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## Smithton Primary School

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# Prep/1 Grey

In Prep/1 Grey we have been very lucky to have Camilla, Cindy and Kelsie from Circular Head Aboriginal Cooperation come into our classroom to teach us about the aboriginal culture. We got to feel animal skins. We got to taste seaweed. We got to clap sticks together to make music. They also showed us some photos. We crushed up rocks to make ochre. We used ochre to paint an Aboriginal picture.





We're really on the countdown to the end of the year now with so many things going on. As we approach what can be a very stressful month ahead for everyone, I wish to encourage you all to take time to slow down where you can and release pressure where possible.

### Terrapin Puppet Performance

Our whole school was very lucky to have a puppet show presented to us. The students were so engaged in the story about an underperforming cat who struggled to do its job of catching mice in a house. Another fantastic opportunity for our students to experience the art of puppetry, which is something they are probably less exposed to now than in previous generations.



### Golf Clinics

Peter Webster from Target Golf is completing his introduction to the sport of Golf this week with our students. We have been very fortunate to have access to Peter who has brought about a love for Golf among many of our students.



### Swimming

Our Year 3-6 students did a brilliant job of completing their two weeks of swimming at SWIRL. So many students improved throughout this time and it was great to see and hear the positive feedback from staff and students.



### Yippee RACT Road Safety

Our students were informed earlier this week of the importance of Road Safety with some very practical ways that they can be safe in and around roads. Our students were given a booklet with additional activities to complete.





## Remembrance Day

Our school held two Remembrance Day services at school as well as Jayda and Schaienne representing the school at the Remembrance Day service at ANZAC Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. As always, our teachers planned informative sessions with each class about the importance of Remembrance Day.



## Planning for 2022

We are currently planning for 2022 and we are just waiting on a couple of things to be decided before we are able to make some announcements to the school community. As you would be aware, this time of the year is difficult as people want to know information about next year and it is important that we communicate this as effectively as we can. Usually, the effectiveness of this communication is about timing, so that everyone hears the same message at approximately the same time. I will endeavour to use the newsletter and other letters home to inform parents/carers of the information regarding 2022.

## P&F Twilight Market

I encourage everyone to come along to the P & F Twilight Market on Friday night. Our gym, Assembly Hall and outdoor area will be utilised for the market with a range of things to purchase, stalls and a fairly impressive raffle. Our students have been completing artwork which will be on display in the Assembly Hall on the evening. This will also be available for purchase on the night. The artwork is framed and will be named so that you will know who the artists are. We will also have our STEAM projects on display for all to see.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership with us in educating your children. As always, we love feedback and we thank you for the level of communication you provide us with. As a school, we are always aiming to improve and as we approach 2022, we will be setting some aspirational goals based on a range of data and feedback. I hope you all have a fantastic fortnight ahead and remember to be kind to yourself in this time of the year that they call the 'silly season.'

Thanks,

*Josh Smith*

**MARKET**  
This Friday Night!!

# 3/4 Irvine

In 3/4 Irvine we have been doing some fun swimming lessons. We learnt some new skills like backstroke, freestyle and survival backstroke. We showed grit by facing some of our fears in the water. It was great fun and we're excited for next year! Thank you to everyone at SWIRL for your teaching and help.

By Lizzie and Immy



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### P&F MARKET

Smithton SES Car demo

6pm

Grumpy Goat Care Farm  
animals

From

Coffee van and Food stalls  
Stalls - craft, baked goods,  
plants and lots more!

5pm

This  
Friday Night!!

## | Twilight Market

19th November | 5-8pm  
Stalls will be in the gym and  
outside, enter via the drop  
off and go area.



# Dates To Remember

## NOVEMBER

Every Tuesday - 9:00am to 10:00am Last day for the year is on the 30th November	Mother Goose – Birth to 5 years
Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am Last day for the year is on the 2nd December	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2022
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am Last day for the year is on the 3rd December	Launchpad – Birth to 5 years
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
Thursday 25th to Friday 26th	Year 6 overnight stay at Forest Primary
Monday 29th	P&F meeting 7:30pm at SPS (everyone welcome)

## DECEMBER

Thursday 2nd to Friday 3rd	Year 6 Trip
Wednesday 8th	Kinder Celebration of Learning Last student banking day
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

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# Smithton High School

## Year 7 Orientation Day

For students starting Year 7 in 2022

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Department of Education
 




## ***School Holiday Kids Camps***

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Phone: 0364 521 635

Email: [admin@riverbend.org.au](mailto:admin@riverbend.org.au)

## **School Banking is closing**

Sadly, the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools in 2022.

**Smithton Primary's last banking day will be  
Wednesday 8th December.**

You can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver Account through online transfer or at any CommBank branch.

If you need further information regarding your child's bank account, please phone 132 221, or visit your local CommBank Branch.



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OTHERS**  
the way  
*you*  
want to be  
**TREATED.**

## **DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS**

As the end of the year is getting closer could you please check if your child has any library books at home and return them to the school library.

*Thank you*

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