



# Smithton Primary School

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## What's happening in 3/4 J

Everyone has settled in nicely this term. Our classroom has been calm and quiet (most of the time!) and students are relaxed and enjoying being back at school. We welcome our newest member, Ace and his family, to our class. We hope you enjoy being in our class as much as we do, Ace!

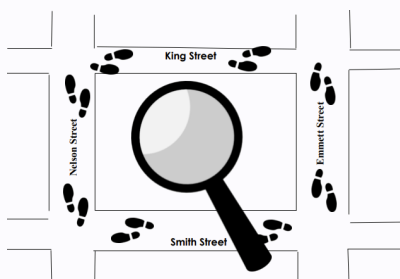
**English** - This term we are looking at persuasive texts in English where students are discovering their ability to persuade others to their way of thinking in a respectful way.

**HASS** this term is learning about rules and laws. Students have had fun discussing what life would be like without rules and laws.

In **Maths** we have been learning about different ways to multiply with the teacher having to learn about ways other than rote learning (Yikes! Old dog new tricks – that kind of thing). We have also been practising our understanding of fractions and the connections to multiplying.

**Science** - our adventures have had us looking at Night and Day with sundials and shadows that are formed with each position of the sun. We also completed the Science Trail around town with the class entering the competition. Thank you to Anna Best and Mr Smith for joining us and Jane and Rhiannon from Country Market for providing the students with a fruit snack.

3/4 J checking out  
local businesses  
on the Science Trail



GLASS: More than meets  
the eye SCIENCE TRAIL

# What's Happening

Dear Families!

What a fantastic start to Term 3 we have had at SPS. Already this term we have had so much to celebrate and with so much more to look forward to.

## 5/6 Winter Sport

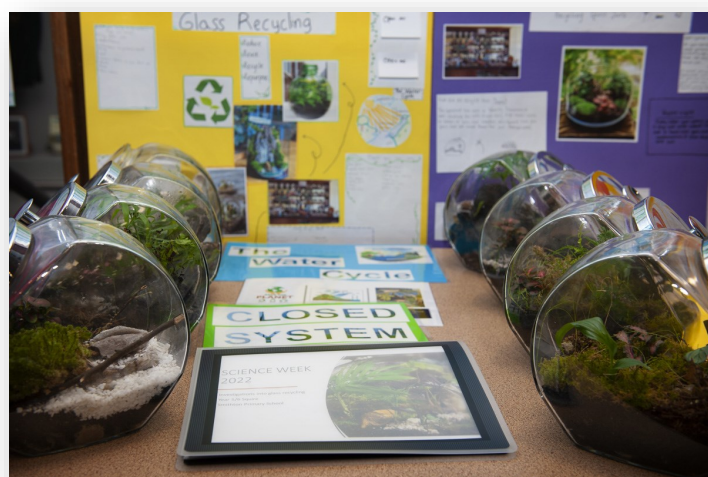
Over the past two Fridays our 5/6 students have met with other Year 5/6 students from across Circular Head to participate in sports such as Taekwondo, Tennis, Football, Netball and Hockey. It is fair to say that the last session was a true "Winter" experience with the weather. Students who are selected have the opportunity to represent Circular Head at the large sports competition, Country Gold, in Launceston in Week 9.

## Pre-Kinder

We have started our Pre-Kinder sessions with a lovely bunch of amazing little people and their families. This has been run by Melissa Coombe who is preparing them for Kinder in 2023. So far this has been amazing and will occur every Thursday at 11:15am – 12:30pm in our Kinder space.

## Science Week

It was great to see so many of our students attend the Science Gig on Monday night. It was amazing to witness our school community enjoying Science and being involved in a larger community event. Our students work that was displayed was a real highlight, and I thank every family member who came to encourage their children in their education in this way. A special mention to 5/6 Squire on receiving first place in the Senior Primary category for their work with the terrariums.



## Book Week (next week)

Book week's theme is "Dreaming with eyes open" and we will be participating in many class-based activities. We will have our Book Parade, where we encourage our students to dress up, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August at 9am. This is a fantastic chance for us to celebrate books and reading.

## PE

This term in PE we have already had a focus on Tennis and Hockey. Ex-student, Henry Wright has been coming into our school, taking clinics in the sport he loves (Hockey). Coming up we have Little Athletics and a focus on Rugby.

## Year 6 Transitions to Smithton High School

This term our Year 6 students will be spending time at SHS to familiarise themselves with the school in preparations for 2023. This will start this Friday for some students and then later on in the term, the other Year 6's will have their opportunity. In Term 4, they will attend Orientation Day, where all Year 7 students for 2023 spend a day at SHS. Next Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup> August) there is a special Information Evening for families of Year 6 students where they can find out more information about Year 7 at SHS. This starts at 6pm in the SHS gymnasium.



### 3/4 Sports Expo

Just like Winter Sport, the Year 3/4's have a chance to meet with other Year 3/4 students in Circular Head to enjoy playing sports together. This is scheduled for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of September.

### Swimming

Our Early Childhood (K-2) students have the opportunity to continue their growth and learning in the area of swimming in the last week of this term (26<sup>th</sup> Sept – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept). Our Upper Primary have their Swimming Program in the later stages of Term 4.

### School Improvement

As you know we have been partnering with a Numeracy Coach (Ben Johnston) for the last 18 months. He has been taking our teachers and students on a journey of Maths improvement in the school where we improve engagement through Structured Inquiries, where students access an engaging learning experience that is well designed by the teacher to cater for all of the students' needs in the classroom. It is exciting times as we are really seeing this approach having an impact on our students view of Maths and view of themselves as Mathematicians. This improvement is a direct result of our two school priorities of:

- Strengthening the way our teaching staff working together to improve the way we teach, in particular Spelling and Numeracy.
- Improving student engagement for learning.

With so much happening and with so much more to do this term, I want to remind us all that even with the busy nature of things, that school is about student learning. That is what we are primarily here for. At SPS we like to engage in a variety of learning experiences, however having students at school is vital to their success. We try to not allow any disruptions to come in that will take away from the learning, so we can maximise the time we do have here at school.

I hope everyone has a safe and positive couple of weeks ahead!

Thanks,



**Josh Smith**  
Principal



Science Gig - 5/6 Squire



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**Smithton High School**  
**Information Evening**

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**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022**  
**\*\* Year 7 Transition \*\* Year 9/10 Electives \*\***  
SMITHTON HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

**YEAR 7 TRANSITION 2023**  
(current Year 6 students interested in attending Smithton High School in 2023)

Commencing at 6pm  
Meet & greet with senior staff and the Year 7 team  
Tour of the school and Year 7 area  
Parents are welcome to view the Year 9/10 elective displays

**YEAR 9 & 10 ELECTIVES 2023**  
(students currently in Years 8 & 9 to select electives for 2023)

Commencing at 6:30pm  
Welcome by the Student Executive Council and introduction to senior staff  
Year 9 and 10 elective displays in mini-theatre and Drama room  
Event concludes at 7:30pm

We are looking forward to meeting you all and helping your child with their future pathways.

If you have further questions please contact:  
Mel Watts (Year 7 Coordinator), Lindsey Blake (Assistant Principal Year 7 & 8),  
Tim Dunham (Assistant Principal Year 9 & 10), Andrea Wilson (Electives Coordinator), Nikki Clark (Principal)  
Phone: 6452 9222 (Smithton High School)

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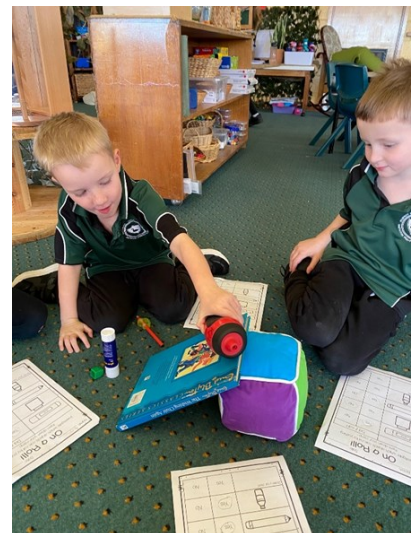


# Prep Gale

In Prep Gale we have been exploring movement. To begin our investigation, we created slow-motion videos to watch how our bodies moved. When we watched these videos back, we wondered “How do our bones make our bodies move?”



We have also created ramps to investigate which objects roll and which objects slid.







# Prep Gale



"If you push things they move that's a force." – *Huell*

"Our feet make scooters move because we push them and the wheels move." – *Riley*

"Round things will roll. They go roly polly all the way down. They get slower as the move longer." – *Kobe*

Prep children have discovered to make things move you need a force, either a push or a pull.

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# Kinder 2023

**Do you have a child born in 2018?**

**Applications for 2023 Kinder Enrolments  
are now being taken.**

Parents and Carers wishing to enrol their child will need to complete an enrolment form, which is available from the school office.

If you have any queries, please contact the office on 03 6452 1955.










# Nurse Rob's corner

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES  
Better health for better learning



## DENTAL HEALTH MONTH! August 2022



Following a daily routine is a great way to remain consistent when brushing your teeth to ensure all surfaces of your teeth are cleaned.

- Use a soft bristle toothbrush
- Always brush gently in circular motion tilting your toothbrush at 45-degree angle towards the gums.
- Gently brush inside, outside and chewing surfaces of the teeth.
- Brush gently and softly, if you apply too much pressure while brushing, this can cause your gums to recede and can damage the white tooth enamel.
- once finished brushing, spit out the excess tooth paste **but do not rinse your mouth with water. This leaves a thin layer of toothpaste on your teeth which protects your teeth.**
- Remember to brush your tongue. Brushing and cleaning the tongue can reduce the bacteria present which can help with bad breath known as Halitosis.
- Replace your toothbrush or toothbrush head on the electric toothbrush every 3 months.
- Brush at least for 2 minutes twice a day.



### HIDDEN SUGARS

Sugar is one of the biggest factors that can contribute to the development of tooth decay. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends adults consume only six or less teaspoons (approximately 24 grams) of free sugar to decrease their risk of tooth decay.

Many people think of sugar as the white granules that we spoon into our coffee and tea or add to baking/dessert recipes. But sugar comes in many forms. Sugar can be called over 50 different names, making it hard to detect on food and drink labels. These are known as hidden sugars.



Look out for these names on the ingredient list of Nutrition Information Panels when shopping. Even foods and drinks that claim to have no added or refined sugars can contain a lot of sugar. The closer the ingredient is to the top of the ingredient list, the more of it present in the food or drink.

Source: Australian Dental Association, 2022.



# Book Week Dress-Up Parade

Tuesday 23rd August at 9am

Come dressed as your favourite book character or wear a hat



## Wynyard and Districts Cricket Club PRIMARY SCHOOL HURRICANES JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Wynyard and Districts Cricket Club Primary School Hurricanes Junior League is relaunching in Term 4 this year.

We are excited to bring this **free** sporting opportunity to our young cricketers, both boys and girls, from Somerset through to Smithton.

Games will be held from 3.30pm on Fridays until 5.00pm open to students from Grades Four to Six.

If your child is very confident and is younger, please advise. We have a "stage, not age" approach to supporting and challenging our youth. Younger, confident children will be considered.

Matches will be played with a semi-hard ball, which will require helmets and protective equipment. It is recommended that players have their own gear. All players will need a groin protector.

**Please register as soon as possible in Term 3.** The competition coordinator is away travelling from August to October and would like registrations to occur over these months.

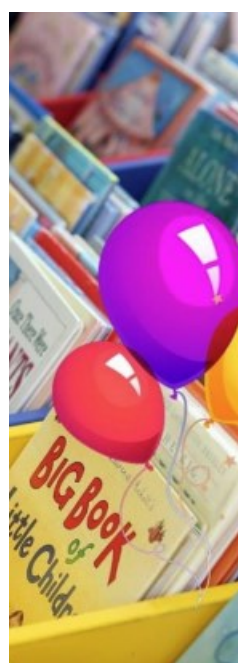
To register, please click on the following link: [HERE](#)

Or via the QR Code (adjacent)

Please email [greggsharman@gmail.com](mailto:greggsharman@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

Gregg Sharman  
Coordinator: WDCC Hurricanes Junior League





## SMITHTON ROTARY Book Fair

Where: ex Christian Bookshop,  
Emmett St, Smithton

Dates: Mon 8th-Fri 12th August  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sat 13th 10 am-12 pm

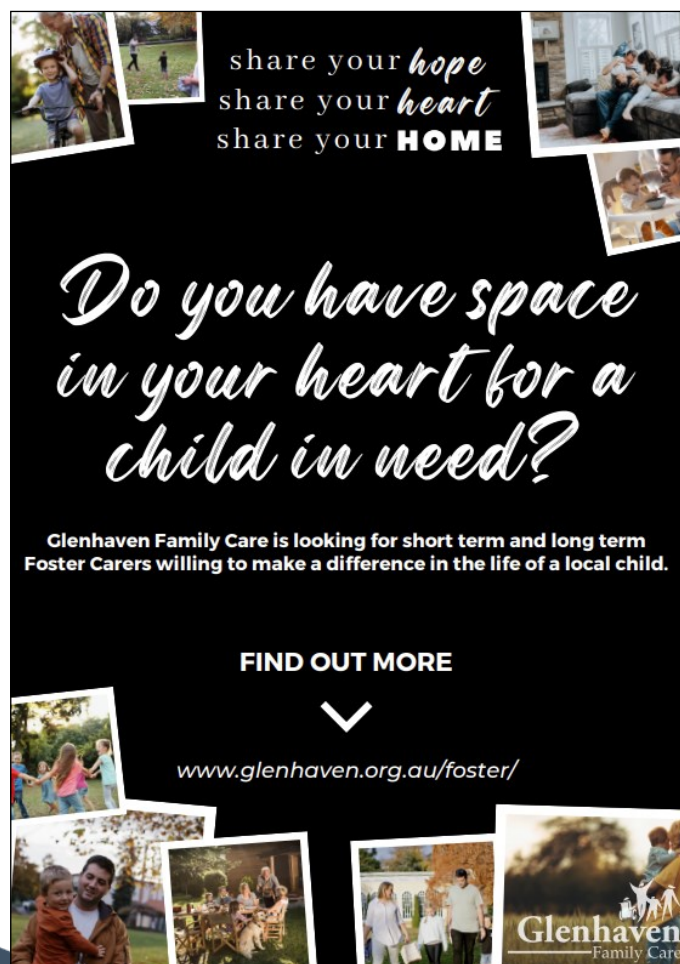
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Mon 15th - Fri 19th August  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Books, Puzzles, DVDs

Enquiries - Wendy Gray: 0429 186 876.

Another wonderful fundraiser towards books  
for students at all CH Pre-kinder schools.



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share your *heart*  
share your **HOME**

## Do you have space in your heart for a child in need?

Glenhaven Family Care is looking for short term and long term  
Foster Carers willing to make a difference in the life of a local child.

**FIND OUT MORE**

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[www.glenhaven.org.au/foster/](http://www.glenhaven.org.au/foster/)

**Glenhaven  
Family Care**

# Dates To Remember

## August

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
Tuesday 23rd 9:00am	Student Book Parade for Book Week

## 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
Monday 5th 10:00am - 1:00pm	CH Athletics Carnival at the Smithton Rec
Friday 9th	3/4 Sports Expo
Friday 16th	3/4 Sports Expo (Back Up)
Tuesday 20th - Wednesday 21st	NW Athletics Carnival
Thursday 22nd to Friday 23rd	Country Gold Trip
Friday 30th	Last day of Term Footy Colours Day

## October

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
Monday 17th	Students First Day of Term 4

## November /December

Monday 21st November to Friday 2nd December	Year 3 to 6 Swimming and Water Safety Program
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### 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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