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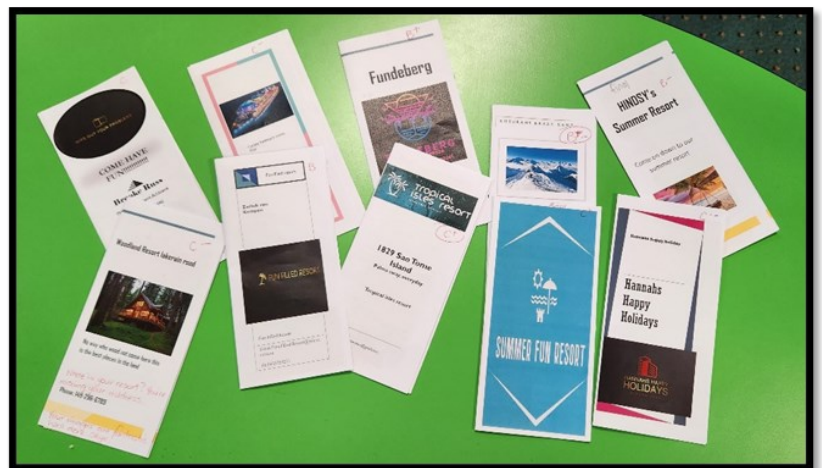
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5-6 Johnston

In English 5/6 Johnston have been learning how to create persuasive texts in a variety of different ways. Our end task was to come up with a holiday destination that we believed people would want to visit. We then developed a brochure in Publisher using all components of text features to convince people that they should come to our holiday destination. There were quite a few very enticing resorts.

We connected this with our Geography unit by identifying what impact our buildings would have on the biomes that we were building on and how we would reduce the amount of destruction we would have on the area. We also recognised management of issues that may occur such as bushfires and/or flooding. We created 3D maps to show the position of our structures.

To incorporate the Maths that we worked on, each resort had their own timetable where each activity was created and timetabled in both 12 and 24 hour time. The duration was a consideration making sure that each activity was timed and allowed for moving to other activities.





We are so excited about our action packed Term 4!



Term Four has started with a bang, with our weeks looking action-packed between now and the end of the year. It has been wonderful to see all our students returning to school refreshed and ready to engage in learning. Students have all been wearing hats as part of our responsibilities as a SunSmart school, and it's been wonderful to see some sunshine.

To name some of the events we've had already this term, the Silly Scientist visited early in the week, bringing laughter and fun to Science learning. The Central playground is full of life, with the colourful artwork on display and on Thursday the Tasbash cars will be here for our students to enjoy.

It was great having families and students come together for our first assembly of the term on Tuesday as well. Well done to all the students who received awards and congratulations to our new Class Captains for Term 4.

With many events and trips on the calendar I'm sure your fridge is filling up with notices. Please remember to fill in and return any consent forms as soon as you can to ensure your child can participate.

Stay in the loop by keeping an eye on our Newsletter calendar and Facebook posts for upcoming events, for example Emmerton Park visits, community-based excursions, Fire Safety, Marine Safety, Year 6 trips, Upper Primary Swimming and end of year celebrations. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out so we can support you and your child/ren.



LET'S CELEBRATE! Year 6

Year 6 celebrations are in full swing throughout the remainder of term, as these students enjoy their final weeks as Smithton Primary students and prepare to embark on their high school journeys.

We'd like to say a HUGE thank you to McLaren Contracting for their extraordinary donation, covering camp costs for all Year 6 students. Your generosity is incredible, and our school community is so grateful.




2025 As we move into the later part of the year, we are working towards finalising staffing and class arrangements for 2025. As this is confirmed, we will begin transition processes across the school to support students with a smooth and stress-free transition. It will be a few weeks before any announcements can be made, but if you or your child's teacher feel individualised arrangements need to be coordinated to support transition, don't hesitate to ask questions, and where necessary arrange a Care Team Meeting with either Jayde Grey or myself, and the relevant support staff who may work with your child (e.g. Carmen - School Psychologist, Imogen - Social Worker, or external service providers).

Bring on a fun and busy term!

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



1-2 Goodwin

We have had a very busy start to Term 4.

This term we are looking at *Past* and *Present* in history and we are fascinated looking at old artefacts, photos and imagining what it would be like living and going to school in the past.

We were lucky enough for Piper to bring in a Box Brownie camera and some photos that were taken with it. As it is very precious, we weren't allowed to touch but we were excited to be able to sketch it.

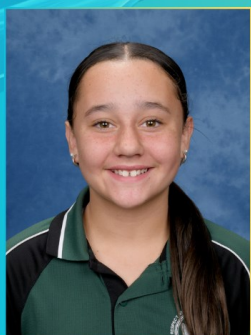
We are very excited to continue to explore old things and if anyone has anything that they would be interested in sharing with us, please send it along.



Aussie of the Month – August

Congratulations

Imogen



- Embodies the value of mateship, respect, inclusion, and a fair go in everything she does.
- Always ready to lend a hand or a listening ear, helping a mate through tough times or celebrating their successes.
- Listens to others and values their opinions. She encourages others and works well with her peers. Respects everyone around her.
- Tries to create environments where everyone feels welcome, fostering understanding and connection. Her infectious enthusiasm inspires others to embrace differences and build bridges.
- Embodies the spirit of a 'fair go'. Believes everyone deserves equal opportunities in school, community or sports and advocates for those who might not have a voice, striving to ensure that everyone gets the chance to succeed.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY





AROUND OUR SCHOOL



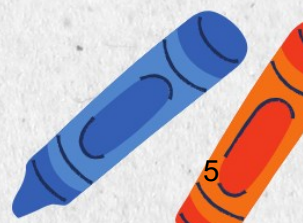
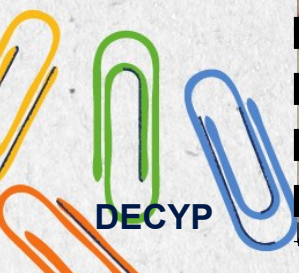
Class Captains



Maths Relay



Aussie of the Month



The SLC have been working really hard this year and one of our favourite times has been working with a man called Paul from Happy Shack Airbrushing. We contacted Paul with an idea of creating some artwork in our playground to make it more colourful and by adding more activities for us to do during Daily PE and playtime.

We had to research ideas and mark out the areas with measurements so Paul would know what would go where and how big items would be. We are so happy with the results.

Paul also painted a mural on the bounce wall. It looks beautiful!

We would like to thank Paul for his hard work and our P&F for fundraising and supporting us in our endeavour to make our play areas more exciting to play in.

Yours sincerely,

Imogen, Riley, Jake, Cash, Chad, Lincoln and Talia - Student Leadership Council

SLC News



Aussie of the Month – October

Congratulations

Lincoln



Lincoln embraces responsibility with enthusiasm and dedication. As a committed and active member of the Student Leadership Council, he consistently attends meetings, offering original ideas while fostering an inclusive environment where everyone's voice is respected. His compassionate nature shines through in his support of other students, showing kindness and inclusion in the playground.

Lincoln is deeply committed to both his personal growth and representing the school. A perfect example of this was his participation in the North West Maths Relay. Despite his family's holiday coinciding with the event, he made special arrangements to ensure he could be there and contribute to his team, demonstrating exceptional dedication and a strong desire to be a great learner. This level of commitment, combined with his aspiration to be an exceptional learner, make him a very worthy recipient of the Aussie of the month award.

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING
@ SMITHTON PRIMARY

Theme: ANIMALS

Fri 18th Oct
farm

Fri 25th Oct
farm

Fri 1st Nov
No Playgroup
(student free day)

Fri 8th Nov
zoo

Fri 15th Nov
Teddy Bear's picnic
(Bring your teddy)

Fri 22nd Nov
pets

Fri 29th Nov
Vet Excursion

Fri 6th Dec
water animals

Fri 13th Dec
Last playgroup
Christmas Party with a visit from Santa!

Wanted

Donations for STEAM



The STEAM class is in need of the following clean recyclable materials:

- Plastic milk bottles
- Milk cartons (paper)
- Plastic water bottles



Items can be dropped
into the school office.
Thank you!!



Coin Drive 🌟

The Variety Tasbash are coming to visit our school on Thursday, 24th October.

TOMORROW!



Can we make the longest coin drive for Tasbash?

Please bring in any coin donations between now and Thursday and help make a difference to children in need.



All children deserve the same opportunities in life.

Each year, thousands of children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs, get support from Variety the Children's Charity when they need it most.

thanks
for your
support

Dates To Remember - 2024

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!

November

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 1st November	Student Free Day
Monday 4th	Public Holiday - Recreation Day
Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd	Year 6 trip

December

Friday 6th and 13th - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning - Launchpad with Melissa Coombe (Birth - 5 Years)
Friday 6th and 13th - 11:30am to 12:30pm	Pre-Kinder - with Melissa Coombe (for children starting Kinder in 2025)
Friday 6th December	Year 6 Orientation Day at Smithton High School
Monday 16th - 11:00am start	Final Assembly
Tuesday 17th	Whole School Picnic at Riverbend (Kinder to Year 6)
Wednesday 18th	Year 6 Day Out
Thursday 19th	Last Day for Students

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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