

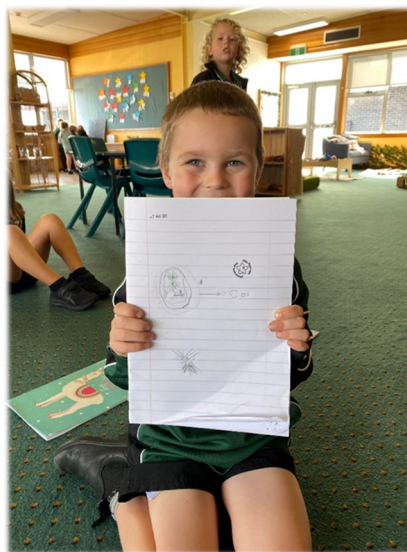
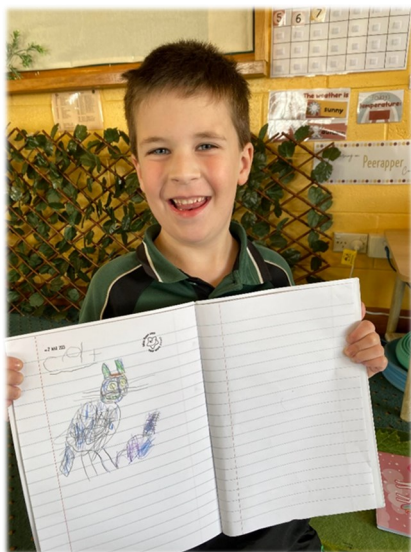


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Prep Ryan

In Prep Ryan we are readers and writers. We have been working towards reading and writing consonant, vowel, consonant [CVC] words and using our phonemic awareness to help us sound out and spell these words.

Throughout our literacy block we use a range of different tools to help us develop our letter sound knowledge, blending and segmenting. These include reading decodable texts, Heggerty (phonemic awareness program) and lots and lots of quality picture books to help our learning.



Dear Families,

We've had a fantastic couple of weeks here at Smithton Primary with many positives to celebrate.

We had several students from our Year 3-6 cohort participate on behalf of Circular Head in the North West Primary Schools Sports Association Athletics Carnival in Penguin last week. From that group, three students (Olivia, Tyler and Shayla) made it through to the finals that will be held in Penguin on the 3rd of April. We wish them all the best.

Doin' it for Donuts

Those of you who have been keeping an eye on our Facebook page will have noted a new weekly award for students who are demonstrating the school's values of Be Safe, Be a Friend and Be REAL. This is called, Doin' it for Donuts. The award is sponsored by The Pavilions Café and the two winners of the award are given a \$25 gift certificate each to spend at the café or the option of 6 donuts. A great community connection and a very generous thing for The Pavilions Café to do. Our first recipients of this award were Milly and Izza-Rose. Congratulations to you both.



Daily PE

This year Daily PE is being run by our 5/6 students, all of them, on a rostered system. This is a great opportunity for our eldest students to experience authentic leadership, through running sport activities for the younger students. Daily PE occurs just before recess as a way of encouraging a healthy lifestyle and research shows that it has a positive impact on learning also. Our younger students are doing an excellent job of listening to the 5/6 students and participating.



NAPLAN


NAPLAN is occurring over the next few weeks. NAPLAN is a group of nationwide academic tests that occur in all schools in Australia for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This is a way for schools and education departments to keep track of the quality of education being provided to the students. Whilst it does give individual feedback, the real purpose of the test is to provide those making decisions in schools, including teachers, with information. Therefore, at Smithton Primary, we do not make a big deal about NAPLAN in the lead up to testing. We approach it with the students from the perspective of 'give your best effort, you can't do any better than that!' We don't place additional stress or pressure on our students in this circumstance, we simply ask for the best so that the information we receive is useful for future planning.



As always, please know that we want to partner with you in your child's education. Studies show that this is the best way to have positive outcomes with our students learning. Over these next few weeks, our teachers are in the process of contacting you either for a phone call or face-to-face meeting in regard to your child's learning. This is a school-wide approach where we aim to make contact with every family. You may have some questions or things that you would like to discuss with your child's teacher and I strongly encourage you to do that in this meeting/phone call. As we say, no question is a silly question.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school, I look forward to seeing more positive things happening in our last month of this term.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**
Principal

LEADERS

Student Leadership Council

I am please to announce that the following students who make up our Student Leadership Council (SLC) in 2023: Westen, Holly, Jhett, Kobi, Mattea, Lucas, Elizabeth and Olivia. They were selected through a process involving a written application, student voting and staff voting. We had a large number of applications, the most we have had in a long time, so congratulations to the eight that were selected on making it onto the SLC.



Class Captains

We have also had our Class Captains selected. Each term we have two representatives from each class (Yr 1 -6 in Term 1) who are the Class Captains. Their roles are to lead within the class environment and have additional responsibilities in the class. Below are the Class Captains for Term 1:



Term 1 - Class Captains

Kinder Koala

We have been working on what is pattern. We did lots of talking about what patterns look like. We used coloured cars and pop sticks to have a go at making our own patterns using a simple AB pattern.



Kinder Bilby



In Kinder Bilby we made a discovery in our Kinder yard!! We found that some of our gardens had carrots in them. Some of the carrots looked different – that one is red; one looks like a spider. We decided that we didn't want to eat carrots with dirt on them, so we washed our carrots. Then we all tasted the carrots we picked. We like carrots!!



1/2 Irvine



In 1/2 Irvine we have been working on using effective ways to count larger numbers of objects. We used smarties to work out the best way to count them. We enjoyed eating them when we had finished our counting.



EARLY LEARNING FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS WORKSHOPS

The Department for Education, Children and Young People

INVITES

PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND SERVICES

An opportunity to have your say on the future of quality and affordable early learning for all 3-year-olds. We want to hear your ideas about what access to early learning for 3-year-olds will look like in the future.

Light refreshments will be served

Workshop dates and locations below

Further information [here](#)

RSVP

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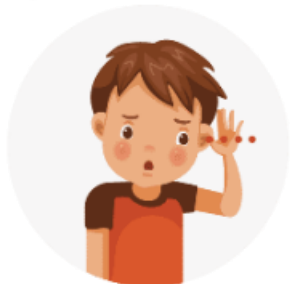
Note: highlighted daytime sessions will have childcare provision.

Department for Education, Children and Young People

Location	Date	Venue	Time
NORTH & NORTH WEST			
GEORGETOWN	Monday, 20 March 2023	Georgetown CFLC	11.00 am - 12.30 pm
BEACONSFIELD	Monday, 20 March 2023	Beaconsfield CFLC	11.30 am - 1.00 pm
LAUNCESTON	Wednesday, 22 March 2023	Door of Hope - Meeting Room 7	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm
RAVENSWOOD	Wednesday, 22 March 2023	Ravenswood CFLC	9.30 am - 11.00 am
BURNIE	Wednesday, 22 March 2023	Burnie CFLC	10.30 am - 12.00pm
DEVONPORT	Thursday, 23 March 2023	East Devonport Primary School	9.00 am - 10.30 am
SMITHTON/CIRCULAR HEAD	Thursday, 23 March 2023	Smithton Primary School	3.00 pm - 4.30 pm

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Location	Date	Time	Venue
		Link will be provided via email at time of RSVP	
Online Forums-Services	Monday, 20 March 2023	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm	From Hobart
Online Forums-Services	Thursday, 23 March 2023	6.00 pm - 7.00pm	From Devonport
Online Forums-Services	Monday 3rd April	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm	From Hobart



Hearing Assessments at school




How do you know your child may have a hearing loss as opposed to “selective hearing” when you are trying to get them to do a household chore?

- Does not follow simple commands, such as “get your shoes,” or understand simple directions
- Is easily frustrated or experiences communication breakdowns
- Is falling behind with speech and communication skills
- Cannot understand what you are saying unless they are looking directly at you
- Cannot identify where sounds are coming from
- Is exhausted at the end of school from concentrating to understand speech
- Shows signs of behavioural problems or social difficulties
- Experiences problems keeping up at school or grades slipping
- Does not respond to you/others from a distance
- Has delays in speech and language development

Remember that the impact of hearing loss on a developing child is quite different from the effects of hearing loss that occur in adulthood.

Children use their hearing to learn about the world around them and develop communication skills. Any impact on their hearing means those developing skills will also be impacted.

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



BODY CONFIDENT CHILDREN & TEENS WEBINAR

TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2023
7.00PM – 8.15PM
VIA ZOOM – Time-limited recording available

AUDIENCE
 Parents & Community

SESSION LENGTH
 1hr 15mins

COST
 \$15

BOOK NOW

SUPPORTING BODY CONFIDENCE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOOD AND EXERCISE IN YOUNG PEOPLE


This relaxed and informative seminar for carers of primary and secondary age children gives practical tips to help you better understand and promote positive body image in the home. Delivered by the Butterfly Foundation, Australia's largest not-for-profit for eating disorders and body image concerns.

In this session you will cover:

- Overview of body image and the importance of prevention
- The spectrum of body and eating issues
- Key influence on body image, including social media
- The impact of diet culture and weight stigma
- Busting common myths around eating disorders
- Reducing appearance talk and how to respond when a child expresses negativity towards themselves/others
- The power of role modelling positive body image and behaviours
- Understanding warning signs and the importance of early intervention.

TESTIMONIALS
 "So glad I came. There is so much pressure on kids these days, it's hard to know what to do. This has given me lots of practical ideas." Parent WA

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Banjo's JACKJUMPERS BASKETBALL CLINICS

Banjo's
 Proud Community Partner of the Tasmania JackJumpers

JackJumpers basketball clinics are coming to the North-West Coast, including Smithton and Burnie! Join Tasmania's cheekiest ant, Jack the Jumper, for basketball fun and games. Learn fundamental basketball skills and rules of the game in a supportive atmosphere.

Weekend sessions of 1 hr for \$50 which includes a basketball!

Sunday 2 April – Smithton

Ages 5-8

Ages 9-12

Sunday 21 May – Burnie

Ages 5-8

Ages 9-12

And school holiday fun! Two hour session for \$70, which includes a basketball!

Friday 14 April - Burnie

More information on the JackJumpers website:

www.jackjumpers.com.au/news/basketball-clinics-with-jack-the-jumper



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STARTING FRIDAY THE 17TH OF MARCH

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Dates To Remember

March

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launching into Learning - Music and Movement with Mr Billing (Birth - 5 Years)
Wednesday 29th	NWPSSA Carnival - Grades 3-4

April

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



SAFEGUARDING LEAD APPOINTED

Smithton Primary School has recently appointed Lindsey Blake as our first Safeguarding Lead. Safeguarding Leads have been appointed in all Tasmanian state schools to help ensure all children and young people in Tasmania are known, safe, well and learning. Lindsey will support the wellbeing of all our students and help us all understand that keeping children and young people safe is everyone's responsibility. Please support Lindsey in this new role! For further information on Safeguarding in Schools please look online at:

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/children/safeguarding-children/>

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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