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1/2 KEMP & 2/3 GOODWIN

1/2 Kemp with 2/3 Goodwin have been investigating different houses and the material they are made of in our intergrated science unit.

We first investigated all the materials that were used in houses around the world and the reasons why they were built that way. We did lots of reading and investigating to decide what materials would be best for the 3 Little Pigs.

We wrote a prediction in our groups what we thought would happen if we built our house out of material, cardboard or bark. We then conducted a fair test using a hairdryer and water to test if our houses were waterproof and wind proof.

We enjoyed working together to experiment, build and test our amazing pig houses and write about our experience.





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
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
Wednesday 16th	School picnic & Grade 6 outing
Thursday 17th	Last day for students

JANUARY 2021

Thursday 28th January	Levy, book pack collection & uniform sales day
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As time keeps ticking away, so does the school year and it really is hard to believe that we are more than half way through Term 4. Despite that fact, we are all working hard to make the end to the 2020 school year a really positive one.

Welcome Jean

I wish to welcome Jean Carmichael to the staff team. For most of Term 4, Jean has been working one day per week as our school Chaplain. She is working mainly in the Early Childhood area of the school and has already built some excellent relationships in that area.

End of the year Assemblies (Tuesday 15th of December)

As you are aware, the end of year assembly will look very different from previous years due to the COVID19 restrictions and precautions. So that we can increase the number of guests coming to these assemblies, we have decided to have two assemblies (Early Childhood and Upper Primary). Although this will make them much shorter in length, it will mean that we will not be too overcrowded. We will have these on the same day with a lunch break in between the two.

End of year Picnic (Wednesday 16th of December)

For the first time in a while, we have decided to take the students on a picnic on second last day of term. All students (Kinder – Grade 5) will travel to Marrawah where we will have some beach based activities and a picnic lunch together as a school. Meanwhile, the Grade 6 students will go for a trip of their own. The Grade 6 students are still planning this and more information will be coming out soon. This Grade 6 Trip will replace the Grade 6 Dinner.

Upper Primary Swimming (30th Nov – 11th Dec)

It will soon be Upper Primary's (Grade 3-6) turn at undertaking their swimming program at SWIRL. This will occur in Week 8 & 9. Students will walk to and from the SWIRL complex. What a vital skill it is to learn to swim and it is so fantastic that we have a venue close by that we can partner with to teach this skill to our students.

Grade 10 Work Experience Students

A big "thank you" to Brianna who came to our school a few weeks back for Grade 10 Work Experience. It was a great help to have her working with our students. Over the next few weeks we have Elyse and Taya coming to work alongside our staff and we really look forward to having them here.

Grade 6 Orientation Day (20th Nov)

This Friday our Grade 6 students will spend their entire day at Smithton High School for Orientation Day. They will learn all about what a typical day at SHS is like. This is a great opportunity for each of our students to transition well so that they are mentally and socially ready for Grade 7 in 2021.

Lockdown Practice (17th Nov)

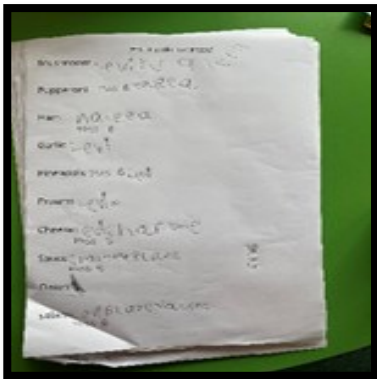
Yesterday our whole school had the opportunity to practice a Lockdown. This is a routine safety measure all schools have in place to ensure that all people onsite are safe in certain events. The types of events that might cause a lockdown to occur can include: Really bad weather, an animal on the loose, someone on campus that shouldn't be etc. The practice run that we did on the 17th Nov, went really well. All people onsite were safe, quiet and accounted for within four minutes. Considering the students were unaware that this was going to be occurring, our students did a fantastic job of following the instructions of the adults in their rooms.

Thanks

Josh Smith
Principal

PREP GREY

Over the past week in Prep Grey we have been learning about 'data'. First we collected some data and found that the information we collected wasn't very good. So we then collected more data but recorded it in a different way. We then discovered some really good data. We used this information to identify what we would need to make pizzas for everyone. Then we got to make our own pizzas.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020



The whole school came together for a moving Remembrance Day service. All students & staff were given a poppy to wear. We sang the National Anthem proudly and listened as we learnt how we should show our respect and the significance of Remembrance Day. Monique (5/6W) shared a poem and Nathan (5/6W) read the Ode to Remembrance. Mrs Nankervis played the last post after a minutes silence.

Monique & Tannah (5/6N) laid a wreath at the cenotaph at ANZAC Park on behalf of the school. Thank you to Mrs Lorraine Charles for making the wreath.

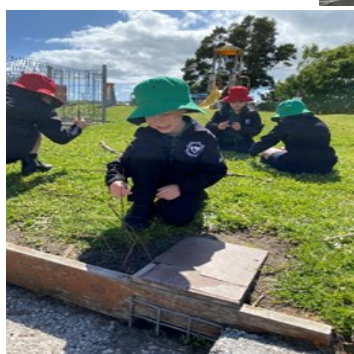


PREP GREY & PREP/1 RYAN

OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY



On the 6th November we held an Outdoor Learning Day. Prep Grey and Prep/One Ryan certainly made the most of it. We all participated in activities such as leaf rubbing, mud painting, chalk drawing and stick art. We also collected objects in our playground and created some graphs. The in the afternoon we spent time skipping, playing golden child and completed an obstacle course. We all had so much fun learning outside!!





**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020

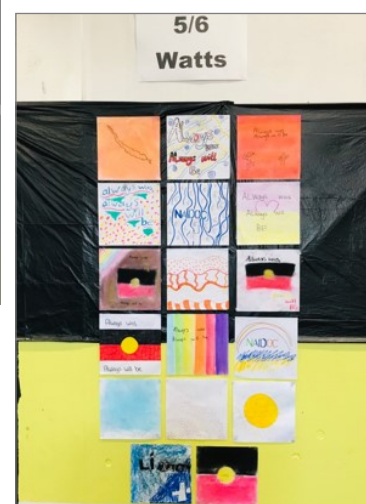
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NAIDOC WEEK

We gathered as a whole school to celebrate this special week. Sarah (5/6N) led the short service and Jhett & Lucas (3/4I) delivered a very special acknowledgement of country and taught us how to say "hello" and "welcome" in our regional dialect.

Every student in the school created a piece of artwork to display in the assembly hall.



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/>

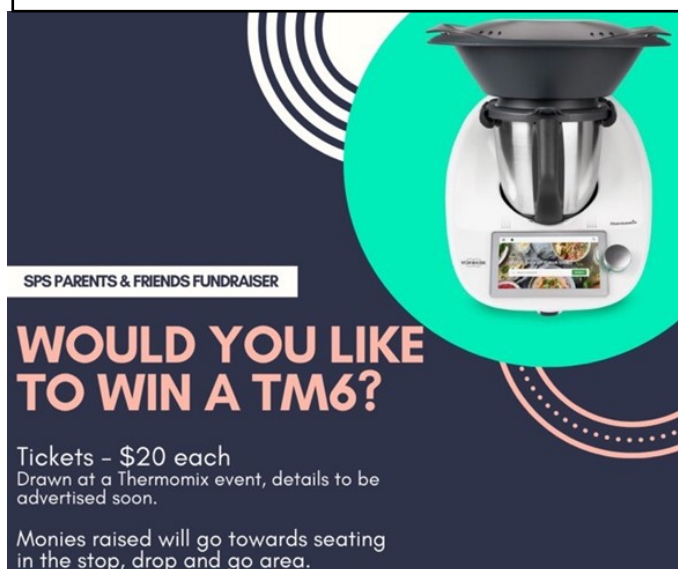
The form will be available for public use from the 10 November.

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.



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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.



Bingo & Bluey are very happy with their new place to live. It has much more space, shelter, grass & shade.



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