

1-2 Goodwin

It's that time of the year again, when the children are excited, there's lots of tinsel in houses and trees are getting decorated.

In 1/2 Goodwin we set up our classroom tree this week and all the children had fun decorating it.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be creating more decorations for your trees at home and making the most of spending the time together before Christmas is here and we break for the holidays.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.



► MERRY
CHRISTMAS
from 1-2 Goodwin





Dear families,

With less than three weeks remaining, we truly are in full swing with our end of year as our key focus. As always, we are hoping to finish the year well by celebrating what has been a fantastic year at Smithton Primary. We currently have our Upper Primary swimming program occurring this week and next, and staff are finalising their assessments and reports to be handed out at the end of next week.

As you receive your child's report next week, it is really important that there is a conversation at home about this. Asking questions like "what do you think has happened this year to help you improve? What do you think you could have done better this year? Do you think you gave your best effort? What do you enjoy the most in Maths? What parts of English do you find the hardest? Next year, what are you going to be working hard on to improve?" All of these things show your child that you really do care and value their education. If done with a positive tone, these questions can help you and your child to start building goals for 2024. I also want to take this opportunity to remind families that our reports (as are all public schools statewide) do not have comments written on them from your child's teacher. They do include ratings for English, Mathematics, Science, HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) and their specialist lessons.



We are currently in the process of working through class lists for 2024 and finalising staffing for these classes. We will have an official transition day on the second last day of school so that students are aware of who their teacher is and who else will be in their class. Here are the class structures for 2024:

Lil – Mrs Jayde Grey

Kinder – Mrs Jayde Grey

Kinder/Prep – Mrs Hayley Sharman

Prep/1 – Shelley Jackson

Year 1/2 – Mrs Karen Goodwin

Year 2 – Mrs Melissa Coombe & Mrs Veronica Charles

Year 3/4 – Mrs Kate Underwood

Year 3/4 – Mrs Jodie Gausden

Year 3/4 – A new teacher from Victoria (will be announced once contract has been signed)

Year 5/6 – Mrs Lisa Johnston

Year 5/6 – Mrs Sarah Jordan

Year 5/6 – Still advertising this position

**TEACHER
MODE
2024**

As you would be aware, there is a teacher shortage nation-wide and so we are really pleased that at this stage, we are almost organised for next year (especially considering the growth in enrolments in our school). We can also announce that Mr Ryan Nibbs will be our PE teacher, Mr Dudley Billing and Kim Poole will continue to be our Music teachers and Mr Wayne Tuxworth will continue to work in behaviour support. All in all a really strong team moving forward into 2024. We farewell Miss Sarah Ryan, Miss Meg Irvine and Ms Jenna Squire. All three have contributed to the growth and improvement of our school and whilst we are sad to see them go, we are very fortunate to have had them in our school and wish them all the best moving into 2024 at new schools outside of the Circular Head area. If you have any queries about 2024, please make an appointment to come and see myself at school by contacting our school office on 64521955.

Personally, I am really looking forward to 2024, to continue to lead this amazing school forward as we all work together as a part of the larger TEAM to see positive outcomes for our students. Thanks again for your continued support of not just myself in this role, but also the whole Smithton Primary School TEAM.

Thanks,



Josh Smith
Principal

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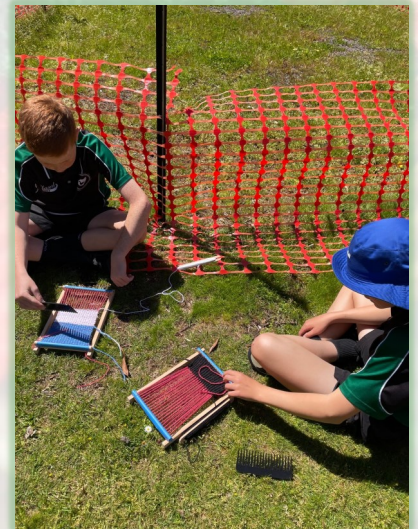
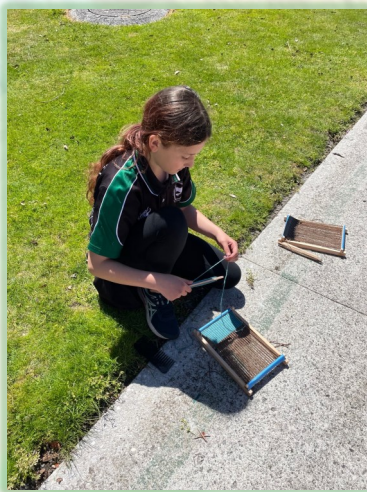
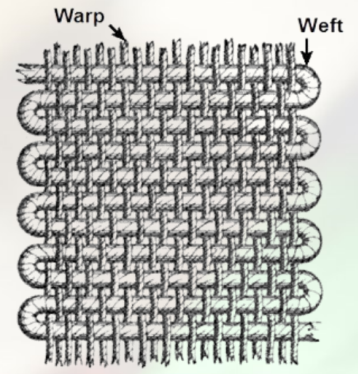
5-6 Squire

In our 5/6 class we have been learning how to use a loom and weaving.

It has been hard, and at times stressful, but it was fun seeing people develop a growth mindset. We learned how to do weaving by first watching a video. We learned about warp threads, weft threads and how to use a shuttle.

We would like to show you our weaving and hope you like what we made over the last five weeks in our art lessons.

By Myah and Ethan



Year 6 Day Out



My favourite part of the Year 6 trip was the thrill of the impressive water slide at Splash in Devonport! - Zoe

After the pool we went Ten Pin Bowling, where people had lots of goals, some were trying to bowl really slow, while some were trying to win! – Jhett

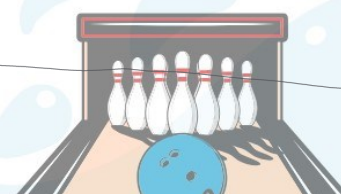
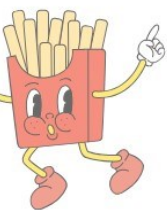
My favourite part was when we went bowling because I have never been before – Mattea

I enjoyed the pool and going down the waterslide – Brock

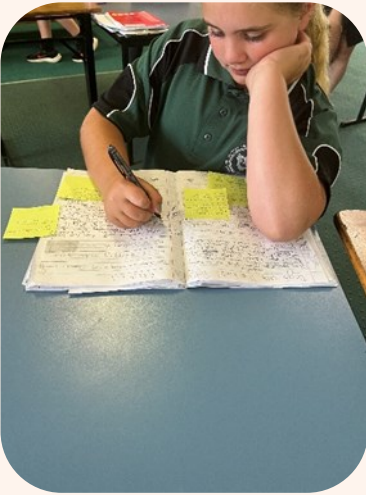
Going down the waterslide because I went super-fast – Lizzie

I enjoyed the waterslide and the bowling because I chucked the ball like a basketball – Lucas

I enjoyed bowling because I was first in my group - Westen



5-6 Jibbs



In 5/6 Jibbs we have been practicing writing persuasive texts. We use persuasive texts to encourage someone to believe in the argument or point of view. Some people have been arguing that Disney is better than Netflix, cats are better than dogs and mobile phones should not be allowed at school. We used computers to research facts to support our arguments before writing our persuasive text. We have also been using editing skills to edit our writing as we go.

By Riley and Eleanor.



Library



Books

Library book borrowing for students has ended for the year.

Could students please start returning their library books to school as soon as possible.

THANK YOU!



NEW CANTEEN ITEM

Yoghurt Frogs now available at the school canteen for \$2.00 a packet



2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE



You are invited to join us as part of the Smithton Primary Parade entry.

All students, parents and staff are welcome to join the Christmas parade as part of the walking group...

- Students need to be in FULL school uniform with a Santa hat!
- All students need to come either wearing a fake present (box wrapped in Christmas paper) or carrying a fake present.
- Parents in neat casual clothing with a Santa hat!

We will assemble at Gibson Street (near Jules Takeaway) at 6:45pm on Friday 15th of December.

Students need to be collected by parents from Gibson Street at the conclusion of the parade.

We hope to see as many students and parents as possible to walk the parade.

Merry Christmas!



3-4 Johnston Busy Bee Cafe



As a part of an integrated unit, 3/4 J ran a café for parents and carers.

Parents were given instructions for hopscotch that the students had created, and they had to follow the instructions to make the hopscotch and play the game as well. We even had one parent 'float' across the game!!

Students also created treasure maps that parents/carers had to follow to find the 'treasures' that were hidden in the classroom. Each parent received a honey joy as a reward for finding the treasure.

After the fun and frivolity of the games we all sat down to lovely bee inspired table settings to eat a meal of honey baked sesame chicken (Ms J forgot the sesame seeds!) and golden syrup dumplings. As our science unit was based around food chains and the importance of bees to the environment, we wanted to serve food that used honey.

A huge shout out and thank you to Miss Nibb's grandmother, Jillian Hanson, who kindly cooked the dumplings for us. They were delicious.



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

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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INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

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.

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.

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.

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Dates To Remember

December

Monday 4th to Friday 15th	Upper Primary Swimming
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

January 2023

Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th	Kinder Levy payment, uniform sales and book pack collection
Tuesday 30th	Prep - Year 6: Levy payment, uniform sales and book pack collection

February 2023

Thursday 8th	First day back for students
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Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Circular Head Cricket Club

When – Fridays 8, 15 December, 19 January and 2 February; Thursday 25 January

Where – Smithton Recreation Ground

Time – 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Cost – \$49 includes participant pack

Register today at www.playcricket.com.au and search for Circular Head Cricket Club



SIGN UP TODAY!

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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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