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# 1/2 Kemp



1/2 Kemp are excited to be back at school. We have been learning about measurement, addition and have been focusing on our writing and reading. We hope you enjoy a snapshot of our learning.



Dear Families,

So this is officially our third week back with all the students at school and it has been fantastic to see the way that all of our students have re-engaged back into school. With only just over three more weeks remaining in the term, now is the time for everyone to be working hard! We still have the COVID19 safety measures in place and again I want to thank all of the adults in the school for abiding by the “Stop, Drop and Go” and the “Collect and Go” procedures. The beginnings and the ends of the day have been brilliantly calm and I think that is because the adults in the school have set a really positive and calm example for the children in their care.

### School Photos

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June we will be having our School Photo's Day. So now's a good time to get a trim, polish the teeth and get ready to say “cheese.” This will run mostly as per usual, however the 1.5m distancing will apply. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform for the day.



### Cross Country Carnival

One of the changes all schools have had to make due to COVID-19 is that Cross Country cannot occur as it encourages large gatherings. We have two ways that we are still going to give students the experience of a Cross Country race, while keeping within the rules:

1. Online – If you go to [www.gacc.com.au](http://www.gacc.com.au) you can register for the Great Australian Cross Country. To do this you have to register by going to the website. Then you time yourself running/walking/jogging a certain distance. Then you upload your time to our school. Our school has registered and the Smithton Primary School Code is TASSIEXC. Your times are then compared with other students in the same grade group. Distances are:

Kinder to Grade 2 (1km)

Grade 3 to Grade 6 (2km)



2. PE Lesson – In one PE lesson this term, Mr Tuxworth will be setting up a track for students to run and record their times. Unfortunately we cannot have parents come into the school to watch this due to COVID-19 restrictions; although we can take lots of photos of this happening for people to view. This will not be advertised as a ‘carnival’ but more just a ‘run in PE’ and the times will be recorded.

### Assemblies

Another challenge we have as a school is running an ‘Assembly’ at this stage. Assemblies are great ways for our school community to gather and learn about things that are going on in the school, sharing school work that is being done by the students and also to celebrate any successes with certificates. Over the next few weeks, we will be trying to use our Facebook page more to share photos, student work, certificates and will be continuing to share our high five of the day. This is how our school ‘Assemblies’ will look until we are allowed to have one back at school.

### Mid-Year Reporting

Normally at this time of the year we would be thinking about Mid-Year Reports leading into Parent-Teacher Interviews. It goes without saying that COVID19 certainly will have an impact on the way we do Mid-Year Reports. What we will be doing as a school is a modified written report. This will be a one page document, written like a letter on the school's letterhead. These will be made available to families on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July.

<i>Dates To Remember</i>	
JUNE	
Tues 23rd	School Photos
JULY	
Mon 6th	School Holidays start
Mon 20th	Student Free Day
Tues 21st	Start of Term 3



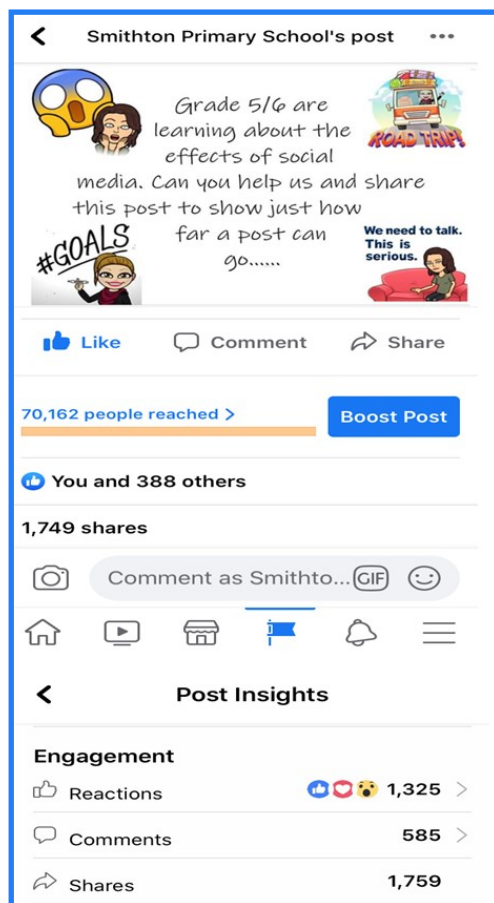
## Social Media Lesson

Our Grade 5/6 students have been learning about the risks associated with social media and how to protect yourself online. There have been many lessons to be learnt, but none more eye-opening than what we learnt over the long weekend.

On Friday morning we posted an image on the Smithton Primary School's Facebook Page. Little did we know that within 5 days, this image would be viewed by 70,162 people. Not only that but 1,325 people would 'like it' and 1,759 people thought that it was worth 'sharing' with their friends. It received 585 comments from people all over the globe. Some of the countries this image was viewed in include: USA, Canada, New Zealand, Ireland, England, Germany, France, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Gabon, Netherlands, Scotland, Switzerland, Thailand, Hawaii, Norway, Fiji, Greece and all the states of Australia. The 5/6 Students were amazed that in 120 hours, this could happen. They realised that 'if' this was an inappropriate image, that it would now be impossible to get it 'removed' and that even if Facebook removed it, so many people have already seen it and possibly even have a copy of it of their own. The lesson is, that once you've posted a photo or a video, it is no longer just your property... it very easily gets in the hands of a stranger. A lesson we hope stays with these students for the rest of their life.

As always, I wish to remind you that at Smithton Primary School we are one big TEAM! Every member of that TEAM is valuable and we want to especially thank the wider school community for supporting the return to school over the past few weeks. Every single student of the school is accounted for and we are so excited to be back and ready to take on the rest of 2020 stronger and more united as a school community. Thank you!

Mr Josh Smith  
Principal



## Following our school values



Mrs Shephard and Mr Marthick working together to help keep the Plovers safe.



**HAPPINESS** is seeing the **SMILE** on a child's **FACE** as they **LEARN**

Tuesday, 23rd June 2020

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

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LEADING IMAGE WILL BE TAKING  
OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

- Ordering online is the easiest and safest method.
- If you order online or pay by cash, please return your envelope.
- If you'd like a family photo you must collect a PINK family envelope from the office; without it you will miss out.
- No change is provided by the school office or photographers.
- Everyone has a single photo and class photo taken whether you've ordered or not.
- For the best results, a clean uniform is preferred.
- Parents who don't place a order on the day will be given a second chance to order after photos are delivered.

Visit [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au) to place your order using your child's personalised order shoot key or to contact Leading Image.



Ph: 6228 99 66

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Last Wednesday's High Five went to Rose and Jenni who prepare our lunch orders. Thank you so much for the work you do! We appreciate you and the yummy food you provide!!

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