



Smithton Primary School

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3/4 Irvine

In 3/4 Irvine we have been learning about Borneo and the animals that live there, particularly orangutans. We have a wondering wall with questions that we are curious about. So far, we have discovered:

- Orangutans have 32 teeth
- The oldest orangutan lived to 61, but usually they live between 35 and 45 years
- An orangutan's grip is four times stronger than a human's
- Orangutans only have one baby at a time
- We share about 97% of our DNA with orangutans
- The largest terrestrial animal in Borneo is a pygmy elephant
- Orangutans build nests each night, but they don't share them
- Orangutans can swim
- Sumatran orangutans can grow between 1.4 and 1.8 metres tall, but Bornean orangutans are smaller
- Orangutans' main source of diet is fruit and leaves from rainforest trees. They also eat bark, insects and on rare occasions, meat.
- An orangutan's main predator is a clouded leopard
- Orangutans are endangered which means that they might become extinct
- Borneo is 130 million years old
- The population of wild orangutans is somewhere between 55 000 and 65 000
- There are 222 different species of mammals living in Borneo
- Siamese Crocodiles live in Borneo





There has been plenty going on over the past couple of weeks and plenty more yet to come. It is great to see that even though things are busy our whole school community is continuing to pull together as a TEAM in one direction.

Cross Country

Despite a bit of overnight drizzle, and terrible temperatures; the whole school Cross Country was held on Wednesday 26th May and was a huge success. It was fantastic to see everyone from our Kinders up to our Year 6's competing and having fun. We wish to congratulate Alert (Green) who won on the day, following closely by Albion (Blue), then Valiant (Red) and in fourth was Kermandie (Yellow). A huge thank you goes to Miss Kate Stanley who organised and ran the event. Thank you to the students from Smithton High School who assisted on the day and Sergeant Lee-anne Walters who came along to support us with the event. The P & F did a fantastic job of providing us with warm sausages on the day.

Assembly on the 28th of May

Thank you to those who made the special effort to come along to our Sharing Assembly on the 28th of May. It was fantastic to have so many family members and friends show an interest in and encourage our students with the work that they have been doing.

School Photos

On 1st of June, we had our school photos. A thank you to those parents who sent their children along to school in full school uniform.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

On Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th we will be having our Parent/Teacher interviews after school hours. You will receive your child's report at these interviews, and it is an opportunity for you to discuss with your child's teacher what the report says about your child's learning. Most importantly, the focus is on what needs to change (future focus) in Term 3 so that we can maximise the learning for your child. As such, it is really important that all families make the effort to come along to the Parent/Teacher Interviews so that we can continue to work together.

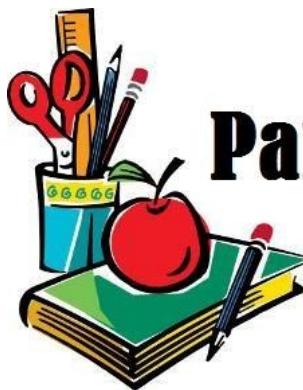
Please let the office know if you have not received a Parent Teacher Meeting form and we will send one home.

Transition opportunities to Smithton High School

As we begin to approach the second half of the year, we start thinking and planning for 2022. For our Grade 6's this means they will be thinking about heading to a new school. We will start to discuss with the Grade 6 students transition opportunities where they will go and visit Smithton High School and spend time becoming familiar with the layout of the school and experiencing some of the core subjects. Our Youth Worker, Dudley Billing, shares his time between us and the high school and supports the children with these opportunities.

As always, if you have any queries or things you'd like to discuss; don't hesitate to book a time to meet with your child's teachers, a leadership team member or myself. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Josh Smith
(Principal)



Parent-Teacher Interviews



Purple Day

The Student Leadership Council sincerely thank the school community for their support of our first fundraising event, Purple Day! It was fantastic to see students in purple and contributing to such a great cause. As a school we raised \$200 for the Cancer Council. We should be incredibly proud of our efforts!



Every **minute**
Every **hour**
Every **day**



We are working towards a cancer-free future

SPS Cross Country

It was fantastic to see the majority of our Smithton Primary School students participate and have some fun running in the school Cross Country last Wednesday. It was bitterly cold, but we were very lucky that the rain held off for most of the day. Thank you to all the families who came along to support and encourage our students. Thank you to the Smithton High School students who helped out on the day and to the Parents and Friends committee for the BBQ lunch. Well done to the following students who have made it to the CHSSSA Cross Country at Edith Creek:

HOUSE POINTS
ALERT - 126 points
ALBION - 93 points
VALIANT - 85 points
KERMANDIE - 78 points

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Cash	Lucas	Ethan	Ezra
Jaxon	Jhett	Ryan	Nathan
Chad	Jack	Ryan	Xander
Jake	Nate	Zannon	Jayda
Aminah	Tahli	Ashlynn	Schaianne
Shayla	Zoe	Jordyn	Piper
Imogen	Matilda	Rose	Mia
Natalia	Olivia		





In Prep/1 Grey we have been busy learning about two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes. We have been learning the names of the shapes and how to describe them. We have learnt that two dimensional shapes are flat! We were then given a two-dimensional shape and we had to say what shape we had, how many corners and how many sides our shapes had.



Prep-1 Grey



5/6 Jordan

BUDDIES

Kinder Bilby



Dates To Remember

JUNE

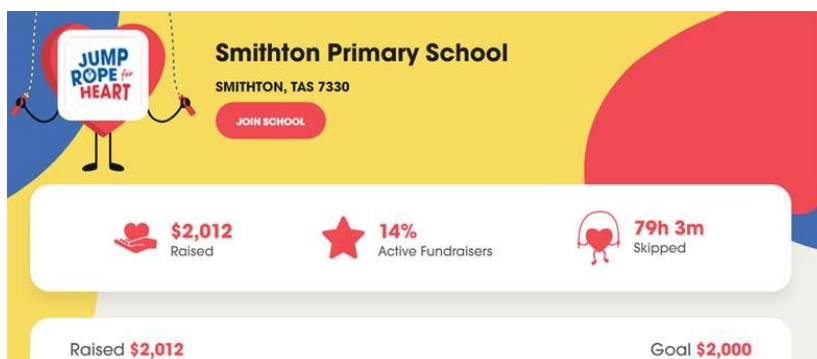
Every Tuesday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Mother Goose – <i>Birth to 5 years</i>
Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am	BeeActive - Age Birth to 5 years
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launchpad – <i>Birth to 5 years</i>
Tuesday 1st	School Photos
Thursday 10th	CHSSSA Cross Country (Edith Creek)
Monday 14th	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
Wednesday 16th	Author Visit - Aleesah Darlison (3/4 Gausden and 3/4 Irvine)
Tuesday 22nd	All school Cross Country (Launceston)
Wednesday 30th - 9:00am	School Assembly

JULY

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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>
Friday 2nd	Last Day of Term
Monday 19th	Student Free Day
Tuesday 20th	Start of Term 3 for students

Update: Jump Rope for Heart

WOW!! We did it! We have reached our goal and raised \$2000! Jump Rope for Heart will be running until Week 8 so keep on skipping!



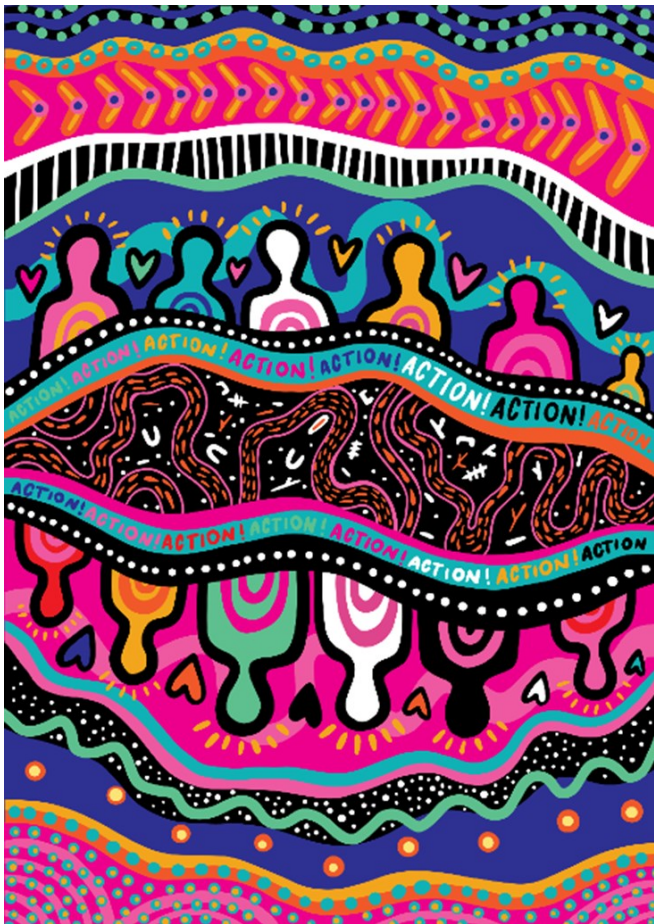
What is Reconciliation?

Reconciliation means a lot of different things to a lot of different people.

Reconciliation usually means working to ensure everyone understands and values that we can learn, know, speak and be in many different ways.

A large part of learning about, and working towards, reconciliation is learning about and respecting Australia's First Peoples – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Friendship, harmony, difference, respect, sharing, fairness, acceptance understanding



COVID-19 COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINICS



Are you aged between 16 and 49 years of age?

A vaccination clinic is coming to your community.

Smithton Community Clinic

Agritas College

12 Nelson Street, Smithton

Saturdays – 5 & 6, 19 & 20 June

9am to 3.45pm

Bookings preferred – walk-ins accepted before 2pm.
You may be asked to wait.

Don't wait. Vaccinate.



If you have not already arranged an appointment with your local GP, please visit:

www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/community-clinic
or call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738



Drink Bottles

Please remember to bring a drink bottle to school.

Kids Need Water!

Water is essential to life and kids need plenty of water in order to feel good, focus, concentrate and think. Water will also give your children the necessary energy and brainpower to help them learn easier and better.



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