



5/6 Nichols



In 5/6 Nichols this term we have been learning about micro-organisms and how some are helpful while others are harmful.

We started with using our senses to explore bread and talked about yeast as a micro-organism. We have also worked out through science experiments that yeast needs warm water to be active and make gas (hence the inflation of the balloon).



Dear Families,

Well summer is behind us already and we are full steam ahead into the term and school year. Classes are busy getting stuck into learning throughout the school. We're excited to see our first LiL session starting this Friday with the inclusion of some music through Dudley Billing and also a new Music teacher to the school, Kim Poole. It has been fantastic to see our new students that we have had come to the school over the summer break settle in well to the Smithton Primary way of doing things.

It was so exciting to see the high level of family engagement at the Athletics Carnival last week. Thank you to all family members who braved the windy day and made it to the carnival to support your child/ren and also our school. It was an awesome atmosphere to have so many there cheering the students on, with the focus being on participation and enjoying the day, rather than winning and losing. So thank you for making the day so successful.

On March 7th we have a School Family BBQ on from 5:30pm – 7pm. This is a good opportunity for families, students and staff to interact in a casual way over a meal. Students and parents will have access to the playgrounds, gym and sports equipment. Hopefully we get better weather than we had for the Athletics Carnival. It will be a good opportunity for the whole school community to come together to celebrate a fantastic start to the year.

As always, we aim to work closely with our families. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please call and make a time to meet with your child's teacher or a leadership team member, including myself. Thanks for partnering with us.

Thanks,



Josh Smith
Principal



Smithton Primary School

**FREE
FAMILY BBQ**

For the school community to come together to
celebrate a fantastic start to the year!!

Tuesday 7th March | 5:30pm to 7pm
Smithton Primary School

Students and parents will have access to the
playground, gym and sports equipment.
You're sure to have fun, so don't miss out!



SMITHTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL

**Launching into
Learning**

**Music and Movement
with Mr Billing**

Starts this Friday!!

3rd March
9:00am to 10:00am

Birth to Five Years
(sign in through the office)



**Parents & Friends
Annual General Meeting**

March 9th, 7pm
Smithton Primary School

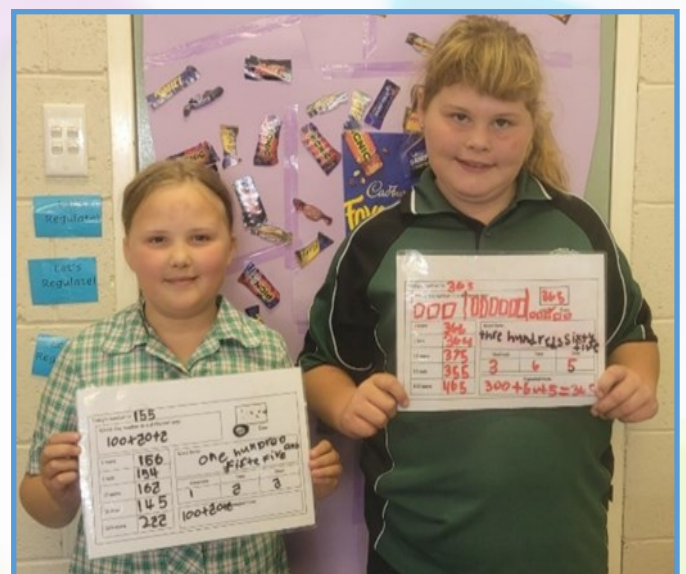
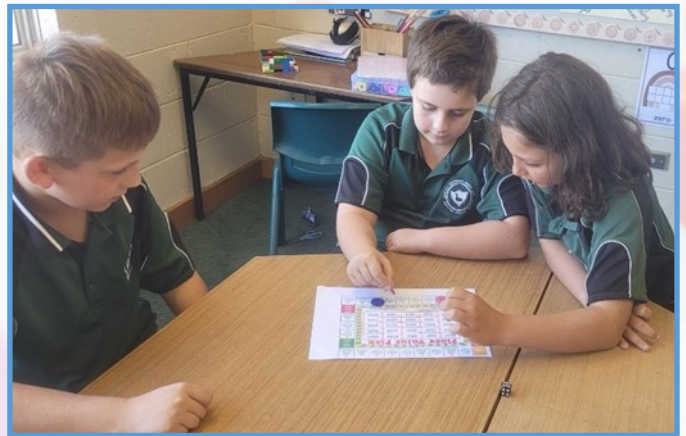
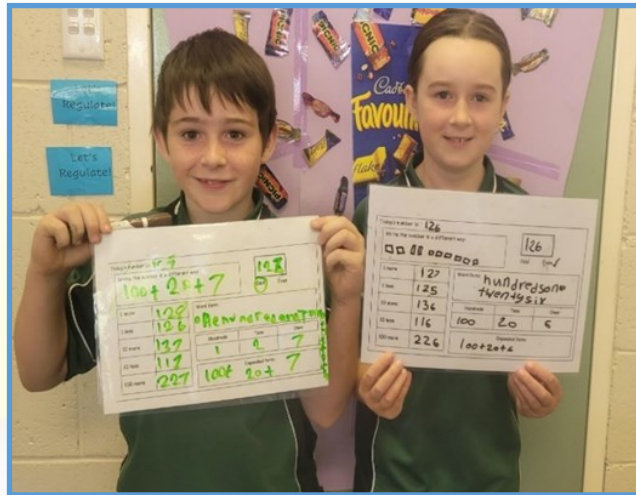
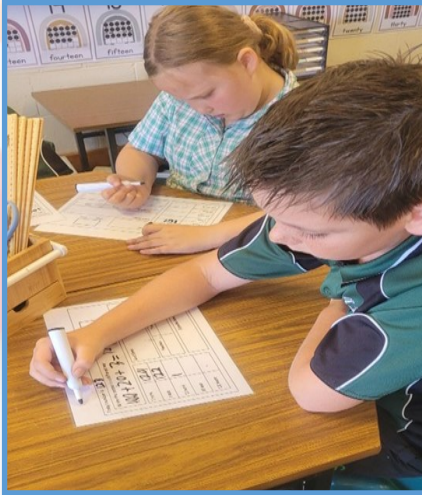
All welcome!
We encourage anyone who is interested in joining to come along.
All positions will be declared vacant.

The P&F supports the school by raising funds to purchase resources and equipment to assist in students learning. We also support the teachers by hosting morning tea's etc, as we strongly believe for them to be able to teach our students their cup needs to be filled.

Maths in 3/4 Underwood

In 3/4 Underwood we have been busy learning about Place Value in Maths. We have been learning to recognise, model, represent, name and order a range of numbers. We have begun learning how to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers as well.

Below are some of the activities we have been doing during our Math Rotations.





SPS Athletics

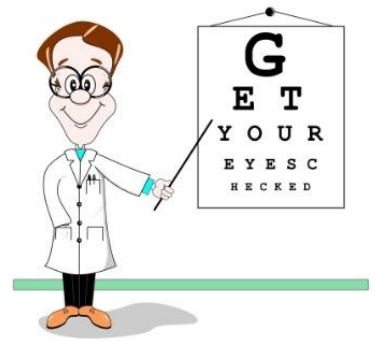


CHSSA Carnival





Eye Assessment



Poor eyesight can cause learning and behavioural problems, which might be blamed on other things. This is especially true for young children, who may find it difficult to explain the difficulties they are having with their eyesight. They may not even be aware they have a problem at all.

The sooner that vision problems are detected, the better the outcome. Conditions such as squint and amblyopia (lazy eye) can be treated more effectively if they are picked up earlier, and that could make huge difference to your child.

What things to look out for

It's often difficult to tell whether your child has sight problems, which is why regular eye tests are so important. However, there are a number of things to look out for:

- Straining their eyes or tilting their head to see better
- Frequent eye rubbing
- Losing their place while reading, or using a finger to guide their eyes
- Sensitivity to light and/or excessive tearing
- Falling behind in school
- Complaining of headaches or tired eyes
- Consistently sitting too close to the TV or holding a book too close
- Avoiding activities which require near vision such as reading or homework, or distance vision such as participating in sports or other recreational activities
- Closing one eye to read, watch TV or see better
- Avoiding using a computer or tablet because it 'hurts their eyes'
- The presence of a 'turn' in the eye or a misdirection of the eyes
- A 'white reflex' in photographs. This is similar in appearance to red-eye, except it's white. It is extremely serious - if you notice it, you should seek medical attention immediately.



If you would like your child's eyes tested, let their teacher know and they will arrange for Nurse Rob to assess your child's eyesight at school.

Dates To Remember

March

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launching into Learning - Music and Movement with Mr Billing (Birth - 5 Years)
Tuesday 7th	SPS Family BBQ - 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday 8th	NWPSSA Athletics Carnival - Year 3/4
Thursday 9th	NWPSSA Athletics Carnival - Year 5/6
Monday 13th	Public Holiday

April

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launching into Learning - Music and Movement with Mr Billing (Birth - 5 Years)
Thursday 6th	Last day of Term 1
Wednesday 26th	Students back for Term 2



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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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