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Smithton Primary School

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DEPARTMENT OF
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learners first

Prep/I Grey - Mixing colours

In Prep/I Grey we have been curious about colours and how to make colours. We learnt that there are three primary colours: red, blue and yellow. We also used a little bit of white to change the colours.

We experimented with mixing the colours together and then painted a picture using the colours we made.

I mixed red and yellow to make orange - *Oliver*

Red and blue make purple - *Reham*

Red and white make pink - *Layla*

Blue and a little bit of yellow make a nice aqua - *Maddie*



Dear Families!

With only a couple of days left of Term 2, I have to say a huge congratulations to our school community on your resilience, especially in the last few weeks. As we all know, there is so much sickness going around at the moment in Circular Head and it has been so pleasing to see our families making choices to keep their kids home when they are sick to prevent the spread. It has been crazy, hasn't it? And from what I hear from all of the other schools in the district, it has been the same everywhere. So thank you and well done on making tough decisions around sending or not sending your children to school. We have also had plenty of staff out sick or at home looking after their own children, and so it has been fantastic to watch our TEAM pull together to make the last few weeks of school very meaningful for our students with their learning. It has been a real shame to have to cancel and postpone events such as our first Assembly for 2022, but again, thank you for your patience with this. It is so much easier making these decisions when I know that my school community backs and trusts the decisions that are made.

Reporting: As you know, we are sending your child's reports out this week. Although they look different (Yr 1 – 6) than previously and they are very short, it is still important that you have a conversation with your child about their progress. Combining the official report and the conversation you have had with their teacher, you now have an important conversation that you can be having with your child/ren. What we do know is that the attitudes that students have towards their academic progress is shaped by many things, but none more important than the attitudes of their family. Be sure to comment on your child's strength when you chat with them and also to focus on any learning goals they might have. Asking them questions like "What would you like to improve in next term in Maths?" or "What have you learnt to do last term that you are proud of with your reading, spelling and writing?" Let them know you are proud of their efforts too!

Awards: Normally in our Assembly, we would give out awards. We have given them out in our classes instead (because we postponed the Assembly) and they will also appear on our Facebook page. Well done to all the award winners:

Kinder – Torah, Chase, Jack and Charli

Prep Gale – Kobe, Jax, Emy and Charlie

Prep/I Grey – Mila, Evannah, Piper and Arlo

1/2 Ryan – Logan, Coden, Lilli and Charlotte

2/3 Goodwin – Daniel, Toby, Sam and Laylah

3/4 Johnston – Shayla, Elsie, Tyler and Tahlia

3/4 Gausden – Max, Chase, Levi and Riley

5/6 Irvine – Lewis, Jack, Stella and Brock S

5/6 Nichols – Kobi, Olivia, Logan and Milly

5/6 Squire – Ryan, Tahlie, Ruby, Nate



I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for my Birthday wishes on Tuesday too! I had so many lovely cards from students and plenty of 'Happy Birthday' songs sung to me. Every student likes to guess my age too and I was very excited that most of the guesses were in the late 20's (although I did have a couple of Kinder's guess 52 and 54). I also had one student ask me "how young are you?" which I thought was a good way to put it now that I have a few too many grey hairs to shave off my head. It is great to be in a school where the students can genuinely show this level of joy with their Principal, so thanks one and all. And thanks to the staff too who organised a morning tea!!

So congratulations to all once again. I am hoping that all of our school community get the opportunity to recharge their batteries over this school holidays. It has been a big term and everyone is due for some well earned rest and relaxation. Let's hope for a holiday of sunshine and with full health!!

Thanks,



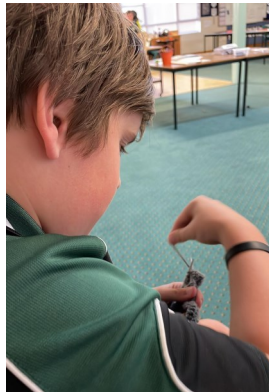
Josh Smith
Principal

5/6 Squire

Term 2 has been a busy one!

During Term 2 we have been learning about migration as part of our Inquiry and we have also celebrated Mother's Day, Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week and are entering NAIDOC Week for our last week of the term.

Cross Country, National Simultaneous Storytime, Robotman, Beatboxing, Footy Clinics, Netball training sessions, Cooking, Sewing, working on our Personal Interests, attending the Growing Up programme, Teamwork tasks and completing our STEAM projects, woven in amongst our reading, writing and maths has made for an exciting term with lots of varied learning experiences and heaps of fun.



Pre Loved School Uniform

We are looking for preloved uniforms, socks and underwear sizes 4 to 8 in good condition that your child no longer wears. We would be very grateful if you would consider donating them to the school.

Spare clothes are great to have on hand in case clothes get wet or muddy during the day, especially during the winter months.

Please drop off donated items to the school office. Thank you!



Every school day counts

Getting kids to school isn't always easy. But being at school is the best place for our kids.

If your child is unwell, they need to stay home. But if your child is well enough to attend school, they *should* be at school. Every day, Monday to Friday.

Reality of missing school

Data shows us that regular school attendance is one of the best things a child can do to set them up for success. But if they don't attend, things get harder for them.

Let's do the maths:

- If your child misses even just one day a fortnight, that adds up to 20 days of the school year. That's the same as missing four whole weeks of school!
- If they miss one day a week, that doubles to eight weeks of school they'll never get back.

Over the course of their childhood, that equals two and a half years of vital education they'll never receive... We mean it, every school day counts. It all adds up.

Bright futures begin at school

The data also tells us something else: the better a child's attendance rate, the better off they'll be. Their future will be filled with more opportunities.

School is where they learn and grow alongside their friends, and where they benefit the most. Going to school not only promotes academic success, but also helps build important social skills, relationships and confidence.

Good attendance habits in primary school lead to good attendance habits in high school. This will help expand your child's options even further as they grow older.

[Watch this video](#) to see the benefits of going to school.

It's ok if you need help

If you're struggling to get your child to school, help is available. Please talk to us at school about your situation. We'll support you, in whatever way we can.

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

Library Books



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

2 MAY - 8 JULY

A row of ten book characters, each wearing a different hat: a witch hat, a rainbow hat, a Cat in the Hat, a chocolate hat, a crown, a blue hat, a ghost hat, a red hat, and a top hat.

TASMANIAN PREMIER'S

READING CHALLENGE

The logo for the Tasmanian Premier's Reading Challenge, featuring a stylized hawk head.

READ 10 BOOKS IN 10 WEEKS!

To find out more, visit www.premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au

Please return your completed PRC reading log by the end of the term.

Department of Education

The logo for the Tasmanian Government, featuring a stylized Tasmanian tiger.

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!



We have already posted
10kg
of bread bags!!

We are still 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!

We are accepting bags until 9th September.

Keep those bags coming!!

**BURNIE
ARTS**

presents



15-16 July
Town Hall

burniearts.net
6430 5850



ST.LUKESHEALTH NORTH WEST
TASMANIA THUNDER

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CLINIC

\$30 per child

Wednesday 13 July 2022

Thursday 14th July 2022

10am - 12pm

Ages 7-10 & Ages 11 - 14

Mazda BT-50 Thunder Stadium,
Ulverstone

Bring a drink bottle!

Each participant receives a ticket to St.LukesHealth
North West Thunder and Launceston Tornados
Double Header in Devonport!

Register via the website or email us at
enquiries@nwthunder.com.au



Dates To Remember

July

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
Friday 29th	Winter Sports: Session 1

August

Every Tuesday - 11:00am - 12pm	Mother Goose - Birth to 5 Years
Starting Thursday 11th - 11:15am to 12:30pm (then every Thursday until otherwise notified)	Pre-Kinder
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years
Friday 5th	5/6 Winter Sport: Session 2
Friday 12th	5/6 Winter Sport: Session 3

September

Every Tuesday - 11:00am - 12pm	Mother Goose - Birth to 5 Years
Every Thursday - 11:15am to 12:30pm	Pre-Kinder
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years
Friday 2nd	5/6 Winter Sport: Session 4 (Country Gold Selection)
Friday 9th	3/4 Sports Expo
Friday 16th	3/4 Sports Expo (Back Up)
Thursday 22nd to Friday 23rd	Country Gold Trip

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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