



Smithton Primary School

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Year 3/4 Johnston – Term 4 2023

This term 3/4 J have been preparing for our class café. The class decided to call it 'The Busy Bee Café'. We've had a lot of fun creating and trying out different things.



In English, students have been learning about procedural texts so they have created a number of items where they have used the structure and language features of a procedure. The items they have created include invitations and menus for the cafe. The students then had a choice to create a set of instructions for either hopscotch or a treasure map.

In Maths we have been learning fractions, money and time. These all link in with our café as these concepts can be linked to authentic learning. The students had to use fractions in the recipes for cooking, money scenarios about costing and giving change (if we charged for menu items). Time was important as students needed to work out how much time we would need for cooking, playing games and welcoming parents and carers to the café.

Science has been an adventure in discovering the working of bees and their connection to the environment and their role in a food chain. In our café, we cooked using honey.



We are so proud
of how our
invitations
turned out!!

4 weeks to go!!

Dear Families,

With the weather warming up, it is a nice reminder that we are moving towards the end of the year. This is always an exciting time of the year for schools and can also be quite overwhelming for everyone, families included. If you're like me, it can feel like there is also a lot of pressure on when thinking about end of year celebrations, events and even preparing for Christmas. Then there are things like getting your child's end of year report, finding out what class they are in for the next year and who their teacher is. It can all make for some tired and emotional thoughts and actions so, at this time of the year, a couple of weeks before things get really crazy, I want to encourage us all to be kind to ourselves and to take as much pressure off ourselves as we can.

Exciting Things Happening!

When it comes to "school stuff" I encourage everyone to know that you will be getting your child's report on the 15th of December. Remembering that the report format has changed and there are no comments on this report.

Our Year 6 students have some big things happening with a trip away for the day on Wednesday 29th of November and then a day with the other Year 6s from around the cluster on the 8th of December at Riverbend.

Our final Assembly is on Tuesday 19th of December in the gym at 10am. Straight after the assembly we will be having a whole school photo taken on the oval (with a drone) and we are hoping that as many of the families as possible could be there for a "whole school community" photo too.

Our Kinders will be having a "Graduation" as well, on the 5th and 8th of December (depending on what class they are in) starting at 1:45pm. This is an awesome opportunity for our families to celebrate an amazing year in Kinder.

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Data

Looking through our Student Wellbeing and Engagement data, it has been pleasing to see us making growth. The summary of the data shows that our students are feeling safer at school, there is less verbal bullying and a huge improvement in cyberbullying. Our students are happier, have better satisfaction in life, are less worried, have grown in perseverance and feel that they belong more at school. This is in comparison to last year and the previous two years before that. We also identified that we have some work to do in the area of peer belonging and social bullying, which we will do in 2024. Keep in mind that the survey (conducted state-wide and is mandatory for schools to do) only asks our Year 4-6s, so we haven't got the voice of our younger students in this data.


Car Boot Sale

Our P & F do an amazing job, and I want to help them advertise the Car Boot Sale on the 8th of December. It goes from 5-7pm and is in the school's staff carpark. If you want to participate, it costs \$10 for a car and \$15 if you want two. There will be a bbq and drinks available on the evening.

To book a spot, email Jess at jessica.tomlinson@decyp.tas.gov.au

As always, it is great to be a part of the SPS team and I hope you all feel connected too. If you have any concerns or queries, especially at this time of the year, please know that we are only a phone call away.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**
Principal



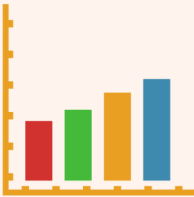
1-2 Jackson

1/2 Jackson have been asking questions in order to collect some information about a chosen topic.

We all thought of a question to ask including options, for example, which type of vehicle do you like best? Holden, Isuzu, Lamborghini or Porsche.

We then asked all the kids in our class which they prefer and recorded the data.

The next day we transferred our collected data into a graph.



School Association

We have a number of parent vacancies on our School Association.

The School Association has an important role to play within the school:

- providing family voice to our school directions and the learning opportunities we provide
- creating a collaborative culture within the school
- using community strengths to benefit all learners
- promoting our school and lobbying when required
- enhancing our financial capabilities

This year we are asking three parents to nominate to join the committee for the following two years. Nominations are now open and will close on Tuesday 5th December, with the AGM being held on Thursday 14th Dec @ 5pm.

Please call into the office to collect a nomination form.



Department for Education,
Children and Young People



Fundraising to assist children with disabilities, special needs & medical conditions in Tasmania

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The Fairy Godmothers

2023 Christmas Market

Christmas Gifts,
Art, Crafts, Fashion,
Jewellery, Home Living,
Candles & Fragrances,
Children & Baby items,
Beauty & skin Care
Books & Stationery
Toys, Plants, Home produce

BBQ & Hot Food
Cake Stall
Christmas Raffle
Lucky Numbers
Lucky Wheel
Lucky Dips
Lots of Entertainment
For all the family

SUNDAY—3rd DECEMBER

10AM to 2PM

BURNIE HIGH SCHOOL GYM
(Fidler Street, Cooees)

Enquiries & stall information
Email: market@thefairygodmothers.com.au
Phone: 0417 380 268

Entry: Gold Coin Donation

TELL SOMEONE

All children in Tasmania have a right to be known, safe, well and learning. We are highly committed to the safety of all students at our school.

Earlier this month, DECYP launched the Tell Someone initiative, to raise awareness in the community about child sexual abuse and grooming.

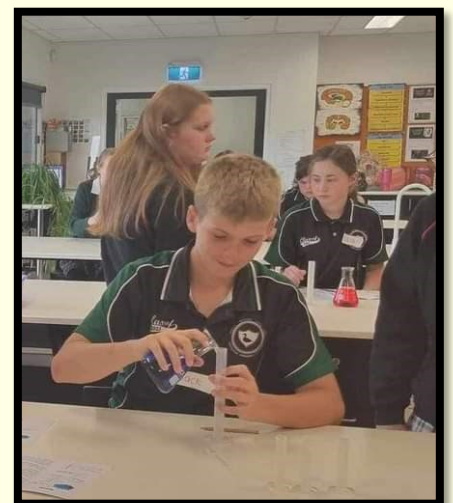
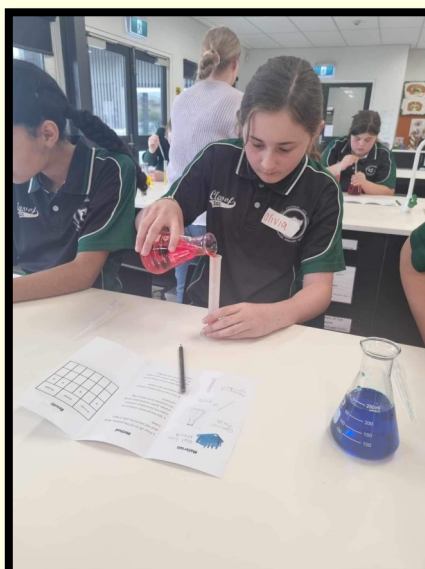
The [Tell Someone website](#) gives children and young people clear advice on what to do in situations where they feel worried, unsafe or unsure. It also gives adults advice and support on how to respond if they suspect or know a child is being groomed or sexually abused or is at risk of harm.

Please visit the website, read the information, and try to find a suitable time to talk with your child/children about this issue and the resources available. It's important that everyone understands the possible signs of sexual abuse or grooming behaviour, and how to stay safe online and offline.

If reading this information has caused you distress, please visit DECYP's website for [a list of support services](#).

Please contact the school if you have any questions about this information.

Year 6 students enjoying orientation day at Smithton High School



Visit from St Peter Chanel

Last Monday was International Kindness Day and to celebrate the Year 1/2 classes hosted a return visit from the 1/2 classes from St Peter Chanel.

Mr Smith welcomed them with a look at SOS and then we split into groups and completed activities around our school.

It was so special to watch all the children play, talk and enjoy each other's company. We celebrated the great friendships that are forming and how exciting it is to continue this tradition into 2024.

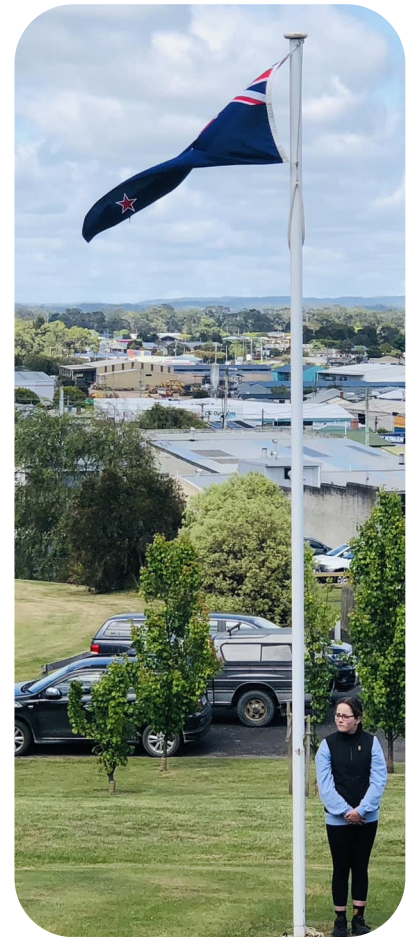
We finished off with a sausage sizzle and a surprise Zooper Dooper.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget

Raising the flag and representing our school by laying the wreath on Remembrance Day.



Fridays are Zooper Dooper days!!

Year 6 students raising money for their end of year fun day.

Zooper Doopers are available every Friday at lunchtime for the rest of the year.



Bus Student fare increase



Student bus fares will increase on 1 January 2024.

The new fare will be:

- \$1.60 if using a smartcard or 10-trip ticket
- \$2.00 if paying cash for a single trip

The student fare applies regardless of distance, area of travel, or day of the week, including school holidays.

Some students will be eligible for free travel to and from school.

For more information:

- talk to your bus driver
- visit www.transport.tas.gov.au/student
- call 6166 3343 (9am to 5pm weekdays)

Department of State Growth



The full student fare will increase by 10 cents on 1 January 2024.

If you use cash for a single trip ticket, the new fare will be \$2.00.

If you use a smart card or purchase a 10-trip ticket, the new fare will be \$1.60.

Smartcards, like Greencard and Transportme can be topped up online. You can buy a 10-trip ticket for \$16.00 from the bus driver.

It costs the same on every trip - it doesn't matter how far, where, or when you go. Bus routes that travel only in a rural area, to the local school, don't charge a fare.

Some students can travel or transfer between buses for free. You may be eligible for a Student Bus Pass for Free Travel if you are:

- Listed on a Health Care or Pensioner Card
- Travel wholly within the rural area where there is only a fare charging service
- Must use more than one bus between home and school and/or school and home
- Are under a Care and Protection Order

The student fare last increased in 2022. This fare increase is set by government policy.

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Friday, 8 December 2023

9 am to 4 pm

Nelson Street car park, Nelson Street

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For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



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Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.



servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

Dates To Remember

November

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>)
Wednesday 29th	Year 6 Day Trip

December

Friday 1st - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Hayley Sharman (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>) <i>Last session for the year</i>
Friday 1st - 1:00pm to 2:30pm	Pre-Kinder - for children starting Kinder in 2024 (<i>born in 2019</i>) <i>Last session for the year</i>
Monday 4th to Friday 15th	Upper Primary Swimming
Tuesday 5th	Kinder Koala Graduation - 1:45pm to 2:45pm
Friday 8th	Kinder Bilby Graduation - 1:45pm to 2:45pm Year 6 Cluster Day at Riverbend
Tuesday 19th	End of Year Assembly - 10:00am start
Wednesday 20th	Whole School Picnic at Riverbend (K-6)
Thursday 21st	Last Day for Students



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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