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Smithton Primary School

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1/2 Ryan Chasing Rainbows



"Let's go slide down the rainbow!" Colby exclaimed when we were sitting down for mat time.

"You can't slide down a rainbow!" a few 1/2's replied.

"Why not?" Miss Ryan asked, confused.

"YOU'LL FALL STRAIGHT THROUGH IT!!!"

"What is a rainbow?" Miss Ryan asked, again confused.

In 1/2 Ryan we are chasing rainbows. After a long discussion about what a rainbow is, where we would find them and why they happened, we went looking for one. We didn't find one straight away. We had to teach Miss Ryan all about them as she wasn't sure what they were. We made rainbows on paper with lots of different art materials and then we made rainbows in a jar.





Dear Families!

As we approach the last few weeks of term, now is a fantastic time to celebrate the amazing things as a school community that we have been able to achieve this term so far. We have two specific ways of doing this over the next few weeks:

Reporting: As you know this week we are communicating with our families the academic progress of their children so far. This has been a big change for our school, where families come in to speak with our teachers (or phone conversation), look at work that their children have produced and then have the report sent out afterwards. I wanted to remind you that because we are putting more emphasis on this conversation, we no longer are writing comments in the report. Rather the report will give you an indication of your child's academic progress. We are really keen for feedback on this process so that we can improve it over the next few years!

Whole School Assembly: Yes, you heard correctly! We are now able to have an assembly. This will be occurring at **9:30am on Monday 4th of July** in the Assembly Hall. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to share a class item and for students to be recognised some outstanding achievements.

Over these past few weeks, we have had some other exciting things happening in our school. We've had Robot Man come and teach our Upper Primary students using technology. We've also had Jack from AFL Tas come to take our students through some footy clinics. We've had students from Smithton High come and support some of our younger students in the classroom on a Tuesday. We've had a guest speaker come in to speak about Migration. So there has been plenty going on, not to mention some very productive learning opportunities within our classrooms that have been planned brilliantly by our amazing staff. Now is also a good time for me to acknowledge the amazing work of our Teacher Assistants, who support our students in so many different ways.

There are good things happening and many more good things planned ahead for this school. A fantastic time to be at Smithton Primary.

Thanks,

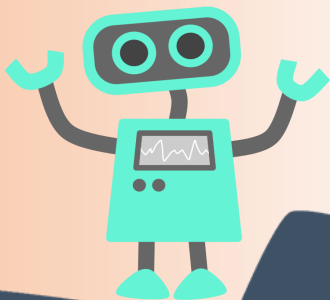
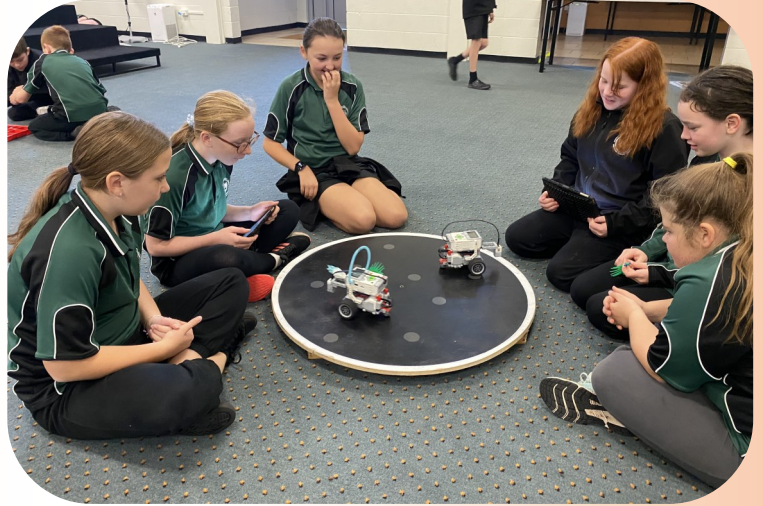


Josh Smith
Principal



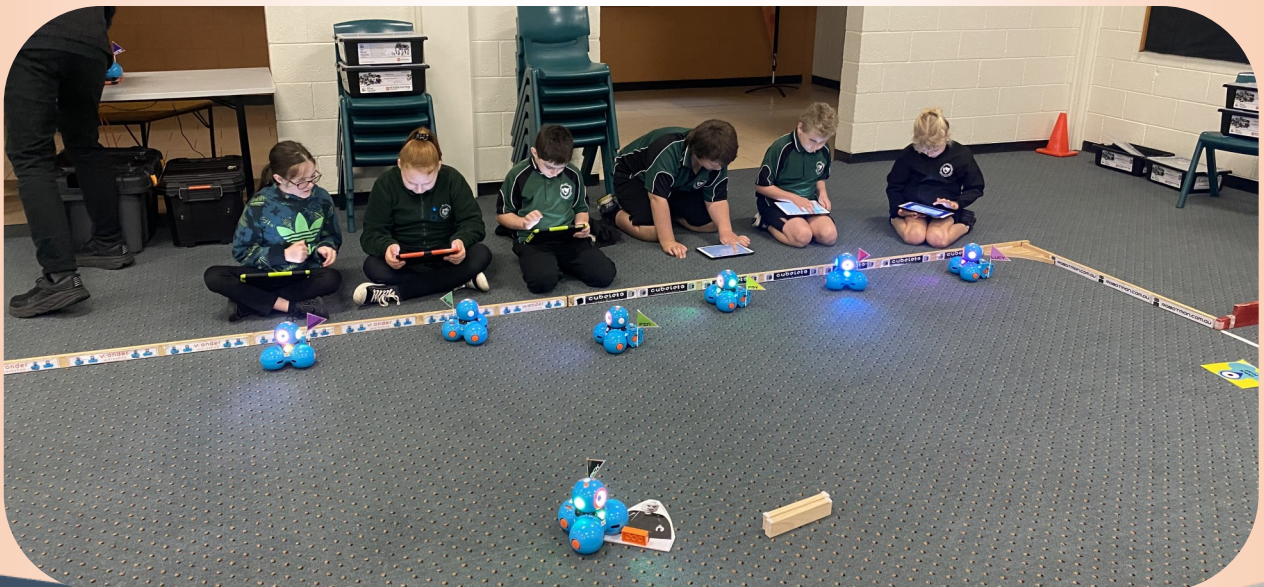
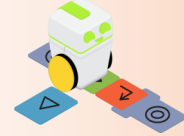
Robot Man

Last week during STEAM Grades 3-6 were fortunate to have the Robot Man come to our school. The students really enjoyed using and coding the Robots and were very engaged in the learning taking place. The photos are evidence of the learning and fun the students had.





Robot Man



An update on face masks

Public Health has advised that from Monday 27 June 2022, face masks are no longer mandatory in schools and Child and Family Learning Centres. This is because of reduced COVID-19 cases in our community.

It's important to continue to:

- stay at home if unwell, and get tested
- practise COVID-safe behaviours such as frequent handwashing and sanitising
- be up to date with your COVID-19 vaccinations.

Students, staff and visitors are supported to continue to wear face masks if they choose to. Face masks are still available at school if you need them.

When face masks are required

If you're a [close contact](#), you are still required to wear a face mask indoors as per current Public Health advice.

From time-to-time our school might identify activities or situations where masks are required to be worn. We ask for your support when this happens and know that it is in the best interests of our students, staff and our school.

Our staff will continue to wear masks when working closely with students who are vulnerable to COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us directly to discuss.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit the [Tasmanian Government Coronavirus website](#) or contact the Tasmanian Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738, or Department of Education COVID-19 Support Hotline at COVID19support@education.tas.gov.au or on 1800 816 057.

If you need support translating or interpreting this information, contact the [Translating and Interpreting Service](#) on 131 450.



The Growing-Up Program - a relationship, sexuality and protective behaviours program, will be run by Family Planning Tasmania for Grades 3-4 commencing Monday the 27/6/22.

A Grade 3-4 parent information session will be held on that day at 10am. The sessions will also run for Grades 5-6 the following week commencing on Monday the 4/7/22. A parent information session will also be held on this day commencing at 11:15 am for parents of our 5-6 students. Both parent information sessions

will be held in the Parent/Family room. If you would like to attend a parent information session, please enter the school via the main entrance.

Information regarding the Growing Up Program accompanies today's newsletter.

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- Launching into Learning session at Tasmanian Government schools
- Child and Family Learning Centre or
- Library Rock and Rhyme or Story Time session

Each time you and your child go to one of these sessions you will receive a sticker to pop on the Passport.

Once you get to 10 stickers, your child will get to choose a free book and you will get a Banjos coffee card. Please note there is a maximum of one book per child.

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Lucas & Cash represented the school at the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country yesterday at Symmons Plains yesterday.. Well done boys !!



The Rotary Club of Smithton has again kindly donated \$1000 towards our school breakfast programme. We gratefully received the cheque from the Club's President Jeff Burgess.



Library Books



Can students please return library books to the Library before the last day of term.

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

July

Friday 1st - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years
Monday 4th July - 9:30am	Whole school assembly
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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