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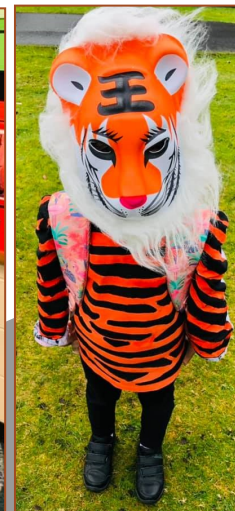
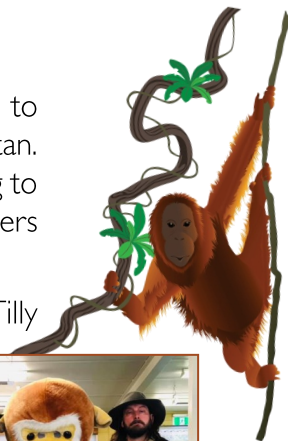
25th August 2021



3/4 Irvine

In 3/4 Irvine, we learnt about Borneo and the orangutans and last Friday we decided to plan a Day in the Jungle. We raised about \$200 which means we can adopt an orangutan. This will give them food, jungle school and vet services. The rest of the money is going to be donated to the same organisation. Thank you to all the students and staff members who dressed up and helped us raise money that will help us to save the orangutans!

By Grace, Immy and Tilly





Busy Bees

What another fantastic fortnight we have had at Smithton Primary School. Students have been busy in their classrooms learning and there have been many special events on.

Book Parade

What an absolute amazing celebration we had on Tuesday 24th of August in the Assembly Hall. So many parents, friends and other guests came to see the students all dressed up in their favourite characters from books. Each student had the opportunity to show their outfit off as we all celebrated books and reading as a school community.

Day in the Jungle

On Friday 20th of August 3/4 Irvine organised a fundraiser after spending time in Term 2 learning about the destruction of habitats in Borneo. Their goal was to raise enough money to adopt an orangutan. Miss Irvine's class asked us all to come dressed in a 'jungle theme' and bring a gold coin along. Just like our Book Parade, it was fantastic to see the whole school get involved in this worthwhile cause. Well done to Miss Irvine and her class for having the initiative and organisational skills to plan and run this whole school event.

STEAM-A-Thon

Last week (18th – 20th of August) we held our first ever STEAM-A-THON. This was held in the Assembly Hall, where all students had the opportunity to participate in approximately 20 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) activities. Over the three days many parents, grandparents, family friends and other guests came to participate with their children in this event. It was a huge success and I wish to thank Mrs Charles for planning and organising this event. I am sure this will be something we do now at least once per year.

Parent/Caregiver Survey

Each year, we ask our parents/caregivers for feedback so that we can continue to improve as a school and have some understanding of what we are doing well. It is extremely important to us that we listen and respect the opinions and perspectives of our parents/caregivers. So I am asking that as many people as possible complete the survey. You will find the link to the survey and how to access this in our Newsletter, but just in case you cant find it, here it is again:

Survey link <https://ncv.microsoft.com/n6gi4rNqFr>

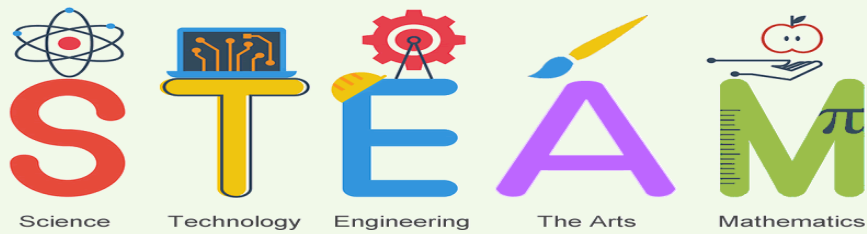
By giving us this feedback, we then look at areas of strength and areas where we need to improve. At the end of this year we review the year and use this feedback to make changes and adjustments for 2022. It is really important that you are honest in your feedback and also that we get as many parents providing feedback as possible. In terms of who reads the feedback; I read it first and then the Leadership Team reads it. We then make a summary that is used with our other staff. If you would like to fill out the survey, but don't know how to, please come into the school and I or someone else will give you a hand completing it. The survey itself should take about 10-15 minutes.

Thanks once again for your ongoing support of our school. It is a privilege to be leading this school and I must say that as a school, we are heading in the right direction. Let's continue to use our philosophy of working together as a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) as a whole school community.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**
Principal

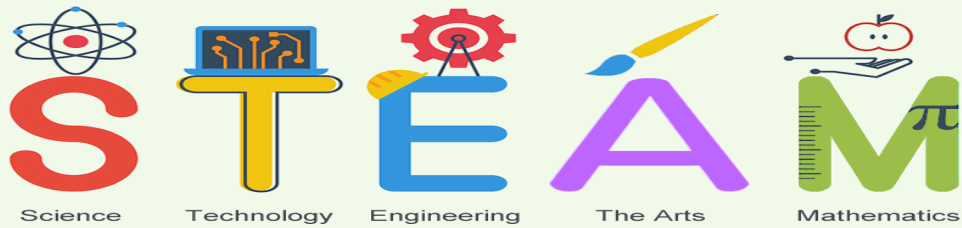




Last week in STEAM we held a STEAM-A-THON for classes Prep to Year 6. This was a chance to show the types of activities that we do in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics) and it was also the chance for parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles to come in and work with students. It was fantastic to see so many adults coming in and joining in on the challenges. Thank you for taking the time to join us as part of this event.

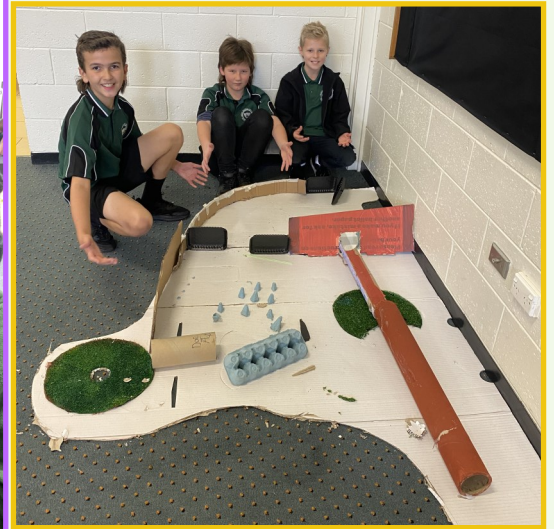
Students had a great time trying the different activities. It was good to see the parents joining in to try and solve the challenges as well.





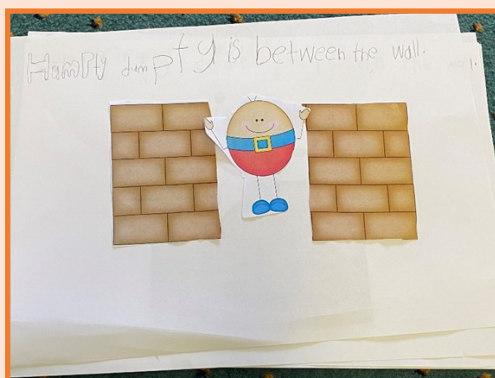
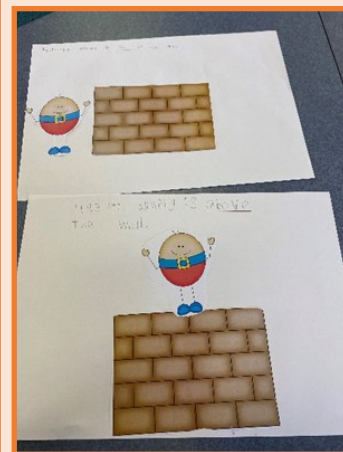
This week in STEAM all classes will be having a session with Edu.Cat STEM who will be talking to students about caring for cats and have a challenge for each class to do.

I would also be interested in talking to anyone that might be interested in helping our 5/6 on a Friday from 11:30 to build some projects they have designed. Please let me know if you are able to help. Thank you, Veronica



Prep/1 Grey

In Prep-One Grey we have been learning about location and direction. We learnt the language we use when describing positions. We then chose a position card and placed Humpty Dumpty in that position with his wall. We created a book called 'Where's Humpty?'. Come and have a read of our class book!



Attention: Parents and Carers of students in Year 4 – Year 6

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey

The wellbeing of our students is important to us.

To get an understanding of how students across Tasmania feel about their own wellbeing, students in Years 4 – 6 at Smithton Primary School will be taking part in a wellbeing survey.

The Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey is part of the [Department of Education's Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy](#).

The details for the survey are:

When:

Monday 6th September 2021

Who:

Year 4 – Year 6

What do I need to do:

You and your child don't need to do anything. The survey will be done in class time and will not require your child to prepare in any way.

A letter with more information has been sent home with all Year 4-6 students, including Frequently Asked Questions and a form to sign and return to the school if you do not want your child to participate in the survey.

If you would like further information, please contact Josh Smith on 64521955.

Thank you for supporting us to ensure that all our learners are safe, feel supported and are able to flourish, so they can engage in learning.



Winter Sport

Congratulations to the following SPS students who were selected to represent Circular Head at Country Gold being held in September:

Football: Eli, Nathan, Ezra, Ryan

Hockey: Lewis

Netball: Sophie, Jayda, Schaienne



Science Gig

Grade 2/3 Goodwin decided that we have a problem at Smithton Primary School with plovers and their babies. We brainstormed how we could solve the problem and what we would need to be successful. We asked questions, researched answers and created a Plover safe haven to enter in the Science Gig for Circular Head.

We were very proud of our efforts and the judges thought so!!
We received a Highly Commended certificate for our work.



2021 School Satisfaction Survey – Parents / Caregivers

Each year the Department of Education conducts School Satisfaction Surveys in Tasmanian Government schools, to gain feedback on what you think our schools do well and where you think we may improve.

We encourage you to complete the survey about Smithton Primary School. Your feedback is very important to help us inform our school planning and decision-making.

You can complete the online survey at any time until Friday 17 September 2021. Survey link: <https://ncv.microsoft.com/O5vpr1G5aB>

All responses are anonymous and confidential with the survey carried out on a secure website.

Feedback is only accessible to the school principal and teachers and relevant Department of Education staff, in online summary report formats with no individuals or families identifiable.

For any assistance, please contact Education Performance and Review by emailing: schoolsurveys@education.tas.gov.au.

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this survey

We would love as many parents / caregivers as possible to complete the survey so we can gain knowledge on what we are doing well and where we can improve. There are a couple of ways to access the survey, if you have any issues you can always contact the school.

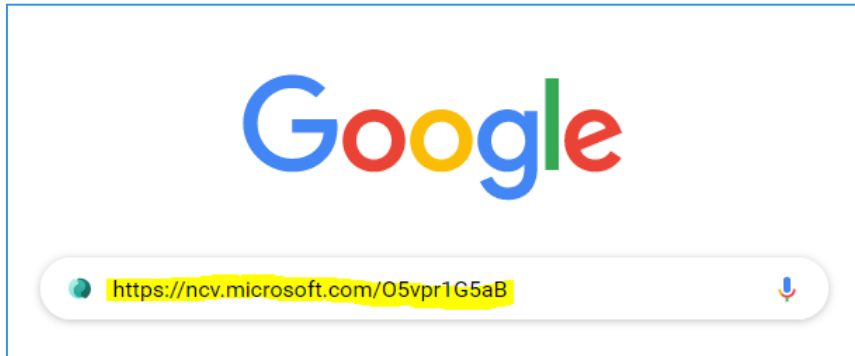
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You can hold down the Ctrl key and click to follow the survey link <https://ncv.microsoft.com/O5vpr1G5aB>

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You can type in or copy and paste the link

<https://ncv.microsoft.com/O5vpr1G5aB> into your internet search engine



You can pop into the school before Friday 17th September and use the computer that has been set up in office so parents can access the survey.

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Just so you know you've got to the right place; this is what the first page of the survey looks like 😊

A screenshot of the 'Parent School Satisfaction Survey 2021' for Smithton Primary School. The header is blue with the Department of Education logo and the school name. The main text explains the purpose of the survey and states that responses are anonymous. Below this, there is a section for 'Demographic questions' with a required question: '1. What is the year level of your ELDEST CHILD at Smithton Primary School?'. A dropdown menu is provided for the answer, and a 'Next' button is at the bottom. A progress bar at the bottom right indicates 'Page 1 of 3'.

Kinder Bilby – Baking Damper



This term in Kinder Bilby we have been learning about drama and retelling stories in a logical sequence. We have started to tell the story of The Little Red Hen. As part of developing our understanding about how the hen takes wheat and turns it into flour, and then the flour into bread, we made damper. Each student kneaded their own dough from flour, salt, and water, and helped check the damper in the oven. Once it was ready, they chose their toppings! We look forward to working on The Little Red Hen this term and sharing it with our families.



Dates To Remember

AUGUST

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>
Monday 30th August to Friday 3rd September	Early Childhood Swimming

SEPTEMBER

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>
Friday 10th	P&F Bakery Fundraiser orders, with payment, due back to school
Wednesday 15th - 9:00am to 10:00am	School Assembly
Friday 24th	Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4 - OCTOBER

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>
Monday 11th	Start of Term 4 for students
Friday 29th October	Student Free Day

School Banking is every Tuesday

As a parent or legal guardian, you can open a Youthsaver account online for a child who is 13 or under. If the child is 14 or over, they can drop in to the nearest Commonwealth Bank branch with their birth certificate or passport.



SPS students laying the wreath at the Veteran Day Service at ANZAC Park

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 31st of August.
Do not hesitate to contact Mikayla at parentsandfriends.sps@gmail.com if you have any questions.

You may also drop your recipes
in to the school office

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SUNRISE BAKERY FUNDRAISER



Please have your forms and money returned by the 10th of September. Orders will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, 22 September.

Fundraiser - is to purchase a new DSLR camera for the school to photograph events and happenings around the school.



This evening at Smithton High School Year 7 & Elective Information Evening

Meet Year 7
Teachers

Wednesday 25th August 2021
Meeting at the Mini Theatre
6:45pm for a 7pm start

Come and see what we have to offer at Smithton High School

See the
uniform

Come for a
tour of our
school

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Cub
Scouts

Smithton Scout Group is in desperate need of leaders !!

Leaders are needed for both Cub & Scout sections.

If you feel the need to volunteer, why not choose Scouts.

Where else can you volunteer and go hiking, camping and other great activities. Be apart of helping kids through an amazing organisation that is more important today than it ever has been.

Combine it with including your children and watch them progress through the system.

No experience needed, all training provided, warm fuzzy feeling guaranteed at least once a week.

Come along and try and see what its all about.

Currently meeting Wednesday's 5:30pm to 7:00pm

For more information contact :

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Be Prepared...
for new adventure!

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