

1/2 Goodwin

We have made a positive start to the school year. We are working hard on our active listening skills, building up our stamina for learning and connecting with and making new friends in the playground.

We have shared our games and activities, made delicious milkshakes, constructed our teen rainbow and drew a self-portrait.

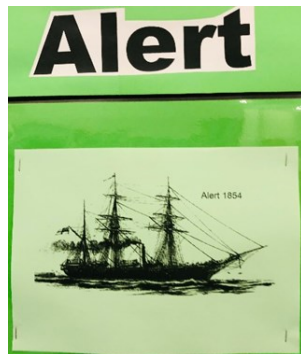
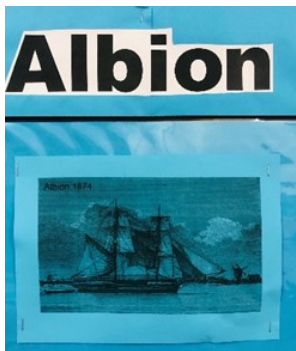




Dear Families,

What a fantastic start we have made to the year so far, especially with many new students joining us over the summer break. It has been great to see students interacting positively both in the classroom and in the playground. Students and staff have been busy working on setting up routines and creating engaging learning spaces throughout the school. Recess and lunch times have been full of fun and games where students of mixed ages have been playing soccer, skipping, using our playground and some intense games of chasings. Each day our students have 10 minutes of Daily PE, which has been ran by 5/6 Nichols' students; a fantastic opportunity to develop leadership skills for them and a brilliant way for our younger students to develop trusting relationships with older students. It has been super exciting to see the new Kinder students arriving for their first day of school and I applaud our kinder families on the way they have approached this week. It is going to be a fast term, with only 9 weeks in Term 1 before Easter comes.

Our first major event occurs next Wednesday 22nd of February. We have our whole school Athletics Carnival that will start at 9:30am over at the Little Athletics track. This will be a good opportunity for our school to have fun together in our house groups. Families are most welcome to come along and enjoy the day, remembering that we will have some shaded areas out of the sun, but it will be super important people come ready for a hot day in the sun. Let's hope for a day with low winds too!! Our youngest students (K-2) will not spend all day at the venue (they will be there between 11:15 – 12:30), whilst Year 3-6 students will attend from 9:30 – 2:00pm. Students in Year 3-6 who perform well, will be invited to compete in the CHSSSA Carnival on Monday 27th to compete against the other Circular Head cluster schools. There will be a free bbq available for students, staff and families; but please note that our usual lunch orders will not be available on this day. Students and families are encouraged to demonstrate school spirit by dressing in the colour of their house with clothing items, accessories and banners. One little fact that you might not be aware of, is that our houses are named after local historic shipwrecks (Kermandie, Albion, Alert and Valiant):



As always, we appreciate your support, communication and eagerness to work with us as we partner to education your child/ren. We know that by working together and placing the students at the centre of our discussions, we are setting our students up to succeed. Please make a time to contact your child's teacher or a leadership team member if you'd like to discuss anything. Our Leadership Team consists of:

Josh Smith – Principal


Lindsey Blake – Assistant Principal (Support Teacher / Student Wellbeing Leader)

Despina King – Advanced Skills Teacher (Literacy / Numeracy Coach)

Meredith Gracie – School Business Manager

I look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**
Principal

Due to the Athletics Carnival there will be **NO CANTEEN** available on Wednesday 22nd February.
A free bbq will be available for students, staff and families at the Carnival.

3/4 Johnston



It's a new year and that means trying new things. 3/4J begins every morning for 10 minutes with a Word of the Day (Ninja vocabulary). If your child comes home with a new word every day, this is what they are meaning.

'Grasshopper' words are words that are used in everyday language. All students learn how many syllables the word has, the meaning of the word, how to spell it and how to write it in a sentence. We use a variety of different ways including ninja moves to help us remember the word and how it is used. Shinobi words are words that are used at the next level. These can include topic-specific vocabulary. Students enjoyed making ninja masks they can wear while learning their word of the day.

3/4 J Vocab Ninjas



Dates To Remember

February

Wednesday 22nd - 9:30am start	Athletics Carnival at Little Athletics Ground (Smithton Rec)
Monday 27th	CHSSSA Athletics Carnival

March

Monday 13th	Public Holiday
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INTRODUCING...

KIDS TENNIS

9-12 YEAR OLDS
THURSDAYS 4.30-5.30PM
FEB 23 START
5 WEEKS
\$25 PER CHILD



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PARENTS + FRIENDS

MEETING

Join us to brainstorm fundraising ideas,
have a cuppa and meet new people.

Thursday 23rd February
6:15pm

Smithton Primary School
All welcome!!

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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