



Smithton Primary School

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Issue 2 - 26th February 2025

1-2 Charles And 5-6 Fletcher - Buddies

1-2 Charles and 5-6 Fletcher have had a great start to 2025 as they have become buddy classes. They have had two sessions so far this year. In these sessions they have found a buddy and worked together to create some amazing Buddy Monsters. They look forward to developing their friendships and working together.



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We have had a fantastic start to 2025 at Smithton Primary School! The last few weeks have given opportunities for our students to connect with new peers and teachers, and celebrate a positive start to the 2025 school year.

Student Leadership

Students have started looking at ways to extend their leadership abilities with House and Vice Captains being elected in week two, Student Leadership Council applications currently being reviewed and Term 1 Class Captain nominations being finalised this week. I am extremely proud of the students who have put themselves out of their comfort zone by applying for these positions, and offer congratulations to those of you who have been successful.

Athletics

During week three our Year 3 – 6 students represented their houses by participating in school athletics. We had a wonderful day, despite the windy conditions, and the student participation rates were fantastic – well done!! Thank you also to our house and vice captains who supported staff with coordinating students to make it to each event. Your leadership was very much appreciated by everyone. Early Years students will have their turn to compete in athletics on March 11th.

External School Review

Families will have seen a letter come home earlier this week explaining the External School Review process. These reviews occur in all government schools every four years, and we are excited to welcome the review team next week. The team will speak to as many parents, students and staff as they can to help guide us in our next steps for school improvement. The review will give us recommendations that we can use to clarify our priority areas each year, and we are excited to see where this might lead us for the next stage of our journey.

Reading & Engagement, Access and Participation

This year our two areas of focus will be **reading** and **engagement, access and participation**.

Our reading results have given us many things to celebrate over the last few years, and we aim to build on this in 2025 by focussing on fluency.

Our work with engagement, access and participation will allow us to further develop in the areas of safeguarding, attendance and inclusion, to ensure all our learners are Known, Safe, Well and Learning.

Keep up the great work everyone, and as always, reach out if you have any questions or concerns you'd like to discuss.

Lindsey Blake

Principal



Thank you to Bravehearts for bringing their Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Program to our school. Our Kinder to Year 2's had a great time.



1-2 Charles

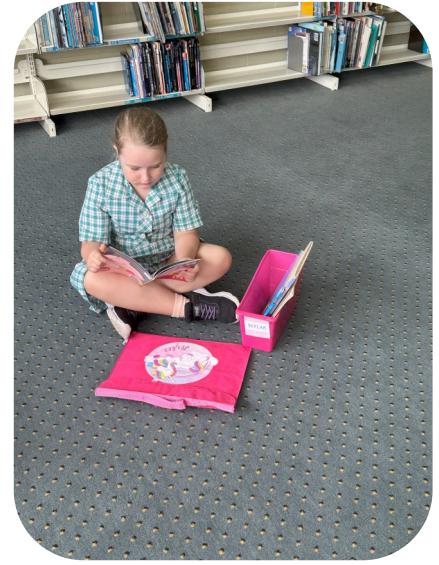
1-2 Charles have had a fantastic start to the year and have been busy getting to know their new classmates. In Maths we have been learning about collecting data and graphing it. We have spent time surveying our class mates and then graphing our findings. We have also been learning some new maths games to play together.

In Science we are learning about living and non living things and are looking forward to growing something living.

In HASS we are looking at family structures and how they have changed over time.

We were very excited when Thea brought in her puppy for us to have a cuddle.

After a busy start to the year we are eager to learn and have a great year.



We have been so excited to collaborate with the Circular Head Heritage Centre to share the mural that has previously been on display in our assembly hall.

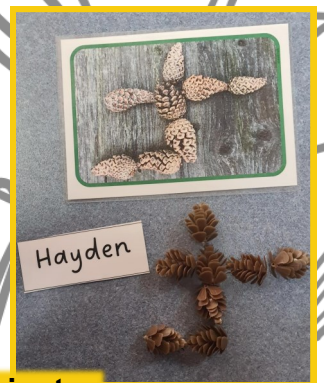
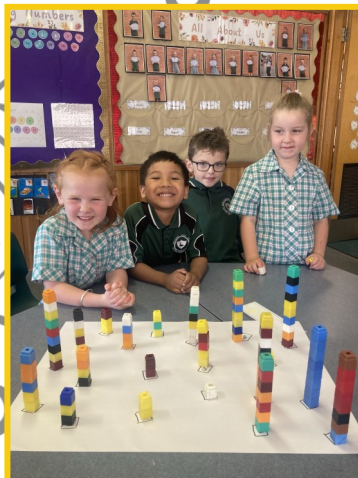
Pop along to the Heritage Centre and have a look at the amazing display!



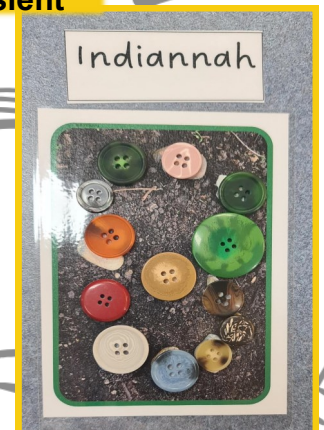
WHAT'S happening around our school



SPS Athletics



Transient



Congratulations to this year's House and Vice Captains!

Alert - Summer, Oakley, Lochie and Hollie

Albion - Finn, Lachlan, Noah and Krystale

Valiant - Zariah, Elanora, Carter and Hunter

Kermandie - Miah, Jack, Chase and Caitlyn



Zooper Dooper sales start tomorrow!!

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

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1 LiL Sessions

(for children Birth to 5 Years)

THURSDAYS - 9:00AM TO 10:00 AM
MOVING & GROOVING
 with Mrs Melissa Coombe
 includes music, instruments, and gross motor skills - balancing, jumping etc

FRIDAYS - 9:00AM TO 10:30 AM
LAUNCH PAD
 with Mrs Hayley Sharman

Entry and sign in via the school office.

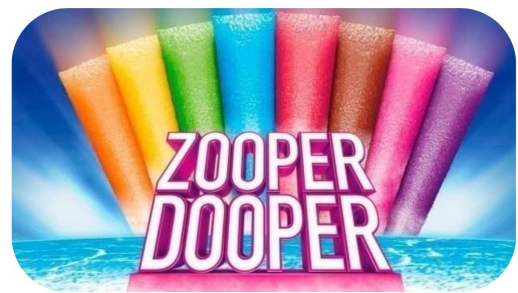
Please bring a hat, snack and a drink of water for your child.

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





THURSDAYS - PREP TO YEAR 6
MONDAYS - KINDER



AT LUNCH TIME!

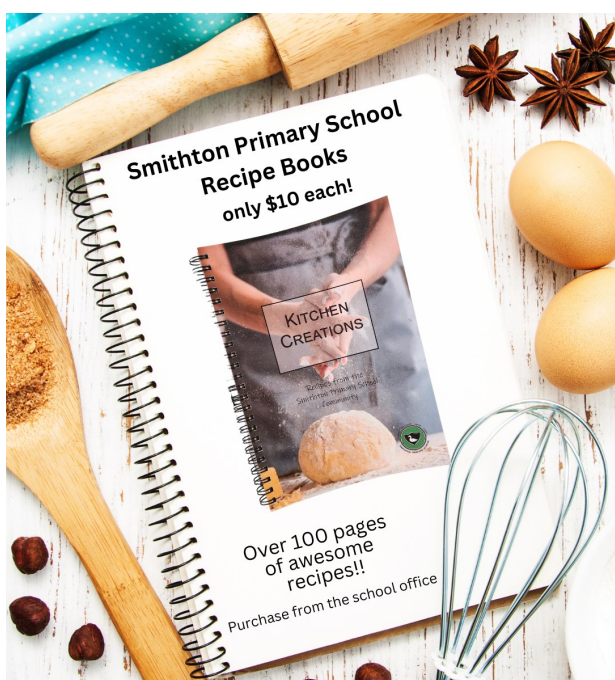
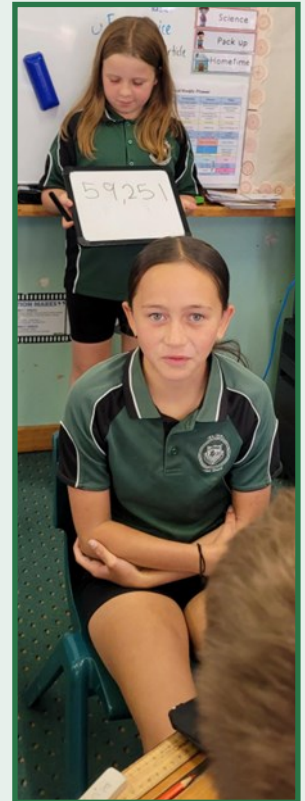
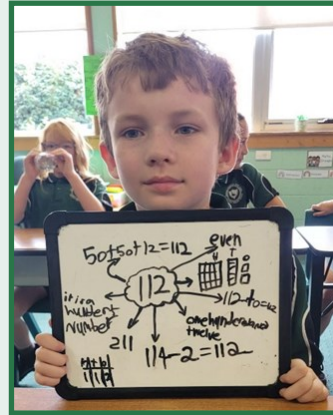
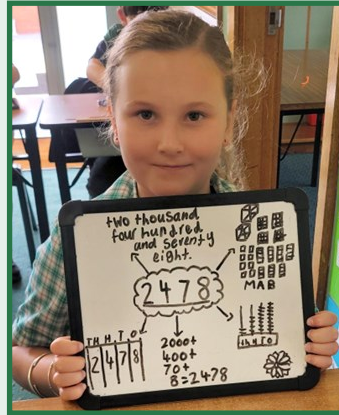
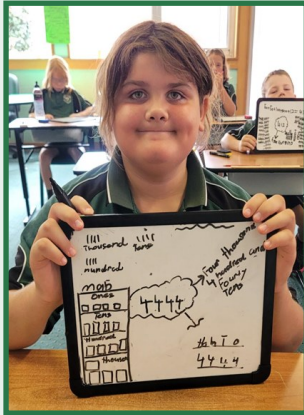
\$1.00 EACH
(LIMIT OF 1 PER STUDENT)

YEAR 6'S ARE SELLING ZOOPER DOOPERS TO RAISE MONEY TOWARDS THEIR YEAR SIX CAMP

Maths in 4-5 Underwood

In 4/5 Underwood we have started the year off in Maths by revising our understanding of the Place Value of whole numbers, engaging in lots of fun games and hands on learning experiences together.

We are looking forward to learning about decimal numbers in the next few weeks.



Pre-Loved School Uniform



The school is in need of size 4 and 6 school uniform, especially polo shirts and shorts.

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.

THANKYOU
for your support



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



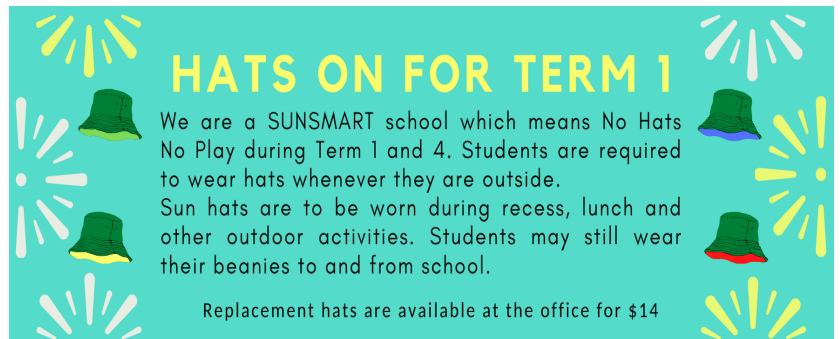
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HATS ON FOR TERM 1

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



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ANYBUDDY CAN PLAY

PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK

SMITHTON
SMITHTON RECREATION CENTRE

FRIDAYS FROM MARCH 7TH
4:00PM - 5:00PM



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GOOD CLEAN FUN

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Dates To Remember - 2025

February

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| Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am | Launching into Learning Launchpad with Mrs Hayley Sharman (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>) |
| Every Thursday 20th - 9:00am to 10:00am | Launching into Learning Moving & Grooving with Mrs Melissa Coombe (<i>Birth - 5 Years</i>) |

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| Wednesday 5th | NWPSSA - Year 3 to 4 Athletics (<i>in Penguin</i>) |
| Thursday 6th | NWPSSA - Year 5 to 6 Athletics (<i>in Penguin</i>) |
| Monday 10th | Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 11th | Early Childhood Athletics Carnival (<i>SPS oval</i>) |
| 12th to 24th | Naplan (<i>Year 3 and Year 5</i>) |
| Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st | Year 6 Camp - <i>details to be provided soon</i> |

April

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| Friday 11th | Year 3 to 6 Cross Country at SPS <i>Last day of Term</i> |

2025 School Term Dates

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| 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

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| Friday 6th June |
| Friday 31st October |

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