

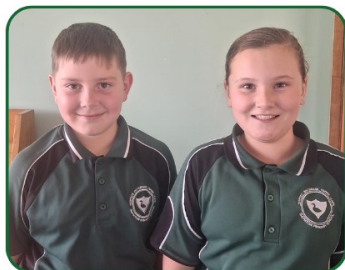


# Smithton Primary School

RESPECT ❖ ENCOURAGE ❖ ASPIRE ❖ LEARN

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## Term 4 Class Captains



Nash and Mila



Vinnie and Alice



Shiloh and Riley



Torah and Jack



Abigail and Hunter



Riley-John and Krystale



Dyson and Chance



Maya and Gemma



Amelia and Xia

## Message from the Principal

It's been a joy spending quality time with our amazing teachers at SPS as we celebrated World Teachers' Day on Friday. We also took time to reflect on the fantastic progress we've made this year toward our school goals.

As we know, students who attend school regularly benefit in both their learning and social-emotional development. On our recent Student Free Day, staff reviewed our attendance data and looked at how our current and new supports are helping students come to school every day. Every School Day Matters, and it's been great to hear how teachers and leaders are working closely with families to remove barriers and build a stronger sense of belonging at school. A big thank you to our families for staying connected and sharing your thoughts—it really helps shape our planning.

We also reviewed feedback from the Staff and Family Satisfaction surveys. I'll be sharing more details soon, but here's a sneak peek: we're still performing above the state average and have improved in both areas! While that's something to celebrate, the most important part is using this feedback to keep getting better. I'm excited to continue this journey with you—because when families and students are involved, we're all stronger together.

Right now, all classes are completing PAT and DIBELS assessments. These give us important insights into how students are progressing academically. Alongside our Wellbeing and Satisfaction data, this will help us reflect on 2025 and plan ahead for 2026.

Keep up the great work, everyone. As we approach the halfway mark, let's remember Term 4 is a time for learning, celebrating, and reflecting. Let's finish strong and enjoy the journey!

*Lindsey*

Lindsey Blake | Principal



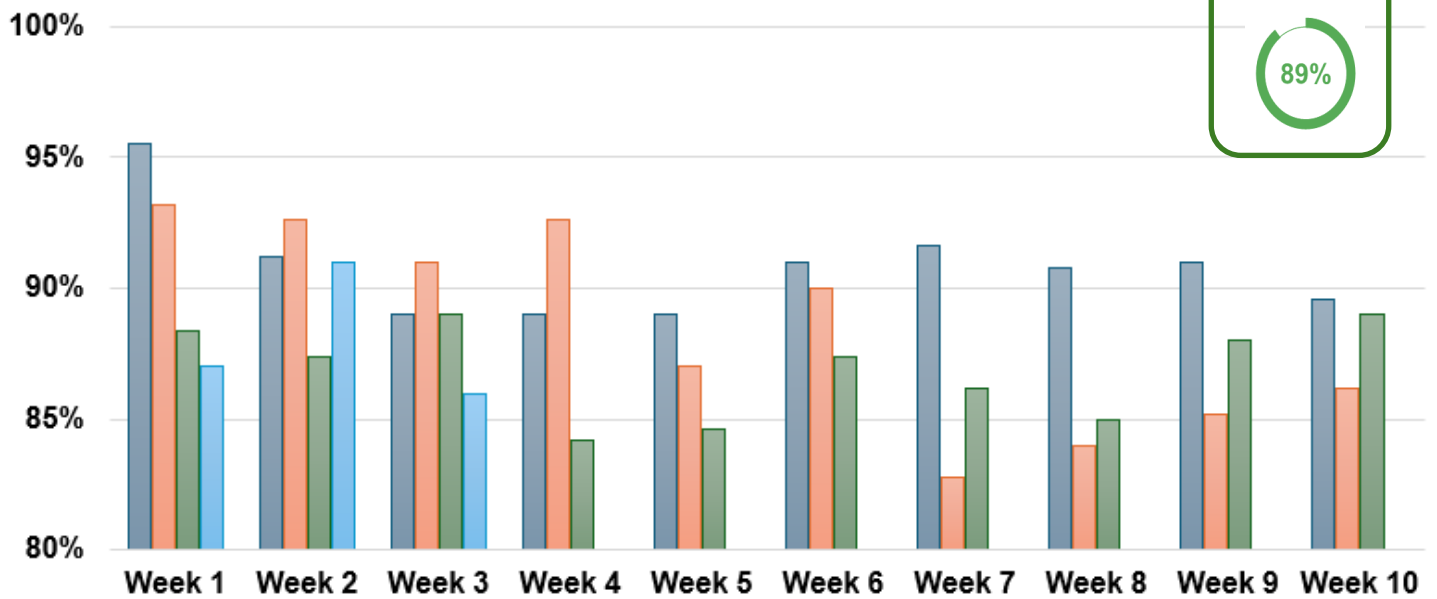
Hollie and Jack with the Governor,  
Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC.



## Weekly Attendance Average

■ Term 1 ■ Term 2 ■ Term 3 ■ Term 4

Year to Date  
Attendance



## 3-4 Wilson

Connecting with Country,  
through the DECYP text based  
unit, "Here on Sea Country."





# PREP JACKSON

A House for Hermit Crab



In Prep Jackson we have been reading books by Eric Carle. We read 'A House for Hermit Crab.' The story looks at the months of the year. We put the months in order and drew pictures about the different things that happen in each month. We then made ourselves into hermit crabs and decorated our shells with items from the story.





# PREP-1 BANNISTER



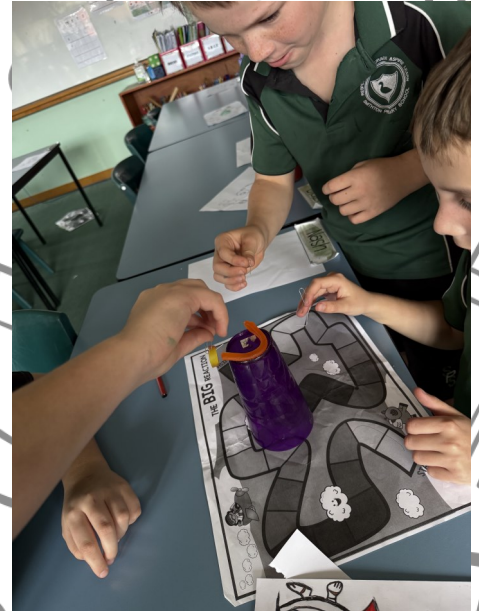
showing off their Maths skills





# WHAT'S happening around our school

Quiet time in the library



Shapes with  
shadows and  
maths games



A team work challenge





# GOSPEL Festival



**SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER  
5.30PM**

Circular Head Community & Recreation Centre

**\$10 ENTRY INCLUDES BBQ**

Bookings Essential by 13/11 via humanitix

Enquiries: Amber 6452 4864



**Rotary**  
Club of Smithton

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  
INFORMATION PLEASE  
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## CIRCULAR HEAD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS *Lunch*

We invite you to  
join us for a  
community  
Christmas day  
lunch.

Proudly supported by



*Join us*

This Christmas, the Circular Head community is once  
again coming together to share the joy of the  
season with a 2-course meal for anyone who may  
be: new to the area, away from family or simply  
want to connect with others on Christmas day.

- Circular Head Rec Centre, Cnr Nelson & Grant Street
- Doors open 11:30am | Lunch served at 12:00pm
- Donation appreciated
- Transport available for those in need
- Bookings essential

This event is only made possible by the amazing  
volunteers and community support.

*Contact us*

For bookings or donations, please contact one of our  
volunteers via 0480038459 or  
by visiting the Smithton Library.

Find us on

# Dates To Remember - 2025

## LiL Sessions

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

## October

## November

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Monday 17th to Friday 28th | Upper Primary Swimming                 |
| Wednesday 19th             | Year 6 SHS Transition Day              |
| Tuesday 25th               | St John First Aid visiting Early Years |

## December

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Wednesday 3rd                | Kinder Graduation   |
| 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                                      |
| Wednesday 16th               | Riverbend day out for students                            |
| Thursday 18th                | Last day for students                                     |

Be Safe  Be **REAL**  Be a Friend

**Respect** **Encourage** **Aspire** **Learn**

## 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

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

**DECYP**

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