



Smithton Primary School

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Year 2 Charles have had a busy first few weeks in Term 4

We were very lucky to have Kiara come and work with our class for two days as part of her work experience. In HASS we have been continuing our unit on Then and Now and we had the chance to remember those who had served our country on Remembrance Day.

In Science we have been looking at our moving sky and exploring the planets in our solar system. To look at how day and night works we went into the art storeroom with a globe and torch to have a look.

We also had Fire Safety with Fireman Craig last week where we learnt important safety tips for our homes and developed our own fire escape plans.





PASSED HALF WAY!!



As we pass the halfway mark of term, I'd love to take the time to recognise the outstanding work of students and staff at Smithton Primary School.

This time of year brings excitement and celebration! There are end of year events being coordinated and assessments taking place across the school. It allows for learning success to be shared within the class, and very soon in our end of year reports. Ensuring every learner in our school is known, safe, well and learning is the key driver of our work, and the amount of learning and growth everyone has shown is a testament to the hard work of all members of our school community. The incredible results paint a great picture of what Smithton Primary School is all about. Well done!

The end of year can also be a challenging time, if anticipation and nervousness begin to creep in. We often find ourselves shifting between thinking about this year and next. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns in the lead up to the summer break and 2025 school year.

Year 6 Excursion

We wish our Year 6 students all the best as they head off on their Year 6 Trip to Launceston this week! Thanks to Ms Johnston, Miss Fletcher, Mr Nibbs and Mr Billing for travelling with our students for a fun-filled adventure, celebrating their primary years. It will be wonderful to see pictures of your adventure when you return.

Fire Safety

Thanks to Fireman Craig for the time he spent with our students last week learning about fire safety in the home. The students had a fantastic time listening to all your information and practising things they can do to stay safe.

SPS were awarded a certificate for 30 years of participating in fire safety. What an amazing achievement!!



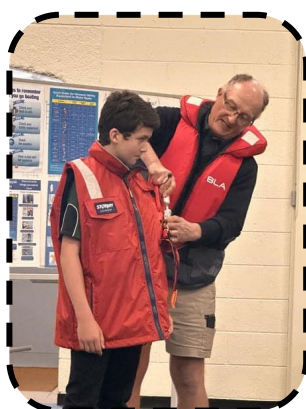
Marine and Water Safety

Nic Wilson visited our Upper Primary classes this week to share about safety around the water. We had lots of fun trying out the safety equipment, especially inflating the life jackets!

There is still plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks, with Upper Primary swimming in weeks 8 and 9, and end of year event planning well underway. Don't forget to keep our final assembly date in your calendar, Monday 16th December at 11:00am.

Lindsey Blake

Principal



Key Word Sign

Key word sign (KWS) is a communication technique that uses speech and sign together to help support children and adults communicate. It is a strategy used for people with communication difficulties to get their message across to others.

KWS provides visual information alongside speech, which can assist visual learners. Learning KWS can help reduce the levels of frustration by a child who can't express their needs and wants.

The key words in a message are signed. KWS is not a sign language, but it borrows the signs from the sign language of the country it is used in.

At Smithton Primary school we are working towards implementing KWS across the whole school.

Sign of the Week

Learn and use Key Word Sign (KWS) with sign of the week. Try using this sign in different situations, with many people this week. You can also learn other signs.



go

Swing slightly cupped dominant hand forward in relevant direction. Finish with straight fingers. *With directionality.

What you might say when using this sign:

Let's go!

X has to go.

What is KWS?

KWS is a type of Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC). It is a strategy to support people with communication difficulties. KWS borrows signs from the local sign language. In Australia, this is Auslan.

Talk to a DECYP Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP) and visit this website for more information: <https://kwsa.org.au>



How do I use KWS?

1. Sign and talk at the same time
2. Sign the key words while saying the whole sentence
3. Use other visual strategies:
 - o body language
 - o natural gestures
 - o facial expression
 - o directionality and placement (sign production features used in Auslan)
 - o some finger spelling

Reference: Caithness, C., Brownlie, E., Bloomberg, K. (2012) Getting Started with Key Word Sign (Auslan Edition)
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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.



FIRE safety

Thanks Fireman Craig!
We had the best week learning
about fire safety.



Thank you to our Student Leadership Council, Class Captains and students from Years 1/2 and 5/6 who represented our school at last Monday's Remembrance Day Service.



Summer Safety Alert: Protecting Our Little Ones

As summer approaches, it's important to remember that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death among Australian children. To keep young children safe around backyard swimming pools, follow these four key actions from the Royal Life Saving Australia's Keep Watch campaign: Supervise, Restrict, Teach, and Respond.

Supervise: Always keep a close watch on children around water.

Restrict: Ensure pool areas are securely fenced and access is restricted.

Teach: Educate children about water safety and swimming skills.

Respond: Be prepared to act quickly in case of an emergency.

Installing a pool safety barrier

If your swimming pool or spa can hold a depth of water of 300mm (30cm) or more, there is a requirement for it to be surrounded by a compliant barrier. The owner may only install the pool, which includes an inflatable or relocatable pool, after a safety barrier is installed.

This requirement applies to pools and spas installed from 1994 onwards. Owners of pools built before 1994 are encouraged to install and maintain a pool safety barrier to protect their own safety and that of the community.

The requirement applies to:

- In-ground pools
- Indoor pools (excluding bathroom spa-baths)
- Above ground pools
- Inflatable and relocatable pools
- Wading pools holding 300mm (30cm) of water
- Hot tubs/spas

In Tasmania, the installation of pool safety barriers must be performed by a licensed builder and overseen by a licensed building surveyor.

For more information visit:

- www.cbos.tas.gov.au/pool-safety-barriers for further information of pool safety barrier requirements
- www.royallifesaving.com.au for further information on the keep watch campaign

Stay safe and enjoy a fun-filled summer!

Consumer, Building and Occupational Services
Department of Justice





INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Wednesday, 4 December 2024

9 am to 4 pm

Nelson Street car park, Nelson Street

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For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

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Australian Government Mobile Service Centres

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

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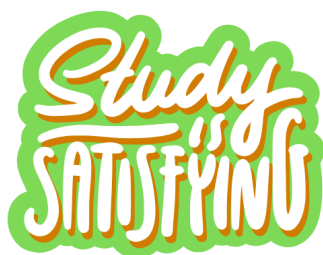
Dates To Remember - 2024

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)
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)
Monday 2nd to Friday 13th	Upper Primary Swimming
Friday 6th December	Year 6 Orientation Day at Smithton High School
Tuesday 10th - 1:30pm	Kinder Celebration of Learning
Friday 13th	Christmas Parade
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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