



Smithton Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Term Three! Throughout 2024 there have been so many exciting opportunities for our students to celebrate learning and achievement, it's wonderful to see everyone proud to share their achievements with each other and the surrounding school community.

North West Maths Relay

Over the weekend we were excited to see Lincoln joining students from across the cluster of Circular Head schools to participate in the North West Maths Relay in Burnie. Not only did Lincoln spend time on his weekend collaborating with peers to enjoy a combination of Maths and competition, he did it while traveling home from a family holiday – now that's commitment!



Country Gold

Last week a large number of our Year 5 and 6 students joined with other primary schools in the area to compete in Hockey, Football and Netball at the annual Country Gold competition in Launceston. Participation in this event requires a great deal of commitment from students, staff, and families. This commitment starts with training, selection and competing, and goes right up to starting the day at 4:30am to catch a bus and travelling the long distance to compete. As a school we are extremely proud of all students and staff who attended and appreciate the efforts of families and coaches who support us in making this event a success.

We were excited to see team and individual success across all three sports.

The Hockey team won the overall competition, with the Football team fighting hard in the Grand Final to come second overall, and our Netball teams never giving up and showing grit and determination throughout the entire day.

Well done to Imogen, Shayla, Natalia, Charlie J, Zariah, Brooke (Netball), Cash, Jett, Levi W, Hunter, Ajai, Alex, Abel, Hollie (Football), Jake, Chase, Myah, Hunter P, Chad (Hockey) for the high levels of sportsmanship, resilience, and cooperation you demonstrated while representing Smithton Primary School and Circular Head - you made everyone proud!



Early Childhood Swimming

This week our Early Childhood classes have demonstrated skill and excitement while completing their swimming lessons at SWIRL. We expect there'll be some tired little people (and grown ups!) by Friday afternoon but are so proud of the participation and development every individual has shown over the week. Thanks to Mr Nibbs for coordinating a great program, as well as the SWIRL staff, teachers and teacher assistants who have worked tirelessly this week to make sure the program went off without a hitch.



After a huge celebration at our school concert, with families, students and staff coming together, and this coinciding with changes in leadership at Smithton Primary School, it was decided it might be more practical to hold off on an assembly until early in Term 4. To ensure our students' achievements continue being recognised there was a special presentation in each class for individuals who have demonstrated personal growth and commitment to our school values. These awards were shared across the school in SOS and with our school community on Facebook.

Congratulations to:

Kinder – Marty and Emma

Kinder/Prep – Olivia and Ned

Prep/1 – Reuben and Sophia

1/2 – Corbin and Piper

2C – Izza-Rose and Jakob

3/4U – Octavia and Lochie

3/4G – Dakota and Charlotte

3/4W – Xia and Maddie

5/6 Jordan – Ace and Haylee

5/6 Johnston – Billy and John

5/6 F – Hope and Hunter




Congratulations!

Thanks to all of you, as members of our school community, for your ongoing support and commitment to Smithton Primary School and our learners. It's been a wonderful term, and I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned holiday break, ready for an action packed Term 4.

Lindsey Blake

Principal






Sun Hats on for Term 4

Hats are to be worn during recess,
lunch and other outdoor activities.

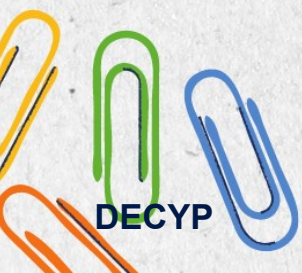
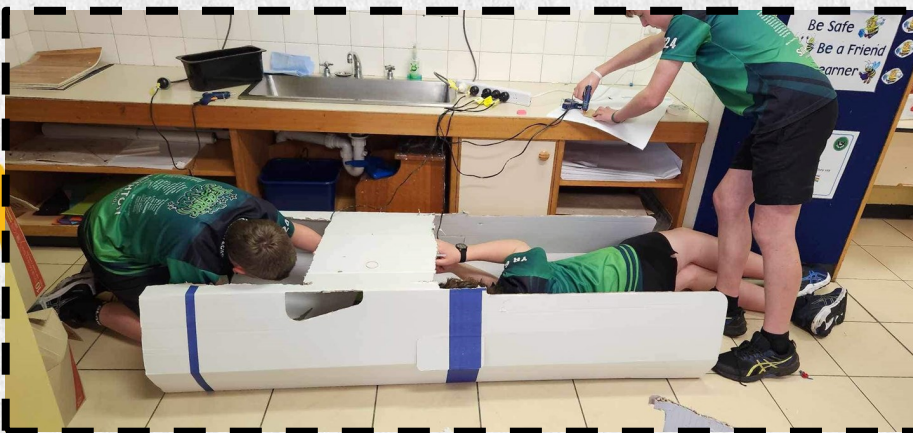
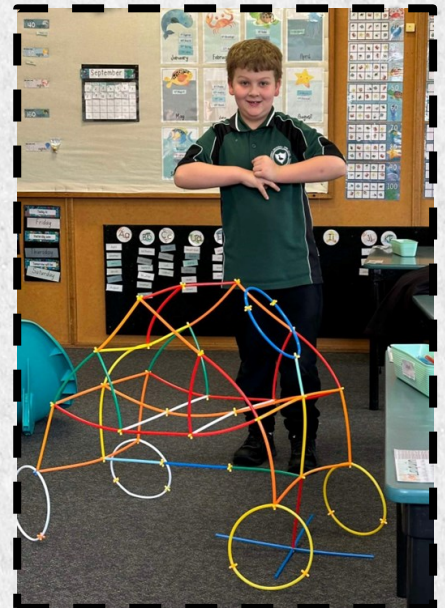
We are a SUNSMART school which means No Hats No Play during Term 1 and 4. Students are required to wear hats whenever they are outside. If students do not have their hat they will be asked to stay in the undercover areas.

Hats are available at the office for \$12 each

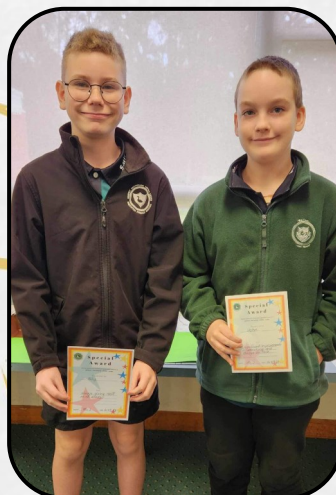
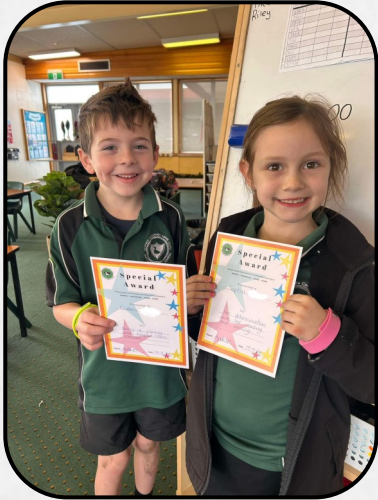
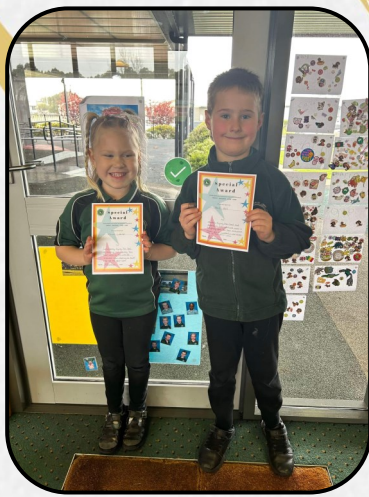




AROUND OUR SCHOOL



Special Awards





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.

Department for Education,
Children and Young People



Smithton Library



Zine Books



Monday 30 September
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 5+

Book

Join us for an exciting hands-on workshop where you will learn how to create your very own zine from start to finish!

Sphero Chariot Challenge



Thursday 3 October
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 8+

Book

Design your own chariot, attach it to a Sphero robot, use an iPad to control your robot and race against your friends on our custom track.

Paper Flowers



Monday 7 October
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 8+

Book

Learn how to create a flower from books or recycled paper. Fun to be had! Creativity is up to you.

Book Monsters



Thursday 10 October
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 5+

Book

Unleash your creativity as you dive into the world of monster-making with nothing but paper, scissors, and a whole lot of imagination.

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



REGISTRATION FOR 2024 BURNIE 321-GO KIDS' RACE NOW OPEN

Registrations are now open for the Harcourts Burnie 321-Go Kids races which will be held at West Park, Burnie, on Sunday November 17.

Events will be held for 7 and under boys and girls, 10 and under boys and girls and 13 and under boys and girls. There will also be an all abilities event and a Lap for Littlies with registrations for that on the day.

To learn more about the event and to register go to <https://www.321go.com.au/>



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)
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
Tuesday 22nd - 9:10am	School Assembly - everyone welcome!



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 2 1/2 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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