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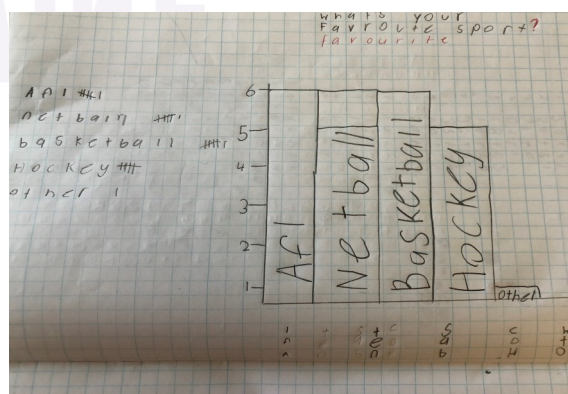
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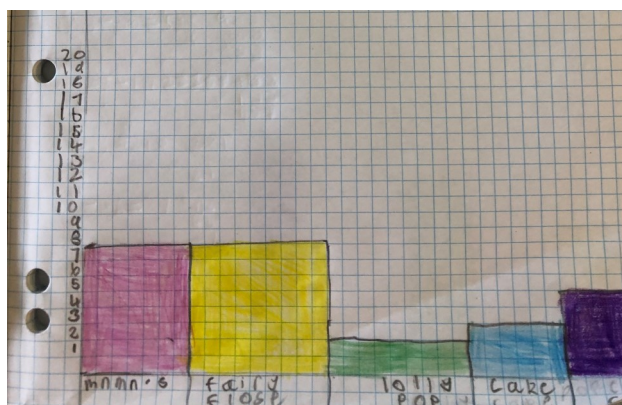
4 November 2020



3/4 IRVINE



In 3/4 Irvine, we have been learning about collecting data to create graphs. We have made predictions, posed questions, collated data, and displayed it in either bar graphs or histograms. For one task, we were hired as ice-cream inventors and came up with five brand new flavours of ice-cream to discover which invented flavour would be made at the 'Smithton Primary Creamery'.





Dates To Remember

NOVEMBER

Every Monday	Mother Goose online - Last session is on the 30th November
Every Tuesday	Pre-Kinder- for children turning five in 2021, 9:00am to 10:30am
Every Thursday	Pre-Kinder - for children turning five in 2021
Every Friday	Launchpad
Monday 2nd	Public Holiday
Monday 9th	Lil Fi performance for Mother Goose -9.15am in the Assembly Hall
Wednesday 18th	School Association AGM - 5pm in the staffroom
Monday 30th November To	Learn to Swim -Years 3 to 6

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st Last Tuesday session for the year	Pre-Kinder- for children turning five in 2021, 9:00am to 10:30am Student Banking Day
Thursday 3rd Last Thursday session for the year	Pre-Kinder - for children turning five in 2021
Friday 4th	Launch into Learning Celebration
Monday 30th November To Friday 11th December	Learn to Swim -Years 3 to 6
Tuesday 15th	End of Year Assembly - Details to be advised
Thursday 17th	Last day for students

JANUARY 2021

Thursday 28th January	Levy, book pack collection & uniform sales day
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With just over **50 days until Christmas**, it is hard to believe that the year is beginning to draw to an end. In some ways it has felt like a long time, while in other ways it appears to have vanished before our very eyes. Term 4 has started well and with plenty more to do this term before the summer break comes, now is the time for staff and students alike to be working hard to finish the year well.

I wish to congratulate all of the Early Childhood (K-2) students, staff and families on a very successful week of **swimming** (19th – 23rd of October). It was brilliant to hear stories of the improvements that were made from many students across that week with their swimming skills. Reports back from a variety of people included that our students were attentive, patient, gave their best efforts and by the end of the week they were all... **VERY TIRED!** Well done on your efforts and it will now be the Upper Primary (3-6) students turn to complete their swimming during weeks 8 and 9 (Nov 30th – Dec 11th) which is something I'm sure many of them are looking forward to.

I also wish to acknowledge the efforts that students, staff and families went to on Tuesday 27th at the **Book Parade**. So many people (students and staff alike) got in the spirit of celebrating books/reading and dressed up as a character out of a book. Our Book Parade was held from 9:00 – 10:00am in the Assembly Hall where each class was able to 'parade' around in front of the rest of the school and then each student was given the opportunity to tell us who they were dressed up as. There were some brilliantly creative costumes. We even had some very brave Pre-Kinder students who dressed up and walked up on stage to display to the rest of the school. A great job to everyone.

As you all know, last Friday (30th of October) was a **student free day**. I think it is really important that our school community understands what this time was used for as it informs everyone about how we are approaching improving our school. On this day, all of the teachers met together to look at school wide data that is linked to our School Improvement Plan priority of 'Improve Student Engagement.' The type of data we looked at included surveys from staff and students as well as data linked to student behaviour. We also used this day to look at planning for 2021 where teachers discussed some large key concepts / themes that we might like to pursue next year. The last thing we did was meet together with teachers from all of the other cluster schools in Circular Head. We met in the Smithton High School gym. You may not be aware of this, but each term our teachers meet with teachers from other schools in PLTs (Professional Learning Teams) at least twice with the intention of improving our teaching skills, especially in the area of planning engaging units of work (using the Teaching & Learning Cycle). So on this Student Free Day we all met (for the last meeting of the year) to summarise and celebrate the learning that has gone on among the cluster of schools in 2020.



Next week is **NAIDOC Week**. The theme for 2020 is "Always Was, Always Will Be." Our students will have the opportunity to explore what this theme means, particularly that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first astronomers and first artists. This is such a crucial understanding for our students to unpack.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the school. As you know, if you ever have any questions or comments about anything in relation to the school, please don't hesitate to contact the school or make an appointment to see one of your children's teachers or myself.

Thanks,

Josh Smith
(Principal)

BOOK WEEK 2020



CURIOUS CREATURES,
WILD MINDS

Student Assistance Scheme 2021

The Department of Education recently announced that we would be expanding the Student Assistance Scheme for 2021.

Parents who have a current concession card as listed below can apply for dependent students for assistance under the STAS:

- Services Australia – Centrelink Health Care Card
- Service Australia – Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card
- Services Australia – Pensioner Concession Card or
- Department of Veteran Affairs – Pensioner Concession Card.

Please note that if you are already receiving student assistance you do not need to complete a form.

For 2021 a new on-line form has been developed to assist with processing applications for new applicants.

The online form can be completed here: <https://stasonlinesubmission.education.tas.gov.au/>

The form will be available for public use from the 10 November.

Once a validated form is completed the Department of Education will confirm the outcome of your application in writing, this process takes approximately 14 days.

We understand this online option may not be possible for all families, so if you require a hard copy form please contact your school or the Financial Assistance Unit on stas@education.tas.gov.au or 1800 827 077.

Parents and Friends

A way you can support the P&F is to purchase a ticket in our Thermomix raffle. Tickets can be purchased from the school office (correct cash only), contact any member of the P&F or Facebook message Rhiannon Powell who can arrange for a contactless purchase of the ticket.



Smithton Primary School Association ELECTION

The Smithton Primary School Association has the following vacancies:

2 Parent Representatives
2 Staff Representatives

Nominations close Friday 13th November 2020

Nomination forms and further information please contact the school office.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Association will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 5:00pm at Smithton Primary School

Returning Officer:

Meredith Gracie
PO Box 262, Smithton TAS 7330
Ph: 64521955
Email: smithton.primary@education.tas.gov.au

SPS PARENTS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISER

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN A TM6?

Tickets – \$20 each
Drawn at a Thermomix event, details to be advertised soon.

Monies raised will go towards seating in the stop, drop and go area.



COMING
SOON!!!

LOCAL JUNIOR BASKETBALL ROSTERS



KINDER AGE KIDS

U10, U12, U14 AND 16 & UNDER

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ON THE SAINTS WEBSITE
WWW.SAINTSBASKETBALL.NET OR VIA FACEBOOK

LINK TO FORMAL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO
FOLLOW

GAME
ON!

FREE TO PLAY

CIRCULAR HEAD FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION & SMITHTON AUSKICK
Introduces to you

...YOUTHKICK ...

Community Football Sessions for all ages!

STARTING
SATURDAY 17TH
OCTOBER
ON THE
LITTLE ATHLETICS
OVAL

REPEATS
EVERY
FORTNIGHT

FOR THE
DURATION
OF
TERM 4

▪ Kinder - Gr.2 10am - 11am

▪ Gr.3 - Gr.6 11.15am - 12.15pm

▪ Gr 7 + 12.30pm - 2pm

▪ SKILLS &
DRILLS

▪ MINI
GAMES

▪ BOYS &
GIRLS

▪ FUN WITH
FRIENDS



▪ OPEN TO ALL YOUTH
IN CIRCULAR HEAD

All players **MUST** come dressed in
appropriate training gear ready &
bring their own drink bottles.

There will be no spectators allowed
to enter the field.

For the health & safety of others,
please do **NOT** attend if unwell!!

Little Athletics – Family Fun and Fitness

Little Athletics is a fun, social and active program for girls and boys aged 3 to 14. The program teaches a wide range of skills in events from running, jumping and throwing.

There are three centres in the North West Burnie, Circular Head and Devonport.

More information is available in the attached flyer. Visit <https://taslittleathletics.com.au/> to register for your local centre.

As the weather warms up please remember
to fill up your drink bottle with water and
bring it along to school.



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