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Smithton Primary School

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Lines, Lines, Lines in Prep/1 Grey

In our class during art, we have been busy learning about different lines. We have learnt how to draw straight, wavy, curly and zigzag lines. Once we mastered how to draw them, we have then created pictures using these lines in our artwork. We have been using different materials to colour our pictures. This week in art we started to draw a juggling Easter Bunny using our knowledge of lines.





Congratulations one and all! We have officially and successfully navigated our way to the end of Term 1 in 2022. It has been tough at times for everyone to manage through the changes in place due to COVID-19 and I acknowledge the hard work our staff and families have done to work together for positive outcomes in student learning. We celebrate the fact that we came through the status of a 'School Outbreak' without any major issues arising as a result. As we push forward into Term 2, there are some changes to how we will operate.

Term 2 at SPS:

Attendance

Students **should be at school** unless they are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms. Students can learn from home if they have provided the school with medical advice that states they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition. They can also stay home if they have been directed by Public Health to do so.

Launching into Learning (LiL)

We are now able to have LiL **inside** which means we can now offer two sessions (one session on Friday and one session on Tuesday). Mrs Melissa Coombe will be running both sessions. Keep your eye on our Facebook page / Newsletter for more information.

Covid Safe Measures

- **Masks** - All staff and other adults will continue to wear masks onsite. Students in Primary School are not required to wear masks but can do if their families wish for them to do so.
- **Cleaning** - We will continue to increase our physical hygiene and handwashing / sanitising.
- **Ventilation** - We will continue to keep doors and windows open to promote airflow and use air purifiers in each classroom.

Assemblies

We are not able to have Assemblies inside or outside in Term 2.

Virtual Learning Centre (VLC)

The VLC is still available in Term 2 for students who can not attend school.

Vaccination

All staff are vaccinated. Students may come to school whether they are vaccinated or not.

Adults Onsite

We will continue to limit the number of adults onsite. However, we will be allowing pre-organised meetings and learning opportunities to start up in Term 2.

Aussie of the Month (a new award in our school):

Lucas Furphy was awarded the Aussie of the Month on the 8th of April 2022. This is because he is consistently respectful towards teachers and peers. He always shows kindness and consideration toward everyone. He is a very sensible and responsible student that has great leadership skills. Lucas was voted as Aussie of the month as he demonstrates inclusion of others in and out of the classroom, especially in HPE. Well done Lucas!!



Student Free Day / Moderation Day (Thursday 14th April)

Thursday 14th of April is a student free day. This gives our teachers the opportunity to 'Moderate.' The way that this works is our teachers work closely with other teachers from other public primary schools (online) to improve consistency in the way they assess students work. This is important so that no matter which school your child attends, they are being assessed in a fair manner.

I really hope that all staff and families have the opportunity to rest, re-energise and spend quality time together with their loved ones over the Term 1 break. I know that is what I intend on doing and I look forward to being back again for a fantastic Term 2!

Thanks,



Josh Smith
Principal

5/6 Squire

5/6 Squire have been extremely busy this term. We have been learning how important kindness, safety and calmness are to our classroom functioning well. One focus has been on working with others as part of a team. We have been finding out all about habitats, ecosystems and biomes. Students have designed, planned and created terrariums and are also observing some aquatic biospheres as part of our Inquiry unit on Life in Jars.

Some responses from the students when asked how they felt about Term 1 were:

"I really like learning about the life in jars and watching what happens..."

"I like being able to learn about new things and things I am interested in, it's fun."

"The best part of Term 1 has been the biome/ecosystem thing in jars."

"It's fun having a new teacher, doing different kinds of activities."

"I like all the different things happening in maths this year and how we get to do it different ways"

"I enjoy the challenges, they are fun"

"I like the conversations on the mat, its interesting hearing other people's stories and sharing."

"I really liked doing all the activities with plants because we get to do something with our hands and create life."

"I have enjoyed being able to be a leader, being Daily PE leader, Class Captain and being on the SLC"

"I really enjoy coming to school, I have learnt a lot this year; it's fun."

"I have enjoyed making new friends, having a new teacher and I loved doing the terrariums – it was so much fun just planting the plants and creating it!"

"I like doing Banquer, it's not real money, but it's fun and like real life, you can't be stupid with it."

"Everything! The terrariums, our classroom, all of it! I like how our worksheets challenge me a bit but aren't too hard, I don't feel so overwhelmed and angry about my work... it's just interesting and I know I have learnt a lot this year."

"I like how I finally understand how to read a clock."

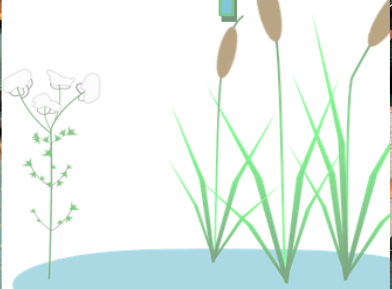
"Awesome! Its great being in a class with friends and being able to do so many interesting things."

Having you as a teacher – yeah, awesome – the only hard thing is when there are interruptions, because it's so interesting, but it's a lot better than it has been in the past."

These are just some of their comments and reflect a little of the overwhelmingly positive response to how they feel about their year so far. The feeling is mutual... I am so excited to be a part of the Smithton Primary School team and to be teaching the students in 5/6 Squire.



5/6 Squire



Aussie of the Month - *March*

Congratulations

Lucas

- * Consistently respectful towards teachers and peers.
- * Shows kindness and consideration toward everyone.
- * A sensible and responsible student who has great leadership skills.
- * Demonstrates inclusion of others in and out of the classroom, especially in HPE.

PREP GALE'S TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



After reading Pig the Tourist earlier this term the Prep students became interested in the world and different countries.

To begin our investigation, we looked at the map of the world to gather children's thoughts, ideas and wonders.

"These are all lots of Australia's."

"This place is called Queensland because the Queen lives there."

"America is where you can go on a holiday."

"My friend Freya lives in Western Australia. It takes a long time to get there you know."



After hearing their thoughts, we learnt that Australia is the country we live in and Tasmania is the state that we live in. We discovered each state has different towns and our town is called Smithton. Children explored houses and special places within our town. They created models and signs for the different places in our town.



After discovering important information about our own country, we began exploring the world! Each Friday in Term 1 we boarded a flight on Prep Gale Airlines and went on an adventure! We have visited Mexico, India, China and Antarctica so far.

When we land in each country we learn about the famous sights, languages, clothes, and food.

We learnt that in China they speak Chinese. Dumplings are yummy and they use chopsticks.

We learnt that in Mexico they speak Spanish. Tacos are VERY yummy to eat, and they have sombrero hats!

We learnt that in India it is very hot. They wear bright coloured clothes, and the Taj Mahal is a special place. Everyone enjoyed eating and cooking butter chicken!





PREP GALE 'S TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

It has been a very busy, but a very fun term in Prep Gale. We have enjoyed visiting and learning about our world and the people who live in it.



NAPLAN 2022

NAPLAN testing for years 3 and 5 will commence on the 10th of May of this year. Students in these year levels will have received an information brochure this week explaining the process of NAPLAN testing. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding this.

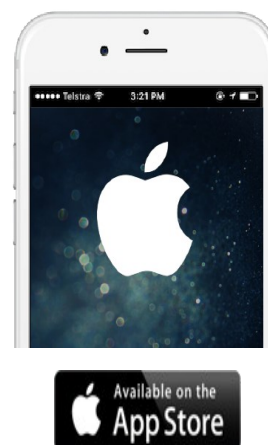
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Smithton Primary uses the School Stream app as another form of communication with parents.

How to download the School Stream app on your mobile device

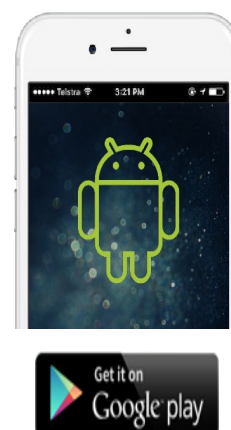
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1. From your mobile device go to the **App Store** search for **School Stream**
2. Tap the **FREE/GET** button to the right of the School Stream listing
3. Tap the **INSTALL** button
4. Enter your Apple ID and password & tap **OK**
5. Wait for the install icon to change to **OPEN**
6. Tap the **OPEN** button
7. You will be prompted to accept push notifications; you will



Android / Tablet

1. From your mobile device go to the **Play Store** search for **School Stream**
2. Tap the School Stream listing
3. Tap the **INSTALL** button
4. Tap the **ACCEPT** button
5. Wait for the app to install then tap the **OPEN** button
6. Start typing **your school** into the search then **SELECT your school**





ANZAC DAY SERVICE

All Smithton Primary students are welcome to march with our school on **Monday 25th April** to honour our ANZAC traditions.

Students should meet staff in Emmett Street in front of The Reject Shop at 10:00am in readiness for the march which begins at 10:15am. The service will then be held at the Cenotaph at 10:30 am.

We ask that students wear their school uniform.

Please ensure that your child is collected at the end of the service.



Winter is Near!!

School beanies can be worn in Term 2 and 3

- Please remember that beanies are to be worn outside.
- We keep them in our bag or tub during learning time.
- Replacement beanies will cost \$12 each.

Kinder and new students will receive their free beanies on the first day of Term 2



**Get your
Ticket to
Play and
join in!**

Vouchers to help with the cost of Approved Activity Provider membership/ registration are available for eligible children aged 5-18. For more information, go to communities.tas.gov.au/ticket-to-play or call **1800 252 476**



Department of Communities Tasmania



JUNIOR NETBALL

STARTING 2ND OF MAY

4.30PM - GRADE 3, 4, 5

5.30PM - GRADE 6, 7, 8

COST \$80 (TICKET2PLAY AVAILABLE)

PLEASE HAVE YOUR NAMES IN BY APRIL 25TH



NAMES AND GRADE TO APRIL 0429 901 644 OR ALICIA 0419 207 092

Come along to join in with lots of fun, games,
activities, songs and stories

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

For children Birth to 5 Years

LiL will be run in the Early Childhood area starting the
2nd week of Term 2.

Please enter and sign in via the school office.

Tea/coffee/milo will be provided. Please bring a hat, snack and a
drink of water for your child.

Normal Covid rules apply (including wearing of masks inside for
adults.)

*For any queries please contact the school office or the
'Early Years @ Smithton Primary School' Facebook page.*

'I look forward to meeting you and your family' - Melissa Coombe
LiL teacher



STARTING 2ND WEEK OF TERM 2



MOTHER GOOSE - TUESDAY 10TH MAY - TIME TO BE ADVISED

LAUNCH PAD - FRIDAY 13TH MAY - 9AM - 10:00AM

THEN EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN TERM 2



Dates To Remember

April

Wednesday 13th	Last Day of Term for Students
Thursday 14th	Teacher Professional Learning Day

May

Monday 2nd	Term 2 begins for students
Friday 6th	Public Holiday - Agfest

Supporting your child to read

Reading to your child can be a lot of fun.

Reading to your child everyday supports early literacy learning.



Check out this video for great tips to help your child read in the early years

[Great Start - Learning in Families Together](#)

2022 School Term Dates

Term 1	Wednesday 9th February to Wednesday 13th April
Term 2	Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July
Term 3	Tuesday 26th July to Friday 30th September
Term 4	Monday 17th October to Wednesday 21st December

EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...



When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year

TUESDAY 19 APRIL
10am - 1pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

\$50 PER CHILD*
Including Junior Thunder membership
*\$35 for current junior members

Players from St.LukesHealth North West Thunder team will be holding a Junior Basketball Clinic for children 7-14 years.

BOOK NOW THROUGH THE NORTH WEST THUNDER WEBSITE!

Come along and join the fun!

nwtasmania.nbl1.com.au



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