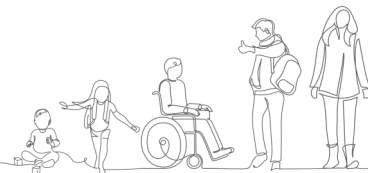




# Smithton Primary School

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## 5/6 Nichols



On Monday the 14th November Michelle from Bunnings came to 5/6 Nichols class to show us how we can utilise recycled materials! We built pencil boxes and bird houses and then decorated them.

We learnt about how to safely use tools and the importance of team work when building. Thank you to Michelle for taking the time to come along and work with us.





# 4 Weeks to Go!!!



## Dear families!

Yes! That's right, we are already more than halfway through Term 4 and on that downward slide through to the end of the year. I'm not going to go on and on about being busy, as I think that being busy is a way of thinking. I think when you enjoy what you are doing, you can have a lot to do, but still not feel 'busy.' My hope over the next month leading up to Christmas that we may have a lot to do, but that we take the time to enjoy it rather than make a frantic rush to the finish line.

## 2023 Classes

I am pleased to say that the ball is continuing to roll in order to have our class structures organised for 2023. We continue to have new enrolments coming through the door and are still in the process of finalising our staffing. My goal is to have things organised by the end of Week 8, but things can change very quickly!

## Year 6 students

The end of the year is always a big occasion for the Year 6 students. They have an Orientation Day (25<sup>th</sup> Nov), overnight camp with the other cluster schools (1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec), Year 6 SPS Trip (8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> Dec) and their Year 6 Celebration Dinner (14<sup>th</sup> Dec). This time of the year is about celebrating the successes this group of students have had, not just this year but in every year of their primary schooling years.


## Last Week of School

Families always want to know the details around what the last week looks like, so here are the details. Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> will be Assembly Practice day for students followed by an Orientation session where students spend time in their 2023 classes. On Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our Assembly in the school gym at 10am. Our last day (Wed 21<sup>st</sup>) we will have a whole school picnic at Stanley for the day.

It is often a difficult time of the year as decisions are made and explained with people experiencing a range of emotions. Reporting information will be communicated and ultimately sent home on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. I ask that you use the reports as a way to have conversations with your child about their improvement over the year and what their goals for improvement might be in 2023; showing a keen interest in your child's education is the key.

As we approach our last four weeks of the year, I continue to encourage families to keep communication lines open with us. I hope you don't feel too 'busy' and get a chance to stop and enjoy this time of the year and reflect on your own successes.

Have a fantastic day!

 **Josh Smith**  
Principal



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**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.

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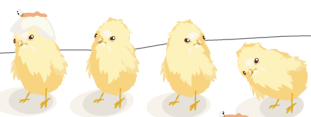
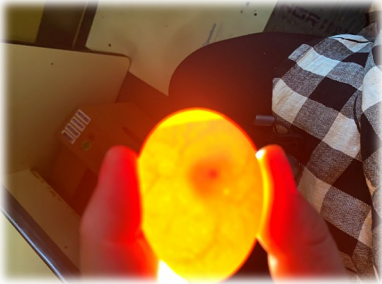


Last week we held the STEAM-A-THON during STEAM lessons. Families and friends of Prep to Year 6 had the opportunity to come in and join the students in completing a variety of tasks. It was exciting to see the students working with the adults as they tried to complete a task. Thank you to the 40 plus adults that made the time to come in and join us.





# Hatching Chickens







## Smithton High School Year 7 Orientation Day

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Please Contact the School if you have any questions



This Friday!!

Meet your classmates

Meet the teachers

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

Come and have some fun!




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## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE STUDENT BUS TRAVEL?

If you are 18 or under, study full time in a recognised Tasmanian education facility and meet certain criteria, you may be eligible for free bus travel or transfers to get to and from school.

If eligible and you apply before Friday, 6 January 2023 you will receive your student bus pass for free travel before the start of Term 1.

If you already have a student bus pass for free travel and you're still eligible for free travel in 2023, you will be able to access your free travel entitlement with your existing card.

To find out if you are eligible for free bus travel and to apply go to [www.transport.tas.gov.au/public\\_transport/student\\_travel](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/public_transport/student_travel)

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## LIBRARY BOOK BORROWING FINISHES THIS FRIDAY!!

Could students start  
returning  
library books  
next week please

SCHOOL IS COOL

every day counts

## Drink Bottles

Please remember to bring a  
drink bottle to school.

Kids Need Water!

Water is essential to life and kids need plenty of water in order to feel good, focus, concentrate and think. Water will also give your children the necessary energy and brainpower to help them learn easier and better.



# 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 1st - Friday 2nd	Year 6 Cluster overnight stay at Riverbend (tba)
Thursday 8th to Friday 9th	Year 6 Trip
Wednesday 14th	Year 6 Dinner
Tuesday 20th	End of Year Assembly - 10:00am start
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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