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## Smithton Primary School

RESPECT ❖ ENCOURAGE ❖ ASPIRE ❖ LEARN



DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
*learners first*

*As we say goodbye, you shall be waving hello to new  
experiences and opportunities.*

*We wish you all the best !*



# Year 6 2021



*It is the last week of school  
and I just can't believe that the year has flown by.*

Although it has been a busy end to the term, it has been good to reflect and see the improvements that have been made among each individual student and as a whole school. Our assembly on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> was a really good indicator of this improvement as classes presented fantastic items and we were able to celebrate 2021 in the school gym. I wish to congratulate the whole school community on their year and in particular this year's award winners.

At this time of the year I also want to celebrate other success. I think what best summarises my thoughts around this is the following poem by Coleen Wilson titled "I See you."

As we look forward to 2022, with new staff and new hurdles to overcome, I know that the foundation we have laid over the past few years will hold us in good stead for continued improvement as a school.

Farewell to the Year 6 students and I wish you all the best for 2022.

I really hope that the Christmas break gives our staff and students the time they need to rest and re-energise themselves as we head into yet another school year in 2022.

I encourage the school families to spend plenty of time together, enjoying interacting and the simple things that make Christmas time a special time. What these kids really need at this time of the year are adults who will listen to them, interact with them, have fun with them and allow them to feel loved. I hope you all have a brilliant Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Thank you,

Josh Smith  
Principal

### I SEE YOU

It's a time of badges, certificates, medals, trophies, recognition, awards, prizes and 'seeing' of high achievement. I love seeing the kids that shine at this time of year - a big high heartfelt round of applause to you. You so deserve it for the effort you have put in.

Yet this message is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above  
... I SEE YOU!

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the first time, I SEE YOU!

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved, I SEE YOU!

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up everyday and put on your uniform and you go, I SEE YOU!

To the child that battled all year with the maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway, I SEE YOU!

To the child that found the kindness in their heart to reach out in anyway to another person or to an animal in need or in pain, I SEE YOU!

To the child that learnt to give and to share for the first time this year and even found joy in these, I SEE YOU!

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that, I SEE YOU!

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted, I SEE YOU!

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, but carried on everyday bravely even though their heart ached, I SEE YOU!

To the brave parents that try everyday to do the best for their kids, I SEE YOU!

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year, as I will with my beautiful children. For every year there is progress and growth, we don't need a podium or handshake or a hall of applause to be seen. I SEE YOU!



# AWARD WINNERS

## Year 6 Awards

AWARD	Recipient
Braddon Liberal Team – (Peer Nominated)	Jayda Orders
Anita Dow Award – (Peer Nominated)	Andrew Hume
Merle Reid “Wise Owl” Reading Award	Lace Jowett
Ruth Forrest MLC – Commitment to Learning	Sarah Al Saadoon
Smithton Primary “Be Real” Award – Demonstrating School Values	Piper Alderson
Impact Fertiliser – “Growth Award”	Andrew Hume
Shane Broad – Science Award	Xander Coates
Smithton High School Bursary	Amber Ainslie
Bergman Family Award	Sharni Prestage
Gavin Pearce – Leadership Award	Lucy Gourley
Soroptimist International Award	Schaianne Smith
Minster for Education – Respectful Student Award	Jayda Orders
SPS Parents & Friends Award	Bella Cameron
Smithton Club Bursary	Savannah Swan

## Class Awards for students following our school values of Respect, Encourage, Aspire, Learn.

Class	Recipient
Kinder Bilby	Piper Amos
Kinder Bilby	Jax Smedley
Kinder Koala	Brooklyn Swan
Kinder Koala	Fletcher Poke
Prep Grey	Maci Tuxworth
Prep Grey	Jax Cotton
Prep/I Ryan	Caitlyn Hume
Prep/I Ryan	Layla McCormack
I/2 Johnston	Frankie Nicholls
I/2 Johnston	Taya Moles

Class	Recipient
2/3 Goodwin	Elsie Williams
2/3 Goodwin	Daniel Randall
3/4 Gausden	Hope Casey
3/4 Gausden	Kobi Poke
3/4 Irvine	Elizabeth Evenhuis
3/4 Irvine	Imogen McCormack
5/6 Jordan	Sophie Edwards
5/6 Jordan	James Hampson
5/6 Walters	Stella Kay
5/6 Walters	Ruby Swan

*CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!*

# End of Year Assembly



CeleBRate



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# Christmas



# Parade

# STEAM

During STEAM this term the 5/6 classes were challenged to make our imaginations come to life. Our group featuring Jalee, Sharni and myself, had decided to make a tyre swing. We planned then realised it would be dangerous for our school, so we went with a similar idea: a hanging plant. So, we planned that we would have a plank of wood going up then a plank going to the side, that's what we put the chain on connected to the side plank. Our group measured the wood, then Mr Smith cut. We got the drill to put nails in the corners, so they connected but then we realized just one isn't enough, so we made two. We repeated the same step once we were finished. One day Mr Marthick came to see where we wanted to put the hanging plant, so I went with him to have a look. We thought about where to put them and decided on the garden near the 5/6 classrooms. We dug a hole and put the post in. We had to measure, and we had to make sure it was evenly placed. Once we did that Mr Marthick put in the concrete and I put in the water and then repeated with the next one. A few days after they got the hanging pot and screwed it in and did the same with the other one. The next day we put in the plant and the soil, we watered it and then we were finished.

By James Hampson






**SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**


**LEVY PAYMENT  
UNIFORM SALES  
BOOK PACK COLLECTION**

**WEDNESDAY 2ND  
FEBRUARY  
9:00AM TO 3:00PM**

**Prep to Year 6**








We would like to say a big thank you to Sandra House who has been our school banking co-ordinator over the past few years. We appreciate her giving her time to the school.

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## CLASS BOOK LIST

- Kinder**
  - 1 x Communication Book (225mm x 175mm)
  - 1 x Mini Scrapbook (167mm x 245mm)
  - 1 x Scrapbook (335mm x 245mm)
- Prep**
  - 1 x Communication Book (225mm x 175mm)
  - 5 x Scrapbook (335mm x 245mm)
  - 3 x A4 Exercise Book
- Year 1 & 2**
  - 1 x Communication Book (225mm x 175mm)
  - 1 x Scrapbook (335mm x 245mm)
  - 10 x A4 Exercise Books
- Year 3 & 4**
  - 1 x Communication Book (225mm x 175mm)
  - 1 x Memo Book (165mm x 100mm)
  - 10 x A4 Exercise Books
- Year 5 & 6**
  - 1 x Diary (A5)
  - 10 x A4 Exercise Books

# ASTHMA SAFE IN 2022

For the start of school, please arrange:

- ✓ an updated written Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor
- ✓ a named spacer and reliever puffer
- ✓ a planned talk with your child's teacher about their asthma

**Remember to keep up with asthma treatment as prescribed over the holidays**





**1 IN 9  
STUDENTS  
HAVE  
ASTHMA**

**Bookings are now open for children aged 5 to 11 to get the COVID-19 vaccine.**

Special vaccine clinics will run exclusively for children aged 5 to 11 across Tasmania from 10 January 2022.

Clinics will be held at community locations across the state to give every primary school aged child the opportunity to get at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine before they return to school in February.

Vaccinations are not mandatory to attend school, but we would encourage parents to get their children vaccinated to protect their children, their families, and our school community.

Last week a smaller paediatric dose of the Pfizer vaccine was approved as safe and effective for children aged 5 to 11 by Australia's top medical experts.

Children will get two doses, eight weeks apart – but they will only be available in special children's clinics and GPs.

Bookings are essential for children's clinics and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

To find out more, including how to book, visit the [Tasmanian Government's coronavirus website](https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/booking)

Or **CONTACT:** Public Health Hotline - 1800 671 738.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic - Smithton**

**Date:** Wednesday 12 January 2022

**Times:** 9am-5pm

**Location:** Smithton High School

**Address:** Mill Road, Smithton

Bookings can be made now by going online: [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/booking](https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/booking)  
or by calling the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738



## **Department of Education Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2022**

The Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) provides financial assistance to eligible families. All families holding a current Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card are eligible for Student Assistance. The broadening of the scheme means that more Tasmanian families are eligible for assistance with school levies.

Those parents who currently receive STAS will not need to provide any additional information and will not need to reapply.

# Dates To Remember

## DECEMBER

Thursday 16th

Students Last Day

## TERM 1 - 2022

## FEBRUARY

Wednesday 2nd

Levy payment, uniform sales and book pack collection

Wednesday 9th

First day back for students

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS!

TUESDAY 1  
FEB 2022

THURSDAY  
3 FEB 2022

9AM TO 12 NOON -

5 TO 8 YEARS

1PM TO 4PM - 9

YEARS +

9AM TO 12 NOON

- 9 YEARS +

1PM TO 4PM -

5 TO 8 YEARS

BOOK VIA ICLASS APP!

## Student fare increase



Student bus fares will increase on 1 January 2022.

The new fare will be:

- \$1.52 if using a smartcard or 10-trip ticket
- \$1.90 if paying cash for a single trip

The student fare applies regardless of distance, area of travel, or day of the week, including school holidays.

Some students will be eligible for free travel to and from school.

For more information:

- talk to your bus driver
- visit [www.transport.tas.gov.au/student](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/student)
- call 6166 3343 (9am to 5pm weekdays).

Department of State Growth



THANK  
YOU

for your support in 2021

See you in 2022!!



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