

3-4G



In **3-4G** this term we have been very lucky to have members of The Soroptimist International of Circular Head visit our class every Wednesday morning. They are an important part of our Wise Owl Reading program in which the students take the opportunity to read to an adult throughout the morning. This has been a rewarding and much-loved experience for our class which will hopefully continue next term.



Miss Lynne & Charlie



Miss Kirsty & Dmitri



Miss Linda & Krystale



"I love reading Winnie the Pooh with the ladies" - Carter

"They help me learn to read better" - Kobi

"They help you when you get the words wrong" - Laylah

"It makes me happy and calm. I love it so much" - Frankie



WELCOME to Term 3!

It has been so good to see the way that our school community has come back with a pep in their step after a well-deserved break. As I walk around the school I notice a calm, yet welcoming feel. I see students working hard in their classrooms, connecting with their fellow peers, challenging themselves and being curious about their learning. It's great and I continue to acknowledge the awesome work my staff do to create a positive environment to learn in.

We welcome four new students: Ajai, Phebe, Norbert and Sharna into our school. They have all made an excellent start to the term. We have also had some changes in our staffing. We have had Mr Ryan Nibbs and Miss Sarah Jordan employed as teachers to share the 5/6 class vacancy left by Mr Regan Smith moving on. Now is an appropriate time to acknowledge the work that Regan did in our school for Term 1 and 2 and we wish him well as he moves on from the Circular Head area. We also have Mrs Hayley Sharman who is running our Launching into Learning program, including the Pre-Kinder sessions which run on Monday and Friday (1:00pm – 2:30pm).

Speaking of Pre-Kinder, if you know of anyone who has a child turning five next year, please let them know that we have started our Pre-Kinder sessions and encourage them to come along!

This term we have a lot to look forward to. Our Year 5/6 students have Winter Sport starting this Friday. This is where we come together with the other Circular Head Cluster Schools to play a variety of sports (Football, Hockey, Taekwondo, Basketball and Netball). From this, the Country Gold team get's selected to represent the whole of Circular Head in Launceston, competing against schools from around the northern part of the state. Similarly, our Year 3/4 students get a taster of this with the 3/4 Expo where our student mix with other students from other schools, playing a variety of sports.

We will also have our Maths Relays running this term, where students will initially compete in some friendly competition within our own school. Our top performers will be selected to compete in the Circular Head Cluster Maths Relay.

Very soon will also be the Science Gig, this is an annual event that we encourage our students (and their families) to attend at the Circular Head Rec. This is held on Monday 14th of August from 4:30 – 8:00pm. I encourage you to go along, even if it is just for half an hour, to look at what is happening in the area of Science in our community.


On the 23rd of August at 9:10am, we will be having our Book Parade, where students can come dressed up as a character from a book. We will give everyone the chance to 'parade' in our annual catwalk event, which is a bit of fun and more importantly it celebrates reading and books. Considering that improving our reading is one of the school's two priorities, this will be a very special event that all families are welcome to come and watch.

Lastly, we end the term with our Early Childhood Swimming campaign. It will be a big week, but a very important week. We all know how important it is that our children learn to swim, so we will make the most of that opportunity.

As always, I wish to thank you all for the way that you work with myself and my staff, coming together with the same goal in mind... your child's education. We want to leave no stone unturned in providing a well-rounded, quality education for each and every child in this school. By working together, we can achieve this. As always, if you have any questions or concerns or simply want to speak with someone about your child's education, do not hesitate to contact the school and book an appointment with your child's teacher or with a member of our leadership team, including myself!

Let's have a fantastic Term 3.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**
Principal



Everyone had a great first day back!!



The Best Cow Design In Australia!!

Smoothie won "Best Cow Design" in the National Picasso Cow competition winning \$1000 for the school.

What an awesome whole school effort... lead wonderfully by Miss Nichols, with the artwork overseen by Tiahna and Shannon!



STAFF PROFILE



Meg Irvine

YEAR 1 - 2 TEACHER

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF

I was lucky (or unlucky) enough to move around most of Australia through primary school - Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and the Northern Territory before Tassie partway through high school. I live here with my golden retriever, Sage, who most of the kids know and love. I am at the beach when I get the chance and one of my goals this year is at least one ocean dip each month! I love reading, Harry Potter, chocolate, mangoes, exploring, laughing and sunshine.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WORK IN EDUCATION?

I worked at a school in England for my gap year, having never considered teaching before. When I came back to Australia, I moved back to Adelaide to start my law degree and woke up every day for a semester wanting to teach, so decided to make the change.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I love the kids! I love the laughs we can have, seeing the lightbulb moments of understanding and seeing the growth they all have!



Incontinence in Children

Children usually develop the ability to be toilet trained about 3 years of age. If children aged 4 years and over are unable to be toilet trained or experience regular incontinence, advice from a health professional is recommended.

The bladder is an organ that stores urine (wee). In Australia, 1 in 5 children have a bladder control problem.

Signs of a healthy bladder include it empties 4-6 times a day; can hold up to 400-600ml of urine; may wake you up once at night to pass urine, tells you when it is full but gives you enough time to find a toilet; empties completely each time you pass urine; does not leak urine.

Types of incontinence in children:

- Daytime Wetting- the loss of bladder control during the day, usually caused because the bladder is not working properly. It is NOT caused by attention-seeking, naughtiness or laziness.
- Bedwetting- this happens when the bladder involuntarily empties during the night. Most children will be dry at night by school age. Some children may experience accidents until 7 or 8 years.

It is important to seek professional help for bedwetting if:

- your child starts wetting at night after being dry
 - the wetting is frequent after school age
 - the wetting bothers the child or makes them upset
 - the child wants to become dry.
- Soiling-is when the bowels are emptied in places other than the toilet. It usually happens because the large bowel is not emptying properly and the child is constipated.

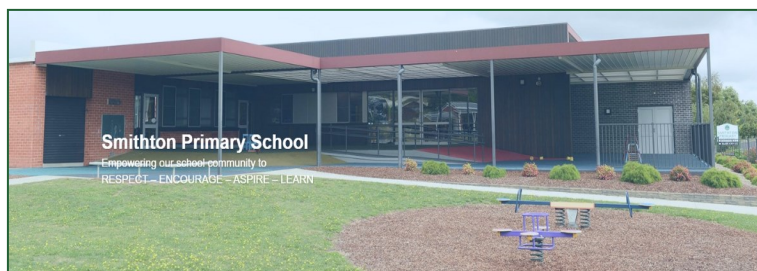
Please contact me through the office or your child's teacher if you would like any further information or advice/ contact your GP or look at <https://www.continence.org.au> for tips for parents and carers.

**1 IN 4
AUSTRALIANS
ARE
INCONTINENT**



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

Nurse Rob - School Health Nurse



Smithton Primary School
Empowering our school community to
RESPECT - ENCOURAGE - ASPIRE - LEARN



Kinder 2024 Parent Information Sessions

We would like to invite families to our Kinder Information Sessions on

Monday 7th August @ 2:30pm - 3:00pm
Wednesday 9th August @ 3:00pm - 3:30pm

These valuable sessions provide you with information about 'What Kinder looks like at Smithton Primary'.

These sessions will be held by our current Kindergarten teacher, Jayde Grey and our Pre-Kinder teacher, Hayley Sharman.

Starting Kinder can be an exciting and challenging time for you and your child. Our aim is to work with you throughout this period to help you to make these important decisions.

A fun learning experience making the transition to
Kinder easier for your child

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE KINDER WITH HAYLEY SHARMAN

**For children starting
Kindergarten in 2024**

Mondays: 1:00pm to 2:30pm
Fridays: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

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.**







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 Hayley Sharman

LAUNCH PAD - FRIDAYS - 9:00AM TO 10:30AM
with Hayley Sharman
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.

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Smithton Primary School P&F Winter raffle

1st prize

1st prize includes:
5 loaves of Cottage
Kitchen fresh bread
and a variety of fresh
vegetables. These will be
given to the prize
winner on the day of the
raffle draw.




There are many more prizes with a variety of products.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Smithton Primary School P&F



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Kinder 2024

Do you have a child born in 2019?

**Applications for 2024 Kinder Enrolments
are now being taken.**

Parents and Carers wishing to enrol their child will need to complete an enrolment form, which is available from the school office.

If you have any queries, please contact the office on 03 6452 1955.



Department for Education, Children and Young People



Pre-Loved School Uniform



We are looking for preloved uniforms, socks and underwear in sizes 4 to 8 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

Book Week Dress-Up Parade

Wednesday 23rd August - 9:10am

READ, GROW, INSPIRE

Come dressed as your favourite book character or wear a hat



Dates To Remember

August

Every Monday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Mother Goose with Hayley Sharman (<i>Birth - 5 years</i>)
Every Monday - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (<i>born in 2019</i>)
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Hayley Sharman (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>)
Every Friday - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (<i>born in 2019</i>)
Friday's 4th, 11th and 18th	Year 5-6 Winter Sports
Monday 7th - 2:30pm - 3:00pm	Kinder 2024 Parent Information Session - <i>parents with children born in 2019</i>
Wednesday 9th - 3:00pm to 3:30pm	Kinder 2024 Parent Information Session - <i>parents with children born in 2019</i>
Monday 14th	Science Gig - Smithton Rec - 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday 23rd - 9:10am	Book Week Parade
Friday 25th	Country Gold Selection

September

Every Monday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Mother Goose with Hayley Sharman (<i>Birth - 5 years</i>)
Every Monday - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (<i>born in 2019</i>)
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Hayley Sharman (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>)
Every Friday - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (<i>born in 2019</i>)
Friday 8th	Year 3-4 Sports Expo
Friday 22nd - 9:10am	School Assembly
Monday 25th to Friday 29th	Early Childhood Swimming
Thursday 28th	Country Gold - Launceston

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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