



# Smithton Primary School

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## ☀️ BUDDY Time in Kinder Grey ☀️

Every Tuesday Kinder Grey students are very lucky to have students from 3/4 Underwood come to the classroom and do some buddy activities.

We have played together outside in the Kinder playground and inside in the classroom. We have read books together and learnt to play lots of different games. Together students brainstormed different activities that they could do together, each week we participate in a different activity. Everybody loves Tuesdays with our buddies!!



## Chilly weather - a good time to wear school jackets and beanies!!



Dear families,

It has been a big couple of weeks at SPS with students busy in their classrooms, learning and growing. As the weather gets chilly, it is fantastic to still see our students attending and coming to school expecting to learn and be challenged.

Teachers have been busy collecting evidence of your child's learning in preparation for writing reports and of course our parent/teacher/student meetings. As we always say, school and home being on the same page is vital and so by coming along and having a discussion with your child's teacher is probably the best way to be on the same page. As you look at your child's report, it is encouraged that we discuss with the teacher future steps to move forward in the second half of the year. This will then allow us to not just celebrate a good report, or not just find out areas of strength and weakness, but more importantly be able to plan for future success (one step at a time). If there are any queries about our reporting process, please contact the school.

It was a shame that we had to postpone last week's Early Childhood Cross Country with a massive storm coming through. We are keen to have another 'go' at picking the weather right by trying for **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June (1:30 – 2:30)**. On that day, it is fine for students (K-2) to come dressed in their house colours and also for family and friends of students to come along to cheer them on.

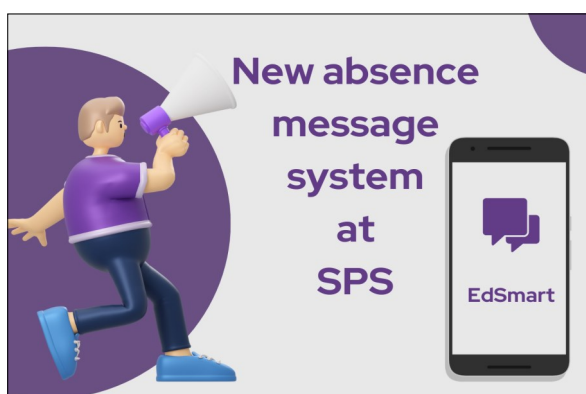
It is fantastic to have two training teachers working in our classes over a 4 week period. We welcome Gypsy Dunstan and Bec Medwin into our school as they work through modules in their UTAS course in our school as a part of their studies. Gypsy has been working with Mrs Underwood and Bec with Mrs Jackson. They have done a fantastic job already; we appreciate them being here and all the best with your studies into the future.

With this cold weather and heading into Winter, sometimes our motivation levels drop. I want to acknowledge the hard work my staff are doing. This models to the students what we expect and helps to create such a culture of learning and growth mindset. With less than three weeks left of Term 2, let's all work together to finish this term off well.

Thanks,



**Josh Smith**  
Principal

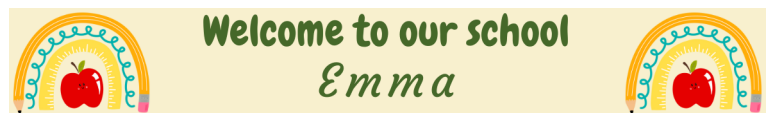


Reminder to parents that we now have a new student absence reporting system.

If you receive an absence text for your child please respond by clicking on the link which will take you to a secure online absentee response form, fill out the form and send.

These links can be accessed on your phone, tablet or computer.

You can also phone the office on 6452 1955.





## 3-4 Underwood at the Pavilion Museum

At the beginning of the term, 3-4 Underwood went to the Pavilion Museum to consolidate our learning on the diversity of living experiences of people in Australia prior to and following 1788. We asked lots of questions to deepen our understanding and were meaningfully engaged in the experience. What a wonderful day out we all had together!



We learnt how to write in cursive writing



We learnt about Ziggy the Dinosaur and how he was found in Mella



We walked around the Museum and listened to Elaine as she answered our questions



Maci found her Nan on the Circular Head wall of 'People We May Know'

### Premier's

### Reading Challenge



Hi everyone 🙌🙌



Just a note about the Premier's Reading Challenge which started on Monday!!

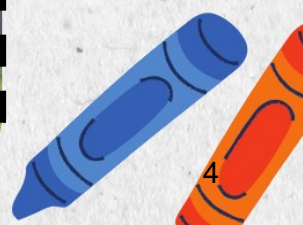
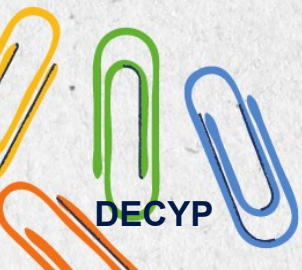
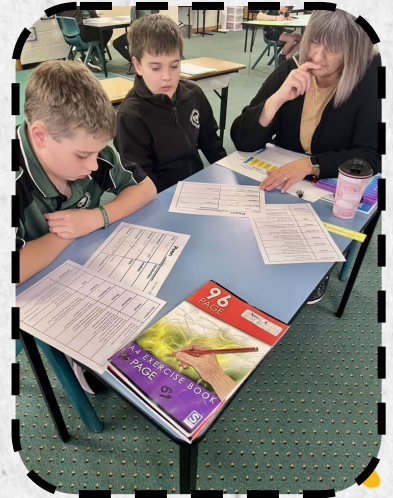
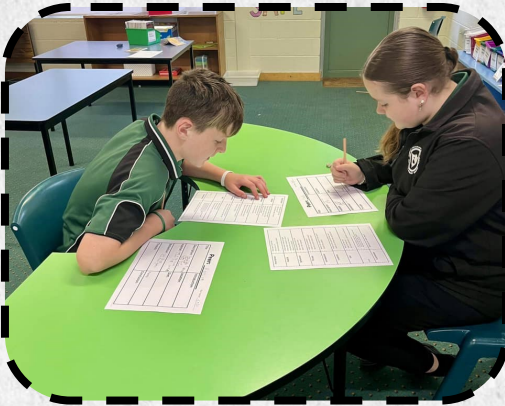
- 📖 Everyone in the school is participating, including Kinders this year.
- 📖 In the Challenge children can read different types of books including printed and digital books.
- 📖 When you have finished one book you can go to the library and get another book out.
- 📖 Everyone who finishes receives a sticker and certificate of participation.
- 📖 The Reading Challenge finishes on 23rd of August.

Roving reporters: Piper & Emy





# AROUND OUR SCHOOL





# ***Every School Day Matters***

## ***Information for Parents***



### ***Get them excited for school!***

If you show a positive attitude and excitement towards school, your child will pick up on that.

The most common thing we hear from students, of all ages, is that school is where they can:

- spend time with their friends and teachers
- create new and fun experiences
- find their interests
- learn new things
- open up their options – for whatever future they want (whether that's their dream job or to travel around the world).

Share these positives with your child.

### ***Talk to your child about school***

Open up a conversation with your child about what's happening at school. It will help you to better support their interests and confidence in learning. If you show an interest in school, they'll know that getting an education is important and valued.

### ***Set up a time to talk to your child's teacher or principal***

If you're struggling to either get your kids to school or guide their learning pathways, support is available. Please talk to your school about your situation.

### ***Know when to seek help***

There is no weakness in admitting you need help. If your child has completely disengaged with school, and not attending at all, there is support to help you. Understandably, this is a worrying time for you as a parent or carer. In the first instance, talk to your school. They'll help you work out some strategies to re-engage your child in their education.

For more information go to: <https://anything.tas.gov.au>

[Anything can happen - Department for Education, Children and Young People](#)

## Dates To Remember - 2024

### June

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Jayde Grey (Birth - 5 Years)
Tuesday 25th - 1:30pm to 2:30pm	Early Childhood Cross Country at SPS - weather permitting

### July

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Jayde Grey (Birth - 5 Years)
Tuesday 2nd - 9:10am	School Assembly
Friday 5th	Last day of Term



**IT'S PLAY TIME!**

There's an AFL Holiday Program on the North West Coast!

**nab AFL Auskick**  
4-8 year olds

**AFL Superkick**  
8-12 year olds

Dial Park Penguin, 9 & 10 July, \$50 per person

SCAN HERE

OR VISIT- [play.afl/play/school-holiday-programs](https://play.afl/play/school-holiday-programs)



CIRCULAR HEAD ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

**COMMUNITY NAIDOC DAY**

**10 JULY 2024**

**TRAWMANNA — 10:00-2:00**

SHUTTLES AVAILABLE, FROM SMITHTON CLUB CARPARK EVERY 15 MINUTES

CHAC INVITE YOU TO OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY NAIDOC CELEBRATION. JOIN US FOR A SMOKING CEREMONY, TO HEAR FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS AND A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A TASTING TRAIL!

**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**

**7-14 JULY 2024**

### 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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