



# Smithton Primary School

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1-2 GOODWIN

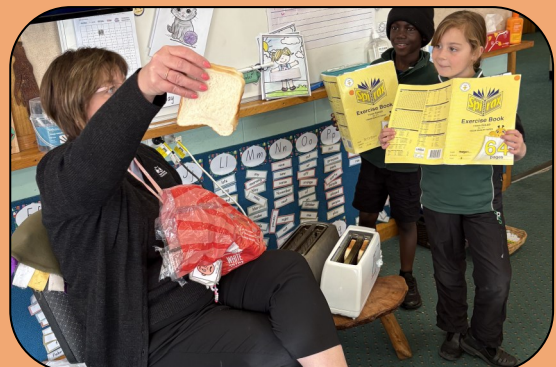
## HOW DO YOU MAKE TOAST?



In 1/2 Goodwin we have been working on how to write a procedural text. We thought that making toast would be easy.... but it was trickier than we thought.

We kept in mind that not everyone knows how to do this, so our instructions had to be exact. Put toast in toaster, isn't that what we get at the end? Put bread in the toaster, do we take it out of the bag? How many pieces will fit in the side? Who knows??

So many questions and so many things that could go wrong. One thing was certain, by the end of the lesson we all enjoyed eating the toast for recess and we didn't burn too many pieces.



## Message from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4! This time of year is always a favourite – full of energy, learning, and celebration – but it's also one of our busiest. I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the exciting term ahead.

Over the holidays, we saw some fantastic improvements around the school. While a few projects were delayed due to weather, we're thrilled with the progress so far. The standout additions include our new electronic school sign and fresh carpet tiles through the main corridor – both look absolutely sensational and have already made a big impact.

We've also refreshed the staff car park and West playground sports courts with newly painted lines, and some cladding was replaced on the admin building. We're looking forward to better weather soon so we can complete some painting and reseal the parent car park.

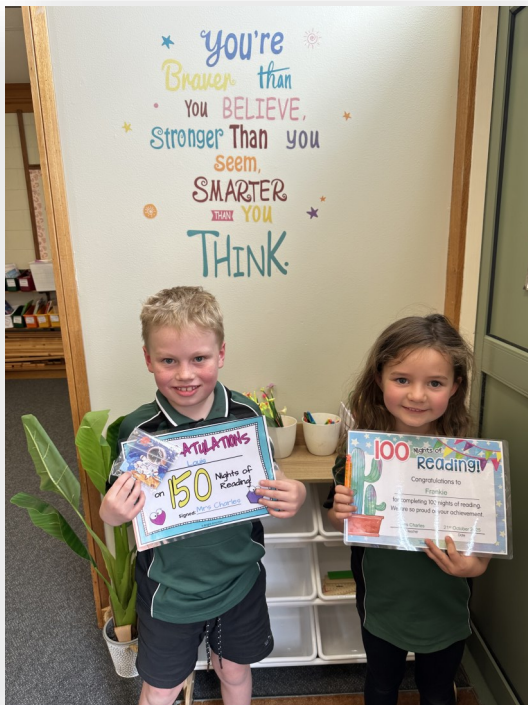
This term, our teaching staff will be reviewing our progress toward our key school priorities: **Reading** and **Wellbeing for Learning**. This important work begins on our Student Free Day next Friday (October 31st), where we'll also take our first look at the 2025 Wellbeing and Satisfaction Survey results.

As always, our staff are working hard to prepare for a term filled with rich learning experiences, exciting events, and opportunities to celebrate our students' achievements. A quick reminder – hats are required in Term 1 and 4 as part of our commitment to being a Sun Safe school.

Looking forward to a wonderful Term 4 together!

*Lindsey*

Lindsey Blake | Principal



Well done on your reading  
Louis and Frankie!

## SLC News

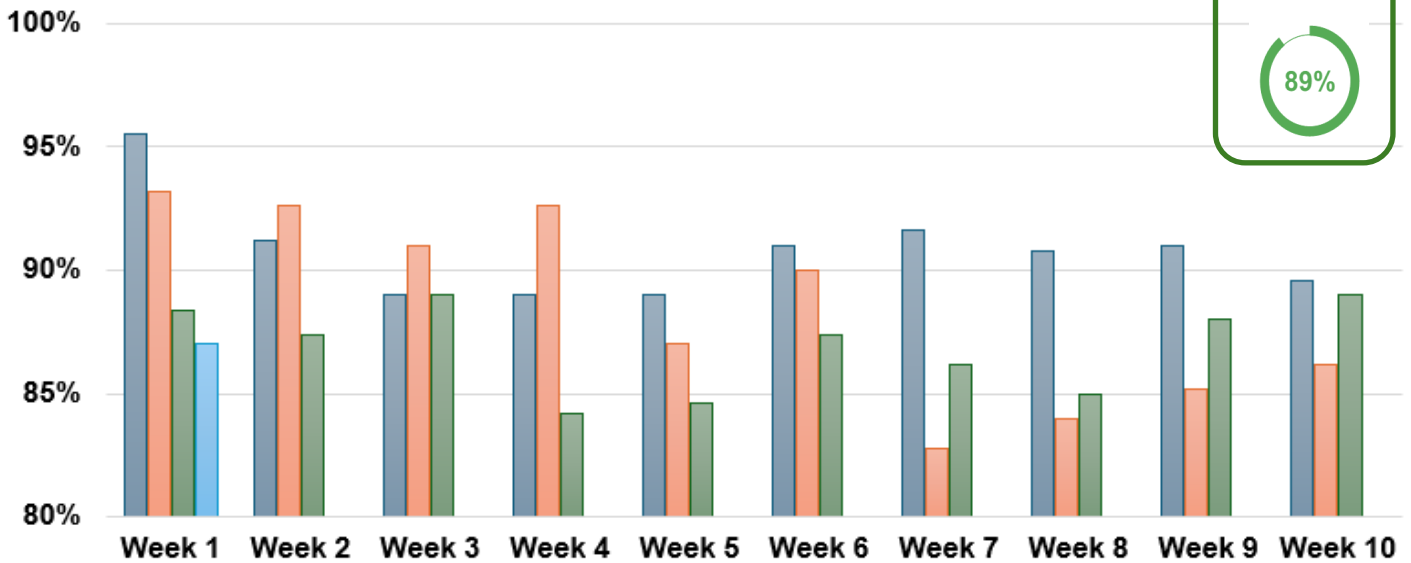
The Student Leadership Council participated in City Mission's annual Spring Food Drive last term. Many families contributed what they could to support our local community. It is a tough time of year and the SLC wish families the absolute best. The SLC would like to thank everyone for their support in this endeavour.





## Weekly Attendance Average

■ Term 1 ■ Term 2 ■ Term 3 ■ Term 4



## 5-6 Johnston

In **5/6 Johnston** we've had a lot of fun learning about poetry through music. We have been looking at the different types of poems and what poetic devices are used.

Last term, we looked at persuasive devices and had a 'mock' trial where each side of the argument had to have three reasons for their belief that the person had to be sent to jail.

Our focus in Maths is on decimals, fractions and percentages. We are learning that being able to convert and understand them is a life skill and we can see them in many different ways in our lives.

We also had a visit from the Year 7s from Smithton High School. We created games where you had to know your times tables. It was great having that connection with the Year 7s.

In HASS, we have been learning about geography and Australia's connection to the Asian continent. We are researching our chosen country and learning all there is to know about it.





# WHAT'S happening around our school

Last Raffle winner  
from Term 3



Country Gold  
Launceston



Reading together  
in 1-2 Charles



Tyler and Turbo 2








## Speechie Talks at Smithton Library

**Tuesday 18 November**  
10:30 am – 11:30 am

Join us for a fun, informative session with your local speech pathologist. Enjoy a reading from one of Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year 2025 and learn simple ways to support your child's language and literacy at home. For parents and caregivers of children aged 0 – 5yrs.

To book scan QR code or phone 6464 3120.



libraries.tas.gov.au




# Do you want to find out more of what Kindergarten looks like for your child in 2026?

## JOIN US FOR TEA & CHAT!



THESE SESSIONS WILL RUN IN LINE WITH OUR PRE-KINDER SESSIONS. PRE-KINDER STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE CLASSROOM SPACE - WHILE PARENTS HAVE A CUPPA & A CHAT NEXT DOOR (11:30am - 12:30pm).

**PROGRAM FEATURES :**

- ✔ WEEK 1: EXPLORING THE KINDER SPACE
- ✔ WEEK 2: WHAT IS THE KDC ?
- ✔ WEEK 3: LITERACY IN KINDER
- ✔ WEEK 4: WHAT IS PLAY BASED LEARNING?
- ✔ WEEK 5: EARLY NUMERACY SKILLS
- ✔ WEEK 6: DOCUMENTATION & UNIFORMS

**FOR MORE  
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# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH**  
SMITHTON BASKETBALL CLUB  
5PM – 8PM

TRICK-OR-TREATING • BEST COSTUME PRIZES • GAMES  
FACE PAINTING • HAUNTED HOUSE • FOOD • ACTIVITIES

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS VIA THE LINK!**  
**ALL AGES WELCOME!**  
**\$10 PER PERSON (INCL. 5 GAME TICKETS)**  
**MORE DETAILS TO COME!!!**  
**OPEN TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY!**




COME ONE COME ALL

# HALLOWEEN HOUSE OF HORRORS

OCT 31 & NOV 1 AT 7 TO 11 PM

ENTRY \$5 EACH  
OR \$15 A  
FAMILY OF 5

CATTLESHEDS OLD BURNIE  
SHOWGROUNDS, WIVENHOE

WITH ALL  
FUNDS RAISED  
TO A LOCAL  
CHARITY



## Dates To Remember - 2025

### LiL Sessions

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

### October

Thursday 23rd	EMUsicians concert for students
Friday 31st	Student Free Day - also <i>no LiL sessions today</i>

### November

Monday 3rd	Public Holiday
Monday 17th to Friday 28th	Upper Primary Swimming - info coming home soon!
Wednesday 19th	Year 6 SHS Transition Day

### December

Thursday 11th	Last session for this year - LiL Moving and Grooving
Friday 12th	Last session for this year - LiL Launchpad and Pre-Kinder
Tuesday 16th - 10:30am start	End of Year Assembly
Thursday 18th	Last day for students

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### 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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