



# Smithton Primary School

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## What's been happening in 1/2J

We have been learning about the properties of materials. We made clay pots to test how waterproof a material can be and we constructed lunchboxes to carry a sandwich and an orange. When mixing different colours, we learnt about absorbency and what colours make when mixed.







Well, we have almost made it to the end of Term 2! Well done to all students, staff, family and friends within the school community. This term has been jammed pack full of goodness and I think our school as a whole has really grown this term. We've had many things going on. Some of the highlights have been:

- **Jump Rope for Heart:** our whole school raised over \$2000 and really developed our skill of skipping.
- **Cross Country:** we had a very successful Cross Country Carnival here at SPS and then our team went to Edith Creek to compete against others from within the cluster. Aminah and Ashlynn then went to compete in the State Cross Country Carnival at Symmons Plains.
- **Visiting Author:** Aleesah Darlison came to school to spend time with some of our students and motivate them with their writing.
- **Maths Improvement:** Ben Johnson, our Maths Coach has been working really hard with our staff to see improvements in Maths teaching and learning.
- **National Simultaneous Storytime:** a real-life astronaut read the book "Give Me Some Space" from the International Space Station.
- **Walk to School Safely Day:** it nearly stormed on us, but a whole bunch of staff and families walked to school together.
- **Mother's Day:** we had some very special events occur in the school for Mother's Day.
- **ANZAC DAY:** we had our own service at school as well as laying a wreath at the Smithton ANZAC Day Service.
- **Buddies:** right across our school, our students have had many opportunities to mix older with younger students in very productive and positive ways.
- **Calves:** 40 South Dairies have kindly donated two calves and milk powder to our school. Carson's Transport & Stockfeed have also donated 500kg of calf grain and a grain feeder. Our students have had opportunities to have positive hands on experiences with the calves and learn more about this very important industry in our community. Thank you 40 South Dairies and Carson's Transport & Stockfeed!!



## We also have some things to look forward to in Term 3, including:

- **Pre-Kinder:** families who are thinking about sending their children to SPS in Kinder next year will be encouraged to come along to our Pre-Kinder Sessions.
- **Early Childhood (K-2) swimming:** this will be occurring in Week 7 (30<sup>th</sup> Aug – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept)
- **5/6 Winter Sport:** our Year 5/6 students will have the chance to try out playing sports with students of the same age group from other schools. Students will also have the chance to try out for the Country Gold carnival which will occur towards the end of term. This is where students compete in sports against students from other schools (in Launceston).
- **Maths Relays:** Year 3/4 and 5/6 students will be able to compete in small teams in the SPS Maths Relays. Our best performers will combine to make a SPS team that will compete against other teams from other schools from within the cluster.
- **Beanies:** every child in the school will have the opportunity to have their own school beanie that they will be allowed to wear to and from school and at Recess and Lunch.
- **Mentoring:** we are increasing our ability to have more mentors in our school in Term 3.

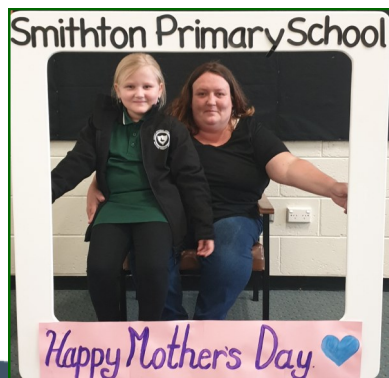
I wish to also thank families for showing a keen interest in your child's education through coming in for Parent/Teacher meetings to discuss your child's report and progress. This year we saw a huge increase in our participation rate (approximately 80%) compared to previous years, which highlights a real improvement. When home and school are on the same page, this makes a huge difference to the possible learning that can occur for each child at the school. So well done to everyone who took time out of their busy week to come and participate.

One last announcement before the end of this term is that Mrs Lyn Nankervis will be taking Maternity Leave. We are really excited for the Nankervis' who are expecting their second child soon but we will certainly miss Mrs Nankervis' and her Music Lessons in our Early Childhood area. As a whole school community we want to thank you for the work that you have done in our school over the past few years and are wishing you all the best for this next chapter. Mrs Charles will be taking over in Mrs Nankervis' absence, with a focus on another area of the Arts for their specialist lessons.

Well, I hope you all have a brilliant two-week break from school and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of July. I encourage everyone to spend time (where possible) with your kids as a family doing things that you love doing together. Quality together time is so valuable, especially while our kids are young, and I hope every family gets the opportunity just to enjoy being with each other; without the pressures of the school day. Have a happy and safe break!

Thanks,

Josh Smith  
(Principal)





# Author Visit

Author Aleesah Darlison came to Smithton Primary to share her LOL books (League of Llamas). Students from Edith Creek and Stanley Primary joined us for this session. She showed us pictures of her animal life and funny videos. She also showed us how to draw a basic llama, We did quizzes and cracked codes.

Thanks Aleesah for coming to show us your hilarious books.

By Jack and Jhett 3-4G





# 2/3 Goodwin

In 2/3 Goodwin we have started to explore multiplication. We are learning that it is called lots of different names but it really just means groups of. We are enjoying making groups of objects and counting them to check if we get the same answer as our partner.

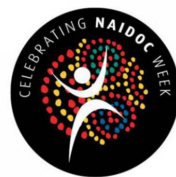




## Theme of the Week: National NAIDOC Week 2021

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC week!

During NAIDOC week we acknowledge and celebrate the history, cultures and languages of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the First Australians.



**HEAL  
COUNTRY!**  
4-11 JULY 2021

### LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

On Friday 2nd of July, we will be celebrating the completion of Term 2 by holding a school version of the Olympics.

This week each class will be creating a mini Olympic game in their classroom.

On Friday students will take part in these games in their house groups.

Students can come dressed in their house colour or their favourite Olympic sport uniform.



WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO  
PARTICIPATE AND TO HAVE FUN



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## WINTER IS HERE



NEW SCHOOL BEANIES  
COMING IN TERM 3!!

ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

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### KINDER 2022

**Do you have a child born in 2017?**

**Applications for 2022 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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# COLOUR ME HOLIDAY

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JULY 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

TUESDAY 6TH JULY - AN AFTERNOON AND EVENING WITH **BOB ROSS** KPRINTING  
 WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY - DRAWING WITH PENCILS AND CHARCOALS  
 THURSDAY 8TH JULY - **COLOUR ME HOLIDAY** STUDY OF COLOUR THROUGH THE USE OF PAINT  
 TUESDAY 13TH JULY - **SPACE ART** CONDUCTED IN DAY AND EVENING SESSIONS  
 WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY - DRAWING WITH OIL AND SOFT PASTELS

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS IN FOLLOWING PAGES OR ...

 RING FRAN FOR MORE INFO!  
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 0458 584 843

## Reminder



Can all library books please be returned to the Library before the last day of term.

Thank you

# BY DESIGN 2021

## CH SCIENCE GIG

**FOOD: DIFFERENT**

<b>carrot</b> 	<b>seafood</b> 	<b>farmer</b> 
<b>chef</b> 	<b>grapes</b> 	<b>corn</b> 
<b>cheese</b> 	<b>scientist</b> 	<b>meat</b> 

**MONDAY 16 AUGUST CHCRC**

An Australian Government Initiative | Inspiring | national science week 2021



# WINTER CAMP

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
**JULY 2021**

8-10TH: 10-12 Y/O  
 11-13TH: 12-14 Y/O  
 15-17TH: 14-17 Y/O  
 LOCATION: Paper Beach

<http://campstasmania.com.au>  
[hello@campstasmania.com.au](mailto:hello@campstasmania.com.au)



# Dates To Remember

## JUNE

Every Tuesday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Mother Goose – Birth to 5 years
Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am	BeeActive - Age Birth to 5 years
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launchpad – Birth to 5 years
Wednesday 30th	Pre-Kinder Info Session - 5:30pm to 6:00pm School Assembly - 9:00am

## JULY

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Thursday 1st	Pre-Kinder Info Session - 9:30am to 10:00am
Friday 2nd	Last Day of Term

## TERM 3 - JULY

Monday 19th	Student Free Day
Tuesday 20th	Start of Term 3 for students
Thursday 29th - 12:30pm to 2:30pm	5/6 Winter Sport

## AUGUST

Thursday 5th	Hockey Clinic - 1/2J, 2/3G, 3/4G, 2/3I 5/6 Winter Sport - 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Thursday 12th	5/6 Winter Sport - 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Monday 16th	CH Science Gig
Thursday 19th	Country Gold Selections - 12:30pm to 2:30pm

happy  
holidays!

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