



Smithton Primary School

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Prep-1 Grey

In Prep/I Grey we have had a very busy start to the year! We have been learning about patterns, have been writing and learning about directed drawing and learning about different sounds letters make.

We also had a visit from Jax's cat Cleo!!





Well, we are more than halfway through the term!



Can you believe it. Well done to everyone.

School Improvement

This week our staff will start work on the school improvement priority of Improving Student Outcomes in *Numeracy*. Ben Johnson and Toni Popowski (two Numeracy experts) are working with our staff to improve the way that we teach Mathematics throughout the school. This will be a part of a two-year focus in bringing about a more consistent approach to the way we do things and is a fantastic opportunity for our school.

NWPSSA Athletics

On March 10th and 11th we have students representing the CH Cluster schools at the NWPSSA Athletics Carnivals held in Penguin. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students from Year 3-6 to compete against the best of the best from along the NW coast.

Congratulations to our following students for being selected to join the CH Cluster: Shayla Hammond, Jack Crowley, Olivia Moll, Lucas Furphy, Nate King, Elizabeth Evenhuis, Rose Kay, Schaianne Smith, Jayda Orders, Piper Alderson, Eli Rushworth, Jordyn Ardle Ashlynn Moles.

Assembly

Thank you to those who attended our Sharing Assembly last week in the Assembly Hall. We had over 50 members of the school community come along. It was another good opportunity for us to come together as a whole school community and celebrate some of the good things that are going on at SPS! Congratulations to our award winners.



JCP Leadership Seminar

On Tuesday 9th our Year 5/6 students joined together with the Year 5/6 students from the cluster to learn about leadership. This was held at in our Assembly Hall and again, another great opportunity for our students to mix with other students in the cluster while learning about leadership.



P&F

You may remember that last year our P&F donated a large sum of money to go towards providing classroom resources for each classroom that would help students with sensory needs. This includes things like fidget toys through to alternative seating which are all recommended by Occupational Therapists. We just wanted the school community to know how thankful we are for that kind donation and we wanted everyone to know that the items that have been purchased are being put to good use in the classrooms.



Student Leadership

This year we have two obvious forms of student leadership in our school:

1. Student Leadership Council (SLC). This is reserved for 6 students who have been selected based on a speech they deliver to their peers and ongoing feedback from staff. These are also selected from the Year 5/6 group. This year we have: Savannah Swan, Schaienne Smith, Jayda Orders, Tannah Jenkins, Lucy Gourley and Ezra Stewart.
2. Class Captains – Each class has two students who are selected to represent their class.



Thank you all for your ongoing support! We always aim to work together to make Smithton Primary School a better place for our students to learn.

Thanks,

Josh Smith

Scholastic Book Club

PARTICIPATION IN BOOK CLUB 2021

Name: _____

Class: _____ (eldest in family)



Scholastic Book Club is available to families who wish to participate. There is one catalogue offering the best in age-appropriate reading choices (3+, 6+, 8+, 10 + and 12+) and bestsellers. Please return the form if you would like to participate in Book Club. Forms are sent home with the eldest in the family.



Well done Early Childhood classes for a great day in Music last Wednesday!!



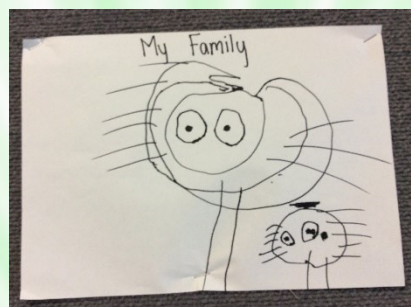
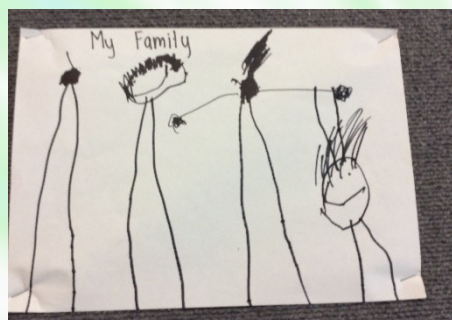
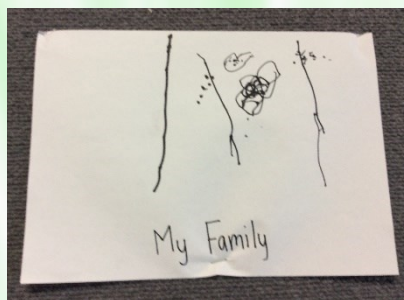
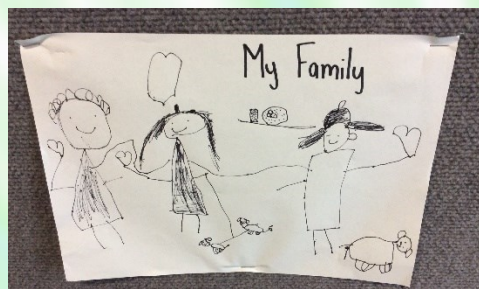
Maths in the Gym



The 5/6's working hard on a statistics lesson, using the past Year 6 student stickers in the gym as a resource!



Learning about our families in Kinder Bilby!



This term in Kinder Bilby we are doing an inquiry unit about **community connections**. As part of our inquiry we are looking at special people, places, symbols, and animals in our community.

This unit strongly links with outcomes in Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia:

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

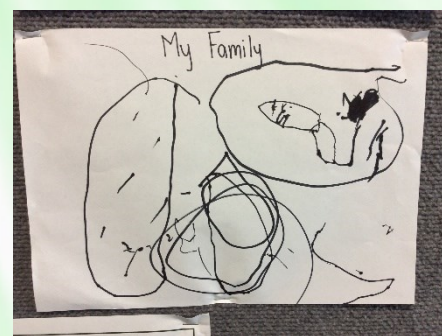
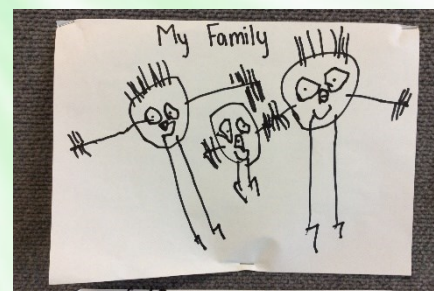
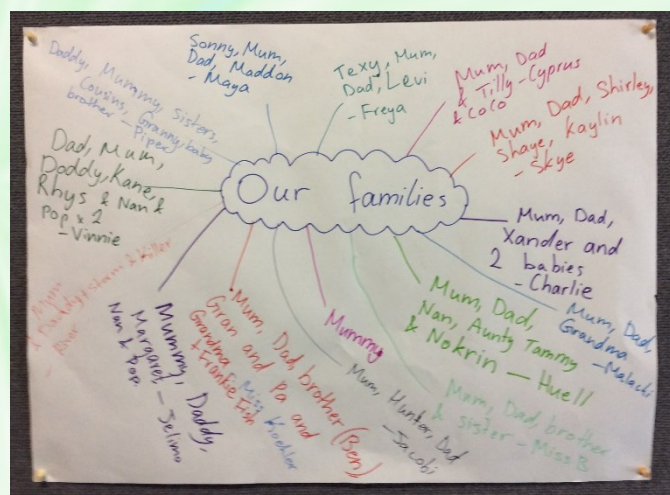
Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

Throughout the unit we will be asking questions, sharing understanding and communicating our understanding about our community.



Dates To Remember

MARCH

Every Tuesday 9:00am to 10:30am	Mother Goose – <i>Birth to 5 years</i>
Every Thursday 9:00am to 10:30am	BeeActive - Age Birth to 5 years
Every Friday 9:00am to 10:30am	Launchpad – <i>Birth to 5 years</i>
Wednesday 10th	NWPSSA Inter Primary Year 3/4 Athletics Carnival
Thursday 11th	NWPSSA Inter Primary Year 5/6 Athletics Carnival
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th	Fire Education Week
Wednesday 31st	Last Day of Term 1

APRIL

Wednesday 21st	Start of Term 2 for students
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REMINDER

Town Services

All Students who start and end their travel within the town boundary (Armour Mitre 10, Tall Timbers Round-a-bout or Mella Turn off), are required, by Department of State Growth—Passenger Transport to pay a fare to travel.

This means that a student who gets on at Smithton Primary in the afternoon and travels to Smithton High, Dance Studio, After School Care, or home, all must pay to use the service. The same rules apply in the mornings.

Depending on where you are travelling to, you may need to use a different bus to your regular bus.

The cost is \$1.80 per student, per trip; or \$14.40 for a sheet of 10 tickets, or you may be entitled to free travel.

If you have any questions, please contact the Wells Waggon office on 6452 2900

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