



# Smithton Primary School

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This week, Prep/1 Jackson have been looking at nursery rhymes.

We made fairy bread stars by spreading butter onto the bread, sprinkling the bread with sprinkles and using a cutter to cut out stars. The best part about making the fairy bread stars was eating them. Delicious!





## start to the year!

To our amazing families,

It has been a brilliant couple of weeks at Smithton Primary, with plenty going on all around the school. It has been noted that the school has started in a very settled manner, with the focus very quickly being on routines and structures that support learning and student wellbeing. Our youngest students in Kinder have done a fantastic job (as have their families) on showing courage and stepping out of their comfort zone.

### Athletics

The Upper Primary has been quite busy with additional events including the Athletics Carnival and also the CHSSSA Carnival earlier this week. I want to say a huge thank you to Mr Nibbs for organising his first carnival, he did an amazing job. Meredith also does an amazing job of all of the work in behind the scenes to ensure that things run smoothly and scoring is accurate. Mr Marthick sets up the physical space wonderfully and Jess Tomlinson really supports us with her Little Athletics connections and starting the races. And finally, Mr Tuxworth keeps the day rolling with plenty of humour on the microphone. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their child/ren. I wish to congratulate the following students on being selected to compete at the next level up at the NWPSSA in Penguin next week:

3/4 Students – Lilli, Dakota, Layla, Krystale, Chad, Jaxx, Kai, Lachlan, and Colby.  
5/6 Students – Jandre, Lincoln, Chase, Tyler, Jett, Cash, Miah, Shayla, Riley and Myah.

Whilst I want to encourage these students for making it through, I think on the day of our Athletics Carnival I was even more impressed with the attendance rate, the participation levels, the team spirit and the levels of encouragement given. This was backed up again at the CHSSSA Carnival, where our school did an amazing job of supporting one another. We made a huge noise for most of the day, in particular when we won the Tug-O-War at the end of the day.

### Welcome Back BBQ

We had a very successful Family Welcome Back BBQ last Thursday evening. We lucked it out with some warm weather and it was great to see students, staff and their families enjoying some food and activities together. It was a good chance for families to meet staff and of course, try out the new Ninja Playground for the very first time. Speaking of the new playground, it has been great to see the kids (and some staff – haha) enjoying the challenge of the Ninja Course. Our SLC from last year have done a fantastic job of co-designing it.


### Reading

I also wish to thank Mrs Goodwin, Mrs King and Mrs Jackson on providing an opportunity for parents in the early years to learn more about our approach to teaching and learning reading. We have made significant improvements over the last few years in this area and our data is starting to prove this too. Improved reading outcomes for students will be one of our two major priorities in 2024, so you will hear plenty more about this and ways you can support your child's reading journey.



As always, we understand that what is best for your child is that we partner with you to bring about positive outcomes for your child/ren. You know your children better than we do, however we are trained in educating them; so it is vital that we work together. So we welcome and value your input.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**  
Principal



### NAPLAN 2024 Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of March

Testing is for year 3 and 5 students.

Parent information regarding NAPLAN testing has been sent out to relevant parents.

A reminder that NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting processes.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs Despina King.





# 5/6 Jordan *ON A JOURNEY*

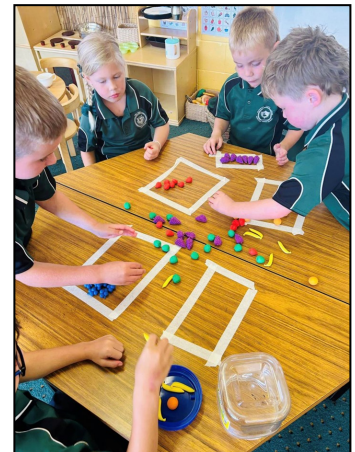
5/6 Jordan have had a fantastic start to 2024!

Our learning journey as Grade 5 and 6 students is well underway. In English we have been learning about narrative structures, writing exciting sentences, and using a wider vocabulary of words. In numeracy we have been rounding larger numbers and estimating to get an approximate answer. We have also begun learning about Australia's history post colonisation and exploring biological sciences.

An exciting highlight each week is joining our Buddies in Prep/1 Jackson! We meet once a week to read with our buddies, have a play and be positive role models to them. It has been fantastic to see so many positive interactions, and enjoyment, from both classes while we read!



## Fun at School







# SPS Athletic Carnival

## Year 3 to 6

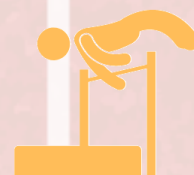


And the winner is **Kermandie** on 289 points!!

2nd place - **Albion** on 264 points

3rd place - **Alert** on 248 points

4th place - **Valiant** on 217 points



Thank you for your help Smithton High !!





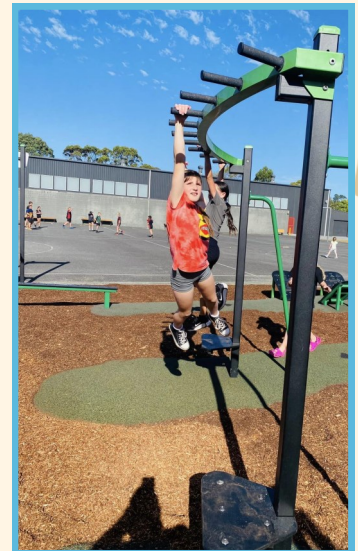
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## Year 3 to 6





# WELCOME BACK BBQ



**Our new  
Ninja Warrior  
Course!!**

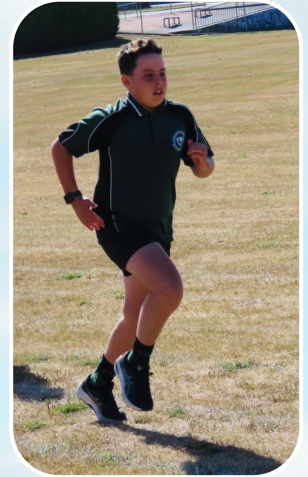


**Everyone had a  
great time!!**



# CHSSSA Athletic Carnival

Was a top day at the CHSSSA Athletics Carnival. Our students did us proud in many ways. Some of our students will now be selected to compete in Penguin next week, representing Circular Head.





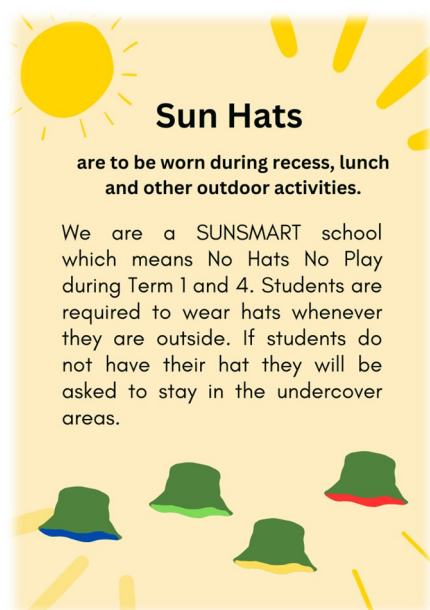
# Dates To Remember - 2024

## March

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Jayde Grey ( <i>Birth - 5 Years</i> )
Wednesday 6th	NWPSSA Carnival - Year 3/4
Thursday 7th	NWPSSA Carnival - Year 5/6
Monday 11th	Public Holiday - <i>Eight Hours Day</i>
Friday 29th March to Tuesday 2nd April	Easter Public Holidays

## April

Wednesday 3rd	Students back to school after Easter Break
Friday 12th	Last day of Term 1 for students
Thursday 25th	Public Holiday - ANZAC Day
Monday 29th	Start of Term 2 for students



## 2024 School Term Dates

Term 1	Thursday 8th February to Friday 12th April
Term 2	Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July
Term 3	Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September
Term 4	Monday 14th October to Thursday 19th December

## Student Free Days

Friday 7th June
Friday 1st November

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