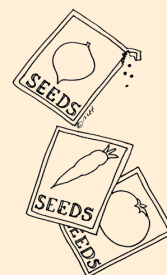




Kinder Bilby and Kinder Koala



In Kinder we have had a busy start to Term 2. We have been getting back into routine for when we are at school. Some students have been planting seeds and then making predictions about what the seeds will look like when they grow!! We have been learning about Anzac Day and made some Anzac biscuits. Of course, we got to try our biscuits. We have also been enjoying some outside play time, exploring what's in our Kinder yard.





Dear families,

What an amazing start we have had to Term 2. With fourteen new students coming into our school in the first two weeks, it is a really exciting time for our school community as we continue to grow and develop. I have been really pleased with the way our staff and students have welcomed our new students and their families. This continues to be the trend in our school with a huge growth over the last 6 months. We currently have 234 enrolled students, the largest enrolment we have had for over 10 years. At this point in time it is important to note that we are wary of managing these numbers, most of our classes now being at about 20 students, with some as high as 23 students. We will continue to monitor this, especially as we plan for the 2024 year.

Walk Safely to School Day

Information will come out soon about Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 19th of May. This is an opportunity for families to walk to school from three locations (West Esplanade carpark, The Reject Shop and the Hospital) together to promote this. I think last year we had close to 70 people doing this, it would be great to top that this year!

Congratulations to Lachlan Zoontjens

On behalf of the whole school I wish to congratulate Lachlan Zoontjens on winning the State 200m Year 3 Boys race last week in Launceston. A great achievement!

Road Safety

With more students and families in our school, I wanted to remind everyone of the importance of being safe at drop off time and collection time. Generally our students (walking and bikes) have been doing a good job of using the crossing to get to the other side of the road. But I have noticed some parents who are crossing in other areas of the road, and therefore their kids are getting mixed messages. This is all about safety and protecting not just our pedestrians, but also the ongoing ramifications for drivers of cars/buses if an incident occurred. If we don't improve in this area, it is only a matter of time before there is more than a 'near miss' and I want to do all that I can to prevent this happening.



CHAC connection

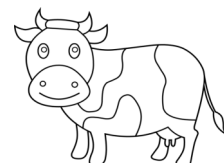
We're pleased to state that our connection as a school with CHAC continues in Term 2, already with some explorative opportunities in our Prep class and also with some 5/6 small group in and around youth mental health.

Soroptimist connection

We wish to thank the local Soroptimist group who have scheduled time to come and listen to students in 3-4G read.

Picasso Cow

Miss Nichols has been working hard behind the scenes to bring a new fibreglass cow to our school. We know how much our students love the cow we already have outside the Assembly Hall, and now we will have a second one. Thanks to our P&F who paid for the delivery of the cow. Students around the school will be learning about the Dairy Industry and will have the opportunity to paint/decorate the new cow who at the moment is all white and has been given the name Smoothie. This opportunity has been made available by Dairy Australia.



Do it for Dolly Day

On the 17th of May, our Student Leadership Council will be holding a school wide "Do it for Dolly Day" to promote being kind. Students will be encouraged to wear blue (they don't have to be in uniform) and to bring a gold coin donation. Age-appropriate learning activities will occur during the day in students' classrooms and we will create a "Kindness" wall in our Assembly Hall.

Fire Safety

Next week all students will be visited by the Tasmanian Fire Service Education program. They will be with us all week teaching our students about fire safety. Please note that this includes being safe with fire at home and so we want to pre-warn families that this might create discussions in the home about coming up with a fire safety plan for your house.

Choir

Once upon a time, as many of you would know, Smithton Primary was well known for its choir. Well, we are in the process at the moment of developing this choir back up under the inspiration of some of our staff (Shannon Heald, Jodie Gausden, Tiahna Gausden, Kate Underwood) and possibly others. Currently students in Years 3-6 are beginning this process and then once we have an established singing group, this may reach down to younger year levels. Exciting times in the musical space.

With plenty going on in Term 2 with activities, a Year 6 trip, new initiatives; let's not miss the main point. Our staff are providing an amazing place for each and every one of our students to learn and grow, both socially and academically. What happens in our classrooms minute by minute, carefully planned and implemented by highly skilled staff is where the real magic is. As I walk around our classrooms, what I hear, see and witness are top quality learning sequences. We are very fortunate to have the quality of staff that we have here at SPS and I am very excited to lead this TEAM through Term 2.

Thanks,



Josh Smith
Principal



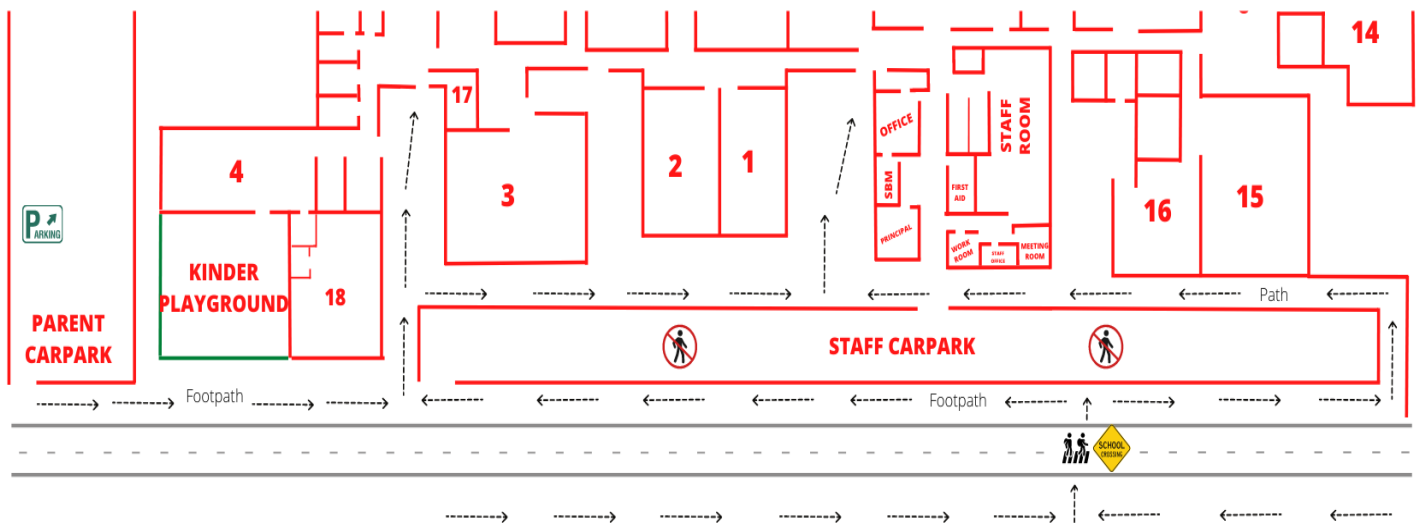
Important Notice

Student drop off and pick up Keeping everyone safe!!

Parents please use the Parent Carpark to drop off and collect students before and after school. Please **do not** use the Staff Carpark.

We also require students and parents to enter the school following the arrows in the diagram below. Students are **not to** walk through the staff carpark area.

When we all practice proper school parking safety, it makes it easier to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your co-operation.



Every school day matters

Start Term 2 right by making every school day count!

Going to school every day gives your child every chance to learn and grow, and connect with their mates and teachers. It's where bright futures start and where they'll benefit the most.

When your child goes to school every day, it helps them to:

- learn better
- find interests
- make friends
- connect with teachers
- be happier

have a brighter future.

We have lots in store for this term, including *Fire Safety Week*, and *National Simultaneous Story Time*.

If you're struggling to get your child to school, help is available. Please talk to us at school about your situation. We'll support you, in whatever way we can.

To find out more, visit the [Anything can happen website](https://anything.tas.gov.au): <https://anything.tas.gov.au>



Dental Reminder



Did you know Oral Health Services Tasmania welcomes all children under 18 years of age, including preschoolers, for dental care?

Services available include-

- dental check-up
- any necessary treatment as determined by the check-up

When you present your Medicare card, Oral Health Services Tasmania will bulk bill all dental care for children through the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Almost all dental care will be **FREE** if bulk billed.

The Smithton School Dentist is located at the Smithton District Hospital. Contact 6478 9547 to make an appointment.

Prevention oral hygiene – 4 steps

Step 1 - Tooth Brushing

Brush children's teeth **TWICE** a day once they appear through the gums.



Step 2 - Toothpaste

Always use fluoride toothpaste, and how much should I use?

For children under 3 years



For children from 3 to 5



For children above 5



Remember: After brushing, encourage children to spit out, but don't let children rinse/eat/drink for 30 minutes after brushing.

Step 3 - Flossing

Floss teeth where adjoining teeth touch.



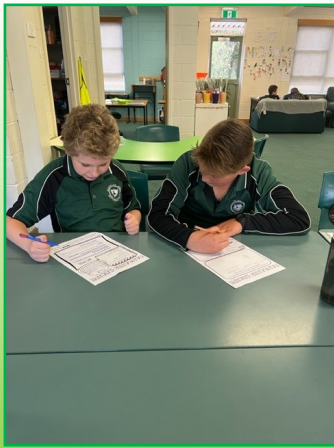
Step 4 - Communication

Chat with your dentist about whether your child needs the protection of Tooth Mousse (calcium crème).



Feel free to contact me at the school if you need help accessing this great service.

Nurse Rob - School Nurse



5-6 Nichols

In 5/6 Nichols this term we are looking at reversible and irreversible changes. We made pancakes and discussed whether after adding heat we could make it turn back into batter.



ANZAC Service

Thank you to the families and staff who represented our school at the ANZAC Service.

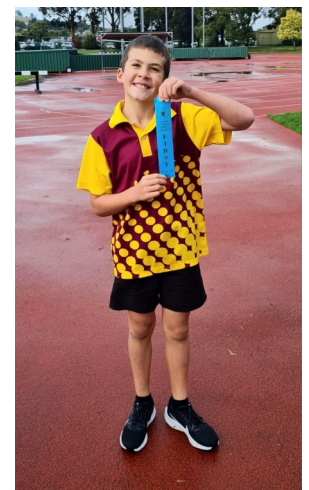


A huge congratulations to Lachlan

Lachlan came first place in the Year 3 boys 200m at the State Athletics carnival in Launceston.

Such a massive effort!!

We are always proud of our students who do their best and we join in celebrating with Lachlan on his amazing achievement.



Wells Waggon

Code of Behaviour for Safer Transport

Students agree to:

- ✓ Board and leave the bus in an orderly manner;
- ✓ If directed by the driver, occupy a particular seat;
- ✓ Wear Seat Belt when fitted;
- ✓ Sit properly on the seat (with my hands and face inside the bus)(with my bottom on the seat and my feet on the floor, out of the aisle);
- ✓ Respect bus property and the property of others by not marking or damaging it;
- ✓ Accept the driver is in charge and obey his or her instructions;
- ✓ Place bag/s under the seat or in the storage areas provided;
- ✓ Behave safely at all times;
- ✓ Wait until the bus has moved off before attempting to cross the road;
- ✓ Try to have the correct fare when purchasing tickets.

Code of Behaviour is subject to drivers interpretation

Students agree not to:

- ✗ Physically or verbally harass other passengers, or the driver;
- ✗ Create unnecessary noise;
- ✗ Move about whilst the bus is in motion;
- ✗ Extend any part of my body out of the windows;
- ✗ Throw any object either inside, or outside the bus;
- ✗ Eat or drink whilst on the bus (I may have to ask the driver for permission);
- ✗ Distract the bus driver from his or her duties; which includes mobile phones and computer games;
- ✗ Carry, animals, illegal, oversize and/or dangerous objects;
- ✗ Obstruct the aisle, doors or emergency exits;
- ✗ Stand on or put feet on the seat;
- ✗ Smoke, Vape or Spray Aerosol;
- ✗ Cross the road in front of the bus.
- ✗ Use a mobile phone to send threatening messages; take or send video's or photographs of others; or view inappropriate material.



Do It For Dolly Day '23

Creating a kinder and safer world for Australia's kids and communities.

Go blue, be kind, fundraise, donate.

Wednesday
17th May



#DoItForDollyDay
#BeKind
dollysdream.org.au

Do It For Dolly Day is a day dedicated to bringing the community together, spreading kindness and uniting in helping break the silence around bullying.

Students may wear blue and bring a gold coin donation on Wednesday 17th May.



FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023
SAVE THE DATE
National Walk Safely to School Day

What is Walk Safely to School Day all about?

Walk Safely to School Day will be celebrated on Friday 19th May 2023. It aims to improve the environment and our daily exercise routines.

Walking to school is the perfect way to start the day by getting some exercise and fresh air, ready to start school with a clear mind. Here are some of the benefits you can enjoy when you choose to walk to school:

- Walking offers a great opportunity to remind children about safe pedestrian behaviour and recap on the rules of the road.
- Being outside in the fresh air creates a space in your day for mindful exercise. Walking and taking in the scenery around you creates a sense of calm that will set you up for the rest of your day.
- Walking to school will help to reduce the air pollution in your area or near your school.
- By using your feet instead of a car, you can also play your part in helping to reduce traffic congestion.

We will be leaving at 8.00 from:

- **Pick up point 1:** The Hospital to meet Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Charles and Miss Johnston.
- **Pick up point 2:** The Reject Shop to meet Miss Ryan, Miss Irvine
- **Pick up point 3:** West Esplanade car park (near the Bridge Hotel) to meet Mrs Grey, Mrs Jackson.

No Bikes or Scooters allowed please.

Dates To Remember

May

Every Monday - 11:15am to 12:30pm	Launching into Learning - Mother Goose with Mrs Charles (Birth - 5 years)
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Mrs Charles (Birth - 5 Years)
Thursday 11th	Mothers Day in Kinder Bilby - 1:45pm
Friday 12th	Year 1/2 Mother's Day High Tea
Wednesday 17th	Do it for Dolly Day (Wear blue and bring gold coin donation)
Friday 19th	Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 26th	CHSSSA Cross Country (at Stanley)
Wednesday 31st	Whole School Assembly - 9:10am

June

Every Monday - 11:15am to 12:30pm	Launching into Learning - Mother Goose with Mrs Charles (Birth - 5 years)
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Mrs Charles (Birth - 5 Years)
Wednesday 7th	NWPSSA Cross Country
Thursday 8th to Friday 9th	Year 6 trip
Monday 12th	Public Holiday - King's Birthday

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

26 JUNE - 1 SEPTEMBER

All Prep – 6 students will be participating!!

Department for Education, Children and Young People



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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