



Smithton Primary School

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Welcome back to students and families!

I hope you all enjoyed your summer break, with opportunities for rest, family time, and fun.

At Smithton Primary School we are excited to get the 2025 school year underway, with many great learning opportunities ahead for us this year!

As we welcome you back to school, I'd like to remind you we're always here to help at Smithton Primary. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher, or speak with me directly if there's something I can help with.

We value the input of families and student voice, and recognise you know your children very well and play a key role in us supporting your child successfully. Letters will be coming home in the coming days, arranging opportunities for your child's teacher to introduce themselves and gather any information you think we should know. If you are able, please join us for the welcome barbecue on Wednesday the 19th at 4:30, to meet school staff in a friendly and casual setting.

Teachers and support staff have worked very hard to prepare their classroom environments and learning programs, and their efforts have already produced fantastic results! I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting every classroom over the first few days. There is a calm and happy feeling in the air, and so much learning taking place already! What a fantastic way to start a new year – let the fun (and learning) begin!

Lindsey Blake
Principal

EVERY DAY COUNTS....

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



When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year



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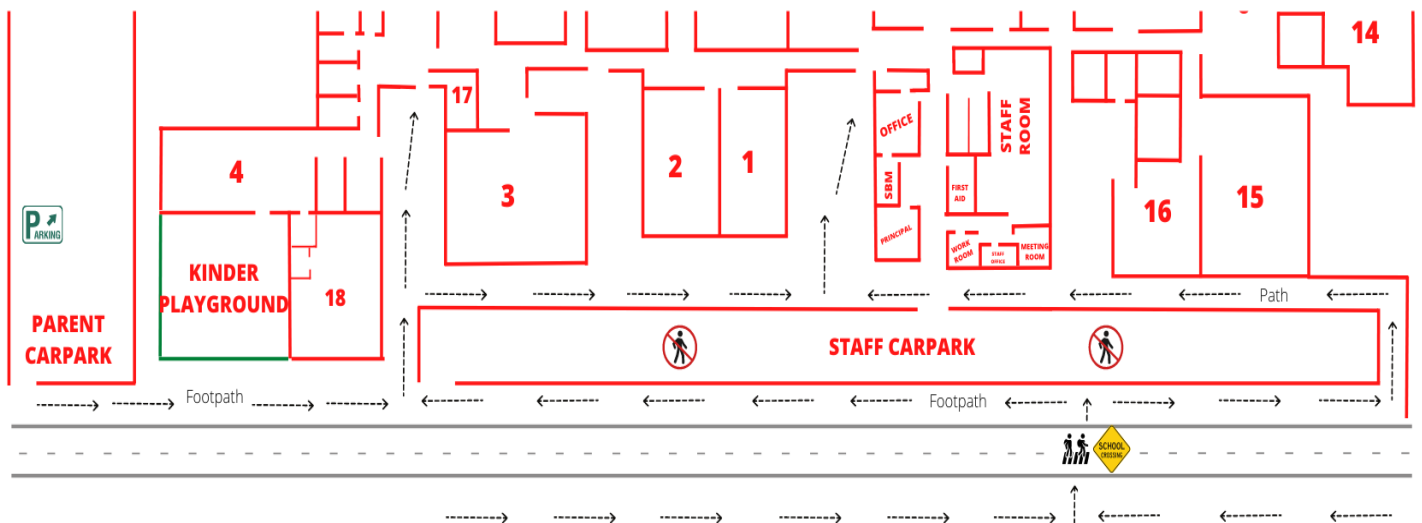
Important Notice

Student drop off and pick up Keeping everyone safe!!

Parents please use the Parent Carpark to drop off and collect students before and after school. Please **do not** use the Staff Carpark.

We also require students and parents to enter the school following the arrows in the diagram below. Students and parents are **not to** walk through the staff carpark area.

When we all practice proper school parking safety, it makes it easier to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your co-operation.



ALL VOLUNTEERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS on DECYP Sites

Safeguarding Training (to be completed at the start of every year)

All volunteers and external service providers must complete a 15 minute Safeguarding Training Module before working with any children or young people this year. Volunteers and service providers can access the new Safeguarding Training Module at <https://decyp-safeguarding.mygo1.com/signup/email>

When you sign in at the office for your first visit to Smithton Primary or an on-line session with our students you will be asked to show that you have completed the required training, this can be a photo of the completion certificate on your phone. The training must be completed annually.

Working with Vulnerable People Card

With RWVP's it is now a requirement by DECYP that RWVP registration status is checked

EVERYTIME you visit the school, so please ensure you have your card on you for presentation at the office.

Thank you for your understanding as we all work together to keep our students safe.

Please contact the school office if you require any additional information.

WHAT'S happening around our school



Come along to join in with lots of fun, games, activities, songs and stories

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Friday during school terms Launch Pad with Mrs Hayley Sharman

STARTING this Friday!!

9:00AM TO 10:30AM
(for children Birth to 5 Years)

Entry and sign in via the school office.


Please bring a hat, snack and a drink of water for your child.

For any queries please contact the school office or the 'Early Years @ Smithton Primary School' Facebook page.






Drink Bottles



Please remember to bring a drink bottle to school

Kids Need Water

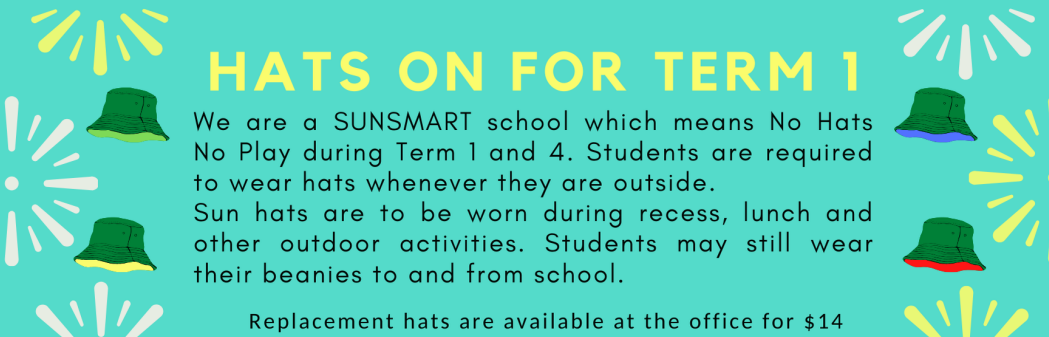
Water is essential to life and kids need plenty of water in order to feel good, focus, concentrate and think. Water will also give your children the necessary energy and brainpower to help them learn easier and better.



HATS ON FOR TERM 1

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. Sun hats are to be worn during recess, lunch and other outdoor activities. Students may still wear their beanies to and from school.

Replacement hats are available at the office for \$14



Welcome back! Let's make every day count.

Here we go, another exciting school year ahead! We hope you enjoyed your holidays.

By showing up to school every day, your child will have the best opportunity at a bright future. It gives them every chance to be around friends, learn new things, and find interests.

Good attendance habits can sometimes be hard to stick. But creating a solid routine, from the start of Term 1, can set your child up for success for the year ahead.

If you're looking for tips on how to create better attendance habits, visit the [Anything can happen website](http://www.anythingcanhappen.tas.gov.au).

Ask for help if you need it

There is so much strength in admitting you need help. If your child is completely disengaged with school, and not attending at all, your school can help - reach out.

HELP

Want to learn more?

Visit www.anythingcanhappen.tas.gov.au

DECYP

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club is available to families who wish to participate.

There is one catalogue offering the best in age-appropriate reading choices (3+, 6+, 8+, 10 + and 12+).

Please return the form if you would like to participate in Book Club.

Forms are sent home with the eldest in the family.



PARTICIPATION IN BOOK CLUB 2025

Name: _____

Class: _____ (eldest in family)

Reminder to Parents - Students with Asthma

Parents/Guardians of students who are diagnosed with any form of Asthma are required to provide an updated Asthma Action Plan at the start of every year.

Student Medications

If a student requires medication whilst at school, please discuss with your child's teacher and school administration staff to ensure that school staff are clearly advised on how to administer the medication.

Written permission (Education Department Medication Form) must be provided for any non-prescribed (e.g. Panadol) or prescribed medication to be taken by your child. Medication must be given to the school in its original packaging. The form for prescribed medication must be signed by the doctor or chemist who administers the prescription.

Education Department Medication Forms are available at the school office.

Student Absences

If your child is away from school for any reason it is important that you contact the school to provide a reason. Information is recorded electronically by the Department for Education to monitor absences. Parents may be required to provide a medical certificate for students who are absent with illnesses for 5 or more days in a calendar year.

- Ring the school office on 6452 1955 on the day your child is away
- Reply to absence text
- Send a written note to the school office
- Email the school on smithton.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au on the day your child is away

Dates To Remember - 2025


February

Starting this Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am	Launching into Learning Launchpad with Mrs Hayley Sharman (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>)
Starting Thursday 20th - 9:00am to 10:00am	Launching into Learning Moving & Grooving with Mrs Melissa Coombe (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>)
Tuesday 18th	Year 3 to 6 SPS Athletic Carnival (<i>at the rec ground</i>)
Wednesday 19th - 4:30pm to 6:30pm	Welcome Back Family BBQ
Tuesday 25th	CHSSSA Athletic Carnival, Year 3 to 6 (<i>at the rec ground</i>)


March

Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am <i>During school terms</i>	Launching into Learning Launchpad with Mrs Hayley Sharman (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>)
Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:00am <i>During school terms</i>	Launching into Learning Moving & Grooving with Mrs Melissa Coombe (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>)
Wednesday 5th	NWPSSA - Year 3 to 4 Athletics (<i>in Penguin</i>)
Monday 10th	Public Holiday
Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st	Year 6 Camp - <i>details to be provided soon</i>

School Crossing



Children and adults accompanying children must use the school crossing when coming to and from school. As Grant Street is busy with cars and buses at drop off and pick up times it is important adults' model road safety to ensure children are safe.

TIPS: 

Road safety is a shared responsibility. Keep children safe by following the road rules, particularly in school environments.

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

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