



## Kinder Koala & Bilby



Kinder Koala and Kinder Bilby went on an excursion to the Smithton Fire Station and to the library. At the fire station we met Chief Matthew and fire fighter Mark. They showed us where they get changed into their special clothes that help protect them when they are fighting fires. We got to try on the jackets and helmets that they wear. We had a look inside the big fire trucks and even sat in the 4WD truck.

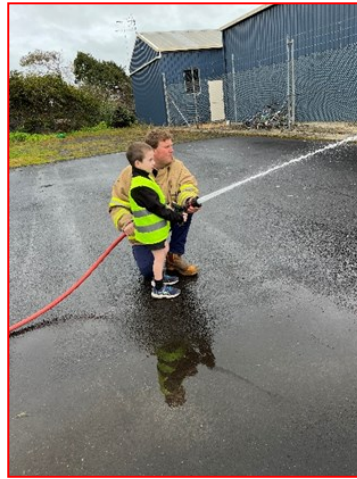
At the library we listened to a story that Sally read us. We sang some songs and danced. Sally let us choose some books to read and did some colouring. Sally then showed us around the library and told us where we could find things.







# Kinder Koala & Bilby



## LIBRARY







## Sailing through Term 3

Dear Families,

We continue to sail through Term 3 with plenty happening. We have come to that time of the year where I ask for formal feedback from our families. The way that we do this is an online survey. The outcomes of this survey are then analysed in November so that when we are planning for 2024, we have feedback around the things we are doing well and the things that need improvement. In the last three years, we have had really low participation rates in this survey. I totally understand why, it's just another thing to do in your very busy lives. But this year I would really like to ask if I can get heaps more people to do the survey please? It really does help me to know what all the parents are thinking, not just 10 of you guys. So to complete the survey, here is the link. You can copy the URL into your search engine and off you go:

<https://ncv.microsoft.com/4Lyk5FMfhH>

If this is too technical, we will have a laptop available until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September in the office area for you to fill in the survey. You can do this at any time in the day from 8:30 – 4:00 and just pop in to do so. We will also send this link out to you as a text message, so all you will need to do is press the link on your phone and off you go.

### Father's Day

It was so amazing to see so many fathers and father figures in our school to celebrate Father's Day. This occurred in the Kinder and Year 1/2 spaces. As a matter of fact, it was mind-blowing to see the huge numbers and I thank each and every one who made the effort to come. It sends a very clear message to our students when people who are special to them are willing to sacrifice time to show them that they are important and that their education is important, so well done. A huge "well done" also to Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Jackson, Miss Irvine and Mrs Grey who opened the doors of the school to the dads.

### Claire Ann Taylor Performances

I am still walking around with a smile on my face, humming the tune to Claire -Ann Taylor's songs after our awesome concerts. We still have her music playing as our school bell and there is still a buzz in the school about it all. I can't thank Kim Poole and Dudley Billing enough for the risk taking and hours of work they both put into making this happen. I also want to acknowledge the work of our P&F who supported this event by catering for it and advertising it. Thanks so much to everyone who made it an extra special event for the school.



### 3/4 Sports Expo

Our Year 3/4s had a fantastic day last Friday combining with the Primary Schools from Edith Creek, Stanley, Redpa and Forest to have a sports taster day. They played Hockey, Netball, Football, Taekwondo and Tennis. This is a brilliant opportunity for our students to meet children from other schools and have fun. It is also a preparation for the 5/6 version of this called 5/6 Winter Sport that leads into the big trip away to Launceston for Country Gold. This year Country Gold is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

### Cluster Maths Relay

I want to congratulate our whole team on the efforts they placed into representing our school so well in the Maths Relay held at our school where we competed against other public Primary Schools in Circular Head. From this, we have had two students selected to compete in the NW Maths Relay. Congratulations to Jhett and Westen.



### Parent/Teacher Meetings

With Parent/Teacher meetings/phone calls happening at the moment, now is a fantastic time to raise any concerns and celebrate any successes that your children are having. As always, it is great to partner with you and your family in educating your children and we know that you know your child better than we do. So please, make sure you make the most of these meetings/phone calls where your child's teacher will share information that will help you to understand what the next steps are for their education. As always, I am always available to discuss anything, so don't hesitate to book an appointment to meet with myself or a member of the leadership team.

Less than 3 weeks to go! Let's do this 😊

Thanks,



**Josh Smith**  
Principal

**WHERE?**  
HAS THE TIME  
GONE!



## Smithton Primary School 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



TASMANIAN PREMIER'S  
**READING  
CHALLENGE**



Please return completed reading logs to school by this Friday, 15th September.



# Father's Day





# 5-6 Nichols

This term we have been busy in 5/6 Nichols. Here are some of our highlights:

Mattea: *My favourite part was being able to be a part of the concert. I also enjoyed Maths when we learnt about the history of Egyptian numbers.*

Talia: *I have enjoyed learning about fractions in maths.*

Tyler: *I really enjoyed when we got to use M&M's in maths. We had to sort the colours and display it in a graph. Eating them was definitely the best part.*

Hendrix: *I have enjoyed the minute to win it challenges we have been doing in class.*

Alex: *I really enjoyed being part of the maths relay.*

Billy: *I have loved learning about putting fractions on a number line.*

Kuturah: *In Literacy I enjoyed learning about the Last Fish and writing a sequel called Uncharted Waters.*





# STAFF PROFILE



**Shelley Jackson**

YEAR 1 - 2 TEACHER

## TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF

I was born in the Smithton hospital a few years ago (or maybe more). I went to Edith Creek Primary School from Kinder to Grade 4, then Smithton Primary school for Grade 5 and 6. I am married with three sons, Tyler, Cooper and Brodie. We have a springer spaniel dog, a cat, four cows and six chickens. I enjoy the outdoors with family and friends especially caravanning and mountain biking. My other enjoyments and hobbies are motorbiking, water skiing, fishing, Scrapbooking and being all round crafty.

Some of my favourites are:

- Colour – Purple
- TV shows – The voice & Farmer Wants a Wife
- Movies – anything really – I do love a good cartoon
- Music – any music except when I can't understand the words
- Singers – P!nk and Ed Sheeran
- Foods – Chocolate, chicken and corn

## WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WORK IN EDUCATION?

I have always loved working with children. I started off as a family day carer then went on to work at Giggles Early Learning. After having my first 2 children, I realised that I could do more for children a little older so I started my teaching degree. I thoroughly enjoy building relationships and assisting children to be the best version of themselves.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I enjoy coming to work every day and seeing the happy smiling faces. I love the 'ah-ha' moments within the classroom and seeing the kids grow in confidence.



# Claire Ann Taylor & Band

Months of planning and hard work came together on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September as Smithton Primary School hosted two shows with Claire Ann Taylor and her band.

All students from Prep through to Year 6 worked tirelessly to learn songs, arrange equipment, organise the set and put on a concert to remember. Mrs Gausden and Shannon Heald's new school choir opened both shows with a beautiful version of Cover Me In Sunshine. High School student Shayla Guest wowed the evening audience with her rendition of Ruth B's Dandelions. The main event started with an amazing whole school rendition of our SPS Original We Are Real, a song based on our school values: Respect, Encourage, Aspire and Learn.

The Preps and Year 1-2s did a sweet version of Wagon Wheel in Harmony with Claire and her band. The Year 3-4s had us clapping along to an original of Claire's call I'm Going Home, about her love for Tasmania. The Year 5-6's did an incredible job on instruments and vocals supporting a yet to be released song of Claire's from her upcoming album, then audience and students alike pitched in on vocals for Claire's song Judge.

Students and teachers alike should be incredibly proud of their efforts and conduct on both shows.

Claire, Louie and Beau had a great time at SPS and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We can't wait to do it all again next year with yet another act.



# Footy

# Colours

# Day!



Come dressed in your favourite footy colours!

## Friday, 29th September

(Last day of Term 3)

# RUOK? DAY™

Thursday 14 September 2023

This Thursday students are encouraged to come to school wearing their uniform with yellow accessories.



*An important opportunity for us to learn more about one of our school values*

**"Be a Friend"**



## Smithton Tennis Club

School Holiday Tennis Program

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd October

3.00 to 3.45pm

4 to 6 year olds Cost \$15.00 per day

3.45 to 4.30pm

7 to 8 year olds Cost \$15.00 per day

4.30 to 5.15pm

9 to 12 year olds Cost \$15.00 per day

5.15 to 5.45pm

Private Lesson. Cost \$35.00 per day

5.45 to 6.15pm

Private Lesson. Cost \$35.00 per day

6.15 to 7.15pm

Adult Cardio. Cost \$20.00 per day

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact Grant O'Callaghan on [0417528502](tel:0417528502)



Please join us for a

## HIGH TEA

Ladies of all ages welcome

SATURDAY | SEP 23 | 2 - 4PM

Dreambuilders Church  
31 Brittons Road, Smithton

*rsvp Sep 16*

Sharon

0435 124 276

[sharon.nuske@dreambuilders.church](mailto:sharon.nuske@dreambuilders.church)  
Please include any dietary needs  
This is a free event with limited spaces, so booking is essential




# Dates To Remember

## September

Every Monday - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (born in 2019)
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Hayley Sharman (Birth - 5 Years)
Every Friday - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (born in 2019)
Friday 22nd - 9:10am	School Assembly
Thursday 28th	Country Gold - Launceston
Friday 29th	Last day of Term 3 - Footy Colours Day

## October

Every Monday - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (born in 2019)
Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Hayley Sharman (Birth - 5 Years)
Every Friday - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (born in 2019)
Monday 16th	Term 4 - students return
Monday 23rd Oct to Friday 3rd Nov	Early Childhood Swimming



### Certificate of Appreciation

Smithton Primary P&F would like to thank all of those who supported our Winter fundraising raffle:

Nutrien	Elders	Country Kitchen Bakehouse
IGA	Yolla Co-op	Woolworths Smithton
Rural Health	Serv-Ag	Smithton Pharmacy
McCains	Saputo	David & Heather Woodward
Carlton Heres One Agency		Catherine Jago
Grumpy Goat Farm & Co		Circular Head Council
Smithton Country Market		Spud & Vanessa McClaren
Malcolm Brown		Tammy and Luke Tuxworth

**Your contributions and support are truly appreciated.**

### 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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