

Temora West

Empowering our students to reach their full potential

PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE SCRIBBLY GUM



Term 2 Week 2 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome back!

A big welcome back to our students, staff and parents. I trust everyone enjoyed a Happy Easter break and some relaxing time in the sun. The students certainly arrived back with big smiles and lots of enthusiasm. Make sure that you read our fortnightly newsletters and Skoolbag to keep up to date with the latest happenings.

It was a very special day for our 2019 student leaders when they participated in the Temora ANZAC march and wreath laying ceremonies. Also a special thank you to the leaders who attended the Red Shield Appeal launch in the holidays, they made me very proud and they had the reward of a morning tea with the other school leaders from Temora. On Thursday last week, I took the school leaders out for lunch to show our appreciation and acknowledgement of all they did in the holidays. They ate so much that they had difficulty staying awake for the afternoon lessons.

NAPLAN ON-LINE

In Week 3, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be involved in the on-line version of the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. The Year 3 Writing assessment is still a paper-and-pencil test. Information regarding these assessments were sent home to families last term. Whilst these assessments give us a snapshot of how your child performs on the day, there are many other aspects of a child's learning that they do not tell us. Please share the following letter with your child if they are feeling a little anxious about these assessments.

Dear Year 3 & 5 students:

In week 3 you will sit the NAPLAN on-line tests. Before you get your results back there is something very important that you should know. These tests do not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique. The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know how enthusiastically you participate in sports, how you help your mum and dad or look after your brothers or sisters. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. They don't know this because these things can't be tested. The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult. They can't tell that you brighten up your teacher's day or just how special you are. So don't worry about your results; continue to enjoy learning as we know that you will give them your very best effort and remember there is no one way to test all of the things that make you YOU ☐

Toni Smart



ANZAC DAY

We are very proud of the students who represented our school so well at the ANZAC DAY commemoration during the holidays. A massive number of students along with some of the staff took part in the march and our School Leaders lay the wreath. Some of our boy drummers led by Keith from 'The Young Regional School of Music' formed part of the band, playing during the procession. Well done to all involved and thank you for being part of such a special day where we honour and thank the brave men and women that served and continue to serve for us and our country. Lest We Forget!!

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

Tomorrow we will be hosting our annual Mother's Day morning tea in the hall at recess. We look forward to celebrating with our Mother's, Grandmother's, Parents and Carers and saying 'thank you' for the wonderful job they do for us each day. As per the note that went home for catering in week 1, we will provide morning tea for our parents and the students/siblings can bring their own recess or purchase something from the canteen if they wish. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.



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CALENDAR

WEEK 2

- Fri 10th May** CDPSSA Touch Football Trials - Cootamundra
- Fri 10th May** Mother's Day Morning Tea In School Hall @ 11:15am

WEEK 3

- Mon 13th May** Casual Clothes Day Stewart House - \$2
- Tues 14th May** NAPLAN - Writing Test (Years 3 & 5)
- Wed 15th May** NAPLAN - Reading Test (Years 3&5)
- Thur 16th May** NAPLAN - Conventions of Language (Yrs 3&5)
- Fri 17th May** NAPLAN (Numeracy/ Writing Catch ups)
- Fri 17th May** Assembly -(Year 1) 12:35pm in School Hall
- Fri 17th May** Book Club Due

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

The Mother's Day Gift Stall will be open tomorrow only in the FSU at recess & lunchtime. Gifts range between \$1 to \$10. Everyone is welcome to visit and buy from the stall.

SNAKETAILES

On Tuesday we had a visit from a travelling Reptile Show called Snaketails. They spoke to the students about different reptiles and what to do if they come across them outside in the environment. They were able to touch and hold the animals and ask questions. It is very exciting to have travelling shows like this come to our school as it is an opportunity that some students may never get to experience again and even a possibility that the information given may save a life!!



COMMUNITY



All Preschool & Primary Children Invited

Friday 17th May 2019, 6.30-8pm

Temora Ex-Services Club, \$5/child

Fully supervised

Drinks & snacks available for purchase



Fundraiser for Temora Town Netball Association Representative Teams

TINA

NAPLAN

Next week will see our Years 3 & 5 students sit their NAPLAN Tests. In the calendar on the left hand side of this page you will find the breakdown of each days testing.

STEWART HOUSE

We are inviting students to wear casual clothes on Monday 13th May and make a donation to the Stewart House Appeal. Notes with an envelope attached were sent home last week with information about Stewart House and if filled in and returned to school with \$2, you have the chance to win a holiday worth \$4000. Stewart House do a wonderful job supporting children including some from our school. It is such a worthwhile cause so please consider getting behind it!

CROSS COUNTRY

The sun was shining and there were plenty of tired legs after our School Cross Country/Fun Run today. Congratulations to all the students that participated and did their absolute best! It is wonderful to see so many children out there giving it a go and getting some exercise. A note will go home with students who progress to the next level soon. This is scheduled to take place in Harden/Murrumburrah at the end of May.

Photos of the day and the Winners and Runner's Up will be included in the next Newsletter.



STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT



PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE

Keedan is a wonderful, caring, student who is working hard in class and concentrating on his learning. Keedan is a good friend and he helps many of the students in the playground. He is enthusiastic about school and it is a pleasure to have him at Temora West and see him grow and develop. Well done Keedan, you are a great student!!!

HONOUR AWARDS 5.4.19

Beau Fernance - 1	Jacob Frazier - 1
Archer Harrison - 1	Amarlie McKenzie - 1
Chloe Morris - 1	Beau Reardon - 1
Bryce Smetana - 1	Ame Tudulu - 1
Indy Wilesmith - 1	
Archer Harrison - 2	Hannah Smetana - 2
Bella Young - 3	

PRINCIPAL AWARDS 22.3.19

Indy Wilesmith - 2nd Principal Award

RUGBY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

We were thrilled to be able to send five boys to the Riverina Rugby League trials in Leeton on Wednesday last week. Each of the boys showed off their impressive football skills and displayed great sportsmanship over the course of the day. Well done boys and continue to work hard as you will have another opportunity next year at making the Riverina side.



NETBALL TRIALS

Monique & I represented the CDPSSA at the Riverina Netball Trials. We arrived, warmed up and played Wagga in the first game. I played GA & WA and Monique played WD. We did not win that game. Our second game was against Southern Riverina and we played the same positions. We played 4 more games after that. They read out who was in the possible and probable team which I made. It is where they select some people to play another game and then they pick from those people to go on to the next level. One person from our team was picked for the next level. It was a lot of fun and a great experience.

By Sarah Moncrieff



TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS

Best of luck to the three students Kamryn, Rommy & Clancy who will be trialling for a place in the CDPSSA Touch Football Team at Cootamundra tomorrow. Play hard and have fun, we look forward to hearing how you go.

RUGBY UNION - STEPHEN BLEYER CUP

On the last Friday of Term 1, the annual 'Stephen Bleyer Cup' Rugby Union challenge was held. A team of year 5/6 boys participated in this challenge where they played St Annes School and Temora Public School. The boys played some great footy and worked well as a team getting over the line in both games and keeping up the defensive tackling pressure until the end. After recognising that they lost the ball too often in the ruck the previous year, this was one area they concentrated on and certainly did very well at this year. Thank you to Waisea Tudulu for his guidance and encouragement from the sideline, as an ex student and talented player himself the kids certainly looked up to him. Thanks also to Roxy for her help getting the team prepared.



Class Summaries - Term 2

MC-H

Our Kindergarten students in MC-H are very excited to attend our first school excursion this week at Nixon Park. We are thrilled to participate in the Cross Country with the whole school.

This term we are exploring natural and manmade features in our environment. The book "Window" by Jeannie Baker was a great introduction to the topic. We are also exploring different forms of transport. Our creative arts program will feature transport as well. Weekly we have lessons on social skills and are learning to recognise different emotions and how people are feeling by looking at facial expressions. As time progresses we are learning to work together and enjoy each other's company and learn to our full potential!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten are excited to be back to a new Term of learning! Students will continue to consolidate their knowledge of sounds, blends, letter formation, writing and reading skills. Thank you so much to parents for supporting your child's reading development. As you are aware 'Engine room' books are sent home at least twice a week. It makes such a difference if you listen to your child read each night as this helps build their fluency and confidence.

In Mathematics, we are consolidating and developing strategies to add two numbers together and subtract numbers effectively.

In Science, we will be looking at the topic 'Material World'. This unit focuses on the observable properties of materials and how they can be used for making useful products.

In Geography, students will be learning about 'People living in Places', why places are special and how people care for them.

An excursion for Kindergarten is being organised and will be held in Week 5 this Term, more information to follow shortly.

Kindergarten will perform an item in Week 6 – I look forward to seeing you there.

Any questions please contact me via the office. Kindergarten are a beautiful class and all students are moving forward in a positive direction with their learning. It's going to be an amazing Term!

1B

During Term 2, we will be very busy in 1B maximising learning while keeping ourselves healthy and happy. Morning sessions will begin with our daily run or skipping followed by phonics practice. We will then move into our independent spelling, reading and writing stations while small group reading instruction occurs with Mrs Brodie. After Fruit Break our Whole Class English session will focus on quality texts to learn about language conventions and writing techniques. During the second half of the term we will be reading lots of fairy tales. In Maths we will be developing deeper number sense through consistent repetition of basic number fact activities and the application of our maths knowledge to real world problem solving. In Technology we will experience Google Apps, in particular Google Classroom where in are learning to answer questions in an online digital format.

6T/H

As we welcome the cooler weather, 6TH has been enjoying a wider variety of outdoor activities. Our class has been learning how to 'teach' PE lessons in order to be prepared for Kindergarten Buddies starting up this term. Our school has been busy purchasing more Fundamental Movement Skills equipment and we are so excited about running rotational groups each week. This practise will also put us in good stead to run the Premier's Sporting Challenge days in Term 2. Mr Harrison's 3D printer should be arriving any day now and he is about to launch into the most exciting program called CAD Drawing. We can't wait to see what sort of items we can 'print'. Calling all future engineers and architects!

2/3 G

This term 2/3G will be looking at two very different texts. "Stellaluna" is the story of a baby fruit bat, separated from her mother and adopted by a family of birds. "The Butterfly Lion" is a story of a young boy who rescues an orphaned white lion cub. They are inseparable until the boy is sent to boarding school and the lion is sold to a circus. We will be writing information reports on fruit bats as well as a chosen endangered animal.

Our Geography unit is a study of environments and endangered animals. We will look at why they have become endangered and what we can do to sustain our environments.

In Health we will be learning how to keep ourselves safe.

Science has been very hands on and exciting with Mrs Connolly and she will continue science lessons this term.

3/4 M

We're readying ourselves for NAPLAN in Week 3 for the Year 3 students and practise for next year for the Year 4's!

As the autumn season is upon us, so are runny noses and seasonal colds. Therefore, donations of tissues and hand sanitiser would be greatly appreciated!!!!

It is very important that your child is organised for learning, have their own stationary supplies including a glue stick and a small pencil case to keep them separate from coloured pencils, crayons and textas that are kept in their tote trays.

This term our Students will be learning:

Science with Mrs Connolly: 'A Living World' unit. Producing food and fibre from living things.

Geography/History/Creative Arts: Days of celebration and commemoration in Australia e.g. Anzac Day and the significance of services and symbols.

English: The AL reading unit will be based around the text My Place by Nadia Wheatley where the class will engage in a Multiple Intelligence Unit. We will be learning the process of persuasive writing and have already written their reasons for why they prefer summer or winter.

Health/PE/Sport: Yoga, skipping, tabloid games and athletics practise will form part of our sport/PE program and for health we will engage in a unit of work called 'Me and My Mates'. Students will focus on the complex issue of Bullying be taught some skills to allow them to identify, cope with and hopefully prevent bullying from occurring.

5 E/H

Welcome back! Firstly, I will remind you that NAPLAN will take place in Week 3 (next week) for students in years 3 and 5. Please ensure your child is at school and ready to put in their best effort for these tests. Students are asked to bring in headphones for these tests as they will take place on the computer (with the exception of the Year 3 writing test). As a class we are working on not talking over each other and allowing each other the best learning environment. I would like to congratulate all students on their effort to improve in this area as it has already helped us make so much growth this year! Individually, students have set themselves academic, behavioural/social and personal goals and I look forward to helping them achieve these. Throughout English, we will continue to work on our writing and will begin presenting speeches as part of our Speaking and Listening program. We have started our 'Word of the Day/Week' to try and improve our vocabulary. In Geography, we will be participating in video-conferences with students and teachers from South Korea! We are so excited about this, and have already found out some interesting facts during our first research task. In Technology, our class are delighted that we are able to participate in the STEM4TEN program each Friday of this term. During these 45 minute sessions, students learn to code robots with an experienced teacher. I look forward to another great term of fun-filled learning with Year 5!

