



# Smithton Primary School

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## 1-2 Goodwin

We have had such a busy term with so much learning happening. We have worked with numbers, practiced our reading, run the cross country, looked at our bones and explored x-rays.

We are learning how to partition numbers and explore using MAB blocks. We have also written amazing narratives and completed a unit of reading and writing about Tom Tom.



Dear families,


It has been a big couple of weeks at SPS with students busy in their classrooms, learning and growing. With frost after frost, it has been good to see the sun out and smiles on the faces of students and staff alike. We were really lucky to have a decent bout of weather last Tuesday where we saw the Early Childhood Cross Country Carnival take place with amazing participation rates, wearing house colours and family attendance. Well done to everyone.

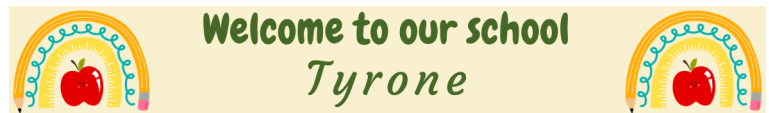
I do have some news that I want to share in preparations for Term 3 and 4 for 2024. This is my 11<sup>th</sup> year working for DECYP and I have Long Service Leave accrued and will be taking it from early September, through until the end of this year. I will have an interim Principal step in to my role in my absence and this will be announced next term. If you have any questions about this, please organise a time to come and meet with me. While spending some time out of the school will be different for me and for the school, I have full confidence in my amazing team of staff who will continue to take steps forward in the second half of the year.

It has been excellent to see over the last fortnight so many families come in to visit the school for parent-teacher meetings and also to have the option of a phone call. It is great to see the growth in each student and to be able to discuss what their next steps are. As we head into the school holidays, it is a good chance for us to reflect, rest, recover and get ready for what will be an exciting Term 3. Term 3 will bring its own set of activities such as 5/6 Winter Sport (and Country Gold), 3/4 Sport Expo, Pre-Kinder starting (advertising soon to come), Science Week (Science Gig), Book Week, Robot Man, visiting Musician with a concert, Maths Relays and finishing the term with the Early Childhood Swimming.

As always, it's important that we work together. My philosophy has always been TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More). When parents, families and staff all work together, we give our students the best possible opportunity to succeed. I hope you have a fantastic winter break from school.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**  
Principal



## Smithton Primary School *Kinder 2025*

**Do you have a child born in 2020?**

**Applications for 2025 Kinder Enrolments  
are now being taken.**

Parents and carers wishing to enrol their child will need to complete an enrolment form, which is available from the school office.

If you have any queries, please contact the office on 03 6452 1955.

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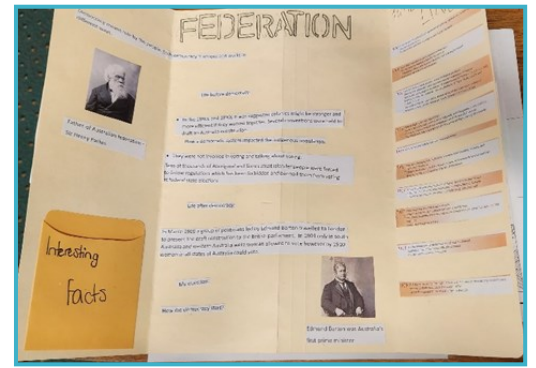


# Term 2 in 5-6 Johnston

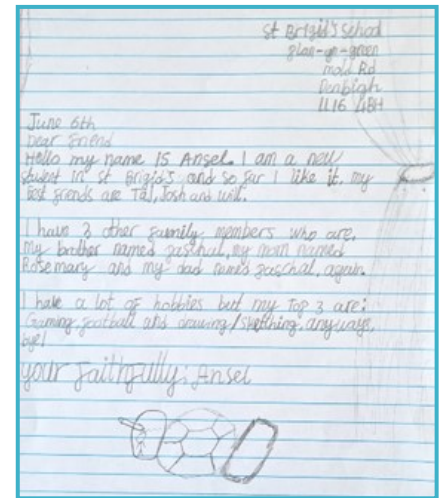
5/6 Johnston has had a great Term 2. We were invited to communicate with an International School in Wales (UK). The Year 5 boys of St Brigid's school have been learning all about our little piece of paradise and what we like to do. 5/6 Johnston's Year 5 boys have been constructing the letters and emailing them through to the school. They have met with some challenges such as different school terms (they don't have the same as us) and are eagerly waiting their replies.

In English we have learnt about information text structure and language features. We used this information to present our ideas to 'King Mumba' (pretend) on democracy and federation to encourage his country to adopt a democratic society. We are pretty confident that if there was such a king/country they would use the information in our texts to be convinced that democracy is a positive system of government.

Maths has been challenging this term with a lot of work around multiplication. The students completed an escape room activity where they needed to complete the tasks to access a code to secure the school security system as it had malfunctioned and closed the school with all of the students locked in!!!!



A Lapbook



A letter from Wales



## Saving the school

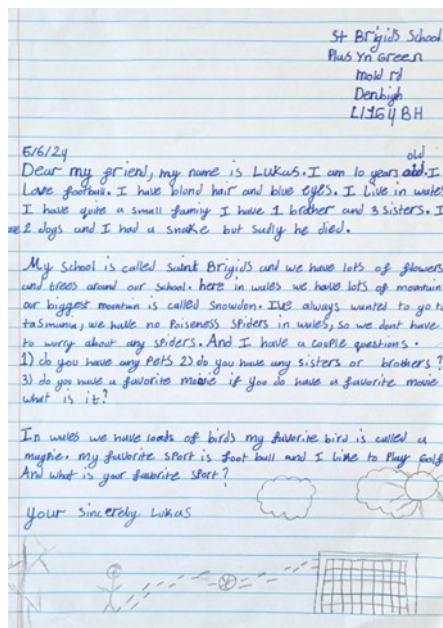
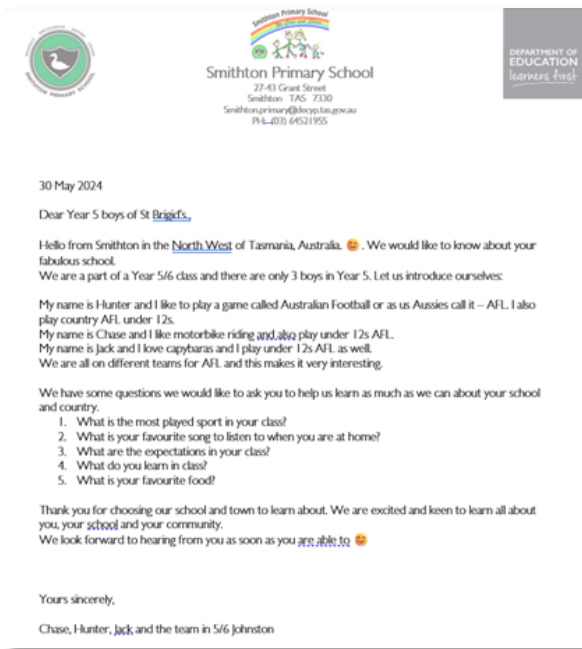


## one multiplication sum at a time!!

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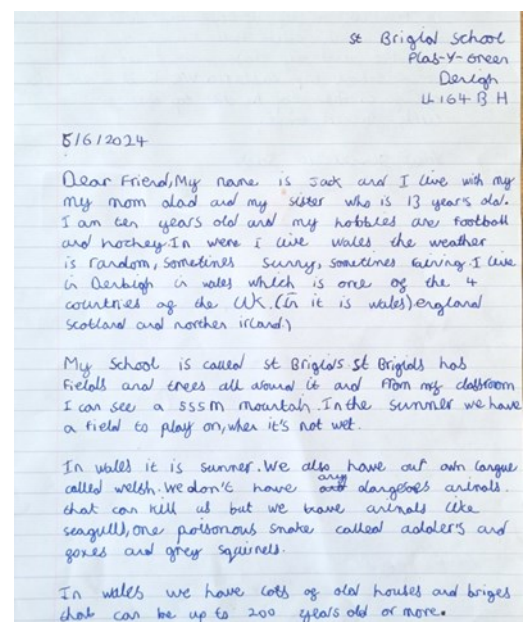
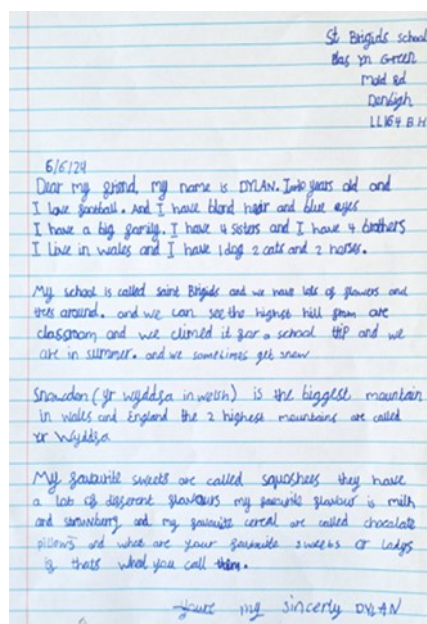
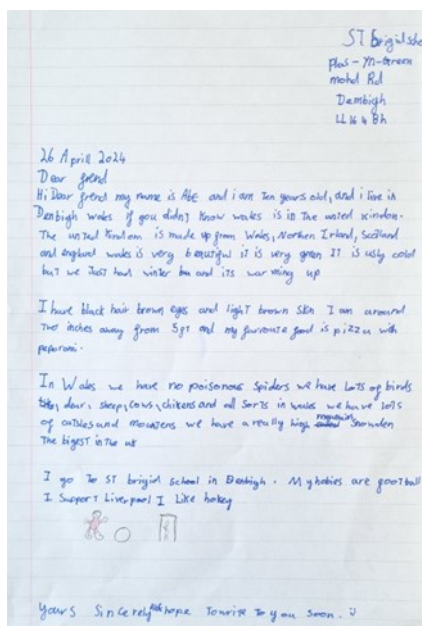
## Communicating with an International school!!

5/6 Johnston Year 5 boys have been communicating with a school in North Wales (United Kingdom). They have been discussing and comparing their different lives and learning to appreciate another country's values and beliefs. Congratulations boys on representing our school internationally and showcasing how awesome our school and community are! Here are some examples of their emails/conversations.



## Our letter

## Our first replies from Wales







# AROUND OUR SCHOOL



Early Childhood  
Cross Country



Spice Kids Eras Tour.  
Thanks for coming to SPS!!



Jett represented SPS at  
Symmons Plains for the  
state cross country

End of Term Assembly





# Every School Day Matters

## Information for Parents



**ANYTHING**  
— CAN HAPPEN —

### Why turning up to school matters

Every school day matters. Even just missing one day a fortnight can mean your child misses up to a year and half of their education, between Kindergarten and Year 12.

#### See what happens when your child misses just...

##### ☐ 1 day each fortnight

That equals **20 days per year**

Which is **4 weeks per year**

... and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is nearly **1½ years of school**.

This means the best they can achieve is **equal to finishing Year 11**.

##### ☐ 1 day a week

That equals **40 days per year**

Which is **8 weeks per year**

... and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is nearly **2½ years of school**.

This means the best they can achieve is **equal to finishing Year 10**.

##### ☐ 2 days a week

That equals **80 days per year**

Which is **16 weeks per year**

... and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is nearly **5 years of learning missed**.

This means the best they can achieve is **equal to finishing Year 7**.

##### ☐ 3 days a week

That equals **120 days per year**

Which is **24 weeks per year**

... and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is nearly **8 years of learning missed**.

This means the best they can achieve is **equal to finishing Year 6**.

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

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

# Aussie of the Month – June

Congratulations

## River



- River is known for the way he looks out for others, his awesome smile and also for loving school
- He is a little guy with a big heart, and this was best displayed when he decided to raise money to support children who are affected by cancer. He had his amazing hair cut off (in front of the whole school) and it was turned into a wig for a child who has lost their hair because of their cancer treatment.
- All up, River raised \$1172.85!

### Smithton Library

#### Pencil Pouches and Bookmarks

Book



**Monday 8 July**  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 5+

Decorate pencil pouches using fabric markers, stickers, and more!

Design and decorate bookmarks with an array of colours, shapes, and fun embellishments.

#### NAIDOC Week - Rock and Rhyme and Storytime Special

Book



**Thursday 11 July**  
11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Ages 2 - 5

Celebrate the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through their stories at our special NAIDOC Week Rock and Rhyme and Storytime session.

#### Dreamtime Creations

Book



**Thursday 11 July**  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 5+

Engage in an art project inspired by Aboriginal Dreamtime stories.

Incorporating natural materials to create textured, mixed-media pieces that enhance their understanding and appreciation of Indigenous Australian culture.

#### LEGO goes Techno!

Book



**Monday 15 July**  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 8+

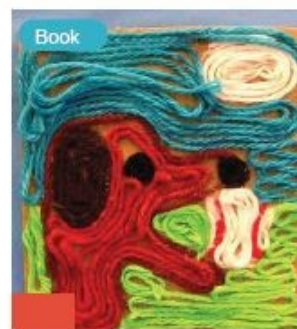
LEGO Robotics with LEGO Spike. You get to be an inventor, a builder, and a coder all at once!

LEGO Spike is a super cool LEGO set that lets you build awesome robots and gadgets.

But that's not all – you can also make them move and do things by giving them commands through a tablet!

#### Textile Painting

Book



**Thursday 18 July**  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 5+

Be introduced to the vibrant world of textile painting, where imagination comes to life on fabric and wool.

Textile paintings are designed to spark creativity, develop artistic skills, and provide endless fun for children of all ages.

## 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)
Friday 5th	Last day of Term
Monday 22nd	Start of Term 3

**Smithton Rotary**  
**BOOK Fair**  
and mini garage sale  
**22ND JULY - 3RD AUGUST**  
Monday - Friday 10am - 3.30pm  
Saturdays 10-12.30 pm  
Venue: Treasure Chest building  
59 Emmett Street, Smithton.  
Donations of books & puzzles would really be appreciated please.  
Contact Wendy on 0429 186 876  
Raising funds for books for our pre-kinder students, and to assist with schools Breakfast Programs.

**Rotary**  
Club of Smithton



**Junior Roster**  
3,4,5 4:30 - 5:30pm  
6,7,8 5:30 - 6:30pm  
For further information contact Lara Johnston:  
0455 204 158

July 22nd  
\$40.00

**Circular Head**  
Netball Association



### 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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