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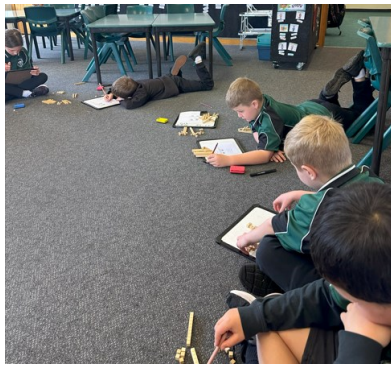
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Term 3 in Year 2

We have been very busy in Year 2 this term learning different ways to add and subtract numbers in Maths. We are also looking at and measuring objects both in length and mass.

In Science we researched an animal and used the information to build our own animal enclosure for a zoo.

We are also looking forward to having our Dads come in for breakfast on Monday 2nd September.






Dear Families,

I am writing this newsletter article with only a bit over a week left before I leave on Long Service Leave (having a break for the remainder of the year) and as I reflect I must say that I am super proud of our school and the way that things are going. We are well placed as a school for there to be an Acting Principal come in and not just keep the ship sailing, but also to make steps forward with new energy, ideas and inspiration. I am very pleased to announce that my replacement will be Mrs Lindsey Blake. Most of you will already know Mrs Blake as she was the Assistant Principal last year and is a local person in our community. She is a fantastic leader with a broad range of experience and skills. As I transition out of the school and she transitions in (not next week, but the week after that), I am confident that it will be smooth given that she already has an excellent understanding of our school context and culture. My intention in this period of time is to regain some energy and do some things that I generally don't have the time to do; maybe take on a few hobbies, house renovations, spend more time with my family and maybe even go on a holiday somewhere.

As always, I sincerely thank this amazing school community who have embraced my approach (even some of my weird ways) and have allowed me to shape the school and improve it. It has been a massive team effort and so I thank my amazing staff too who have worked so hard so that our students have the best education possible. I want you to know that our school is in very capable hands with Mrs Blake and I wish her all the best as she wraps her head around what it means to be a Principal at SPS. I have no doubt that she will do amazing things and be a source of stability for staff, students and families. I also want to acknowledge that Meredith Gracie (our School Business Manager) is also taking a break for the last three weeks of term. I wish her all the best as she gains a very well-deserved break.

Please know that your communication is vital to us continuing to improve and be informed on how we can best support you and your child/ren. Please continue to contact us if you are unsure about something, have information that is helpful for us or have any questions. We are only a phone call away. Also you will be texted a link to a survey that I would like you to complete as this will give us important information that will allow us to plan for 2025. I look forward to seeing you all again at our End of Year Assembly and to celebrate a fantastic year at Smithton Primary School.

Thanks,

 **Josh Smith**
Principal



Wednesday 4th September

Dress in **Green** and **Blue**

(Gold Coin Donation)



**STEP UP.
TOGETHER.
FOR CEREBRAL PALSY.**

We are participating in STEPtember to raise money and awareness for people living with Cerebral Palsy.

STEPtember is Australia's favourite, and most inclusive, virtual health and well-being fundraising challenge.

By participating, you're helping to create a world of opportunity for people with Cerebral Palsy. Every step you take and every dollar you raise makes a significant impact.

We will also be hosting a whole school walk to build our steps and a "Step Up Disco" on the day as well.

Family Satisfaction Survey

The Family Satisfaction Survey for 2024 will be open from
Monday, 26th August 2024 to Friday, 20th September 2024.

Every year the Department for Education, Children and Young People conducts a School Satisfaction Survey to find out what our school does well and where it may improve.

Your feedback is very important to help us inform our school-planning and decision-making.

The survey is completed online and may be accessed by clicking on the URL link which will be sent out to parents via text.

You should be able to complete the survey using any device with an internet connection, including mobile phones. Each family should nominate one person to fill in this survey for their child(ren).

Please note:

- Responses are kept anonymous and confidential.
- The more parents who complete the survey, the more accurate our data will be.
- Access to computers will be made available to parents, in the family room, from 2-2:45 pm on Wednesday 4th September and Friday, 6th of September.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Mrs Despina King.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE OUR FAMILY SATISFACTION SURVEY!





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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.



Department for Education,
Children and Young People

Wanted

Donations of recyclable materials

The STEAM class is in need of recyclable materials including:

- cylinders (foil, cling wrap etc)
- bottle top lids, especially pop top lids (juice, water bottle etc)
- plastic
- any other useful recyclable items.

Items can be dropped into the school office.

Thank you!!







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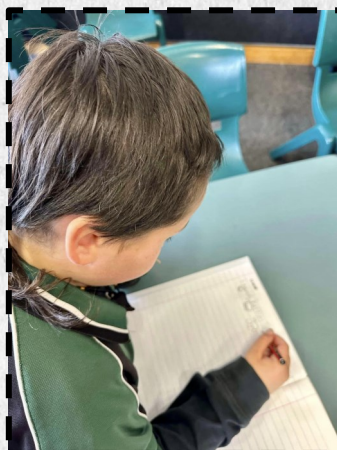
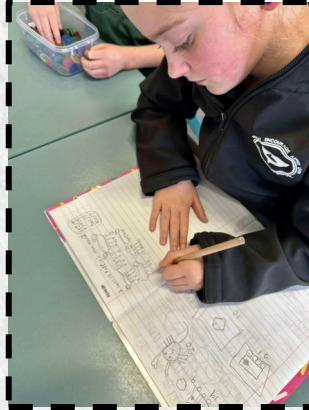
TASMANIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Please return completed Reading Logs by Friday 13th September.





AROUND OUR SCHOOL



Book Week



Book Week



THIS

Friday*

**It is
going
to be
Awesome!!**

Halfway to Forth + Smithton Primary Students

Friday 30 August, 5.45pm

Experience a special evening as the students of Smithton Primary School collaborate with one of the celebrated coastal bands; Half Way to Forth.

Students from Prep to year 6 will accompany the band as they perform their own brand of homegrown banjo driven ballads and toe tapping grooves for all ages.

Smithton Primary School

Cost: \$20 per person, \$5 per child

Bookings: Humanitix








Starting 20th September

Where: Smithton Hockey Centre




Under8s: Fridays 3:45pm

Under12s: Fridays 4:30pm
5:30pm & 6:30pm



**SCAN FOR
INFORMATION**


Pre-Loved School Uniform



If students have borrowed school clothing over the past few weeks could they please return them to the school office.

If parents have school clothing they would like to donate that would be greatly appreciated.

Spare clothes are great to have on hand in case clothes get wet or muddy during the day, especially during the winter months.



THANKYOU
for your support

Dates To Remember - 2024

August

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Melissa Coombe (Birth - 5 Years)
Every Friday - 11:30am to 12:30pm during school terms	Pre-Kinder - with Melissa Coombe (for children starting Kinder in 2025)
Friday 30th	Musician Concerts

September

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Melissa Coombe (Birth - 5 Years)
Every Friday - 11:30am to 12:30pm during school terms	Pre-Kinder - with Melissa Coombe (for children starting Kinder in 2025)
Thursday 19th	Country Gold - Launceston
Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th	Early Childhood Swimming - Kinder
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th	Early Childhood Swimming - Prep to Year 2
Friday 27th	Last Day of Term 3 - Enjoy the holidays!

October

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Melissa Coombe (Birth - 5 Years)
Every Friday - 11:30am to 12:30pm during school terms	Pre-Kinder - with Melissa Coombe (for children starting Kinder in 2025)
Monday 14th	Students return for Term 4

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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