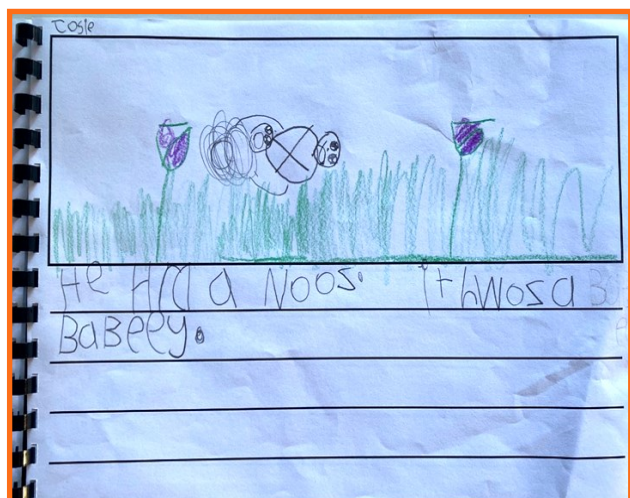


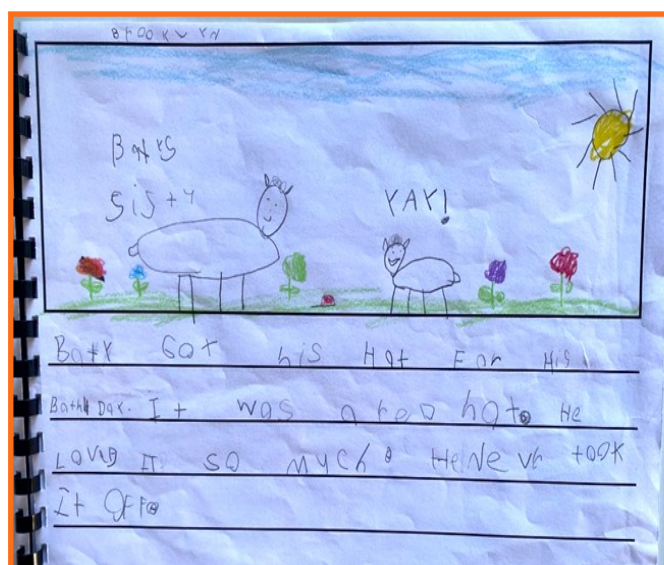
Prep Gale



In Prep Gale we have been creating picture books. As authors the children created a story about Barty's Hat. They made sure there was a beginning, middle and end in their story and created an Uh-Oh moment to make the story interesting for their readers. The children have enjoyed becoming authors, illustrators and editors.



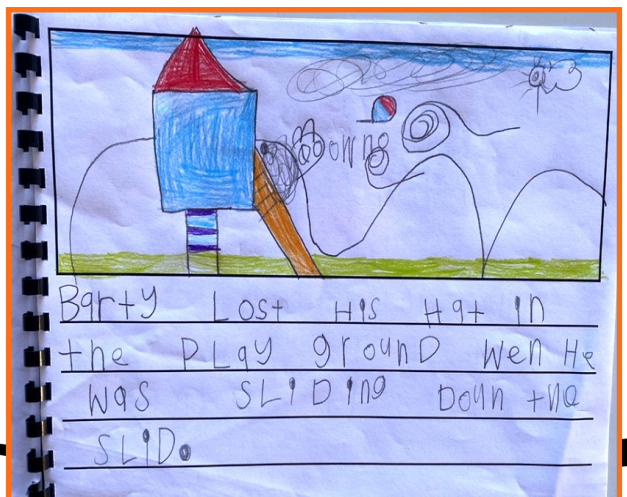
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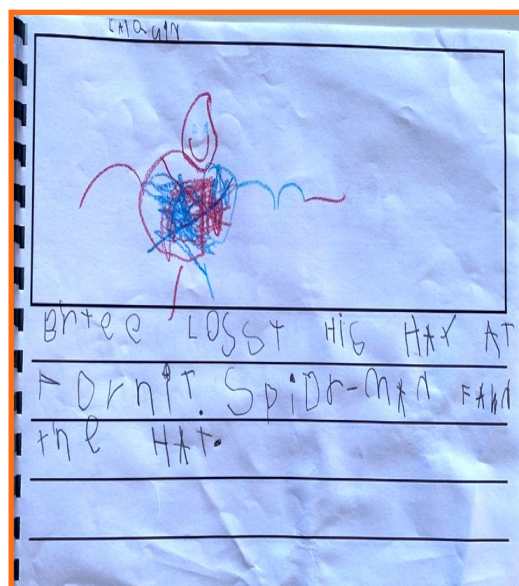
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Good News: Student Wellbeing Survey

Every year, our students are asked a whole range of questions about their school and their own wellbeing. This happens in every public school in Tasmania. We use this data to help us monitor how our school is tracking and what areas we should try to improve in. Here are some of the findings:

Bullying data has improved significantly!

In all areas (physical, verbal, social and cyber) ***our bullying data has improved in 2022*** compared with previous years. We have improved across the four areas by 16.25% which, when compared with the Tasmanian Schools Average, we are either ahead of the schools or even with them. This is a huge improvement as in 2019 we were a long way behind the state average. Some of the reasons we believe this has improved is because of the way our staff proactively teach about empathy through the value of “Be a Friend.” When bullying occurs, we are very open with families about this and seek to find a way to restore the situation. Of course, some instances of bullying are much harder to deal with than others, so we know that this is an area that we must continue to work hard in.

Students are feeling Safer at school!

When asked about student safety, students are reporting that in 2022 they feel much safer at school than previous years. As a matter of fact, 22% safer. This is 7% ahead of the Tasmanian state average, which is something to celebrate. We have historically been well behind in this area for many years. We have made some decisions in 2022 around supervision that may be a contributing factor for this. Again, with our staff proactively teaching about the importance of being and feeling safe through our school value of “Be Safe,” we feel this is having an impact and our data suggests it most definitely is.

We still have plenty of work to do

We know that in any school, we can always improve. For instance the student data shows that we need to put some work into “School Climate,” which ***has actually improved*** each year, but not as much as we were planning for. This will feature in next year’s School Improvement Plan. One other piece of data that stands out is a drop off in some of the Year 6 wellbeing data when compared to other year levels. We will be investigating this further and our hunch is that it may be linked to worries they may have about changing schools at the end of Year 6.

On a whole, the results of this survey allow us to celebrate some “wins” in the school over the past four years. We will not take the foot off the pedal, but rather we will put plans in place to make sure that we keep heading in a positive direction.

2023 STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT

Now that our student numbers are growing (we are currently at 206 and climbing), we have advertised for an Assistant Principal. I have some very exciting news that will help us continue to head in a positive direction and that is the announcement that Lindsey Blake will be our Assistant Principal for 2023. Lindsey currently is an Assistant Principal at Smithton High School and we welcome her to our school in this capacity. She brings a huge amount of knowledge, passion and experience to our school that I have no doubt will allow us as a school to make more steps forward in 2023.

As always, and especially given this time of the year, I thank everyone for working positively with the school as we remember that it is all about our students and their learning!

Thanks,



Josh Smith
Principal

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 class member, Miah and her family. We hope you enjoy being in our class as much as we do, Miah!

English - This term we are looking at narratives and poetry in English where students are discovering their ability to be creative in their writing. They are building their vocabulary by using and understanding a variety of different words through reading different texts and applying it to their writing.

In Maths we have been learning about different ways to multiply 2-digit numbers and making connections with addition. We have counted change and are practising writing a budget for our class BBQ at the end of the term. The BBQ is our reward for positive behaviour throughout the term.

Science – What fun we have had with science this term. We have experimented with a variety of games to identify the push and pull force that effects objects in the games. We learnt how to write a scientific prediction and draw scientific diagrams correctly. We discovered the effects of gravity on the Earth and objects that we use.

This term in HASS we will be learning about map conventions, different types of maps, where other countries are in relation to Australia and understanding our environment.



This is friction frog. We had to use the string at the back of the frog to create a contact force between 2 objects (friction) to make him move up the string.



Aussie of the Month - October

Congratulations

Olivia

- * Always includes everyone and makes them feel welcome.
- * Is always respectful and is willing to do anything that is asked of her.
- * She always perseveres when faced with a challenge.



Jump Rope for Heart has kicked off at Smithton Primary School!

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun and raise funds for lifesaving research and programs.

This year is the 40th year of Jump Rope for Heart! To celebrate this milestone, we've got an audacious goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Smithton Primary School work together to log 40 hours of skipping throughout the program!

[Register your child online](https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents), so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.
www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Students are encouraged to skip for 10 minutes every day over the next 5 weeks, whether that be at school or at home. By recording the amount of time skipped on their fundraising page, students can track their skipping and share their skipping progress. Students can also share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause and to win prizes.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day in week 6. This will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program again this year!



Jumprope.org.au
Jump.rope@heartfoundation.org.au
1300 724 804

KITCHEN CREATIONS COOKBOOK

Cookbooks for sale
\$20 each
Great for Christmas presents!!

Can be purchased from the school office. Cash only.

Smithton Primary School Association

1 x Parent Vacancy



The Smithton Primary School Association has a vacancy for a Parent Representative.

The School Association is an important part of the school, working with the Principal to achieve shared outcomes for our students and for the benefit of the whole school community.

If you are interested in nominating for the position or would like more information, please see Meredith at the school office by **Friday 18th November**.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Association will be held on **Thursday 24th November at 5:00pm** at Smithton Primary School

Free Events This Saturday!!

DUCK RIVER MEADOWS FORAGE FESTIVAL OPEN DAY
Sat 12 Nov 22 from 9:00am – 4:00pm

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

9:00am – 4:00pm **CAFÉ Open**

The Duck River Meadows Café will be trading all day and there will be two food vendors outside selling BBQ food, coffees and baked goods.

9:00am – 4:00pm **Shasa Bolton's Whirligig Exhibition**

Shasa Bolton is a mechanical engineer and artist from Sheffield, who designs and makes mechanical toys, kits and contraptions. He has made a number of Whirligigs for the Festival, which will be on display at Duck River Meadows for a one-day exhibition. Meet Shasa, learn about his contraptions and see his fabulous Whirligigs in action. Whirligigs kits for sale.

9:00am – 4:00pm **Circular Head Heritage Centre**

The Heritage centre will be open throughout the day, with a special display of the work of local knitters, weavers and spinners, with members dressed in period costume. **\$5 entrance fee to the Heritage Centre**, no booking required.

10:00 – 4:00pm **FREE Dairy Tours on the Hour**

Saputo have sponsored FREE Dairy Tours for the day. Departing every hour from 10:00am to 4:00pm. See the amazing robotic dairy in action. Max per tour is 10 people.

Bookings are Essential T: 6431 5333

10:00 – 4:00pm **FREE La Cantara Cheese Tasting**

Meet Genaro and Rosselyn, cheese makers from La Cantara Artisan Cheese, learn about their Venezuelan and European style cheeses made in Smithton. There are free tastings throughout the day and an opportunity to buy their uniquely crafted cheeses.

10:00am – 12:00noon **FREE Kite Making Workshop**

Free kite making workshop with Flocky Bock from Tasmanian Kite Flyers Association. All materials, tools and instruction, is provided free of charge. Suitable for children aged 6 and over (parental support appreciated). Maximum capacity of 20 children.

Bookings are Essential T: 6413 5333

11:00am – 2:00pm **Sheyana & Jimmy Reece**

Two of Tasmania's finest musicians come together to perform a wide range of carefully selected songs. Both musicians have had national and international success in their careers and will be performing in the Duck River Meadows Café for your enjoyment. **FREE**

1:00pm – 2:30pm **FREE Kite Flying Workshop**

Free kite flying workshop with Tasmanian Kite Flyers Association, at the Duck River Meadows paddock's. All instruction is provided free of charge. BYO kite from home or the one you have just made. Wear gumboots if wet. Meet at Duck River Meadows @ 1:00pm for a short walk to the flying field. Maximum capacity of 20 children, so **Bookings are Essential**. T: 6413 5333



Community
Open Day

Free Dairy Tours

Saturday,
November 12th, 2022



Tours commence at
10am; 11am; 12pm; 1pm;
2pm; 3pm; 4pm

Phone: **6413 5333**
as booking is essential

Sponsored
by:

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WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST
FREE LEARNING AND SKILLS SESSIONS
CHILDREN AGED 6-10

SIGN UP TODAY
5 FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS STARTING:
FRIDAY THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER
3.30-4.30PM @ SMITHTON REC GROUND

Experience or No-Experience you are encouraged to come along.
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/23503c>

Facilitated by experienced trainer Sophia Field and the CHCA
Sessions have been fully funded by the support of Cricket Tasmania

You are invited to join a research study

All Aboriginal children aged
4 to 16 years are welcome to
join a study looking at
chest/breathing problems in
children.



Dr Heinrich Weber and UTAS are conducting a Children's Breathing Research Project (HREC registration number: 23737) to find out more about how common breathing or chest problems are in our community. We then wish to find out possible reasons for such chest problems.

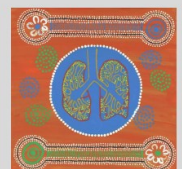
We also know that we have to address chest problems in childhood to ensure a healthy adult life.

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Complete Health
Survey with CHAC
Staff

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Appointment for a
Lung Function and
Allergy Test



Loowunna Tarla-Burra

Please contact the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation to find out more about the project or register your interest in participating. Contact CHAC on Phone 0484 541 143 or 0472 723 948



Dates To Remember

November

Thursday 10th and 24th - 9:00am to 10:30am (Session on the 17th has been cancelled)	Pre-Kinder
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years
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

Thursday 1st and 8th - 9:00am to 10:30am	Pre-Kinder - Last session is on 8th December
Friday 2nd and 9th - 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

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



2023 School Term Dates

Term 1	Wednesday 8th February to Wednesday 5th April
Term 2	Wednesday 26th April to Friday 7th July
Term 3	Tuesday 25th July to Friday 29th September
Term 4	Monday 16th October to Thursday 21st December

Student Free Days

Tuesday 7th February
Thursday 6th April
Monday 24th July
Friday 3rd November

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