



# Smithton Primary School

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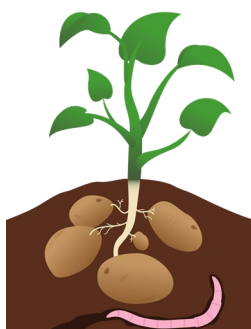
20th October 2021



## Prep/1 Ryan

At the end of Term 3 we were busy gardening. Mr Marthick got us some potatoes and carrots to plant in the school garden. We had to measure and space out the seeds evenly to ensure that they would grow well.

When we checked at the start of this term, they had started to grow!



# Term

What a great start we've had back in Term 4 with students straight back into their routines.

## Hats

With the sun peeking out from behind the clouds in Term 4 we bring back the wearing of hats. We've given the students the first week to find/purchase their hats and now we are expecting that they wear them. Our purpose, as with most other schools, is to see this as a part of teaching our students that looking after our body is important. We teach the students about the harm that UV can do to our skin, eyes and other areas of our body and that wearing a hat, although it doesn't fully protect us, is one practical way we can do this at school. We do expect that students wear one of our uniform hats (\$12) as this is the simplest way to be consistent in enforcing this rule. At recess and lunch, if students do not have their hat, we have designated places where they can sit in the shade outside and still play and be supervised. We continue to try to teach the students to look after their own hats and one way to do this is to at least have their name on their hat.



## P & F



I wish to congratulate and thank the P & F for being so active in our school; working so well together to bring new fund-raising ideas and experiences to our school. Earlier in the year they purchased some additional seating which has been installed in the Kinder undercover area and speaking with the parents who use that area it sounds like they are certainly being used. The P&F also did a brilliant job of organising the Sunrise Bakery Fundraiser at the end of last term. They have also put together a school cookbook which they are hoping will be ready for purchase in time for the Twilight Market planned for the 19<sup>th</sup> of November (5 - 8pm) at school. Thank you and well done to the P&F, we all appreciate your hard work and creative thinking. Our school is a much better place because of your input. Anyone is welcome to come to the meetings, so if you are interested, the next meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November at SPS starting at 7:30pm.

## Fire Evacuation

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of October our school fire alarm went off unexpectedly and the whole school undertook a Fire Evacuation. I am pleased to report that this was conducted safely and that all staff and students followed our routines and procedures well. Within a very short amount of time, all people onsite were accounted for and we were able to return back into the school safely once the fire brigade had done their inspection. I am also pleased to report that there was not a fire, it was due to an accidentally damaged emergency break glass alarm.



## PAT Testing (Progressive Achievement Testing)



Over the next 3 weeks, students from Prep to Year 6 undertake PAT testing that is ran by our school. The purpose of this testing is to provide the teaching team with data that allows us to evaluate the effectiveness of our learning programs so that we can see areas of strengths, weaknesses and patterns within the school, within groups of students and among individual students. Students complete the testing in a safe environ-





## Calves

Thank you once again to 40 South Dairies and parents of the school, Luke and Tammy Tuxworth, for their ongoing support at school by providing us with calves. They have donated two gorgeous little calves. The bull is a cross bred Angus and the heifer is a cross bred Hereford. Both are doing well and the students absolutely adore them. A fantastic way to bring a piece of our community into the school and plenty of learning opportunities.



## Think U Know (online safety program)

We are very privileged to have the 'Think U Know' program occurring in our school next Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup> of October). This is a program that informs us about how we can put strategies into place to best support our young people when navigating being online. We have two sessions, one at 9am for any community member and one at 11:15am for our Year 5/6 students. We have put this out to the community to come along and listen to the 9am session.



## Term 4

We all know that Term 4 is the fastest paced term of them all. There are many exciting things happening among all the classes, particularly towards the end of the term. As a result, sometimes things can be miscommunicated or misunderstood. I just want to take the time to encourage all members of our school community (staff, students, parents/carers etc.) to ask if you are unsure of anything and to assume that people's intentions are good. We all make mistakes, but we will be working very hard to ensure that our communication is effective. As always, we appreciate feedback, so please let us know if we have overlooked anything.

As always, at Smithton Primary, we work together as TEAM with everyone included. Please know that you are a valued member of this school community and that we absolutely love it that you have chosen to partner with us.

Thanks,

Josh Smith

Principal



# THINK U KNOW

Next Tuesday at 9am we invite all parents and community members to the Think You Know Online Safety program. This program will be run by Kellie Little from the Tasmanian Police. During the session she will teach us about online child exploitation and the challenges children can face online. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn about the online environment and what parents and adults can do to help young people be safe and responsible users of technology. For more information phone the school on 6452 1955.



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KNOW**  
org.au

## Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

**DATE:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
9am

**LOCATION:** Smithton Primary

The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) for more information about online safety and security.

OUR PARTNERS





# Crazy Sock and Hair Day



Fundraising  
For  
Childhood  
Cancer









# Dates To Remember

## TERM 4 - OCTOBER

|                                    |   |
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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>               |
| Monday 11th                        | Start of Term 4 for students                      |
| Wednesday 20th                     | Crazy Hair/Sock Disco                             |
| Friday 29th                        | Student Free Day                                  |

## NOVEMBER

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| Every Tuesday - 9:00am to 10:00am<br><i>Last day for the year is on the 30th November</i>  | Mother Goose – <i>Birth to 5 years</i>                           |
| Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am<br><i>Last day for the year is on the 30th November</i> | Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2022                |
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| Monday 1st   | Public Holiday   |
| Tuesday 2nd to Friday 12th   | Year 3 to 6 Swimming   |
| Friday 19th  | P & F Twilight Market<br>SHS Orientation Day for Year 6 students |

## DECEMBER

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| Thursday 2nd to Friday 3rd   | Year 6 Trip  |
| Wednesday 8th                | Kinder Celebration of Learning                           |
| Tuesday 14th - 10:00am start | Whole School Assembly in the SPS Gym                     |
| Wednesday 15th               | Picnic to Marrawah (Kinder to Year 5)<br>Year 6 Day Trip |
| Thursday 16th                | Students Last Day  |



Please remember to bring a drink bottle to school. It is important for students to stay hydrated during the day by drinking lots of water!!

## Hats On For Term 4

We are a SUNSMART School which means No Hats No Play during Terms 1 and 4. Students are required to wear hats whenever they are outside.

Sun hats are to be worn during recess, lunch and other outdoor activities. Students may still wear their school beanies to and from school.



## Road Safety Reminder!



**STOP!**  
NEVER CROSS THE STREET ALONE



**LOOK!**  
CHECK BOTH WAYS FOR TRAFFIC



**CROSS!**  
ONCE CLEAR, CROSS WITH AN ADULT

ALLIANTH Clearing

It is IMPORTANT FOR YOUR SAFETY that you ALWAYS wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or anything as such around town.



**Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation**

## COVID-19 VACCINATION PFIZER CLINIC



**VACCINATIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.  
ON-SITE CLINIC - 12 YEARS+ ALL WELCOME**

- +** **When-**  
1st vaccine 2nd November 2021, 12pm- 7pm  
2nd vaccine 23rd November 2021, 12pm- 7pm
- +** **Where-**  
Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation Health Centre  
165 Nelson St, Smithton

If you want more information direct from the Immunisation team about receiving the vaccination please book an appointment, no obligation to proceed

**Bookings required  
Phone 64 521 287**

**Local transport is available upon request**



**positive partnerships**

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free  
to attend

### 1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

#### Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your school

#### Location:

Tall Timbers  
5/15 Scotchtown Rd  
Smithton TAS 7330

Morning tea and a light lunch are provided

**Smithton, TAS**

**Thursday 18th November, 2021  
9.15am - 3.00pm**



Interpreters available



To register, visit

[positivepartnerships.com.au](https://positivepartnerships.com.au) OR,  
contact Carmel Corrigan

[ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au)



For help, call:  
1300 881 971

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