



Smithton Primary School

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Kinder Grey - The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Kinder Grey have been reading the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and how they change. Children made their own egg cartoon caterpillars and chose fruit or other food they like to make so their caterpillar could eat through it. We have been practicing our fine motor skills through threading caterpillar necklaces and cutting to make headbands. Some students drew and wrote about their favourite part of the story.



Dear Parent/Carer

It's been very exciting to return to Smithton Primary School, this time as Principal!

I wish Mr Smith all the best as he enjoys a well-earned break, and look forward to reconnecting with students, staff and families over the coming days and months. I hope our school community feels confidence in my commitment to the growth of our students and staff. I aim to share this with you throughout the remainder of 2024, while nurturing our positive school culture.

It's been wonderful to see the learning across every class as I've spent time moving through the school - so many happy and engaged faces! Our teachers continue to work tirelessly to provide quality learning opportunities for all students. I am so excited to be back working with this experienced and dedicated team!

Congratulations to the students who represented Smithton Primary at the Cluster Maths Relay. You did the school and yourselves proud! Congratulations to all involved with the green and blue day to raise funds for Cerebral Palsy. It was a great success! Well done to 5/6 Jordan who are co-ordinating STEPtember. It was also great to see so many fathers come in for the Father's Day celebrations in our Early Childhood area. September is running away from us, with many exciting events coming up as we move closer to the end of term.

Coming up we have Country Gold and Early Childhood Swimming. Let's continue to Be Safe, Be a Friend, and Be REAL during these events, as well as in the classroom, to give our school TEAM the best chance at success and move towards the end of term break with excitement and achievement.

Thank you to all students, families and staff members who have welcomed me back into the fold at Smithton Primary School. My first day back felt like coming home to family and I look forward to continuing the learning journey with all of you as we see out the 2024 school year.

As always, I am a firm believer in strong communication and the link between positive relationships and student learning outcomes. If you have any questions or concerns you'd like to discuss, please feel free to stop me for a chat or contact the school office to arrange a meeting.

Lindsey Blake



Lindsey Blake
Assistant Principal



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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.







AROUND OUR SCHOOL



Change of date!!

*Under 12 Hockey games
and Under 8 skills sessions*

Now starting on Friday 18th October

(same times as previously notified)

at the Circular Head Hockey Ground

*This program requires each player
to register with Hockey Tas
for insurance purposes before the first skills session*



HOOK in 2 HOCKEY

Starting **20th September**
Where: **Smilhton Hockey Centre**

Under8s: Fridays 3-4:45pm
Under12s: Fridays 4:30pm
5:30pm & 6:30pm

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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

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Come and give gymnastics a try in one of our simulated term classes or try out one of our fun specialist holiday classes.

\$15 P/H OR 3 HRS FOR \$40

Monday 30th September

- Open gym- 10-12pm - \$30
- GymFun/ Skills- 12-1pm
- Tumbling- 2-3pm
- WAG talent search- 3-4pm
- WAG -4-7pm

Tuesday 1st October

- Ninja-9-10am
- Tramp comp training- 10-11am

Friday 11th October

- KinderGym- 10:30- 11:15am - \$11.50
- Ninja- 11:30-12:30pm
- Boys only- 12:30-1:30pm
- GymAcro and tumbling-2-3pm
- Tramp comp training- 3-4pm
- Teenage Fit-4-5pm

CONTACT US ON FACEBOOK!!

Dates To Remember - 2024

August

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
Wednesday 25th	Kinder Footy Colours Day
Friday 27th	Last Day of Term 3 - Prep to Year 6 Footy Colours Day

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



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kinder to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 11/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 21/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 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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