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1-2 Goodwin - We are Winners!

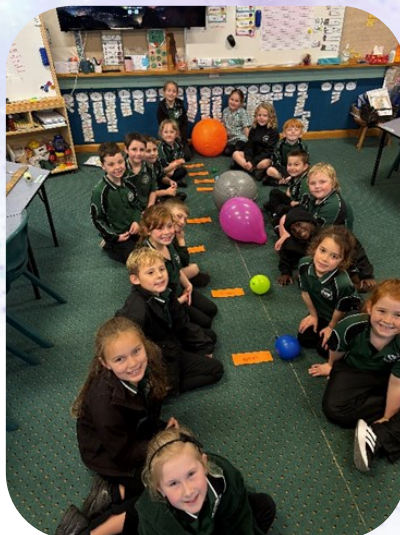
**Year 1-2 Goodwin won the K-2 Class Challenge
at the Science Gig on Monday night!**

In 1/2 Goodwin we spent the first three weeks exploring planets, making models and writing about our Solar System to be ready for the Science Gig that was held on Monday night.

We have learnt all about the planets and mapped out how far they are all from the Sun, converting it to metres so we could measure our Solar System outside. We researched planets through books and the internet and found some amazing facts that we did not know. We were lucky when 5/6 Fletcher came and shared their learning with us to deepen our knowledge. We learnt the difference between planets and dwarf planets, then started to make our planets using paper mâché.



We finally had our models finished and then completed posters where we shared what we learnt with the Circular Head Community.



Message from the Principal

Term Three so far at Smithton Primary School

As we reach the halfway point of our coldest term, there's plenty happening across our school community. This week is Science week, and it starts off with huge amounts of excitement at the local Science Gig, with many students and classes entering brilliant work samples, and 1-2 Goodwin taking out the major prize for their age bracket – well done! The Young Tassie Scientists have also sparked curiosity in year 3-4 students with a visit this morning to celebrate all things Science.

Our new regular raffle kicked off this week, offering practical prizes like groceries, fuel vouchers, meal packs, and meat trays - thank you for your ongoing support. This week's prize is a grocery pack including a Smithton Primary Cookbook. Tickets are 50 cents and can be purchased in classrooms with the help of our Class Captains.

Excitement is building for our upcoming school concert with Pete Cornelius! Families are invited to an afternoon performance for a gold coin donation, while community members can purchase tickets for the evening show as part of the CHArts Festival. Information will be coming home with students soon, so keep an eye out!

Our Student Leadership Council (SLC) is in full swing this term, demonstrating their leadership and commitment to the school with a few planned fundraisers underway. The SLC are currently collecting canned goods to support local organisations - donations are welcome in 5-6J. The SLC is also running a fun "Guess the Bookworm" competition in classrooms for Book Week - tickets are 50 cents each.

Book Week kicks off next week, with our Book Parade at 9:10am on Tuesday, August 19th. Parents are warmly invited to attend! This year's theme is Book an Adventure.

The Year 5-6 Winter Sports program wraps up next week, with Country Gold selections to follow. Participation has been brilliant and we're very proud of the way our students continue to proudly represent our school at cluster events. Later this term, Year 3-4 students will enjoy a Sports Expo.

Families are reminded to return RFDS Dentist forms - spares are available at the office if needed. Thank you for your continued involvement and support - it makes all the difference!

Lindsey

Lindsey Blake | Principal



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This term our School Association fundraising committee will be holding regular raffles to raise money for our school.

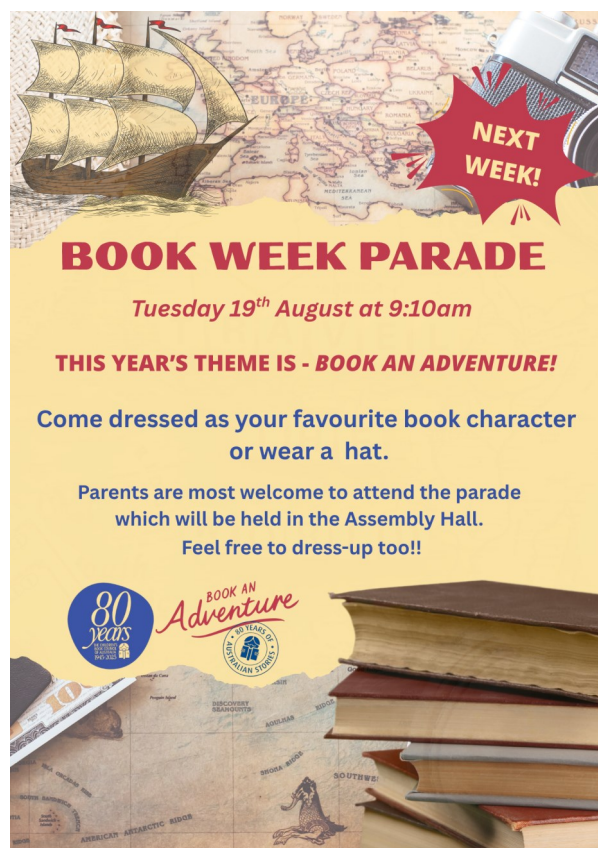
EXCITING PRIZES TO BE WON!

A prize pack will be up for grabs each raffle, with tickets on sale for \$0.50

Prize contents and dates the raffle will be drawn will be posted on Facebook and in the newsletter. Tickets should be purchased in classrooms with the help of your child's class captains.

Buy a ticket to win amazing prize packs!

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BOOK WEEK PARADE

Tuesday 19th August at 9:10am

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS - BOOK AN ADVENTURE!

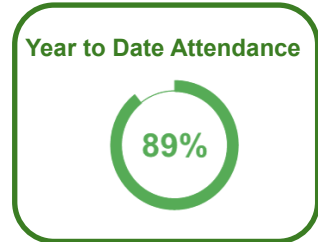
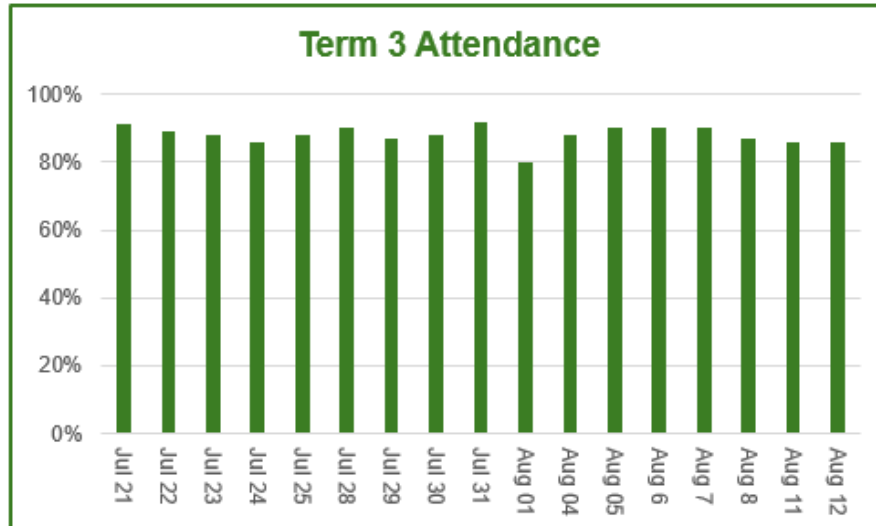
Come dressed as your favourite book character or wear a hat.

Parents are most welcome to attend the parade which will be held in the Assembly Hall.

Feel free to dress-up too!!

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Preschool Outcomes Measure - Kindergarten

Our school will be participating in a trial of a new tool called the Preschool Outcomes Measure. This tool is designed to help teachers better understand a child's learning and development in kindergarten. It focuses on a child's language and problem-solving skills.

The trial is part of a National Applied Trial being conducted in schools across all states and territories, aimed at improving educational outcomes for children in the year before full-time school.

Only some kindergarten children may be invited to take part in the trial. If chosen, your child will participate in a range of familiar classroom activities as part of the process.

If you **do not wish for your child to be included in the National Applied Trial, please return the 'Opt-out form' to your child's teacher by Friday 15 August**. If our school does not receive this form from you by this date, your child may be included in the trial.



Smithton Primary School Kinder 2026

Do you have a child born in 2021?

**Applications for 2026 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.

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EXPLORING Our Bodies in Kinder Grey



Learning About Our Amazing Bodies!

This week in Kinder Grey, we've been exploring one of our favourite topics — *our bodies*! From our heads to our toes, the children are discovering all the amazing things our bodies can do. We've been learning the names of different body parts, talking about how we use them every day, and even singing fun songs like "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes!"

Through hands-on activities, drawings, and stories, students are beginning to understand how their bodies help them move, think, breathe, and grow. We also started talking about how to keep our bodies healthy — like eating good food, staying active, and getting plenty of rest.

So far, we've been focusing on two important parts: our **eyes** and our **mouth**.

We explored how our **eyes** help us see the world around us — from colours and shapes to people and places. We talked about how blinking keeps our eyes clean and how each of us has unique eye colours!

Next, we learned about our **mouth** — how we use it to talk, eat, smile, and even sing! We had fun looking in mirrors to see our teeth, tongue, and lips, and discussed how we can take care of our mouths by brushing our teeth and eating healthy foods.

The children have been very curious and excited to share what they've learned. Ask your child what they see with their eyes that makes them happy, or what their favourite healthy snack is for their mouth!

More body fun to come soon!

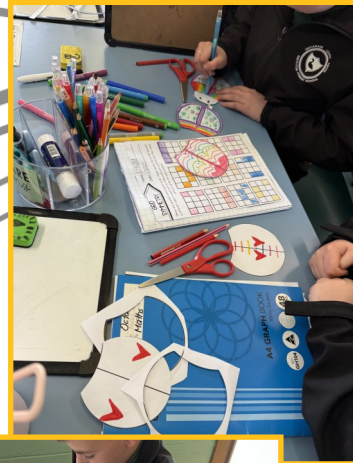


WHAT'S happening around our school

Early Childhood
Book Club



Cooking in 5-6 Johnston



4-5 Symmetrical
Doodle Bugs



Beautiful day with a gorgeous rainbow!!

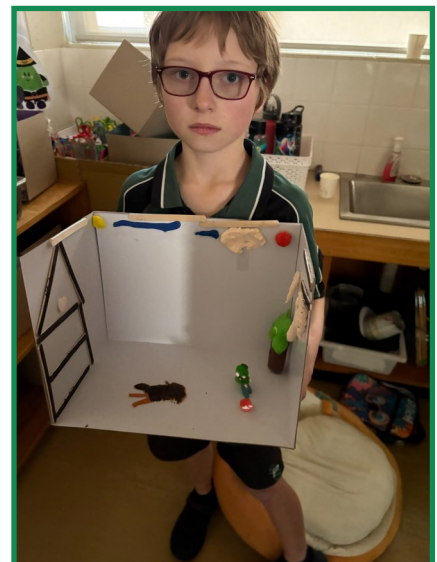


Prep & Prep-1
Mr McGregor's Garden

3-4 WILSON

Throughout the school we have been focusing on improving our student's reading fluency. In 3-4W we have been using repeated reading and choral reading in our daily fluency practice. It has been wonderful to see how this daily practice has improved students' confidence in reading and the positive impact it has had on their writing.

Our class have been learning about information texts and were given an opportunity to research an area of interest to them. They then used this information to create wonderful dioramas.



Spring FOOD DRIVE

CAN YOU HELP OUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY?

Smithton Primary School is participating in the annual City Mission's Spring Food Drive and are calling for donations.

The SLC are collecting any canned or non-perishable food items. If you are able to help out the SLC with donations please send them to school with your child or drop them off at the school office.

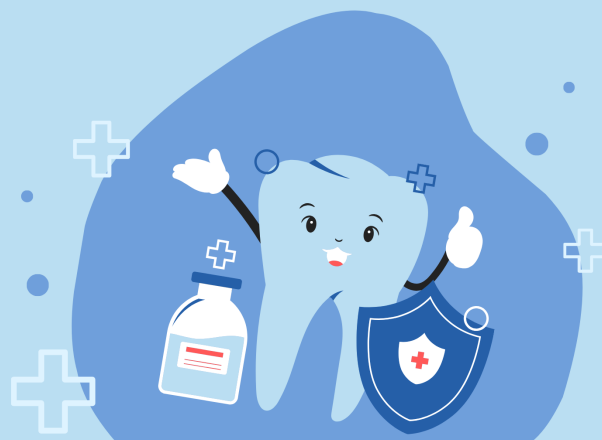
All donations help our local families that are doing it tough.

Essential Items Needed:

- Baby food
- Long life milk
- Rice
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Cereals
- Deodorants
- Tinned fruit
- Lunch box items
- Tins of vegetables
- Tins of spaghetti
- pasta
- Toothpaste
- Pasta sauce
- Muesli bars
- Conditioner
- Nappies & baby wipes
- Tinned soup
- Hygiene products



Free Preventative Dental Program



The RFDS Mobile Dental Service will be visiting
SPS starting 8th September.

All students, including our LiL children are
invited to take part.

Information has been sent home.
LiL parents can collect forms from the school office.



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Tues & Thurs
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YR7 2026 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend an enrolment interview with Jo Drake, Year 7 Coordinator. This is a valuable opportunity for families to privately discuss their child's transition from Primary to High School.

Interviews will be held during Term 3, Weeks 5-7.
Please contact the office to book your appointment.

Term 3 Week 5-7

Register your time slot by
ringing the office

Let's work together to make
your child's High School
journey successful



03 6452 9222

jo.drake@decyp.tas.gov.au



Dates To Remember - 2025

LiL Sessions

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| Every Thursday - 9:00am to 10:00am <i>During school terms</i> | Launching into Learning - Moving and Grooving <i>with Mrs Melissa Coombe (Birth - 5 Years)</i> |
| Every Friday - 9:00am to 10:30am <i>During school terms</i> | Launching into Learning - Launchpad <i>with Mrs Hayley Sharman (Birth - 5 Years)</i> |
| Every Friday - 11:30am to 12:30pm <i>During school terms</i> | Launching into Learning - Pre-Kinder <i>with Mrs Hayley Sharman and Mrs Jayde Grey</i> |

August

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| Friday 15th | Winter Sports - Year 5-6 |
| Tuesday 19th | Book Parade - <i>Theme: Book an Adventure</i> |
| Friday 22nd | Country Gold Selection - Year 5-6 |
| Tuesday 26th | Maths Relay - Year 3-6 |
| Friday 29th | CHARTS Concert @ SPS with Peter Cornelius |

September

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| Monday 1st | Maths Relay - <i>Prep to Year 2</i> |
| Thursday 4th | Cluster Maths Relay - <i>at Forest</i> |
| Friday 5th | Year 6 Transition Day at Smithton High School |
| Monday 8th | RFDS Dentist at school for three weeks |
| Wednesday 10th | Whole School Assembly - <i>9:10am start</i> School Association Meeting |
| Friday 12th | 3-4 Sports Expo |
| Wednesday 17th | Once Upon a Time at Burnie High - Years 3-6 |
| Friday 19th | Once Upon a Time at Burnie High - 1-2 Charles and 1-2 Goodwin |
| Monday 22nd | Early Childhood Swimming NW Maths Relay |
| Thursday 25th | Country Gold - Launceston |
| Friday 26th | Last day of Term |

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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