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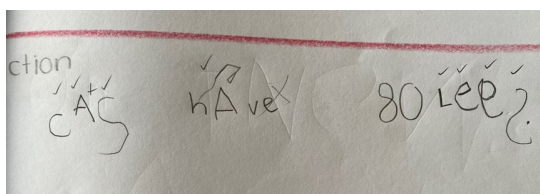
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*learners first*

## KOALA INQUIRY IN PREP GALE

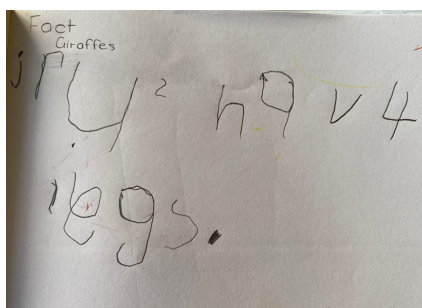
In Prep we have been learning about the differences between Fiction and Facts.

"Fiction means that things don't exist. It's not real. Maybe it is made up." – *Laiquin*

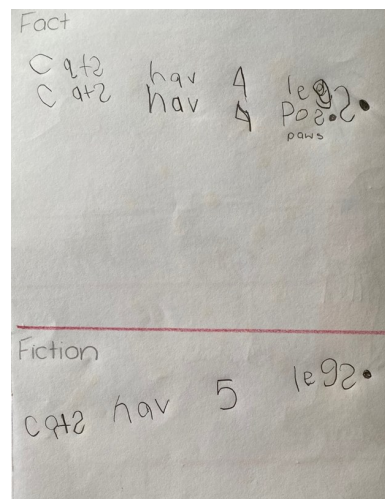
"Facts do exist. They are true and not lies. It's like real stuff. Real stuff!" – *Kobe*



*Cyprus*



*Charlie*



*Brooklyn*

As part of our learning, we have been reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts about Koala's. We recently read a book titled "*Koalas Don't Run.*"

In the book we learnt that bushfires impact and hurt lots of Australian wildlife including Koalas. Kobe suggested we help the Koalas. After lots of research we found we can support Animal Hospitals and Sanctuaries in Queensland and NSW. The decision was made that we will work together to raise money to adopt a Koala.



After a very close vote and lots of debate we have decided to adopt Violet.

Watch this space! We are currently constructing ideas for a koala shop and are hoping to learn more facts about koalas and bushfires.



# HELLO families

## Parents and Friends

It has been an excellent couple of weeks at school with plenty going on. Our P&F have been very busy with their sausage sizzle (and plenty of other foods) last Saturday and selling tickets for the huge raffle that they have organised. Well done to our P&F who have done an excellent job of pushing through COVID-19 restrictions for the last few years to make our P&F a very active wing of the school. Recently we have had new people be involved in the P&F, but if anyone would like to know more about the P&F or how they can support them, please let someone at the office know.



## Walk Safely to School Day



Last Friday morning (20<sup>th</sup> May) our school had over 60 students and a large number of adults gather at meeting points in Smithton to walk to school. This was for "Walk Safely to School Day" which is about sending a clear message to our families around being safe near the roads. Some specific messages that we as a school want our families to know is that we require everyone who crosses Grant Street before or after school to use the official crossing and then enter the school using the footpaths (not across the carpark). Any student riding a bike or scooter to school is required to be wearing a helmet. Our school in particular is a really busy place before and after school and so we each need to do our bit to keep everyone safe.

## Cross Country

With COVID19 restrictions easing, Cross Country is now something that we are able to run from K-6 with families attending. A letter has gone home outlining the details.

Early Childhood Cross Country (Kinder to Year 2) will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of June, commencing at 9:15am. The Year 3/4 Cross Country will occur on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, starting at 11:30am. The Year 5/6 Cross Country will occur on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, starting at 11:30am.

Families may attend this outdoor event being held outside at the back of the gym. If you wish to attend, bring your mask (which must be worn inside), enter and sign in through the office area... you are most welcome.



## School Improvement Plan

Each year our school (and every school) has a School Improvement Plan. This is based on what our data is telling us about areas we need to make improvements in. Although we will share more details of this, this year we are split into two areas:

1. *Improve student engagement for learning* – we are looking at things we can do inside the classroom and outside the classroom that will make students feel more eager to be at SPS and keen to be learning.
2. *Strengthen the collaborative processes within the school* – we are looking at ways that our staff can work more effectively together so that we can all improve as a TEAM.





## Launching into Learning

It has been amazing to see the high attendance of young families coming along to our Launching into Learning (LiL) programs which have been run this year by Mrs Melissa Coombe. As a reminder, if you have students who are pre-kinder age, feel free to come along to Mother Goose on Tuesdays at 11am or Launchpad on Fridays at 9am. We would love to see you there.



## Class Captains

As you know, each term we select two Class Captains from each class. We wish them all the best as they learn more about what it means to be a leader among their peers. We thank Mrs Kate Underwood for working closely with this group in teaching them about leadership. We would like to congratulate the following students:

Prep G – Charlie and Skye

Prep/I G – Mila and Piper

1/2 R – Maci and Aston

2/3 G – Toby and Frankie

3/4 G – Lila-Rae and Max

3/4 J – Tyler and Imogen

5/6 S – Westen and Zoe

5/6 I – Jack and Sophie

5/6 N – Ryan and Jhett

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our school. As we move on into the second half of this term, we will continue to keep you updated. One particular area that is changing in our school (and every DoE school) is the approach to reporting. In our next newsletter we will outline how reporting will look for mid-year.

I hope you are all doing well and enjoy a bit of sunshine before winter arrives!

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**  
Principal



Westen & Zoe



Ryan & Jhett



Jack & Sophie



Tyler & Imogen



Lila-Rae & Max



Toby & Frankie



Mila & Piper



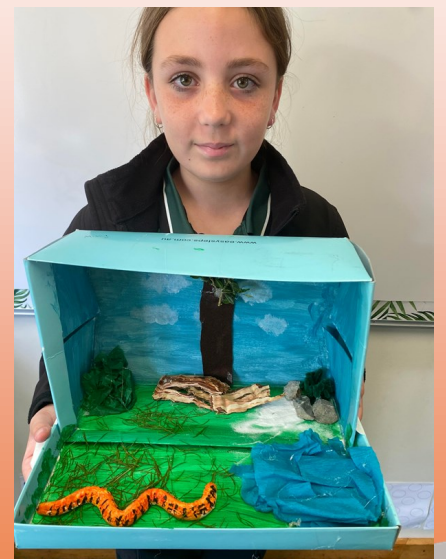
Maci & Aston



Charlie & Skye



# Students at work





# What's happening in 3/4 J

At the beginning of Term 2, 3/4J made clay hands for their mums or special person for Mother's Day. They had to mould their hands onto the clay and then paint their clay hands to create a special piece. Once turned upside down (palm side up) mum could put her rings on the fingers and any other jewellery on the palm. We hope everyone had a great day.



## Bug investigations

During a science lesson with Mr Smith, students investigated bugs.



And some of us attended  
Walk to school day

# The **ZONES** of Regulation®

Every environment has a set of unwritten social rules that people are expected to follow such as talking when it is your turn and respecting personal space. These 'hidden rules' are often not talked about. When people follow these social rules they are doing what is expected. Doing what is expected means understanding or figuring out those hidden rules and aligning our behaviour (what we say and do) with the expectations of the situation. When people follow the hidden rules and do what is expected it leads others to have positive thoughts and feel comfortable.

Unexpected behaviours are actions which do not follow the 'hidden rules.' These behaviours can surprise other people and make them feel uncomfortable or confused. For example, the hidden rule at a birthday party is that the birthday girl or boy opens the gifts. If a guest at the party opened the gift that might make people feel uncomfortable.

This concept of expected and unexpected behaviours can help children develop an understanding that their behaviour and actions impacts other people.

**Is this expected or unexpected behaviour?**



## Smithton Primary School Association

### I x Parent Vacancy

The Smithton Primary School Association has a vacancy for a Parent Representative.

The School Association is an important part of the school, working with the Principal to achieve shared outcomes for our students and for the benefit of the whole school community.

If you are interested in nominating for the position or would like more information, please see Meredith at the school office **by Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

### P&F Raffle



*Major Prize:*

**Chest Freezer with \$700 worth of beef**

**PLUS OTHER VARIOUS VALUED PRIZES OF BEEF MEAT PACKS UP FOR GRABS.**



**\$5 PER TICKET  
DRAWN 26TH MAY**

**Drawn TOMORROW!**  
Pop in to the office today if you would like a ticket.  
Cash only please.



# National Walk Safely to School Day



Last Friday, Smithton Primary, along with hundreds of schools across Australia participated in Walk Safely to School Day.

We had approximately 60 students from Prep to Grade 6 walk with us from the Reject Shop, West Esplanade and the hospital to SPS demonstrating all our safe messages about walking near roads and traffic. It was lovely to see so many parents and siblings walk with us.

A special thanks must go to Miss Squire, Miss Latimer, Miss Ryan, Miss Irvine, Mrs Charles, Ms Johnston, and Mrs Grey for walking with us. Also thank you Mr Smith for helping us cross the road safely by stopping the traffic.



# Dates To Remember

## May

Every Tuesday - 11:00am - 12pm	Mother Goose - Birth to 5 Years
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years

## June

Every Tuesday - 11:00am - 12pm	Mother Goose - Birth to 5 Years
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years
Wednesday 8th	School Photo Day
Friday 10th	CHSSA Cross Country at Stanley
Monday 13th	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

## July

Tuesday 5th - 11:00am - 12pm	Mother Goose - Birth to 5 Years
Friday 8th - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years
Friday 8th	Last day of term for students
Monday 25th	Staff Professional Learning Day
Tuesday 26th	Term 3 begins for students

### 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



### 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

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