



Smithton Primary School

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In Kinder Koala we have been using our **green** thumbs!

We are enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine that will help our plants grow. Earlier in the year we grew snow peas which we had fun ripping out ready for our new tomato plants. Here are some of our observations and wonderings:



Look, the strawberries are making new leaves. More than last night! – Hunter

They aren't red or very big. Can we eat the strawberries yet? – Amity

I see the strawberries are growing. There are flowers, they'll grow from the flowers like the peas did – Brooklyn

There are more flowers than last time we were here – Riley

This flower is shut. It'll open maybe on Wednesday – Fletcher

Look, they're so big! Big juicy peas for my tum – Laiquin

They fell off the plant. The flowers down there. They fell off, a pea will grow from it – Leo



The tomato plants smell. It's on my hands now. They smell like soft and nice – Marlee

I wonder how big the tomato plants grow? Will it become a tree? – Kobe

I found a snail. It's slimy slither on my hand. – Riley

That made the holes in those leaves I reckon! – Leo

Ava enjoyed digging the hole for our tomato plants. She was very focussed when she tipped the soil into the bucket.

We need to water the plants now so they grow big tomatoes to eat – Emy

Let's dig a big hole so that the roots fit and have room – Josie





We're getting very close to the middle of Term 4 and as we know it'll be Christmas before we know it.

There has been plenty of good things going on at Smithton Primary.

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.

Think U Know (online safety program)

We were really lucky to have Senior Constable Kellie Little come to our school last week to speak with adults in the school community and with our Year 5/6 students about being safe online. A range of topics were discussed and some very hard-hitting facts about what constitutes a chargeable offence. The feedback has been that we need more of this type of learning to occur among our students and adults in this school community. We will be looking at ways of making sure that people have greater access to this information. Senior Constable Kellie Little left behind some resources that we are happy to share with anyone who would like a copy.



Excursions

We have had two recent excursions. The first excursion was to Guide Falls Farm where the two buddy classes (3/4 Irvine & P/I Ryan) joined to head up to visit this farm and learn more about all sorts of interesting animals. It was great to see all students participate and engage in this activity on such a beautiful day. Well done to Miss Irvine and Miss Ryan for their organisation of this fantastic opportunity for these students. As well as this, 2/3 Goodwin have been on a local excursion to Woolworths, stopping to have lunch at the park before making their way back to the school. Mrs Goodwin has done an excellent job of utilising a local resource as a part of her students learning program, looking at food types and an introduction to mapping.



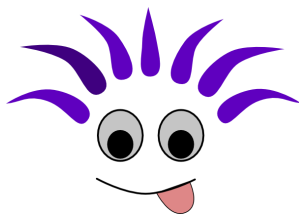
 Welcome 
To Our School
Mathias, Saphyre and Charlie!!

Swimming

This week and next, our Upper Primary (Year 3 – 6) students are undertaking their swimming program for the year at SWIRL. Students have nine days of learning planned for and delivered by qualified swimming instructors. With water activities being a huge part of the Australian culture (in particular Circular Head), it is vital that our students learn not just how to swim, but how to be safe in the water. As is the case every year, we have some students not eager to be involved in this activity (for a variety of reasons) and so I strongly urge all parents/carers to really push for their child/ren to fully participate in this learning opportunity.



Crazy Hair Day



Although it seems like months ago now, two weeks ago we had a Crazy Hair and Sock Disco. The Student Leadership Council planned and organised this event and it was great to see so many staff and students participate. The purpose of the day was to raise awareness and to fundraise for childhood cancer research and support. We had two discos, an Early Childhood (K – 2) and an Upper Primary (3 – 6). I shouldn't be, but I was so surprised at the level of engagement and participation in these activities. Our students absolutely loved the dancing, togetherness and building the sense of school community. Well done to our SLC who is ran so well by Ms Stanley.

Golf Clinics

Peter Webster from Target Golf has been working in our school with students from Prep through to Year 6 and will continue to do so for two more weeks. He is teaching them the basics of the sport of Golf, bringing about a sense of fun to this sport that many children don't get the chance to try.



P & F

Our P&F have put together a school cookbook which they are hoping will be ready for purchase in time for the Twilight Market planned for the 19th 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 8th of November at SPS starting at 7:30pm.



2/3 GOODWIN EXCURSION TO WOOLWORTHS AND WEST ESPLANADE

Last Thursday our class walked to Woolworths to explore how a supermarket is set out. We had to draw a map of the aisles and learnt that our food is grouped in certain ways. We learnt that there are lots of areas of a supermarket including Fruit and Vegetables, Dairy, Meat, Deli, Freezer and Pet Food.

After we had explored Woolworths we walked to West Esplanade to have a picnic lunch and a plat before walking back to school.

Thank you to Mrs Best, Mrs Jaeger, Mrs Powell, Miss Hine and Shannon for helping to keep us safe.



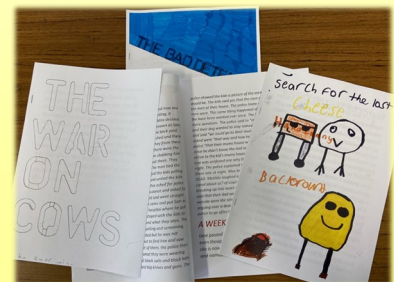
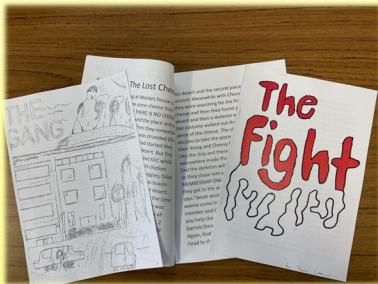
5/6 Walter

In 5/6W this term, the students have been creating their own narratives. The students have built their knowledge and skills in producing creative and interesting stories.

Firstly, students created a rough draft for their story, building back stories for their characters and developing the setting.

Once the draft was complete, students used computers to type their stories and build on their drafts.

After editing their stories, students used what they had learnt about the Elements of Art and have created their own individual and unique artwork to act as the front cover to their story.



School Health 'Nurse Rob'

Tuesdays at Smithton Primary School

Did you know?

School health nurses work with the support teams of both primary and secondary schools and the Tasmanian Health Service.

School health nurses support schools to create a physical and social environment that promotes health and wellbeing and assists to improve the health and education outcomes for children and young people in Tasmania.



Focus for Primary Schools

- Vision and hearing checks.
- Health assessments.
- Providing advice and information to students, parents and school staff on children's health, physical activity and nutrition.
- Local, state and national health promotion initiatives.
- Health education aligned with the *Australian Curriculum* including healthy relationships, body esteem, resilience and mental wellbeing, and drugs and alcohol.
- Assisting schools with the management of complex medical conditions.
- Addressing any medical issues that may be impacting learning.

Kinder Bilby - Whose Egg Is It?



One morning during gross motor in the kinder yard, the children stumbled upon a brown speckled egg. We all gathered around and looked at the egg. Inside, the children shared their observations and wondering about which animal laid the egg, and which animals lay eggs. We said that we had seen plovers around lately and decided to research what plover eggs look like,

When the image came up, we decided that the image and the egg matched up and that the egg belonged to a plover! From here, the children asked about what the eggs of other animals look like. Cyprus wondered about grasshopper eggs and Malachi wondered about dinosaur eggs which led to a conversation about fossils.

The children showed curiosity and openness to have alternative conceptions changed by new information, they communicated their wonderings and understandings verbally and visually, and showed that they are confident and involved learners. After our discussion and after observing different types of eggs, the children generated some representations of their learning and wonderings about eggs and animals that lay eggs.



grasshopper eggs



dinosaur egg fossils



chicken eggs



ladybird eggs



snail eggs



plover eggs



turtle eggs



Belonging, Being and Becoming: The early Years Learning Framework for Australia

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators.

Hands on Learning

Students building the chicken coop



Dates To Remember

NOVEMBER

Every Tuesday - 9:00am to 10:00am <i>Last day for the year is on the 30th November</i>	Mother Goose – Birth to 5 years
Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am <i>Last day for the year is on the 2nd December</i>	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2022
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am <i>Last day for the year is on the 3rd December</i>	Launchpad – Birth to 5 years
Monday 1st	Public Holiday
Tuesday 2nd to Friday 12th	Year 3 to 6 Swimming
Friday 19th	P & F Twilight Market SHS Orientation Day for Year 6 students
Monday 22nd	Brave Hearts - Ditto, Kinder to Year 3 Brave Hearts Parent Session 11.00am to 11:30am

DECEMBER

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) Year 6 Day Trip
Thursday 16th	Students Last Day

New seats in the Kinder undercover area





Circular Head Program

Woolworths Cricket Blast is coming to Smithton.
If you are aged 5-10, come and join in the fun!

Smithton Rec Ground from 5.00pm - 5.45pm



Monday 8th November
Monday 15th November
Monday 22nd November
Monday 29th November
Monday 6th December
Monday 13th December



For more information and to register visit
www.playcricket.com.au and search
"Circular Head"



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to attend

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ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

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- 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 OR,
contact Carmel Corrigan
ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call:
1300 881 971

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Welcome to Autism

A **FREE** introductory workshop for parents
and family members

This **FREE** workshop explores the
characteristic strengths and challenges
of autism and provides parents and
family members who are new to autism
with a welcoming introduction to useful
resources and supports.

This session is for parents and unpaid
family carers of children who are on the
autism spectrum, or who show autistic
characteristics. A confirmed diagnosis of
autism is not needed.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Questions?

Contact: Learning and Development Team
Email: learning@autismtas.org.au
or call (03) 6722 5000

Hobart

Tuesday 9 November 2021: 10am-1pm
The Vibe Hotel, 36 Argyle Street, Hobart
Register at www.trybooking.com/BQNFR

Launceston

Wednesday 17 November 2021: 10am-1pm
Autism Tasmania, 39 Tamar Street, Launceston
Register at www.trybooking.com/BQNFW

Burnie

Wednesday 10 November 2021: 10am-1pm
Burnie Arts & Function Centre,
77-79 Wilmot St, Burnie
Register at www.trybooking.com/BQNFY



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