



Issue 16 - 26th October 2022

5/6 Irvine



Over the school holidays, Table Cape held a Tulip Festival.

When Term 3 started, we thought that tulips were a nice spring flower to draw, so we followed a video on how to draw tulips and they all turned out unique and different. We were able to use chalk pastels, pencils, textas, watercolours and paper.

Did you know that tulips are native to central Asia? The name 'tulip' comes from the Persian word 'delband' which means turban because of the shape of the flower.

Another interesting fact is that tulips are edible and throughout history people have eaten them if they haven't had enough food!

Holly and Sophie



Welcome to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4,

We have had a fantastic start to Term 4 after a much-needed break! As we know, this is the term that really goes fast and is full of activity. At this time of the year it is easy for us to get caught up in this attitude and start thinking about end of year activities and even Christmas (dare I say that already!!), but we need to remember that there are still so many more valuable days of learning left in the year. We need to make the choice to continue to attend school every day, work hard while at school and enjoy learning new things each day.

Farewell

We wish to farewell Mrs Melissa Coombes who has headed off on Maternity Leave this week. We hope everything goes well with the birth of your second child and will welcome you back at some stage in 2023. As we know, Mrs Jayde Grey will be taking over the Pre-Kinder area on Thursdays at a new timeslot (9:15 – 10:30). Mrs Grey will also be our Kinder teacher for 2023. Miss Isobel Latimer will be running Launchpad on Friday for this term from 9:00 – 10:00am.

Student Free Day (4th Nov)

You may note that Friday the 4th of November is a student free day. This day provides our staff with the chance to meet, work together and undertake professional learning. We want our school community to know that we are trying to continually improve and days like this one are pivotal in allowing us to take steps forward as a staff.

Parents and Friends

The next meeting is on Thursday 27th of October at 5:45pm at school. Our P & F do an amazing job and are always after new members. If you're keen to join this group, please feel free to come along on Thursday.

Change to the Department of Education

Some of you may have seen or heard that what was known as the Department of Education, is now titled "The Department for Education, Children and Young People." The change in name is to better reflect the aim which is to positively affect the lives of our children and young people and to work together to ensure that they are known, safe, well and learning.

New Enrolments

We wish to welcome our new students to our school who have started with us this term. So we welcome Rylah, Talei, Miah, Kai and Danni to Smithton Primary. We hope your first few weeks are awesome! It is great to be in a school that is growing!

2023 Classes

Whilst we would really like to explain what the classes look like for 2023 and who the teachers are for each class, it isn't quite as simple as that. There are so many factors (i.e. number of students in year level, access to teaching staff and teaching staff expertise, new enrolment numbers increasing and many more) that affect how 2023 might look like. I ask that parents are patient as we navigate through the decision making. On the 19th of December we will have an Orientation session for our students so that they can be in their new room, with their new teacher, among their new classmates.

Whilst I anticipate a busy term, there will be many opportunities to celebrate growth among our individual students and as a whole school. Thank you once again for choosing Smithton Primary and for the way that you partner so well with us to bring about the best possible opportunities for your children.

Have a fantastic day!



Josh Smith
Principal

REMINDER Hats are to be worn outside at all times in Term 4 to keep us safe from the sun. Children who do not have a hat will be asked to sit in the undercover areas at recess and lunch. Hats are available at the office for \$12.



At the end of Term 3, 2/3 Goodwin went on an excursion to the Royal Flying Doctors Service at Launceston Airport and then lunch at Riverbend Park.

We had been investigating the role of the RFDS in class and it was a wonderful experience to see the simulator and try and crack the code to open the box to save us all from zombies. Jocelyn talked to us about the importance of the RFDS and how they help thousands of people all over Australia including Tasmania.

We were very surprised to have the Airport fire trucks come and visit and we thought that the giant hose was like a giant water pistol that could shoot water 800 metres!

After cracking the code we went and collected Maccas and played at Riverbend Park. Ondine thought Mr Smith was very brave to go all the way to the top of the rope structure.

It was a long day but so much fun was had by all and we learnt so much about the importance of the RFDS.

Thank you to Eddie for driving the bus, Jocelyn at the RFDS, Mr Smith, Mrs Heald, Mrs Close and Miss Smith for sharing the day with us.



Road tripping!!



New RFDS flight crew.



Using our bodies to stay healthy.



Listening intently when Jocelyn was talking about saving people.



Daniel thought this was a giant water pistol.



So much sugar!! Hunter said he 'used' to love coke....



Lunch at Riverbend Park



Can you spot Mr Smith!!





This mobile dental care van was purchased for the RFDS by owners of Woolnorth



Making every school day count

Welcome back to the last term of the school year! This final stretch of the school year can sometimes be challenging to get your kids to school. But being at school is the best place for our kids, and it's important we make every school day count.

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.

Here are some tips to help:

- Create a routine.
- Give yourself enough time in the morning.
- Be on time, every day. Monday to Friday.
- Schedule appointments and trips outside of school hours.
- Get a good night's sleep.

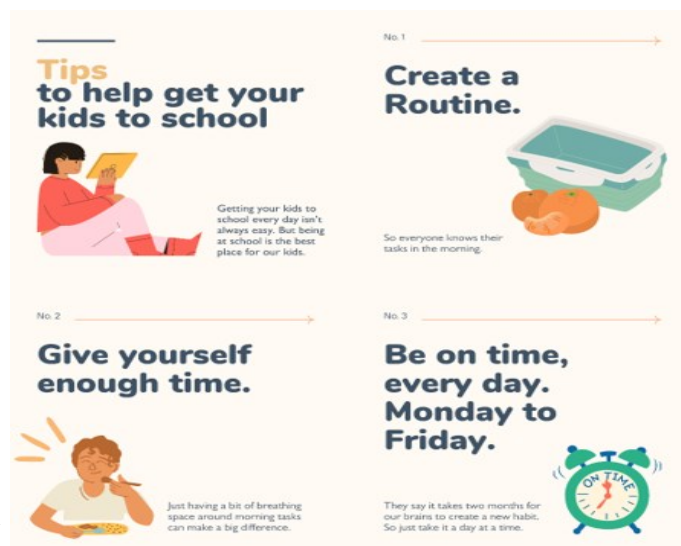
Set some technology boundaries.

If your child is well enough to attend school, they *should* be at school. Every day, Monday to Friday.

Data tells us that the better a child's attendance rate, the better off they'll be. Their future will be filled with *more opportunities*. ... which is what every parent and carer wants for their child.

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.

Again, please talk to us about your situation if you're having trouble getting your child to school every day.



NWPSSA Athletics

Team

Well done to Tyler, Lucas and Ashlynn who are amongst the students who have been chosen to represent the North West Coast in Launceston next month. Good luck!!



100m and Relay



Shot Put



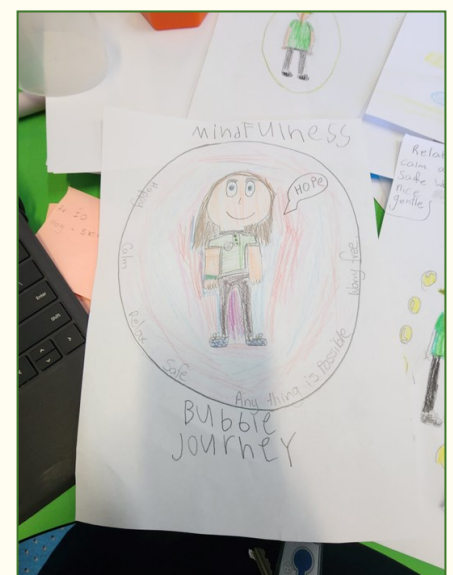
100m and Relay

Hockey

Well done to our students who had their first game of hockey last week.



Some mindfulness reflective work in 3/4 J



Class Captains

1/2 Ryan



2/3 Goodwin



Prep/1 Grey



Prep Gale



5/6 Squire



3/4 Johnston



3/4 Gausden



5/6 Nichols



5/6 Irvine



Great to see participation in Daily PE!!





Aussie of the Month - September

Congratulations

Stella

- * Goes out of her way to make sure everyone feels included and part of a group, especially those who may have not felt included.
- * Is always respectful towards everyone, and has a great sense of humour.
- * Goes above and beyond to help out in the classroom using her own initiative and never has to be asked.
- * Has a crack at everything, even when it is something she is not sure about and has persevered through injuries to always participate in PE.

ASPIRATION
GROWTH
COURAGE
RESPECT

Smithton Primary School

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.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
learners first

Department of Education

Smithton High School

Year 7 Orientation Day

Friday 25th November 2022

Please Contact the School if you have any questions

Meet your classmates

Come and have some fun!

Meet the teachers

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

Department of Education

WATER BOTTLE

There has been an increasing number of students forgetting to bring their drink bottle to school.

Please remind children to bring their drink bottle to school every day!





Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

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|  laptops & tablets |  uniforms & shoes |  books & supplies |
|  sports fees & gear |  lessons & activities |  camps & excursion |

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



UPCOMING VACANT POSITIONS

Smithton Primary School
Parents & Friends

JOIN US!

Feel free to join us at our meetings to see what we do.
Upcoming vacant positions will be:
President, Secretary & Treasurer.
AGM will be held in March 2023.



PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
5:45PM

SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



 **CIRCULAR HEAD** 

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Lunch

25th December

Sponsored by

Join us

For Circular Head Christmas day lunch at the Rec. This year people from the Circular Head community are once again working together to provide and support our community with a free Christmas lunch for people who are alone, having a hard time or away from family.

- Gold coin donation
- Transport can be arranged for people who are in need
- Bookings essential, RSVP by Dec 3rd

Contact us

0492490339 or pop into the Adra op shop Smithton.

If you would like to volunteer on the day or days prior, also for any donations please contact Natasha Jordan on 0428542374.

Dates To Remember

October

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| Monday 17th | Students First Day of Term 4 |
| Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am | Pre-Kinder |
| Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am | Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years |
| Thursday 27th | P&F Meeting - 5:45pm |

November

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| Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am | 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) |
| Friday 25th | Orientation Day for Year 6 students at Smithton High |
| Monday 21st November to Friday 2nd December | Year 3 to 6 Swimming and Water Safety Program |

December

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| Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:30am | 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 |
| Thursday 8th to Friday 9th | Year 6 Trip (TBA) |
| Wednesday 14th | Year 6 Dinner (TBA) |
| Tuesday 20th | End of Year Assembly |
| Wednesday 21st | Last day for students - Whole school picnic (K-6) |

2022 School Term Dates

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| 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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