



# Smithton Primary School

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## Year 2 Charles

Year 2 have settled back into our routines and have been very busy learning about ANZAC Day, partitioning, and place value this term.

We look forward to another busy term with lots of exciting things happening.



# Exciting Term 2!

Dear Families,

Well we have well and truly hit the ground running in Term 2, with students straight back into routine. This term's additional events and activities include Cross Country, Mother's Day events, Do it for Dolly Day, Walk Safely to School Day, a visit from Tas Networks (electricians), a Jack Jumpers visit, Simultaneous Story Time, a BMX Trick Bike show, a visit from Friends of Tasmanian Wildlife, a Puppet Theatre performance and some work with CHAC closer to NAIDOC Week. It certainly is an exciting term.

One thing to clarify is that we will be doing two Cross Country Carnivals, one for Early Childhood (Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June) and one for Upper Primary (Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May). We found that our Athletic Carnivals worked so much better splitting into two and so have decided to do the same with our Cross Country Carnivals. Both will be in the afternoon timeslots, from 1:30 – 2:30pm.

One announcement that I would like to make is that Mrs Jayde Grey has been successful in applying for our "Support Teacher" role. This role is a full-time position. This increases Mrs Grey's responsibility in our school where she will be organising all of the additional supports in the school so that our students receive the best possible support while at school. These additional supports include, for example, a Social worker, Psychologist, Speech and Language Pathologist, English as an additional language, use of Teacher Assistants, developing learning plans and managing supports for students with disabilities. Mr Smith has been filling this role for the first part of this year. Mrs Grey will not start this role officially until we find a replacement for her Kinder Teaching role. So we are advertising this position currently and this process might take some time. When we do find a suitable replacement, we will transition the class from having Mrs Grey in Kinder to the new teacher smoothly so as to not impact the students learning. Congratulations once again to Mrs Grey.

Lastly, I really want to promote the importance of students having access to learning by increasing their attendance at school. Currently as a whole school, we have an attendance of 92%, so on average this is a really good sign. Research shows, however, that the learning of students who attend less than 9 out of 10 days on average is significantly affected. So we really want our students attending at least 9 out of 10 days or more. Currently we have 59 students who are less than 9/10 days, so we will be working really hard to support those students (and their families) to increase their attendance rate.

All in all, the school has had a calm, settled and productive start to the term. It is clear that we are in for another positive term. As always, we want to know if you have any concerns, questions or insights that you think it would be worth us knowing about. Feel free to ring the office on 64521955 to book an appointment with myself or your child's teacher.



**Josh Smith**  
Principal

## This Friday

**Wear blue for Do It for Dolly Day (gold coin donation)**

**Walk Safely to School Day**

This Friday we are encouraging as many students and their families to walk to school with us. We will meet at 7:50am at the hospital, the Reject Shop and West Esplanade Carpark.

P&F will supply those who have walked with some yummy breakfast at school.





# Aussie of the Month – March



Congratulations

## Coden

- Includes other students in games while playing and assists classmates in classroom activities whenever he can.
- Chose to help out at a school BBQ on a weekend to support fundraising for the school.
- Demonstrates respect to all adults and peers.
- Gives everyone a fair go, particularly when playing sport, ensuring everyone is included.
- Has a 'never give up' attitude and always works to the best of his abilities.
- Words used to describe Coden by staff 'Positive, Kind, Respectful'.

## House Captains for 2024



**Alert:** Imogen and Cash

**Valiant:** Riley and Jett

**Albion:** Shayla and Lincoln

**Kermandie:** Myah and Chad

# Make Each Day Count

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you enjoyed your break!

By showing up to school every day, your child will have the best opportunity at a bright future. It gives them every chance to be around friends, learn new things, and find interests.

We have lots in store for this term, including *Tas Networks - Bright Sparks incursion, BMX Trick Bike Show and Terrapin Puppet Theatre Performance for Term 2.*

Good attendance habits can sometimes be hard to stick. Keep trying to create a solid routine, to set your child up for success for the rest of the year.

If you're looking for tips on how to create better attendance habits, visit the [Anything can happen website](#).

Please always talk to us if you're having trouble getting your child to school. We're here to help.



## How can I best support my child?

There's no doubt about it – we all want the best for our children. For their futures to be as bright as possible.

There are lots of things you can do to set your child up for success.

### Make sure your child goes to school, every day

Going to school every day gives your child every chance to learn and grow, and connect with their mates and teachers. It's where bright futures start and where they'll benefit the most.

Tips to help get your child to school:

- **Create a routine.**

So everyone knows their tasks in the morning.

- **Give yourself enough time.**

Just having a bit of breathing space around morning tasks can make a big difference.

- **Be on time, every day. Monday to Friday.**

They say it takes two months for our brains to create a new habit. So just take it a day at a time.

- **Schedule appointments and trips outside of school hours.**

This way your child will stay engaged in their learning, and won't miss out on important schoolwork.

- **Get a good night's sleep.**

It's amazing what a good bit of shut-eye can do to help your child learn and stay engaged with school.

- **Set some technology boundaries.**

We are all familiar with endlessly scrolling, only to feel exhausted and unmotivated. Why not give a [family tech agreement](#) a go?





# ANZAC Day



## Small World Documentaries and Friends of Tasmanian Wildlife

On Monday we had a great visit by Small World Documentaries and Friends of Tasmanian Wildlife sharing their film Road Kill Warriors which was filmed for the ABC and is about what we all can do to lower road kill numbers in Tasmania. We are so lucky to have such unique, endangered and precious wildlife where we live. Thank you for the visit!





## Dates To Remember - 2024

### May

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Jayde Grey ( <i>Birth - 5 Years</i> )
Friday 10th	Do it for Dolly Day - wear blue - gold coin donation Walk Safely to School Day
Monday 13th - 1:30pm - 2:30pm	Cross Country - Year 3 to 6 - Parent/Carers most welcome to attend!!
Monday 20th	CHSSSA Cross Country - at Redpa
Tuesday 28th	NWPSSA Cross Country - at Ulverstone

### June

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Jayde Grey ( <i>Birth - 5 Years</i> )
Friday 7th	Student Free Day
Monday 10th	Public Holiday - King's Birthday
Tuesday 11th - 1:30pm to 2:30pm	Cross Country - Kinder to Year 2 - Parent/Carers most welcome to attend!

### July

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Jayde Grey ( <i>Birth - 5 Years</i> )
Friday 5th	Last day of Term



**Little Athletics Tasmania**

# Cross Country

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

Little Athletics Tasmania offers Cross Country in the North & South of the State

**\$40 Registration Fee**  
(\$20 for athletes currently registered with a Little Athletics Centre)

**Register TODAY!**

[taslittleathletics.com.au](http://taslittleathletics.com.au)

### 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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