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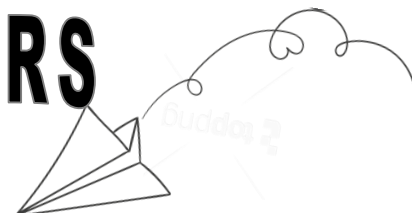
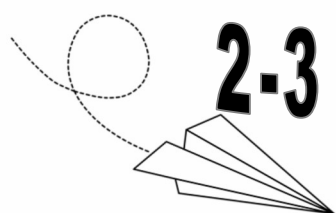
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2-3 Goodwin GLIDERS



In Grade 2/3 Goodwin we have been learning about gravity, we made some gliders to see what would fly the greatest distance, gliders with wings or without. We used paper, straws and tape to make our gliders. We then took them to the assembly hall to have our test flights.



We used a measuring tape to measure how far they flew. We discovered that the gliders without wings flew further. The wingless gliders flew further because the gliders with wings didn't allow them to fly through the air as smoothly. The air went through the gliders without wings easier. We collected lots of data about our flights and then we ordered our flight information from the glider that flew the least distance to the one that flew the furthest. Hannah's glider went the furthest distance of 4.40 meters!



Dates To Remember

DECEMBER	
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	Stationery Pack collection & uniform sales day

Assembly Day—Tuesday 15th December

On Tuesday 15th we will be having our end of year assemblies. Yes, that's right assemblies! We will be having 2. This is due to COVID19 restrictions. So what we will do is have one at 10:30am for our students in Kinder Grey, Prep Grey, P/I Ryan, 1/2 Kemp and 2/3 Goodwin. We will then have a break, to allow for cleaning and another assembly at 1:00pm for 3/4 Gausden, 3/4 Irvine, 5/6 Nichols and 5/6 Watts. This second assembly will be where we fare-well our Grade 6 students. This will be held in the school's gymnasium. Although this is not ideal (not being all together as per usual), I am sure that we will all agree that in the year 2020 we are fairly used to making all sorts of sacrifices just to 'make things work' and this is one of them.

With only 11 days of school remaining, things are starting to get a little exciting at SPS! Over the last day I've noticed some tinsel and more green and red colouring about the place too. There has been plenty going on at school while we finish this year off well, and set plans in place for 2021.

NWPSSA Athletics Carnival

I wish to congratulate Jayda, Ashlynn, Olivia and Lucas who competed in the NWPSSA Athletics Carnival on the 24th of November. Not only did they represent SPS really well, but the whole cluster of schools. A special mention goes to Lucas for coming 3rd in the Grade 3 Boys 200m and also to Ashlynn who placed 3rd in the Grade 4 Girls 100m & 200m. They all did an amazing job and we are super proud of them.

Grade 10 Work Experience Students

Congratulations and thank you to Ellyse and Taya who have spent a week at SPS helping in our Early Childhood classes as a part of their SHS Work Experience program. They have both done a fantastic job of returning to their former primary school and we really appreciate the help and support you provided us.

Upper Primary Swimming

We have started our swimming program with all of our Grade 3 - 6 students this week. This will continue on into the end of next week. This is a great opportunity at this time of the year for our students to learn this valuable life skill.

Grade 6 Orientation

Well done to our Grade 6 students who attended Orientation Day at Smithton High School on the 20th of November. This was a great opportunity for our students to see what Grade 7 will be like. They were able to get to know the staff, other students, their classrooms and how the school operates. What a brilliant way to transition our students from Primary into High School.

Whole School Picnic & Grade 6 Trip

On Wednesday 16th of December, all students (K - 5) and staff will head off to Marrawah (Green Point Beach) for our end of year picnic. On the day we will provide the students with a variety of activities, a BBQ lunch and a general opportunity to celebrate 2020 together. On that same day, our Grade 6 students will head in the opposite direction to the Devonport area where they will enjoy Go Karts, Ten Pin Bowling and lunch at the Devonport bluff. This is what the children decided they would like to do as a replacement for a Grade 6 Dinner. It will be a fantastic day of celebration for our whole school.

Staffing and Planning for 2021

We have confirmation that we will have access to our current support staff next year which is fantastic. Jody (Social Worker), Carmen (Psychologist) and Nadia (Speech and Language Pathologist) will all return to SPS in 2021. They do a brilliant job in supporting our students (and staff and parents) who require additional support either in an ongoing capacity or as is needed. We are also currently looking to fill some teaching vacancies. I can announce that we will have with us Hayley Koehler who will be one of our Kinder teachers for 2021. Over the next few weeks, we will be announcing other staffing changes for 2021.

Transition Opportunity

We know how important it is to set our students up for success when transitioning from one year to the next. It can be a difficult time for students moving from one year level to the next, in a new class, with a new mix of students and often a new teacher. So on Monday 14th of December from 11:30 – 12:30 we will have an opportunity for students to transition into their 2021 class. This will be with the teacher that they will have in 2021 (where possible).

As always, please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have anything you'd like to discuss with them. And you know that you can always contact me if you have questions or suggestions. I wish you all well as you head into this very busy time of the year.

Thanks

Josh Smith
Principal

CHSSSA Representatives

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Congratulations to Jayda, Ashlynn, Olivia & Lucas who along with students from other Circular Head Schools who represented the CHSSSA at the recent Twilight carnival in Penguin.



GRADE 6 TRANSITION

On Friday 20th November, the Grade 6's went to the highschool to experience what it would be like for a day in readiness for 2021. We met other Grade 6 students from the other primary schools and were split into 4 different groups, we went to classrooms to play games to get to know each other, we then tried art and music and after lunch we did PE.

By Piper (5/6N)



Pre-Kinder

This week we celebrated our Pre-Kinder children and their families. They have done such a wonderful job settling in to our school environment and we cannot wait to see them next year!

A BIG thank you goes to the Rotary Club of Smithton for donating The Wonkey Donkey book for each child to take home and read with their families. We had Wendy from Smithton Rotary come and read to us.



ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

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2021 KINDER ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN

Do you have a child born in 2016?

Applications for 2021 Kinder Enrolments
are now being taken.

Parents and Carers wishing to enrol their
child will need to complete an enrolment form,
which is available from the school office.

If you have any queries please contact us on 03 6452 1955.

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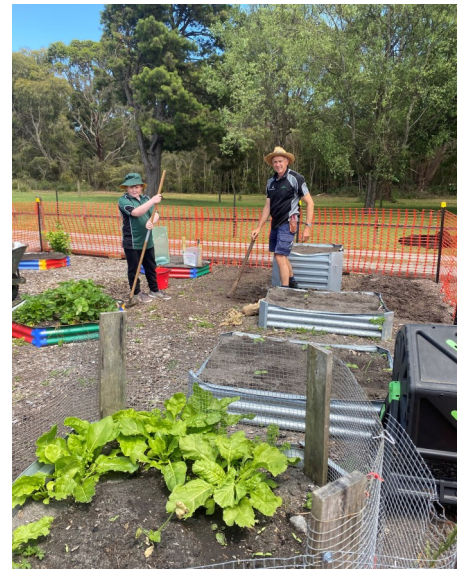
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OUR VEGIE PATCH

On Tuesday Mr. Marthick and I went out to the garden. We weeded for a while and then we planted 25 sets of potatoes. Next we planted 4 rows of carrots and 4 rows of beans. The strawberries looked a bit thirsty so we gave them a watering as well.

Thankyou Mr. Marthick for letting me help you in the garden.

By Tycan (5/6 Nichols)



CALF ARTWORK - 1/2 KEMP

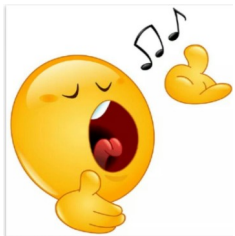


1/2 Kemp ventured outside to draw "Bluey" & "Bingo".



Singing with Mrs Nankervis

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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.



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.



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