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5/6 Walter



5/6 Walter has teamed up with their buddies in Kinder Koala to design and create their own imaginative pets.

The first step had the class working closely with their kinder buddies to design a wonderful, wacky and one-of-a-kind pet. The only limitations were their imaginations.

The next step (which you see in these photos) is having the students of 5/6 Walter pick out the materials and resources they need to create their pets. To create the shape and structure of their pet, they used a range of recycled materials, and anything they could find to stick it all together.

The next step will be bringing their pets to life with colours and exposing their special features. Wish them luck!





What a brilliant fortnight we have had in our school with so many good things going on. Our theme over the Olympics period was “Being a Good Sport.” This was our focus as we tried to apply what being a good sport means at school whether it be when we are playing Maths games, playing a game at break times and being a good friend. It has been excellent to see students take this learning on board.

One major point I wish to make is that we continue to follow the health advice about sending your children to school. We are finding that some students are coming to school when they are unwell (cold and flu symptoms). We again hope to be clear in explaining that students who are sick need to stay home as this prevents the spread of these germs and prevents other students and staff from getting sick themselves. Thank you to those families who are following this advice.

Pre-Kinder

Our first session was a huge success with 12 families coming along to begin preparing their child for Kinder in 2022. I'd like to encourage all families who are thinking about sending their children to SPS in Kinder next year to come along to our Pre-Kinder Sessions. These sessions are held every Thursday in Term 3 from 9:00 – 10:30am.

100 Days of School Celebrations

What a wonderful celebration was had by our Early Childhood students when we celebrated being at school for 100 days in 2021. Students across Early childhood celebrated with many different activities.



Maths Relays

All of our Upper Primary students had the privilege of competing in our own Math's Relay on the 3rd of August. This was a fantastic opportunity for teams of four students to enjoy answering some challenging Maths problems under the pressure of time. All students did an amazing job of this with our two winning teams pictured holding the prize of the "Golden Abacus."



Our top performers then went on to compete at the Circular Head Cluster Maths Relay which was held at Smithton Primary School on the 10th of August. Our students did an amazing job of representing our school. A huge thank you to the Smithton High School students who helped us with the marking at our event and also to Mrs Toni Popowski for organising and running the CH Cluster Maths Relay.

5/6 Winter Sports

For the last two Thursday afternoons, our 5/6 students have been enjoying playing a variety of sports with students from the other Cluster Schools. This has included Tennis, Taekwondo, Football, Hockey and Netball. This will continue on, leading into Country Gold selection opportunities where a Circular Head representative team will be chosen to compete in Launceston on the 16th and 17th of September.

Science Gig

I encourage all families to attend the Science Gig on Monday evening (16th August) at the Circular Head REC. It will have a variety of interesting displays and things for kids to do. It is a 4:30 – 8:30pm event. 2/3 Goodwin have entered their awesome design of a fencing system into the competition and their model will be displayed on the night. You do not have to be there for the whole time, I would encourage families to plan to come for an hour to help foster your children's curiosity and love of Science.

Lastly, I wish to say a huge thank you to the **Parents & Friends** committee in the school. As you will remember, they have used their funds to support purchasing items for each classroom to help students concentrate better in the classroom. Last term they even provided the staff with some encouragement in the form of an afternoon tea. They have also done so much more than this and are planning a school market and a school cookbook. We are really lucky to have a P&F that is so keen to get in and do things, but also listen to what the needs of the school are. For anyone hoping to join the P&F (and I encourage you to do so), their next meeting is on Thursday 26th of August at 7pm in the SPS Staff Room.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership with the school. I love being Principal of this school and we will continue to all work together to continue to improve our awesome school.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**
Principal



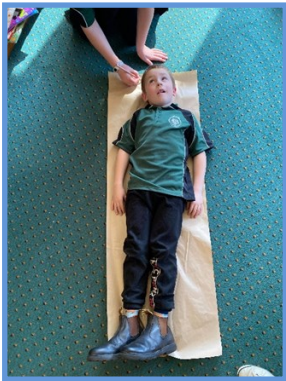
CH Cluster Maths Relay

Yesterday students from all schools in Circular Head came joined together to compete in the Cluster Maths Relay. Well done to Ezra, Lucy, Sarah, Oliver, Zander P, Sophie, Savannah, Jayda, Lucas, Tilly, Nate K, Jhett, Kuturah, Alex, Olivia and Elizabeth who represented our school on the day.



Prep/1 Ryan

In Prep/One Ryan we have been investigating formal and informal measurement. We read the story *Rosie's Walk* and discovered how long Rosie's walk was around the farm. During this week we wanted to know how tall we were, so we asked our buddy class if they would help us find the answers. Naleea suggested we lay on a big piece of paper and get someone to trace around us and we could find out how tall we were that way.



Prep/1 Grey and Prep/1 Ryan celebrating *100 years* of school



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**EXPRESS
YOUR
INTEREST**

Twilight Market

**Stallholder applications are
now open**

19th NOVEMBER 2021

5 PM - 8 PM

**\$20
PER
TABLE**

**For more info or to request an
application form, email
parentsandfriends.sps@gmail.com**

KIDS NEED WATER!!

There has been an increasing number of students forgetting to bring their drink bottles to school. Please remind children to bring their drink bottles to school every day!

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.



PACK A BOTTLE

Please remember to pack a drink bottle filled with water for your child each day!!

SPS Parents & Friends

WE WANT YOUR RECIPES...

The SPS Parents & Friends will be publishing a beautiful cookbook filled with family favourites from our school community.

Please share your recipes with us. It's as easy as choosing a recipe and submitting via the link
<https://forms.gle/FZwrzLQ8GnKHsjWd7>



This cookbook will be professionally printed and will be a great gift idea!

**Please submit your recipes by the
20th of August.
Do not hesitate to contact Mikayla at
parentsandfriends.sps@gmail.com if
you have any questions.**

Dates To Remember

AUGUST

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| Every Tuesday - 9:00am to 10:00am | Mother Goose – <i>Birth to 5 years</i> |
| Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am | Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2022 |
| Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am | Launchpad – <i>Birth to 5 years</i> |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 17th - 9:00am to 10:00am | School Assembly |
| Thursday 19th | Country Gold Selections - 12:30pm to 2:30pm |
| Monday 30th August to Friday 3rd September | Early Childhood Swimming |

SEPTEMBER

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| Every Tuesday - 9:00am to 10:00am | Mother Goose – <i>Birth to 5 years</i> |
| Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am | Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2022 |
| Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am | Launchpad – <i>Birth to 5 years</i> |
| Wednesday 15th - 9:00am to 10:00am | School Assembly |
| Friday 24th | Last Day of Term 3 |

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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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Smithton Rotary's 2021 Book Fair
16th - 21st August

Where: Old Video Store,
Emmett St, Smithton
Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Another great book fair
including a Raffle and a
mini Garage Sale!

Wicked Wendy's
Wonderful Tours

The funny anecdotes
of Rotarian Gerard

Rotarian Life

Proceeds go towards books
for all Circular Head Schools
Pre - Kinder Kids

Book Week
Dress-Up Parade
Tuesday 24th August at 9am

Come dressed as your favourite book
character or wear a hat

CBCA BOOK WEEK
OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS,
OTHER WORLDS
21-27 AUGUST 2021

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children with disabilities

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have a disability?**
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**HOCKEY
IS
BACK**

U8's

Students in Grades Kinder -
2. Games will be played
Friday afternoons, starting
Term 4.

U12's

Students in Grade 3 - 6 can play
in a competitive roster. These
games will be ran on a Friday
night, starting later in Term 3. This
roster will continue in Term 4 with
a grand final being played.

Students wanting to participate in either the U8's or U12's roster please
give your names to the office. Teams are needing to be finalised by 20th
August.

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