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Prep/1 Grey

In our classroom we have been learning about procedures. We wrote procedures on how to make slime. After we wrote them, we followed the steps and it took five tries to get the slime right. (We think we missed some important steps!) Finally, we were successful and had lots of fun playing with the slime.

We also wrote procedures on how to make pizza. We had so much fun making them.



Term 3

Highlights

Dear families,

Well, here we are in Week 10 of Term 3 and what a term it has been!

It has been a term jammed pack full of fantastic opportunities for our students to grow.

Some of the highlights this term has been seeing our Pre-Kinder in full swing, the Science Gig, Book Week and Book Parade, Footy Colours Day, Year 6 Transition, 3/4 Sports Expo, 5/6 Winter Sport, Maths Relays, 2/3 Goodwin's trip away to Launceston, a visit from Ditto...the list goes on and on.

On top of this is the amazing learning that is going on in each classroom, each and every day. I wish to make a particular note of last week's amazing efforts of the students who attended Country Gold in Launceston and the NW Athletics Carnival in Penguin. From all accounts, our students continue to represent our school and our district really well. I also want to make a special mention to our 5/6 Basketball team who competed last weekend in Devonport and made it all the way through to the final in their division.

Planning for 2023

Whilst it might be the last week of Term 3, we have been in planning mode for 2023 at SPS. Usually, announcements like these are left until the end of the year, but for the sake of being transparent, organised and well informed, I'd prefer to pass on some staffing news that we have for 2023.

Miss Isobel Latimer

Miss Latimer will be leaving us at the end of this year to head to Launceston where she will be closer to her partner. I want to take this opportunity, although we will speak more about this at our end of year Assembly, to thank Miss Latimer for all that she has given to Smithton Primary in the two years that she has been with us, working in the Kinder area.

Miss Meg Irvine

Miss Irvine will be leaving us at the end of this year and will be moving interstate. I wish to thank her for all that she has brought to Smithton Primary over the three years that she has been here, working in our Middle and Upper Primary areas of the school.


I know it is fair to say that both Miss Latimer and Miss Irvine will be very much missed by our whole school community, and we wish them both well for their future!

Kinder 2023

We are very fortunate to be in the position where we can announce our Kinder teacher for 2023. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jayde Grey will be taking on the role. Mrs Grey is currently our longest serving classroom teacher and it will be fantastic to have her experience working with our youngest students and their families in that area of the school in 2023. Mrs Grey will transition into this role in Term 4 as she takes over the role of Mrs Melissa Coombe (who will be heading off on Maternity Leave) as our Pre-Kinder teacher. This is an awesome opportunity for our students to get to know their teacher earlier than we would have usually expected! Other staffing announcements will be made in Term 4 and our goal is to be

Whilst it has been a busy term, there have been amazing things going on. I continue to congratulate our P&F, School Association, school families, staff and students for their ongoing effort and enthusiasm in partnering with me to improve our school. I hope that all members of the school community have the time to take some space away from the school routine to have a mental break over the school holidays to refresh in preparation for our final term of 2022.

Thanks for partnering with us!



Josh Smith
Principal

HATS ON FOR TERM 4

We are a SUNSMART school which means No Hats No Play during Term 1 and 4. Students are required to wear hats whenever they are outside. Sun hats are to be worn during recess, lunch and other outdoor activities. Students may still wear their beanies to and from school.

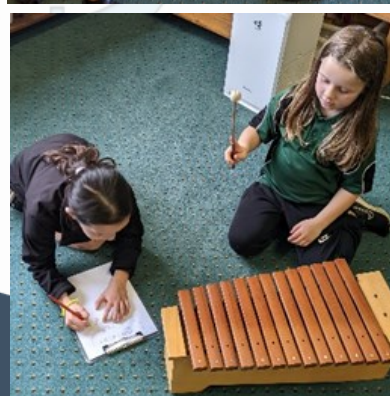
Replacement hats are available at the office for \$12

Music

In our three terms of music, we have had lots of fun responding, making, and performing. We have worked on our rhythm, keeping the beat, and matching with everyone. We have danced and moved to the music, learned about different types of music and how they make us feel; "Some music can be fast and fun, and sometimes it's sad or sleepy."

We have learned about and used lots of different instruments. Our favourites are the xylophones and the drums. Using these instruments, we have learned and performed songs, as well as learning to make our own songs. I am so impressed with the creativity in each class when making and performing their own songs! We have made songs as a whole class, based on a theme like 'rain' or 'spring', using lots of percussive instruments, as well as making our own melodies in small groups on the xylophones.

I am really enjoying seeing the enthusiasm and joy in our Early Childhood students while they are engaging in music!



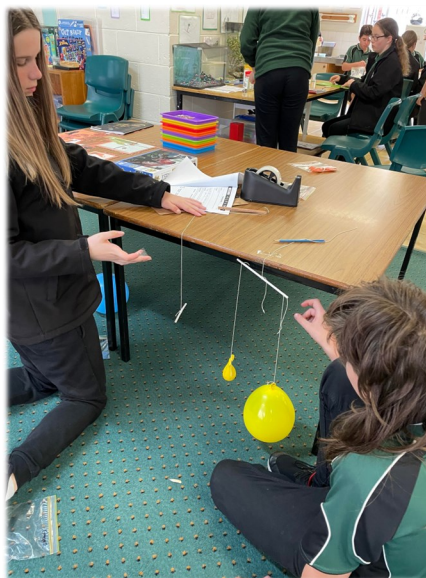
5/6 Squire

Term 3 has been another big term for 5/6 Squire. Students spent time learning about gases, liquids and solids in Science and had fun investigating the properties of each during our Science Day. The class also had great success at the Science Week Science Gig, winning the class challenge with our investigations of the use and properties of glass. We presented work on our mini biomes we made in recycled jars in Term 1 and reported on the way the water cycle works within a closed system terrarium.

It has also been a physically challenging term with colds and flus, and we have had winter sports, athletics, footy, rugby clinic and Country Gold to help us enjoy the colder season. Book Week and Father's Day gift making were also lots of fun, as were the arrival of our class pets Pebble and B2 the bunnies.

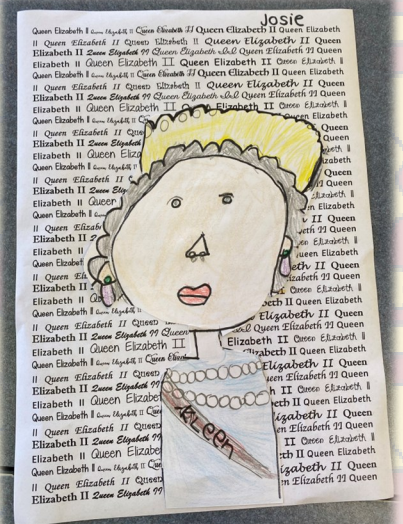
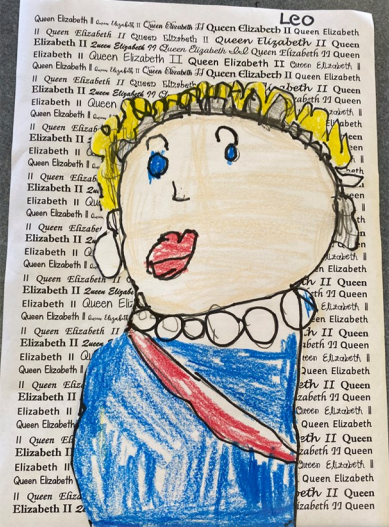
The death of Queen Elizabeth II was a sad but important event for us to recognise and prompted discussion about the way countries are governed, the role of leaders and commitment to service. This has flowed into discussions about the creation of laws and the way in which rules and laws create a safer, fairer and more equitable society.

In Banquer, some students have been investigating ways they could create a business and how they will promote their business within the class. Students have created a chair stacking business, a custom chatterbox business and others have been considering services like pencil sharpening and desk clearing. Considering the differences between providing services and sales, and in conducting some in class market research to determine which kind of business students want to develop has been a focal point for our discussions.



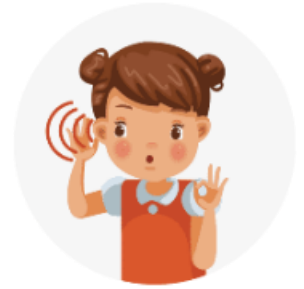
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Remembering
Queen Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022





Hearing Assessments at school



How do you know your child may have a hearing loss as opposed to “selective hearing” when you are trying to get them to do a household chore?

- Does not follow simple commands, such as “get your shoes,” or understand simple directions
- Is easily frustrated or experiences communication breakdowns
- Is falling behind with speech and communication skills
- Cannot understand what you are saying unless they are looking directly at you
- Cannot identify where sounds are coming from
- Is exhausted at the end of school from concentrating to understand speech
- Shows signs of behavioural problems or social difficulties
- Experiences problems keeping up at school or grades slipping
- Does not respond to you/others from a distance
- Has delays in speech and language development

Remember that the impact of hearing loss on a developing child is quite different from the effects of hearing loss that occur in adulthood.

Children use their hearing to learn about the world around them and develop communication skills. Any impact on their hearing means those developing skills will also be impacted.

If you would like your child’s hearing tested, let their teacher know and they will arrange for Nurse Rob to assess your child’s hearing at school.

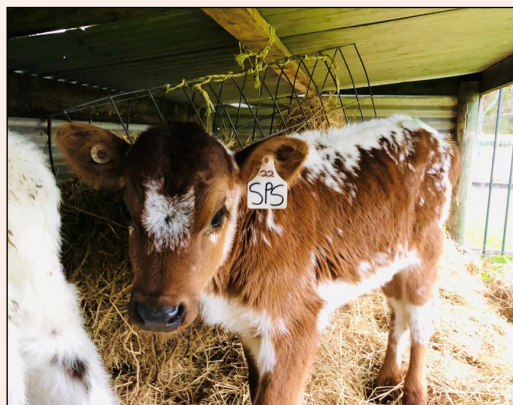


New calves

We have two new calves!

They will be looked after at school for the rest of the year.

Thank you Tammy and Luke Tuxworth (40 South Dairies) for your support of our hands on learning.



Sneak Peak!

Look out in the first newsletter in Term 4 to hear all about 2-3 Goodwin's class trip to Launceston .



LIBRARY BOOKS

If your child has any library books at home, please return them to school tomorrow!!

Thank you!



Meet your classmates



Come and have some fun!

Smithton High School
Year 7 Orientation Day

Friday 25th November 2022

Please Contact the School if you have any questions

Meet the teachers

Come to experience a day in the life of a Year 7



NWPSSA Athletic Carnival

The NWPSSA athletic carnival was held last week in Penguin, with 12 students from Smithton Primary School joining with other students from the local schools to form the CHSSSA team.

It was a fantastic couple of days with both 3/4 and 5/6 teams all participating well, we also had some impressive individual results from our school. The CHSSSA came 3rd overall in division A which is an awesome result.

1st	Tyler	Year 4	100m
2nd	Jandre	Year 4	200m
3rd	Shayla	Year 4	75m
3rd	Shayla	Year 4	200m
1st	Ashlynn	Year 6	100m
1st	Lucas	Year 5	400m
2nd	Lucas	Year 5	200m
2nd	Lucas	Year 5 Shot Put	
3rd	Elizabeth	Year 5	75m



Come along to join in with lots of fun, games,
activities, songs and stories

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4 LiL Sessions

PRE-KINDER - THURSDAYS - 11:15AM TO 12:30PM

(for children starting Kinder in 2023)

Last Pre-Kinder session for the year will be on the 8th December

LAUNCH PAD - FRIDAYS - 9AM TO 10AM

(for children Birth to 5 Years)

Last Launch Pad session for the year will be on the 9th December



Entry and sign in via the school office.



Please bring a hat, snack and a drink of water for your child.

For any queries please contact the school office or the
'Early Years @ Smithton Primary School' Facebook page.



CIRCULAR HEAD GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS



SPRING FLOWER SHOW



COMMUNITY EVENT- CELEBRATING THE
LAST DAY OF THE CIRCULAR HEAD ARTS
FESTIVAL

10:30AM-4:00PM

October

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2022

SMITHTON RECREATION GROUNDS

THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY THE
CIRCULAR HEAD COUNCIL

October School Holidays



Virtual Reality booked sessions

Monday 3 October
Thursday 6 October

Book a 45 minute virtual reality session for your family and friends. Bookings are essential so don't miss out - call the Library on 6478 9574 to reserve your place!



Decorate the Library tree!

Wednesday 5 October 1:30pm - 3:30pm

You will create a beautiful craft decoration for our special tree in the Library. These artworks will be on display for the school holidays and then you can take it home. Bookings essential via eventbrite or by calling the Library on 6478 9574.



Rock painting

Tuesday 11 October 1:30pm - 2:30pm

You will create three beautiful rocks to take home with you. We will use posca pens to paint creative and inspiring designs onto rocks! Bookings essential via eventbrite or by calling the Library on 6478 9574.

Writers Club at the Library

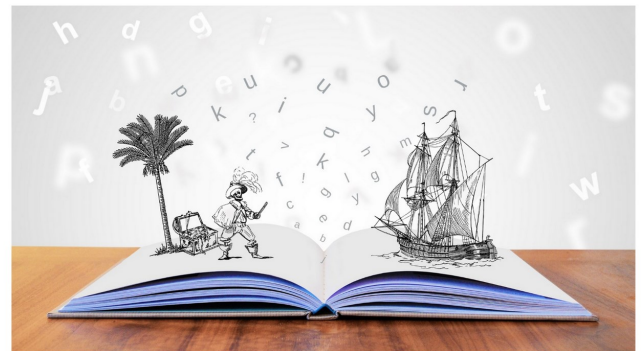


Story Builders - launch event

Wednesday 12 October 1:30 - 2:30

We are launching an exciting new program at the Library - writers club!

Aimed at primary-aged children in years 3-6. You will learn to think about what it takes to create a story, character arcs, plots, worlds, and outcomes. You will learn to write your own stories and could even illustrate stories instead of writing to begin with (just like famous Australian author May Gibbs, who drew first and wrote later.) If you have a budding author in your world, book them in for a fun and interactive workshop -- to book call the Library on 6478 9574.



Dates To Remember

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 30th	Last day of Term

October

Monday 17th	Students First Day of Term 4
Every Tuesday from 18th - 11:00am - 12pm	Mother Goose - Birth to 5 Years
Every Thursday from 20th - 11:15am to 12:30pm	Pre-Kinder
Every Friday from 21st - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years

November

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 4th	Student Free Day
Monday 7th	Public Holiday (Recreation Day)
Monday 21st November to Friday 2nd December	Year 3 to 6 Swimming and Water Safety Program

December

Every Thursday - 11:15am to 12:30pm	Pre-Kinder - Last session is on 8th December
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years - Last session is on 9th December
Tuesday 20th	End of Year Assembly
Wednesday 21st	Last day 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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