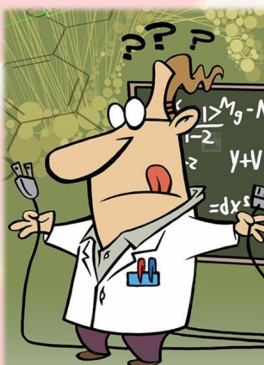
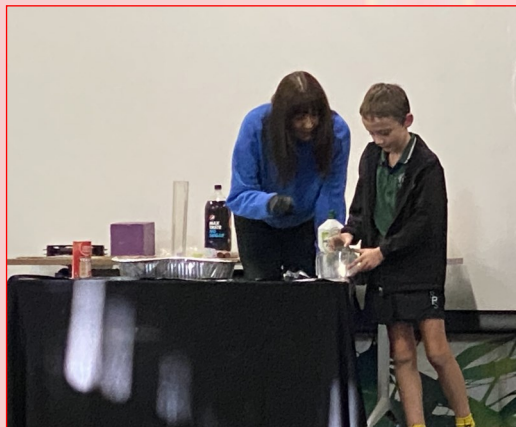


## The Silly Scientist Show

On Monday 26th June the Silly Scientists from Educational Incursion came and put on a STEAM show for the whole school. They involved the students in some experiments such as making elephant toothpaste, flying rocket, lava bubbles and everyone's favourite, the Pepsi and mentos experiment. As you can see from the photos the students had a fantastic time.



## It's the little things that matter most



Dear Families,

We've almost made it to the end of Term 2 and as I walk around our school and have conversations with you all, it is clear that we all agree that a two-week break is well and truly welcome. This term has been eventful in many ways, with so many positive steps being taken forward as a school. As we continue to grow in numbers, we also continue to grow and develop a sense of belonging and school pride. This was evident at yesterday's Whole School Assembly where all classes delivered meaningful items, showcasing NAIDOC Week learning, learning about The Dairy Industry, our whole school singing the song "We are REAL" (a song about our school values) and many other celebrations of learning and achievement. As I shared with the teachers Tuesday afternoon, there is a clear improvement in our student's confidence to get up on stage and read out loud to a large audience. The teachers noted that it is also amazing to see the way our students support others who might be up on stage struggling to read a particular word or phrase by leaning over and whispering their help in a respectful way. This is an indication that the conditions in our school, whilst not perfect and never will be, are becoming more and more centred around our values of:

Be Safe

Be a Friend

Be REAL (Respect, Encourage, Aspire and Learn).

I want to acknowledge that these winter school holidays are not necessarily a break for many families. In some ways, they can be busier than when the students are coming to school. So I encourage families who will be juggling work and managing their own kids at home to be kind to yourself as you do what you believe is best for your family. While some families will be doing exciting things over the break, other families are not in the position to do that this break and that is also fine. I know personally at times I tend to compare my own family to other families and sometimes this can have negative impacts on my own self view. So I encourage everyone, whether you're going on a holiday to Queensland or if your working full time and seeing your kids in the morning and after work... take the time to do the little things. Cook with your kids, have a game of Uno, sing with them, watch a movie they like, read with them, colour in with them. Each and every one of the kids in this school community are precious and have an inner need to belong and be loved and I know that these little things demonstrate this so effectively.

And let's hope for some decent weather too!

Thank you once again for your ongoing support as we partner to educate the children in your family.

Thanks,



**Josh Smith**  
Principal



# STAFF PROFILE



**Jodi Smith**

**SPECIALIST TEACHER - KINDER**

## TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF

I grew up in Smithton, then moved to Launceston for 13 years before coming back to Smithton in 2014 to live. My partner's name is Shaun, and I have a son Kaiden who is in Year 3 at SPS and a daughter Phoebe who will be in Kinder next year at SPS. I have a dog called Shelby, and three cats: Mika, Blackie and Luna.

I love playing hockey and have been playing for 36 years. I also don't mind playing basketball (I haven't played for a few years though) and I love Zumba too. My favourite colour is teal, my favourite food is roast lamb, my favourite movie is The Cure, my favourite book is The Outsiders, my favourite bands are Bon Jovi and Grinspoon, and my favourite song is Living on a Prayer.

I'm a caring, positive, easy-going and flexible person who loves to be happy and wants others to have a smile on their faces too.

## WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WORK IN EDUCATION?

I think I've always wanted to be a teacher, but who gave me the incentive to apply for university was a teacher named Mary Parsell. She used to teach at Smithton High School and was one of my favourite teachers (and I think I was her favourite student). I did Art at TAFE first, then went to university to learn how to be a teacher.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I have so many, but I think my most favourite is the lightbulb moments students get when learning clicks for them. I also like proud faces when students show off their work, whether it's their writing, their art work, or how far they can jump. It's hard to narrow it down as I love teaching a lot!





## 5-6 Squire - Paddock to Plate



On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of June Year 5/6 Squire visited Fonterra's Wynyard factory and one of their milk suppliers, Gumgurry Farm in Scotchtown. Our tour of the factory included an orientation and history of the factory. We also had the opportunity to see the machinery that sterilises the milk, creates whey powder and makes and boxes award winning cheeses. We even got to test some partially matured cheese, learning what to look for in the body of the cheese and how it tastes.

After a short morning tea break and quick play on the fantastic equipment at the Wynyard Rotary Playground we headed to Gumgurry farm in Scotchtown.

Whilst on the farm we were able to view a 40-bale rotary dairy platform, vacuum extraction system and milk storage vat. We also visited the calf shed and got to meet a panel of farm workers including manager Andrew Monson, calf rearer Debbie Monson and farm worker Bevan Febey. Each had stories to tell of life on a dairy farm and we learnt a lot about the life and times of dairy cows and the work that goes into caring for them.

Elders and Fonterra staff were also on hand to answer questions about their involvement in supporting dairy farmers with their milk production. Fonterra staff made margarita pizzas with the same cheese we had seen being made that morning. It really was a paddock to plate experience.

We are extremely grateful for the support of local businessman, Rodney Collins, owner of Gumgurry Farm, the farm manager and staff as well as the Fonterra staff, especially Darren Smart, Georgia Redpath, Andrew Etlin, Troy Franks and Sam Flight, and the many others behind the scenes for all their help in making this day possible.

The things we enjoyed and learnt:

*I found the sludge and big pool of things filtered from the milk interesting to see - Holly*

*I learnt that biosecurity, keeping shoes clean etc, keeps the animals from getting diseases - Jhett*

*I liked the pizza and learning about how the cups worked - Nate*

*My favourite part of our farm and factory excursion was meeting Debbie because she told me about her favourite cow and learning all about the cows and the farm - Myah*

*I liked how the cows lined up and how smart they were. It was interesting to learn how cheese was made too - John*

*I loved learning about how long it takes to make cheese and how long it takes to ready to eat - Dominic*

*The best part of the excursion was the cheese we ate and the tour around the factory - Xander*

*It was a fun day where we learned a lot of new things about the dairy industry and it was a great experience - Lincoln*







## 5-6 Squire - Paddock to Plate



# STAFF PROFILE



**Kate Underwood**

YEAR 3 TEACHER

## TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF

I was raised in Smithton in a small family of four. My childhood memories consist of playing outside until dark at the park in Hellyer street with all my neighbourhood friends. I attended school here at SPS and distinctively remember my enjoyment and love of PE, especially the carnivals.

I have lived and taught in both Western Australia and Victoria. During those years, I travelled some countries in Europe and Asia. My husband and I moved back to Tasmania to be closer to our friends and families at the end of 2018. Moving back to Tasmania encouraged Ryan and I to buy a dog (we named him Loki), get engaged/married and have a child (her name is Isla). We enjoy spending time together as a family at the beach, going for adventures, playing board games and going for bike rides. We are very excited about building our family home at Forest this year.

### Some of my favourites:

Colour: Turquoise

TV Show: Home and Away

Movie: The Notebook

Music: Amy Shark

## WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WORK IN EDUCATION?

As a young girl, I always loved learning and going to school with my friends. When growing up I was an extremely bossy girl, who always had to be the teacher or mother in games with my cousins and friends. When in high school I enjoyed babysitting and working with other younger children.

During my schooling, I was always inspired by my teachers, especially the way that they made learning fun and engaging. I admired the way some of them were extremely helpful and supportive. I remember admiring the way that teachers had such a huge impact upon the life of many. I left high school, well and truly knowing that I wanted to be someone who made a difference like the way teachers do.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

There are many things that I love about my job as a teacher. However, my most favourite thing would be the 'light bulb' moment. The moment when it finally clicks for a student, when they have made the connection and have learnt something new. I also especially love seeing students' growth from term to term.



# Aussie of the Month - June

Congratulations

*Jack Bradbury*



- consistently demonstrates the school values and is a terrific role model and friend to all his peers.
- has settled into SPS this year with such positivity.
- is always focused, ready to learn, responsible and respectful.

Well done to Lachlan, Jett and Jandre who competed in the State Cross Country Carnival in Symmons Plains. They gave their best and did us proud.



Stick insects in I-2 Goodwin



5-6 Maths with cupcakes!



I-2 Irvine preparing for NAIDOC week



## **Bullying. *No Way!***

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- Mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- One-off acts of meanness or spite
- Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Bullying has three main features:

- It involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- It is ongoing and repeated, and

**Working together with the school is the best way to help your child resolve bullying issues.**

**If your child talks to you about bullying:**

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**

[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

**Feel free to contact me at the school if you would like to discuss this topic.**

**Nurse Rob - School Health Nurse**



Come along to join in with lots of fun, games,  
activities, songs and stories

# LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## LiL Sessions - Term 3

(for children Birth to 5 Years)

**NEW TIME!**

**MOTHER GOOSE- MONDAYS - 9:00AM TO 10:30AM**

with Veronica Charles

**LAUNCH PAD - FRIDAYS - 9AM TO 10:30AM**

with Veronica Charles

🎵 Mr Billing will join in for a sing-a-long 🎵



**Entry and sign in via the school office.**



Please bring a hat, snack and a drink of water for your child.

For any queries please contact the school office or the  
'Early Years @ Smithton Primary School' Facebook page.



LAUNCHING  
INTO LEARNING  
IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS



## Pre-Loved School Uniform

We are looking for preloved uniforms, socks and underwear in sizes 4 to 12 in good condition that your child no longer wears. We would be very grateful if you would consider donating them to the school.

Spare clothes are great to have on hand in case clothes get wet or muddy during the day, especially during the winter months.

Please drop off donated items to the school office.



**THANKYOU**  
for your support

## GIRLS RACE TOO

**LAUNCESTON KART CLUB**  
**4TH-5TH NOVEMBER 2023**



Did you know that girls can race too?

Karting Tasmania is providing girls in Tasmania the opportunity to give karting a go!

- ❖ Open to females living in Tasmania aged 10-30
- ❖ 2 Days
- ❖ No cost
- ❖ Equipment provided
- ❖ Female instructors
- ❖ Learn driving skills
- ❖ Kart mechanics
- ❖ Safe & Fun
- ❖ Experienced mentors
- ❖ Free 12 month club membership
- ❖ Opportunity to attend a mainland Girls Race Too Event
- ❖ Free T-shirt

Scan here to  
register your  
interest



## Smithton Rotary

# Book Fair 2023

24th July - August 5th

Monday - Friday 10 am - 3.30 pm

Saturday's 10 am - 12.30 pm

Venue: Old Riverbend Bookshop  
Emmett St, Smithton



**Wanted: Books,  
Puzzles,  
DVD'S/Cd's**

**Contact Wendy:  
0429 186 876**

**I ♥ BOOKS**



**Proceeds: Pre-kinder books for all CH Schools  
& local school Breakfast Program**

## Dates To Remember

### July

Every Monday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Mother Goose with Mrs Charles (Birth - 5 years)
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Mrs Charles (Birth - 5 Years)
Tuesday 4th - 9:10am	End of Term Assembly
Friday 7th	Last day of term for students
Monday 24th	Student Free Day
Tuesday 25th	Term 3 starts for students

### August

Every Monday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Mother Goose with Mrs Charles (Birth - 5 years)
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Mrs Charles (Birth - 5 Years)
Friday 4th, 11th, 18th	Year 5-6 Winter Sport
Monday 14th	Science Gig - Smithton Rec - 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday 25th	Country Gold Selections



**HOOKIN2 HOCKEY**

**FREE HOLIDAY CLINICS!**  
**AGE 6-12**

**HOCKEY SKILLS SESSION**  
Ages 6-12 years

**FREE CLINIC:**

**Tasmanian Hockey Centre:** 12<sup>th</sup> July  
**Northern Hockey Centre:** 14<sup>th</sup> July  
**Meercroft Park:** 17<sup>th</sup> July  
**McKenna Park:** 12<sup>th</sup> July

**BEGINNERS WELCOME**

SCAN THIS QR CODE OR  
USE THE LINK BELOW TO SIGNUP  
<https://www.hockeytasmania.com.au/participate/school-holiday-clinics/>

For additional information contact **Pathways Officer:**  
[joshua.mardell@hockeytasmania.com.au](mailto:joshua.mardell@hockeytasmania.com.au)

### 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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