

Issue 19 - 7th December 2022

1-2 Ryan



This term, with our buddy class 5/6 Irvine, we have been working as collaborators to design, plan and decorate gumboots and mini scarecrows to enter at the Circular Head Show in Stanley.

It was really exciting to have our gumboot items place second place at the show!



To our **AMAZING!** Families

Here we are in the middle of Week 8 and with just two weeks left, we have so many exciting events and activities planned that are aimed to celebrate what an amazing year it has been. Among other things our major moments of celebration are Wednesday 14th where our Kindergarten students have their **“Kinder Celebration of Learning.”** On that same day, our Year 6 students have their **“Year 6 Dinner”** of the evening which is held at school and catered for by our amazing P&F. Then we are left in our last week on 20th December at 10am with our official **“Whole School Assembly”** which is a very formal way to celebrate the year. We know that the data we collect shows some amazing improvements in our individual students and as a whole (in a variety of ways), so it is really important we celebrate this. On the last day of school for students (21st of December) we are excited to have our **“Whole School Picnic to Stanley”** for the day.

Staffing for 2023 is well underway, with almost all teachers set in stone to cover our classes. As we have grown as a school recently, we have an additional class on offer compared with this year. While I am still not in a position to announce all of our staffing, I am able to let our school community know the following structures in our school:

Kinder – Mrs Jayde Grey
Prep – Miss Sarah Ryan
1/2 – Staff member tba
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1/2 – Mrs Karen Goodwin
3/4 – Mrs Kate Underwood
3/4 – Ms Lisa Johnston
3/4 – Mrs Jodie Gausden
5/6 – Mr Regan Smith (Welcome)
5/6 – Ms Jenna Squire
5/6 – Miss Teri Nichols

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We welcome Mr Regan Smith who is coming to us all the way from Western Australia. Our other 1/2 teachers will be announced once the official go ahead is given.

Reports will be sent home within a few days and I just wanted to take the time to remind you that this can spark a really important conversation for you with your child. It is important that they know that you value their education. A good way to do this is to sit with your child and work through the report together, looking for opportunities to celebrate growth. It can be helpful to ask your child what areas they would like to improve in next year as this is a way to talk about improvement. As always, if there are further questions about the report, making contact with your child’s classroom teacher or myself is always an option with a focus on future growth and support.

As we approach this end of the year, I continue to thank our whole school community for it’s ongoing support and please know that I am available to speak with you if you wish to make an appointment!

Thanks,

Josh Smith



3-4 Gausden



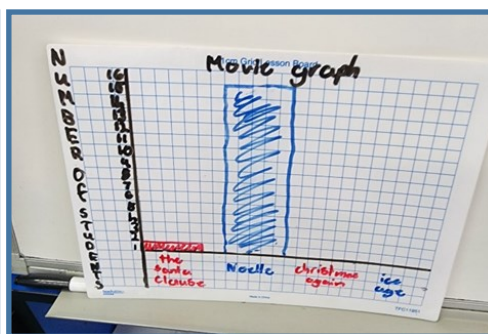
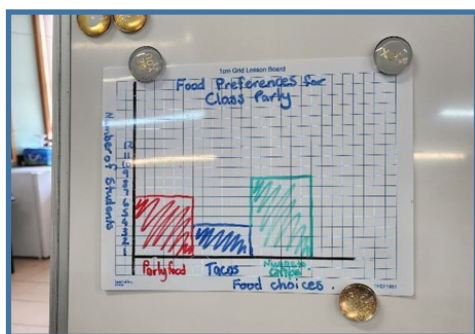
In 3/4 Gausden we were challenged to plan a class party with a budget of \$100 using computational thinking skills. First, we decomposed the problem in order to understand each part clearly. We discovered that there were 4 areas that needed to be discussed, food, drink, entertainment and decorations.

We worked in teams with each group taking care of one aspect of the party. We brainstormed ideas before going on-line to price our items. We quickly realised that planning a party was expensive work.

Next, we prioritized what was important for our party. This meant we needed to know what each class members preference was for food and drink, as these were the most important aspects of our party. We created a table to gather data about preferences and learnt about representing this data in graphs along information we could draw from them.

Using our graphs we were able to identify the most popular options for our party were nuggets and chips, Pepsi and to watch a movie called Noelle. We decided that decorations were not important so not required.

We are currently working out our final expenses to complete our planning so that we can host a successful class party within our budget.



2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE *Aussie Christmas!!*

You are invited to join us as part of the Smithton Primary Parade entry.

All students, parents and staff are welcome to join the Christmas parade as part of the walking group...

- Students need to be in FULL school uniform with a Santa hat!
- Parents in neat casual clothing with a Santa hat!

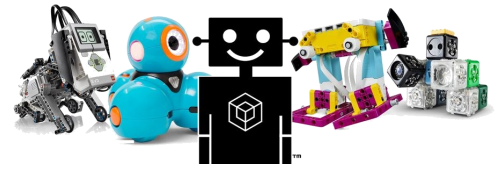
We will assemble at Gibson Street (near Jules Takeaway) at 6:45pm on Friday 16th of December.

Students need to be collected by parents from Gibson Street at the conclusion of the parade.

We hope to see as many students and parents as possible to walk the parade.

Merry Christmas!

ROBOT MAN



It was awesome to have the Robot Man return to Smithton last week to work with our early childhood classes. It was a great opportunity for the students to try some different technology that we don't have at Smithton Primary.





 The header of the poster features a blue bus icon and two stylized human figures in white outlines against an orange background.

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

Department of State Growth

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.

 An illustration of a girl and a boy, both holding and drinking from blue water bottles. The girl is on the left, wearing a red shirt and blue pants. The boy is on the right, wearing a light blue shirt and dark shorts.


Department for Education, Children and Young People

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2023

The Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) provides financial assistance to eligible families. All families holding a current Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pension Concession Card are eligible for Student Assistance. The broadening of the scheme means that more Tasmanian families are eligible for assistance with school levies.

Those parents who currently receive STAS will not need to provide any additional information and will not need to reapply.

For those new parents who feel they may be eligible please contact the school office.

Dates To Remember

December

Thursday 8th - 9:00am to 10:30am	Pre-Kinder - Last session for the year today
Friday 9th - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launch Pad - Birth to 5 Years - Last session for the year today
Thursday 8th to Friday 9th	Year 6 Trip
Wednesday 14th	Kinder Celebration of Learning - 1:45pm Year 6 Dinner - 5:30pm to 8:00pm
Tuesday 20th	End of Year Assembly - 10:00am start
Wednesday 21st	Last day for students - Whole school picnic (K-6)

Student Absences

If your child is away from school for any reason it is important that you contact the school to provide a reason. Information is recorded electronically by the Department of Education to monitor absences. Parents may be required to provide a medical certificate for students who are absent with illnesses for 5 or more days in a calendar year.

- Ring the school office on 6452 1955 on the day your child is away
- **Text the school office on 0427 016 460**
- Send a written note to the school office
- Email the school on smithton.primary@education.tas.gov.au on the day your child is away

IMPORTANT: If you happen to forget to notify the school regarding your child/childrens absence and you receive a text from the school please reply to the text as to why your child/children are absent.

Every Day Counts



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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