photo at the photo booth

- Lions van providing snacks
 - Coffee van
 - Local history books for sale
- Gold coin donation for entry



**School
is
Cool!**

Princess Party


Hear Ye, Hear Ye
Calling all Princesses of Circular Head

You are hereby summoned for a
Royal Princess Party
Friday 14th June 2019, 7-9pm
at Dreambuilders Church, 31 Brittons Rd,
Smithton
Princesses in Kinder to Gr 5

Celebrations of all things Princessy will commence at 7pm
(Princess Presentation at 8.15pm)
Awaiting you will be: Royal hair & nail stylists | Charming craft |
High Tea fit for a Princess...and much more

Register and pay online at fb.com/dbcsmithton
Cost is \$10

Tickets close Friday 7th June, unless places are filled earlier.
Please contact Nicole Saward 0447 190 867 for any queries.

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