



# Smithton Primary School

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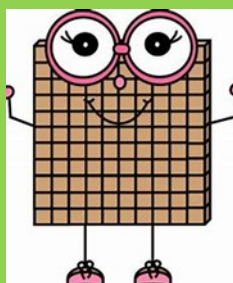
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## Practising place value in 1/2J

Students are working to understand that each number has a place in the number system.





It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of Term 1, 2021 but here we are. As always, there is plenty going on in and around our classrooms and I would like to say a huge thank you to the school community for continuing to make Smithton Primary a positive and welcoming place to be.

### Numeracy Priority

You may remember that this year one of our areas for improvement is in the area of Numeracy/Mathematics. We have enlisted the support and help from two staff from within the Department of Education, Ben Johnson and Toni Popowski. They have already been working with our staff and are continuing that work this week. Last week, four of our staff also were able to go away to a Professional Learning Day in Launceston where they were able to learn from a Maths expert, Di Siemens. This was a really good opportunity for our staff to be able to 'learn from the best' and ultimately means better teaching and learning going on in our classrooms.



### External Review



This week our school has been under its four-yearly review. This is a process where a panel of ex-Principals come into the school to gain information about how the school is going and what recommendations they have for future improvement. This is a really useful and helpful tool for our school to be able to put plans in place for the future. One thing that shone through the External Review was our major theme of 'TEAM' and the fact that we are inclusive of everyone. One of the panel members expressed that our school is "one of the most welcoming schools they have been in." The panel expressed that our staff really support one another and that across the whole school we have people who want to improve and learn. There are some areas for improvement for us as a school that are in agreement with most of the plans we have in place already, so that was really good to know. I would like to thank the following parents for taking time out of their own schedule to meet with the panel: Leighton, Anna, Delany, Rhiannon, Jess & Lyn. Well done to everyone!

### Moderation Day

As you would already be aware, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of April is a student free day. This is across the whole cluster and wider within Department of Education schools. We do this so that we can engage in a day of moderation. You may have wondered what this means? Basically, all teachers teaching in the same year levels have given their students the same task to complete. The teacher will then assess this task as they usually would. The teacher then brings their tasks and the assessments to be moderated with other teachers from the other schools. They then look at one another's tasks and assess them to see if each teacher is assessing the same way as them or if they are being too hard or too soft with their marking. We do this in small groups of teachers in Numeracy and Literacy. This is our way of ensuring that all students in all schools in all year levels are receiving assessments that are correct and fair. The process is for the teachers to improve.



### Mentoring

We are continuing to have some positive experiences going on with our mentors at Smithton Primary. We have eight mentors who are coming in for various lengths of time to spend one-on-one time and time in small groups with students, giving them someone who will encourage them.

Thanks once again for your ongoing support. As has been said many times over the last 18 months, at Smithton Primary School we work together so that everyone achieves more. You are always welcome to book a time to come and meet with myself or any other teacher if you have questions or would like to discuss something.

Thanks,  
Josh Smith (Principal)

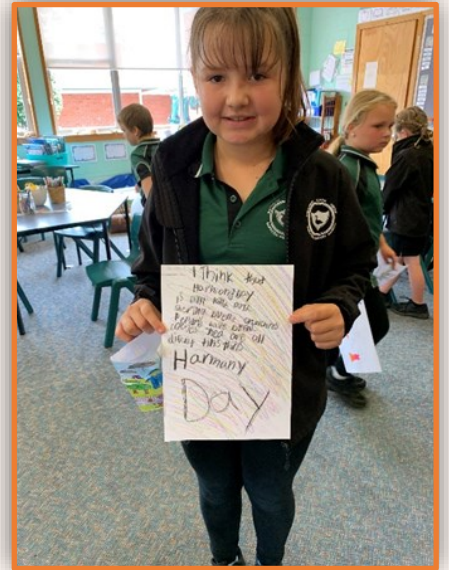
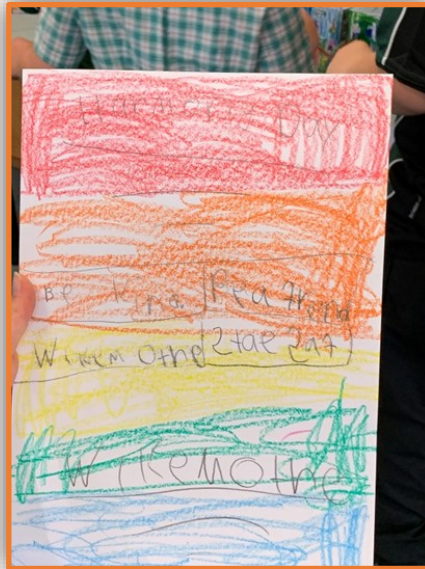
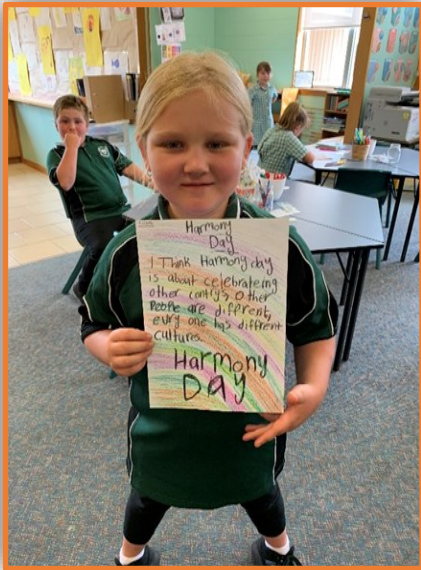
**Mentoring**  
Makes a Difference



# 2/3 Goodwin

In 2/3 Goodwin last week we explored what Harmony Day represented to Australian people. We discovered that the message of Harmony Day is inclusion, acceptance of others and that we are all different. We talked about how we are different and that some of our differences included, colour, language, how we look and also where we have come from.

We coloured in a picture of a beach, forest and city and then made paper people and attached this to our cylinder, showing that everyone can belong anywhere.





# Harmony Day



Last Friday the whole school celebrated Harmony Day by wearing something orange.



Thank you to our Student Leaders who have been running activities on Central! Looks like plenty of students are really enjoying that!





# Fire Education Week







# Fire



# Education Week



Tasmania Fire Service



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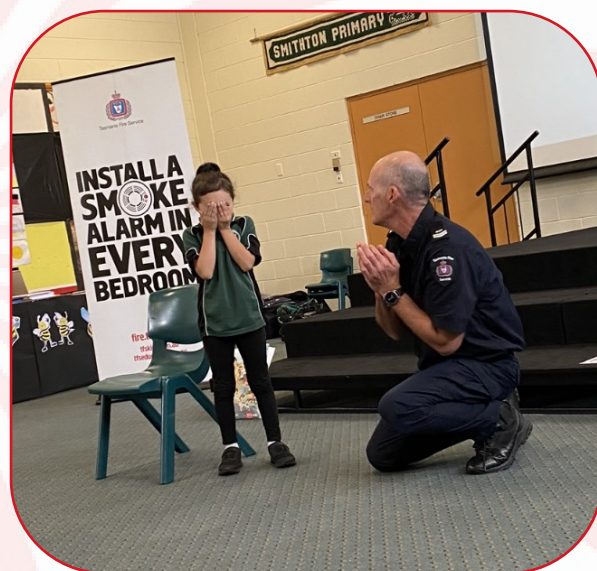
Also available: Visual Guide to Home Fire Safety

For further information

[fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au)

[tfseducation.com.au](http://tfseducation.com.au)

Free-call 1800 000 699



## Juvenile Fire Lighter Intervention Program



### Contact

Contact a Community Education Consultant at:

**Tasmania Fire Service**  
GPO Box 1526  
HOBART TAS 7001

**FREECALL**  
**1800 182 341**

[fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au)  
[communityed@fire.tas.gov.au](mailto:communityed@fire.tas.gov.au)

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The Juvenile Fire Lighter Intervention Program (JFLIP) is a free, confidential, state-wide service to help families deal with child fire lighting behaviour.

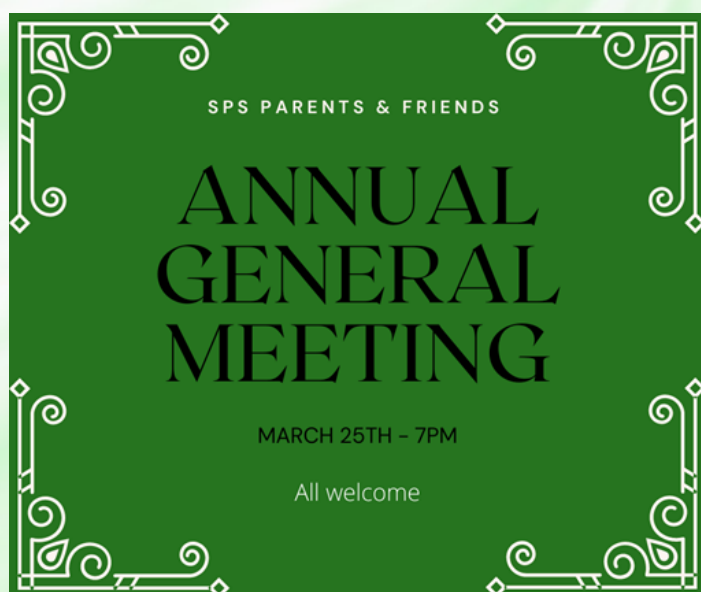
**JFLIP**  
Juvenile Fire Lighter Intervention Program





### Easter Raffle Books

Can we please have raffle books returned to the school office by Tuesday next week.



## Junior Netball

Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, 7, 8

**START DATE:** Saturday 24th April 2021

**LOCATION:** Circular Head Netball Courts

**COST:** \$ 80

**Names to April Jackson 0429 901 644 by 9th April 2021**

*All fees must be paid prior to taking the court.*

*All registrations to be done via MyNetball or <https://mynetball.resultsvault.com> or via the MyNetball App*

You can also find the link at the top of the Circular Head Netball Association Facebook page

For help registering, please contact April Jackson on 0429 901 644

**Circular Head Netball**

## On Your Bike

### RIDE CONFIDENCE PROGRAM 2021

#### SESSION 1 Sunday, April 18

Smithton 9-11am  
Wynyard 1-3pm

- Bike checks
- Basic bike maintenance
- Bike introduction and safety
- Correct riding position

#### SESSION 2 Sunday, May 2

Smithton 9-11am  
Wynyard 1-3pm

- Mounting & Dismounting
- Pedaling
- Braking
- Gearing
- Balancing
- Scanning

#### SESSION 3 Sunday, May 16

Smithton 9-11am  
Wynyard 1-3pm

- Hills
- Group riding
- Shared paths
- Low traffic areas

**Bookings essential**  
Contact: Kelly Milikins  
[kmilikins@warwyn.tas.gov.au](mailto:kmilikins@warwyn.tas.gov.au)  
0448 356 060

Sessions are designed by Cycling Australia and delivered by Alison Hugo Basic AustCycle instructor.

Bikes provided on request.



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# Dates To Remember

## MARCH

<b>Every Tuesday</b> 9:00am to 10:30am	Mother Goose – <i>Birth to 5 years</i>
<b>Every Thursday</b> 9:00am to 10:30am	BeeActive - Age Birth to 5 years
<b>Every Friday</b> 9:00am to 10:30am	Launchpad – <i>Birth to 5 years</i>
<b>Monday 22nd to Friday 26th</b>	Fire Education Week
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	Parents & Friends AGM - 7pm
<b>Wednesday 31st</b>	Last Day of Term 1

## APRIL

<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	Start of Term 2 for students
<b>Every Tuesday</b> 9:00am to 10:30am	Mother Goose – <i>Birth to 5 years</i>
<b>Every Thursday</b> 9:00am to 10:30am	BeeActive - Age Birth to 5 years
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## 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 may be 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](mailto:smithton.primary@education.tas.gov.au) on the day your child is away

**IMPORTANT:** If you happen to forget to notify the school regarding your child/childrens absence and you receive a text from the school please reply to the text as to why your child/children are absent.

Every Day Counts



## CONTACT DETAILS

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Phone: 03 6452 1955

Email: [smithton.primary@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:smithton.primary@education.tas.gov.au)

Web: [smithtonprimary.education.tas.edu.au](http://smithtonprimary.education.tas.edu.au)

