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*learners first*

# Smithton Primary School

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## Three Little Pigs in Kinder



In Kinder we have been looking at *The Three Little Pigs* to develop our retell skills. We had so much fun re-enacting the story with masks in small groups for the rest of the class. Everyone did a wonderful job waiting for their turn, being great audience members by listening and applauding, and building their confidence with speaking in front of others. They also retold the story individually to Miss Latimer using props and remembering the chants that the pigs and wolf say throughout the story. Finally, we made our very own houses out of straw, sticks and bricks for some little pigs to live in. We are doing such a good job of using our scissors safely and effectively to cut the paper and straws!







**We have had a fantastic couple of weeks with many amazing learning opportunities occurring in our classrooms.**

From a koala hospital to a simulation of families migrating from one country to another, our staff are doing an excellent job of providing our students with authentic learning experiences. We have also had a very successful Cross Country week and a whole school National Simultaneous Story Time reading on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

Our Upper Primary students had a brilliant time doing some 'Beat Boxing' workshops with a very talented beat boxer (Joseph Burgess – Jobe) who shared his passion with a very positive message about patience, resilience and having a dream. All in all, a very successful few weeks.



## Reporting

One thing I would like to share with you is the change that all DoE schools have to the way they report. This will influence the way that reporting occurs this term. Based on state-wide feedback from families, schools will not be writing formal reports with comments as we are all used to receiving in the past. Instead, the focus is more around a conversation that is held between teachers and families about your child's progress academically as well as their social and emotional learning. This will occur in week eight of this term and a letter will be going home very soon for parents to identify times where they would be happy to have a face-to-face meeting or a phone call. Parents that are not available in the timeslots given in the note will be followed up by teachers in the following weeks after that. In Week 10 (the last week of term), a report will go home. While this report will not include comments, it will include an indication of the learning that is occurring in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science. Other subject areas will be included in the end of year report. The progress will be shown using a '9 point scale' and I have included an explanation of what this looks like in this week's newsletter.

## Assemblies

As you may know we recently have been given permission to have assemblies inside. We are really excited about this after not being able to have an assembly this term. Of course, it will need to be done in a covid-safe manner, but we will be advertising very soon the date and time of our first whole school assembly for Term 2.

## SPS Cross Country Team

Lastly, I wish to congratulate the Upper Primary students who have made the Smithton Primary Cross Country Team in 2022. They are heading to Stanley on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June to compete against the best runners in the CH Cluster. I wish them all the best with their running on Friday and want them to know that their best effort is the best that they can do. We are proud of students who have given their best effort.

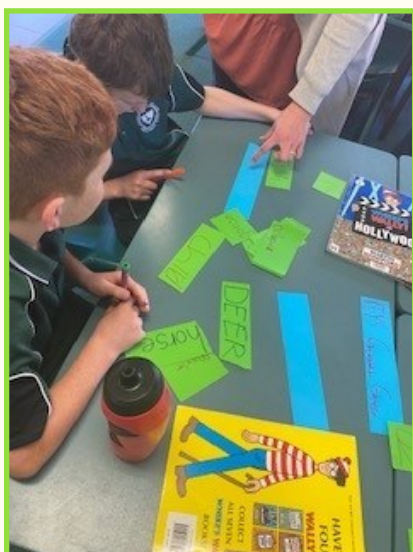
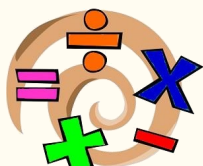
As always, thank you for your ongoing support and willingness to partner with us. If you have anything you would like to discuss, please make a time to meet with myself or your child's teacher.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**  
Principal

# 5/6 Nichols

This term we have been learning about multiplication strategies and how to visually prove our answers. We created posters to demonstrate this.



We have also been learning about how to form plurals. We learnt lots of helpful tips to remember to use in our writing.

## plural

## Book Buddies

Every Monday & Friday we go to Prep Gale for buddy reading.

This is something we all really enjoy!







## Aussie of the Month - May

### Congratulations

*Cash*

- \* Mateship—always includes other students in games and checks if other students are ok when he notices that they are upset.
- \* Inclusion—always includes others in games and classroom activities and notices that particular students need adjustments to be able to participate.
- \* Respect—is always respectful to others he is associated with using his manners and respectful conversation.

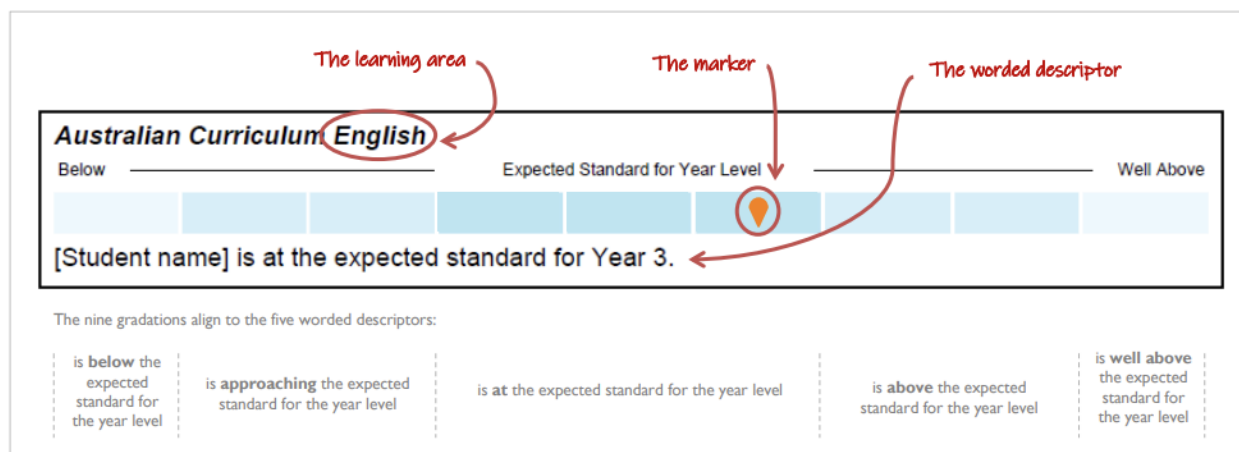
#### SCHOOL REPORTS IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

### Understanding the 9-point scale

Your child's school report includes a new 9-point visual scale. This scale has a marker to indicate your child's learning achievement at a point in time.

The 9-point scale shows more specifically where your child's learning achievement is, ranging from below the expected standard through to well above the expected standard. The middle three gradations show the range within the expected standard.

The nine gradations in the scale align to a 5-point worded descriptor. The worded descriptor describes where your child's learning achievement is against the expected standard for the year level.





# Smithton Primary School Cross Country 2022

Last week we braved the cold and wet weather conditions and ran our school cross country. All three days ran smoothly thanks to our Student Leadership team, recorder (Pam) and marshals (Mr Marthick, Mr Billing and Mr Williams). It was wonderful to see families come along to support and encourage their child(ren). Students are to be congratulated on their efforts and participation on their race day. The following students will be competing in the CHSSSA Cross Country Carnival at Stanley on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of June. Good luck!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chase	Cash	Jhett	Ethan
Casey	Tyler	Lucas	Ryan Wa
Cooper	Chad	Nate	Ben
Hunter	Max	Jack	Eli
Lila- Rae	Aminah	Tahli	Sophie
Frankie	Imogen	Olivia	Ashlynn
Hollie	Shayla	Zoe	Bree
Gemma	Natalia	Elizabeth	Rose





# Family

# Tree



## School Jackets

Now that the weather is getting colder could parents please make sure that children bring their clearly named school jackets to school.

brrr  
it's cold!!



welcome  
to our  
school

*Hardy, Izza-Rose  
and Lochlain*





## Help us turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL\* PLAY EQUIPMENT**



### Our school\* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school\* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school\* earns!

**Collections close 9th September.**

### Tip for collecting:

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

### Did you know?

Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

**LET'S GET COLLECTING!**

\* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](#) #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!



From this week we are collecting bread bags (wraps and other bread products are accepted as well) to help turn them into school sporting equipment.

Please save your bread bags, bring them to school and place them in one of the pink Wonder Bread boxes around the school. One is in the office and the other is outside the family room.

The more bags we collect the more points we can redeem. The bread packets do not have to be Wonder Bread Brand!

We are also in the draw to win an exercise circuit!



## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Parents and Friends have funpack carry boxes of Freddo and Caramello Koala's to sell.

If you would like to sell a box or purchase a chocolate at \$1.00 each please see the school office.



Grab a **FREE** meal and have a chat about how to help a mate

## TALK ABOUT IT **SAVE YOUR BACON BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

**WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 22**

**FREE LUNCH from 12pm**  
at Yolla Co-Op  
18 Emmett St, Smithton

**THURSDAY  
JUNE 23**

**FREE BREAKFAST**  
from 6.30am  
at Armour- Mitre 10

For more information contact Jodie on 0459 521 433



Save Your Bacon breakfasts are brought to you by Stronger Together in Circular Head (STICH) With support from



# Dates To Remember

## 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	CHSSSA Cross Country at Stanley
Monday 13th	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

## July

Friday 1st - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years
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



## 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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