



# Smithton Primary School

RESPECT ❖ ENCOURAGE ❖ ASPIRE ❖ LEARN

Issue 20 - 18th December 2024



*Year 6*  
*2024*

## And just like that 🍭0🍭4 has passed us by

The year has been busy, with highs and lows, but in true Smithton Primary School style we have worked together as a TEAM to achieve huge amounts of success. I'm proud to be working with such an inspiring group of people: students, staff and families.

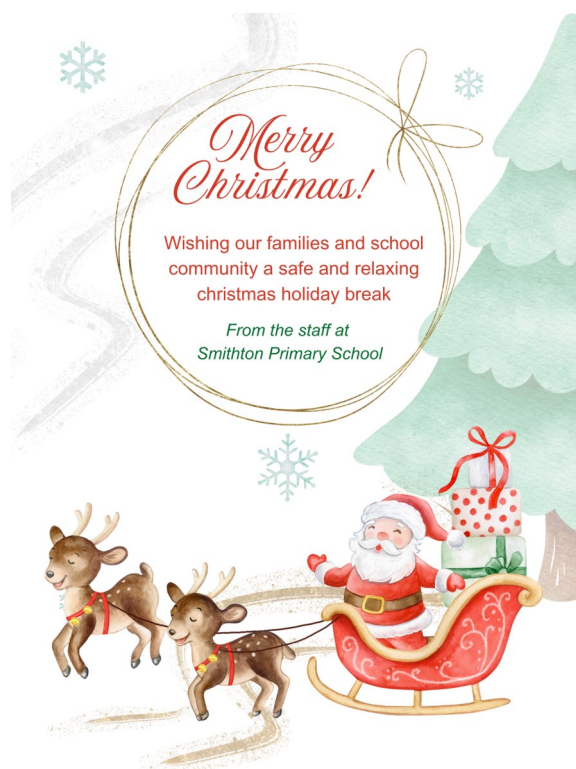
We had a fantastic turnout at Monday's assembly, with members of our school community traveling from far and wide to celebrate our students' achievements. The connection between student learning outcomes and family relationships with school is undeniable. It's no coincidence that our data is showing our learning achievements and engagement are continuing to improve when we see the fantastic support systems our students have.

Our achievement against our school targets clearly tells us the hard work of students, staff and family is paying off in a range of areas. The most noteworthy improvements to share would be the increasing number of students with high achievements across different curriculum areas, as well as the large numbers of growth in literacy and numeracy. It's been very exciting to read student reports to see the outstanding effort everyone is putting into their learning. All our school data shows us we are on track with the state's reading priority.

Our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey tells us our students feel safe and supported at school, with this sentiment also reflected in our family and staff satisfaction surveys. We are well above the state average when it comes to responses to questions like:

- I feel safe at my school
- I have an adult I feel I can talk to at my school
- I feel my child is safe at this school
- Behaviour is well managed at this school
- I feel I can talk with my child's teacher about concerns.

Our priorities in 2025 will allow us to reach even greater heights in the areas of wellbeing, attendance, safeguarding and reading.



## Staffing update for 2025

I am excited to share with you the teaching staff arrangements for 2025. As you would have seen, Mr Smith has made the decision to step away from his role at Smithton Primary School and will begin as an Assistant Principal at Smithton High School in 2025. I have accepted the offer to remain at Smithton Primary School until the Principal position is advertised permanently in 2025.

Joining me on our teaching team we have:

Instructional Specialist and Advanced Skills Teacher – Mrs Despina King

Advanced Skills Teacher – Mrs Louise Owen

Kinder – Jayde Grey

Kinder, Little Learners and Pre-kinder – Hayley Sharman

Prep – Mrs Shelley Jackson

Prep/1 – Miss Rebecca Bannister

1/2G – Mrs Karen Goodwin

1/2C – Mrs Veronica Charles

3/4G – Mrs Jodie Gausden

3/4W – Miss Danielle Wilson

4/5U – Mrs Kate Underwood

5/6F – Miss Tracey Fletcher

5/6J – Ms Lisa Johnston

STEAM and Little Learners – Mrs Melissa Coombe

Music - Mr Kim Poole

Health and Physical Education – Mr Ryan Nibbs

Art – Miss Jodi Smith

Project Based Learning and Engagement Hub – Mr Wayne Tuxworth

TEACHER  
MODE  
2025



Thank you all for your dedication and hard work throughout 2024. Enjoy a well-earned break and I will see you all again in 2025. Happy Holidays!

*Lindsey*

Lindsey Blake | Principal





# AWARD WINNERS

## Year 6 Awards

Award	Recipient
Minister for Education – Respectful Student Award	Bronte Sweetman
Smithton Primary “Be Real” Award – Demonstrating School Values	Alex Smith
Smithton Primary “Be Real” Award – Demonstrating School Values	Imogen McCormack
Braddon Liberal Team – (Peer Nominated)	Jake Best
Anita Dow Award – (Peer Nominated)	Riley Blake
Ruth Forrest MLC – Commitment to Learning	Levi Westbrook
Anne Urquhart – “Growth Award”	Charlie Monson
Gavin Pearce – Leadership Award	Chad Jaeger
Bergman Family Award	Riley Blake
Merle Reid “Wise Owl” Reading Award	Briehanna Coombe
Smithton Club Bursary	Cash Randall
Smithton High School Bursary	Jake Moll
SPS Parents & Friends Bursary	Lincoln Whiteman
Smithton Primary Community Spirit Award	Myah Ollington
Smithton Primary Good-Fellowship Award	Shayla Hammond
Smithton Primary High Five Award	Ajai Birdi
Smithton Primary High Five Award	Hope Casey
Smithton Primary Science Award	Skye Hingston
SPS Music Award - musical growth	Jake Best
SPS Music Award - dedication and achievement	Grace McCray
Health & Physical Education Sportsmanship Award	Jett Sweetman

## Class Awards for students following our school values of

*Respect ♦ Encourage ♦ Aspire ♦ Learn*

Class	Recipient
Kinder Grey	Emma Joss
Kinder Grey	Nathaniel Crombie
Kinder-Prep Sharman	Jukka Lynd
Kinder-Prep Sharman	Coco Armstrong
Prep-1 Jackson	Rose Pyke
Prep-1 Jackson	Brax Nicholls
1-2 Goodwin	Jacobi Hinds
1-2 Goodwin	Torah House
2 Charles	Izza-Rose Jacobs
2 Charles	Jakob Wright
3-4 Gausden	Dakota Hammond
3-4 Gausden	Arlo Hunt

Class	Recipient
3-4 Underwood	Maci Tuxworth
3-4 Underwood	Jeremiah Jones
3-4 Wilson	Maddie Jaeger
3-4 Wilson	Noah Hanson-Luttrell
5-6 Fletcher	Elanora Harding
5-6 Fletcher	Summer Panton
5-6 Johnston	Zariah Van Kempen
5-6 Johnston	Jack Bradbury
5-6 Jordan	Hollie Rowling
5-6 Jordan	Ace Rakich



LET'S  
CELEBRATE  
YOU

# kindergarten graduation

YOUR  
SPECIAL  
DAY

Last week in Kinder we had a very special Kinder Graduation, celebrating the wonderful year each student has had and how much they have grown over the year. Students were presented with a graduation certificate and had photos taken with their families. It was amazing to have so many families attended the graduation. What a fantastic way to finish off our school year.



2024



LET'S  
CELEBRATE  
YOU

# kindergarten graduation

YOUR  
SPECIAL  
DAY



you  
did it



Happy  
Graduation

2024



# End of Year Assembly





# End of Year Assembly



Smithton Primary School







# Christmas Parade







# Riverbend Picnic





# Dates To Remember - 2024

## December

Thursday 19th

Last Day for Students

## January 2025

Tuesday 28th

Prep - Year 6: Uniform sales and book pack collection

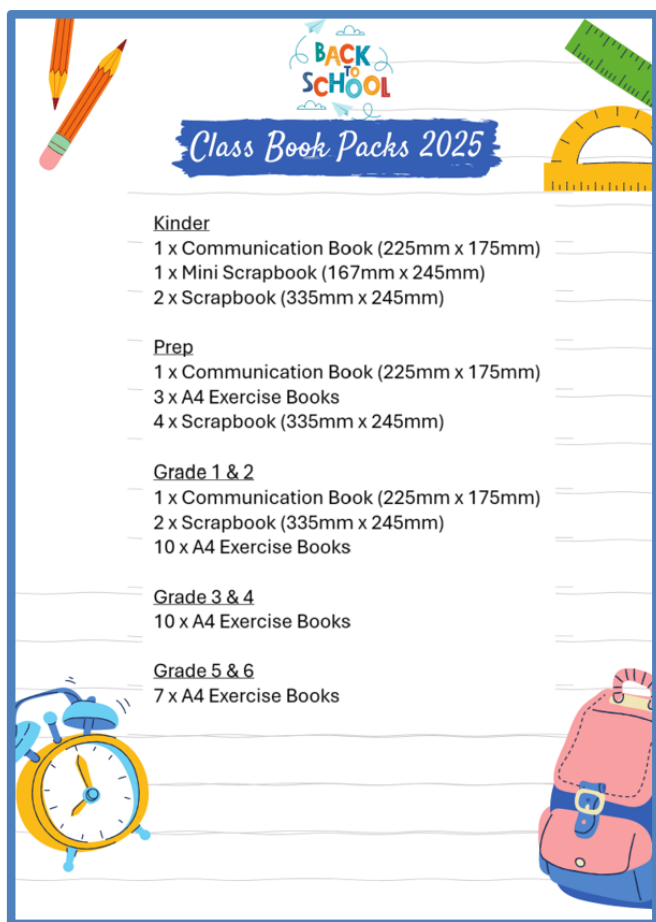
Kinder book pack and uniform

By appointment

## February 2025

Thursday 6th

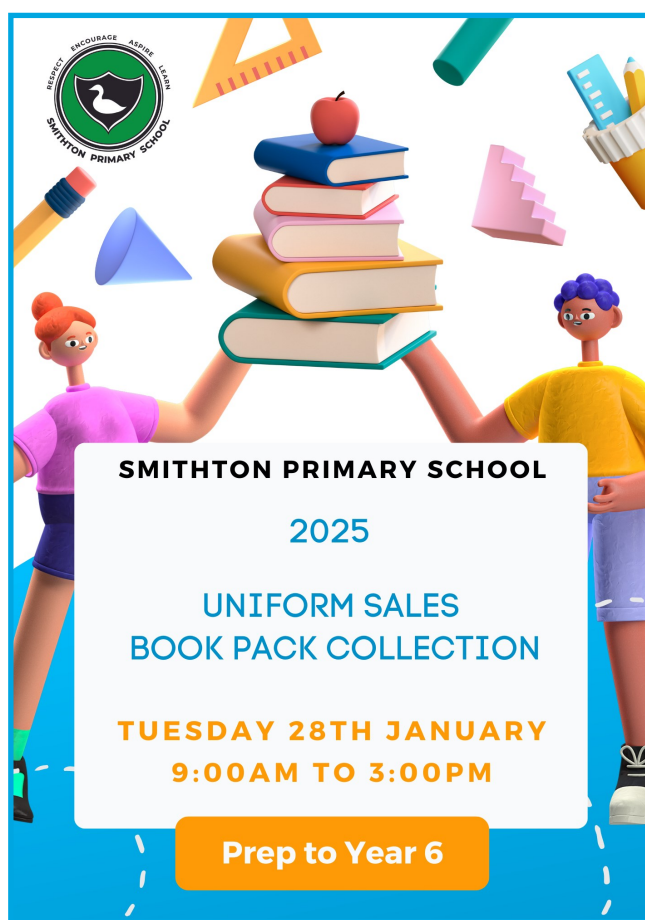
Students first day!!



**BACK TO SCHOOL**

### Class Book Packs 2025

- Kinder**
  - 1 x Communication Book (225mm x 175mm)
  - 1 x Mini Scrapbook (167mm x 245mm)
  - 2 x Scrapbook (335mm x 245mm)
- Prep**
  - 1 x Communication Book (225mm x 175mm)
  - 3 x A4 Exercise Books
  - 4 x Scrapbook (335mm x 245mm)
- Grade 1 & 2**
  - 1 x Communication Book (225mm x 175mm)
  - 2 x Scrapbook (335mm x 245mm)
  - 10 x A4 Exercise Books
- Grade 3 & 4**
  - 10 x A4 Exercise Books
- Grade 5 & 6**
  - 7 x A4 Exercise Books



**SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**2025**

**UNIFORM SALES  
BOOK PACK COLLECTION**

**TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY**  
**9:00AM TO 3:00PM**

**Prep to Year 6**

### 2025 School Term Dates

Term 1	Thursday 6th February to Friday 11th April
Term 2	Monday 28th April to Friday 4th July
Term 3	Monday 21st July to Friday 26th September
Term 4	Monday 13th October to Thursday 18th December

### Student Free Days

Friday 6th June

Friday 31st October

### CONTACT DETAILS

27 - 43 Grant Street, Smithton, TAS, 7330

Phone 03 6452 1955

Email [smithton.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:smithton.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au)

Web [www.decyp.tas.gov.au](http://www.decyp.tas.gov.au)



# Asthma Ready for School



Summer holidays are an important time for kids with asthma

During all the festivities, please don't forget to keep up your child's asthma management and continue to use their asthma medication as prescribed. Good asthma management over the holidays means less time off school when kids return in the new year, and less time off work for you.

To make sure your child stays as healthy as possible over the break and into 2024, you can take the following steps:

- Check your child's medication to make sure they're still in date.
- Keep using your child's preventer medication as directed over the summer holidays, even if they're feeling well.
- If you're leaving the house or going on holiday, make sure you pack your child's asthma medications and a spacer.
- Book an Asthma Review with your doctor to get an updated written Asthma Action Plan during the holidays- you'll need this for Term 1 2023. Book in early as doctors can have limited appointments over the Christmas period.
- Use Asthma Australia's School's Checklist for parents and carers: [https://asthma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AA\\_BTS2022\\_Asthma-Checklist\\_digital.pdf](https://asthma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AA_BTS2022_Asthma-Checklist_digital.pdf)

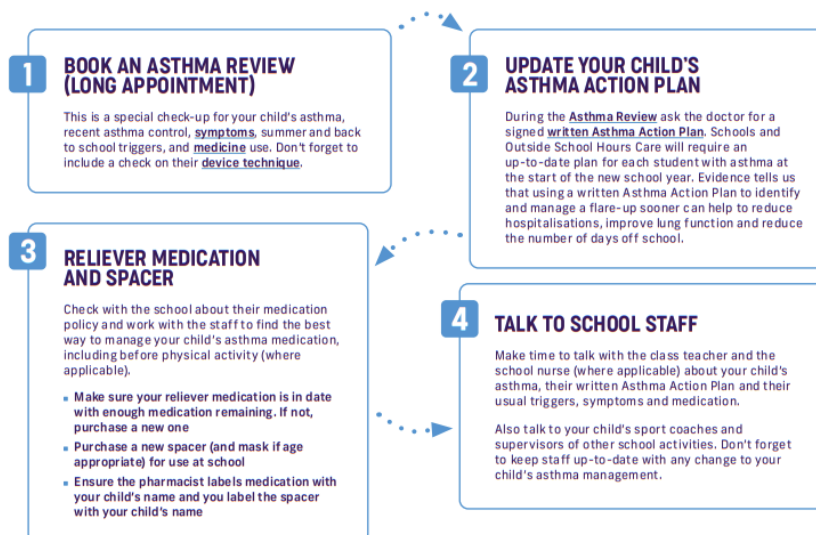
## For the start of school please arrange:

- ⇒ An updated written Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor
- ⇒ A named spacer and reliever puffer
- ⇒ A planned talk with your child's teacher and school administrators about their asthma

## BACK TO SCHOOL... IS YOUR CHILD ASTHMA READY?

Every year there is a rise in asthma flare-ups when children return to school after the summer holidays. This results in an increase in Emergency Department visits, hospitalisations and days off school.

### MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS ASTHMA READY BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:



Any changes to asthma management throughout the school year, requires an updated written Asthma Action Plan to be completed by your doctor and provided to the school.

#### If a child -

- has symptoms during the day more than 2 days per week
  - has to stop activities such as playing or exercise because they get asthma symptoms
  - wakes up with asthma during the night or early morning
  - needs reliever more than 2 days per week (not including prior to exercise)
- then take your child to their doctor as this indicates signs of worsening asthma.

For more information call **1800 ASTHMA** (1800 278 462) to speak with an Asthma Educator or visit [asthma.org.au/back-to-school](https://asthma.org.au/back-to-school)

