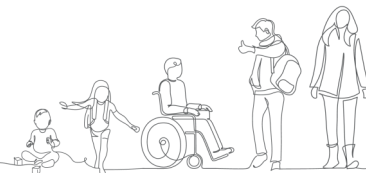




Smithton Primary School

RESPECT ❖ ENCOURAGE ❖ ASPIRE ❖ LEARN



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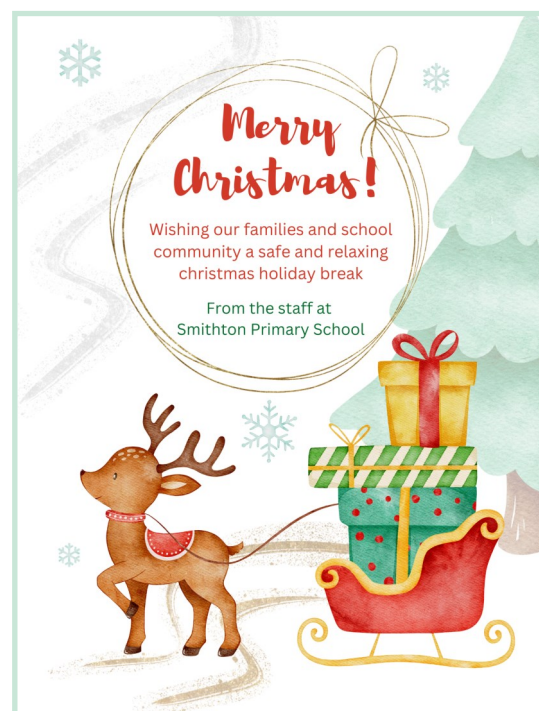
To our dear families,

I just want to take this opportunity to express a sincere thank you to our school community for a wonderful year. As I explained in the Final Assembly, there have been many gains this year academically, we have reduced bullying significantly and our student wellbeing data is the most positive it has been for years. The Final Assembly yesterday was a true demonstration of how much our school has improved and every single member of our school community has had a hand in making this happen. My wish is that this Christmas and holiday break is exactly what you need it to be and that you get the chance to stop, unwind and enjoy spending time with the people you care most about. It is an absolute privilege to be the Principal of this school and I am looking forward to a break, but am keener than ever to plan for an even better year next year! Happy Christmas to you all.

Josh Smith
Principal



Well done to our Under 12 Hockey Team for winning the grand final



Aussie of the Month - November

Congratulations

Westen

- * Always fair-minded and treats others with care and respect
- * Supports other learners and is friendly toward all students.
- * Cares for our school environment by jumping in and helping out wherever he can; regularly tidies and cleans the classroom and takes on extra jobs
- * Is extremely respectful and doesn't give up easily when challenged with learning or sporting activities
- * Is a keen, independent learner who is always stretching himself in every area.
- * Westen's self-motivation is not only admirable but also sets the tone in any group in which he participates

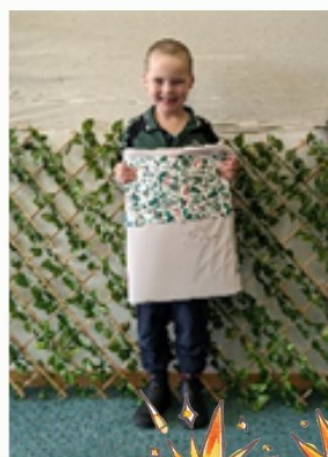
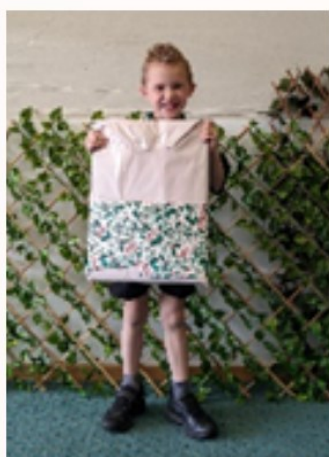


Celebration of Learning



The Kinders had a wonderful Celebration of Learning on Wednesday the 14th December.

We wrapped our portfolios and made some yummy food before our families came to watch a performance and share our portfolios together. It was such a special way to share our learning and show our growth over the Kinder year. Well done Kinders!!



Kinder



AWARD WINNERS

Year 6 Awards

| Award | Recipient |
|--|-----------------|
| Braddon Liberal Team – (Peer Nominated) | Stella Kay |
| Anita Dow Award – (Peer Nominated) | Sophie Edwards |
| Merle Reid “Wise Owl” Reading Award | Rose Kay |
| Ruth Forrest MLC – Commitment to Learning | Ryan Walsh |
| Smithton Primary “Be Real” Award – Demonstrating School Values | Ashlynn Moles |
| Anne Urquhart – “Growth Award” | Zannon Wilson |
| Shane Broad – Science Award | Ben Cocks |
| Smithton High School Bursary | Eli Rushworth |
| Bergman Family Award | Lewis Poke |
| Gavin Pearce – Leadership Award | Sophie Edwards |
| Minister for Education – Respectful Student Award | Ruby Swan |
| SPS Parents & Friends Bursary | Logan Johnstone |
| Smithton Club Bursary | Stella Kay |

Class Awards for students following our school values of *Respect ♦ Encourage ♦ Aspire ♦ Learn*

| Class | Recipient |
|-------------|------------------|
| Kinder | Acacia Grey |
| Kinder | Jack Randall |
| Prep Gale | Izza-Rose Jacobs |
| Prep Gale | Kobe Anderson |
| Prep/I Grey | Madeline Jaeger |
| Prep/I Grey | Arlo Greene |
| I/2 Ryan | Charlotte Poke |
| I/2 Ryan | Coden Grey |
| 2/3 Goodwin | Naomi Nankervis |
| 2/3 Goodwin | Sam Moore |

| Class | Recipient |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 3/4 Gausden | Riley Blake |
| 3/4 Gausden | Lila-Rae Nicholls |
| 3/4 Johnston | Shayla Hammond |
| 3/4 Johnston | Zariah Van Kempen |
| 5/6 Irvine | Matilda Davis |
| 5/6 Irvine | Jack Crowley |
| 5/6 Nichols | Xavier Forster |
| 5/6 Nichols | Elizabeth Evenhuis |
| 5/6 Squire | Zoe Moll |
| 5/6 Squire | Westen Whiteman |

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

2022



End of Year Assembly

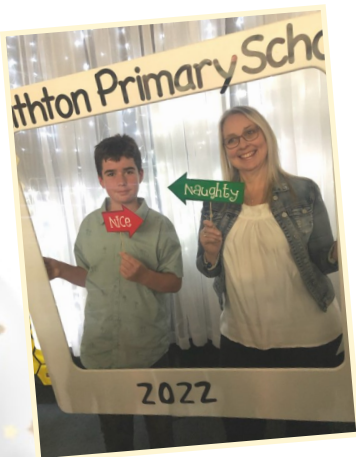


2022

End of Year Assembly



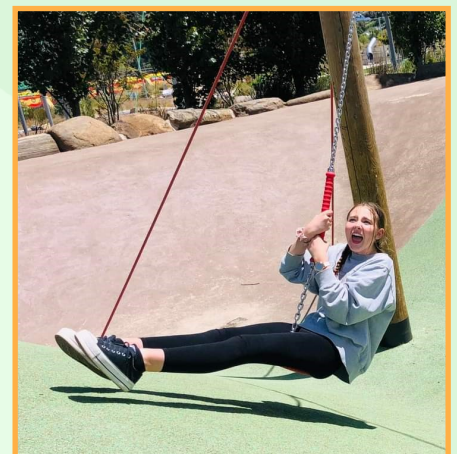
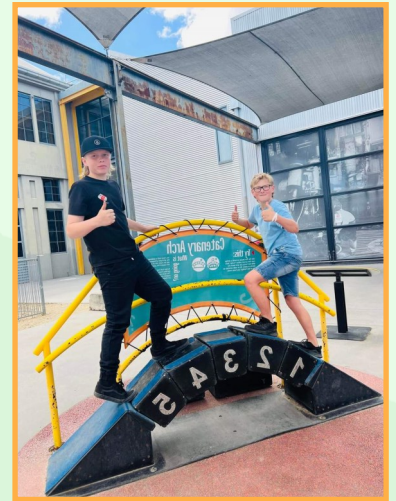
YEAR 6 CELEBRATIONS



2022



year 6 Camp



CHRISTMAS PARADE



Asthma Ready for 2023



Summer holidays are an important time for kids with asthma

During all the festivities, please don't forget to keep up your child's asthma management and continue to use their asthma medication as prescribed. Good asthma management over the holidays means less time off school when kids return in the new year, and less time off work for you.

To make sure your child stays as healthy as possible over the break and into 2023, you can take the following steps:

- Check your child's medication to make sure they're still in date.
- Keep using your child's preventer medication as directed over the summer holidays, even if they're feeling well.
- If you're leaving the house or going on holiday, make sure you pack your child's asthma medication(s) and a spacer.
- Book an Asthma Review with your doctor to get an updated written Asthma Action Plan during the holidays- you'll need this for Term 1 2023. Book in early as doctors can have limited appointments over the Christmas period.
- Use Asthma Australia's School's Checklist for parents and carers: https://asthma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AA_BTS2022_Asthma-Checklist_digital.pdf

For the start of school please arrange:

- ⇒ An updated written Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor
- ⇒ A named spacer and reliever puffer
- ⇒ A planned talk with your child's teacher and school administrators about their asthma

BACK TO SCHOOL... IS YOUR CHILD ASTHMA READY?

Every year there is a rise in asthma flare-ups when children return to school after the summer holidays. This results in an increase in Emergency Department visits, hospitalisations and days off school.

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS ASTHMA READY BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:

1 BOOK AN ASTHMA REVIEW (LONG APPOINTMENT)

This is a special check-up for your child's asthma, recent asthma control, symptoms, summer and back to school triggers, and medicine use. Don't forget to include a check on their device technique.

2 UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

During the Asthma Review ask the doctor for a signed written Asthma Action Plan. Schools and Outside School Hours Care will require an up-to-date plan for each student with asthma at the start of the new school year. Evidence tells us that using a written Asthma Action Plan to identify and manage a flare-up sooner can help to reduce hospitalisations, improve lung function and reduce the number of days off school.

3 RELIEVER MEDICATION AND SPACER

Check with the school about their medication policy and work with the staff to find the best way to manage your child's asthma medication, including before physical activity (where applicable).

- Make sure your reliever medication is in date with enough medication remaining. If not, purchase a new one
- Purchase a new spacer (and mask if age appropriate) for use at school
- Ensure the pharmacist labels medication with your child's name and you label the spacer with your child's name

4 TALK TO SCHOOL STAFF

Make time to talk with the class teacher and the school nurse (where applicable) about your child's asthma, their written Asthma Action Plan and their usual triggers, symptoms and medication.

Also talk to your child's sport coaches and supervisors of other school activities. Don't forget to keep staff up-to-date with any change to your child's asthma management.

Any changes to asthma management throughout the school year, requires an updated written Asthma Action Plan to be completed by your doctor and provided to the school.

If a child -

- has symptoms during the day more than 2 days per week
 - has to stop activities such as playing or exercise because they get asthma symptoms
 - wakes up with asthma during the night or early morning
 - needs reliever more than 2 days per week (not including prior to exercise)
- then take your child to their doctor as this indicates signs of worsening asthma.

For more information call **1800 ASTHMA** (1800 278 462) to speak with an Asthma Educator or visit asthma.org.au/back-to-school



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

Wednesday 21st

Last day for students - Whole school picnic (K-6)

2023

January

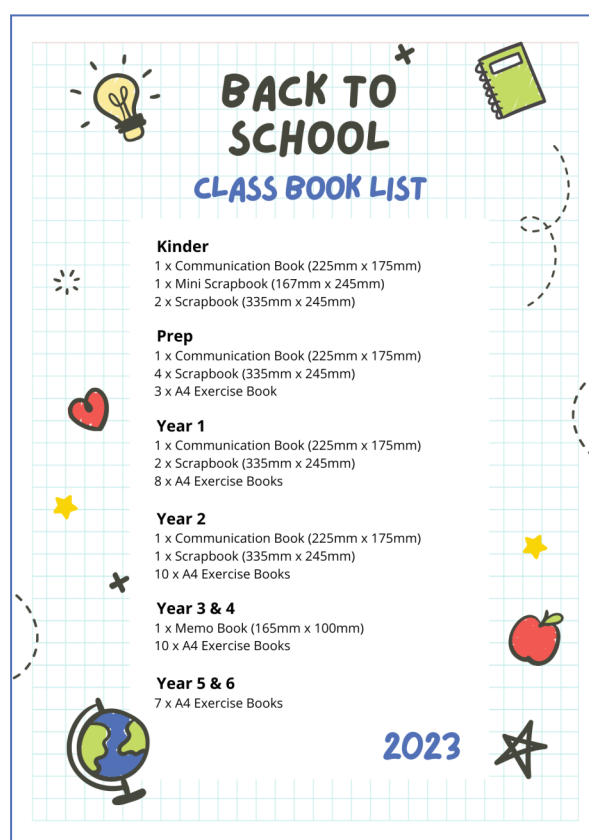
Tuesday 31st

Prep - Year 6: Levy payment, uniform sales and book pack collection

February

Wednesday 8th

First day back for students



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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 Smithton - 12 and 13 January; Devonport 17 and 19 January;
 Burnie 17 and 19 January

For more information, go to play.cricket.com.au
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5 SUNSMART STEPS

-  **1 Slip on covering clothing**

-  **2 Slop on SPF30 (or higher) sunscreen**

-  **3 Slap on a wide brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears**

-  **5 Slide on sunglasses**

-  **4 Seek shady spaces to play and learn**


sunsmart.com.au




School Holiday Activities



LEGO Challenge - Famous Landmarks

Tuesday 10th January 1:30-2:30

Join us for a fun afternoon of building as you choose a mystery card and build a famous landmark. Choose a card, build, race against the clock. Prizes to be won.

***Must bring your own LEGO**



Tie Dye T-Shirts

Thursday 12th January 1:30-2:30

Bring your own white t shirt and learn how to tie dye using Tulip fabric dye (supplied)

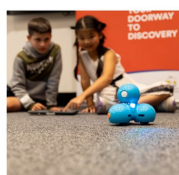
***Must bring your own t-shirt**



Tea Cup Garden

Tuesday 17th January 1:30-2:30

Choose your pretty antique tea cup and add some beautiful succulents to create your own mini tea cup garden. All materials supplied.



Robot Rumble

Thursday 19th January 1:30-2:30

Use Dash robots, wooden skewers and balloons to compete in a Robot Rumble! The goal will be to pop the balloons attached to the competing team's robots, all the while avoiding having your own popped! Who will have the skills to survive and win? All materials supplied.

School Holiday Activities



Build with Bunnings - Tool Box

Monday 23rd January 11am

Learn how to build safely with the team at Bunnings. Learn to measure, build and decorate your own tool box to take home, use it for a craft box or art kit. All materials supplied.



Library Holiday Fun Day

**Wednesday 25th January
11:00am - 2:00pm**

Join us for a holiday party at the Library! We will have prizes for new Library members, information about stuff to do at the Library, games, face painting, special visitors, food and much more..!



School Holiday Activities

10th January
12th January
17th January
19th January
23rd January
25th January

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