

Temora West

Empowering our students to reach their full potential

THE SCRIBBLY GUM



Term 2 Week 4 2019

Principal's Report

Each family has their own set of boundaries and opinions about what is appropriate for their children; however, there are real concerns about the online game Fortnite and the effect it is having on our students at school particularly the boys.

The most important thing to be wary of is that there is an opportunity for your children to connect with strangers in the game, and there is minimal monitoring of who is online and what is being said in the chat.

Fortnite is a popular strategy survival game and is played on PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows, and Mac and combines Minecraft resource collecting and building with team based survival shooting games.

It's become very popular via its free-to-play Battle Royale mode where hundreds of strangers go head to head in a gun battle until only one man or team is left standing.

But it's having some unwelcome side effects on family life, kids of all ages are obsessively playing Fortnite on their phones, computers, PlayStations and Xboxes. When they're not playing Fortnite they might be watching streams of other people playing it on Twitch or Youtube. The game's almost hypnotizing popularity has affected many students and teachers are increasingly worried. Parents really need to monitor kids' behaviour and screen time when they are playing video games, especially social ones like Fortnite. This is also important because the habits kids develop while playing video games can generalise into other settings, like school.

There are a few lessons here. The first is that kids shouldn't feel like the rules are different in games or online. In video games when kids are feeling competitive — or slighted — and their adrenaline is boosted, it can lead to them saying things they wouldn't normally say face-to-face. But the ordinary rules of conduct should still apply. Parents need to explain the difference between good natured trash talk, which is fine, and bullying, which isn't. Also warning kids that the things they are saying while they are playing can have real life consequences. Someone could take a screen capture of what your child is saying in chat. A friend's parent could even be in the room overhearing what he is saying. Then things can escalate.

As with any discipline you enforce as a parent, setting clear limits is important. Doctors overseas have warned that they are seeing kids who are angry, and that there has been a surge in children being treated for a "Fortnite" addiction. Some suggest the game can change a child's personality and behaviour if they're allowed to play for unlimited amounts of time.

There are issues in our playground related to this game and some students are talking about it obsessively all day with their friends. I stress that we will deal with the arguments here between this group; however, it is up to parents to monitor their child's online presence at home and contact the other families involved if there is an issue of 'trash talking' between the children.

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WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

We had our largest number of students, teachers and even some four legged friends take part in the 'walk safely to school day' campaign. This is an annual, national event where all school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport & the Environment.



CALENDAR

WEEK 4

Fri 24th May Rugby Union Trials- Wagga

WEEK 5

Tues 28th May Temora Mortimer Shield

Wed 29th May Soccer v's Temora Public School

Thur 30th May 1B / K Excursion to Wagga

Thur 30th May Debating - Cootamundra (selected students)

Fri 31st May Zone Cross country - Harden/Murrumburrah

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 3rd June 1B Field Trip to Woolworths

Mon 3rd June Recorder Rehearsal - Wagga

FESTIVAL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Once again, a group of our Year 5 and 6 students will attend the Festival of Instrumental Music playing their recorders at the Sydney Opera House in July. This is an amazing experience and one that we are truly thankful to the school for offering. It takes many hours of practise from the students but the teachers give up their own valuable time to allow this to happen also. They will attend a group rehearsal day in week 5 to fine tune their songs in preparation for Sydney. We look forward to listening to them down the track when they return from Sydney.



STEM 4 TEN

Stage 3 and their teachers are very fortunate to be involved in a hands on learning program called 'stem 4 ten'. This is a 10 week program designed to introduce robotics, electronics and drones within their classroom. A teacher that specialises in this field brings different gadgets each week and delivers a lesson to the class and teachers on how to use them. Thank you to the school for their support in running this program, the children absolutely love these lessons and look forward to them each week.



COMMUNITY

PLAY

LEAGUE STARS

The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high-energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS
LEAGUESTARS.COM

START: 13/5/2019
TIME: Mondays 4.00pm
LENGTH: 8 weeks
AGE: 9-12 Years
COST: \$99

YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:

WHERE: Bob Aldridge Oval
Crowley Street
Temora
NSW 2666

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Fun making cubby houses



QUITTING

As parents we've all been there. You sign your kid up for swimming or dance, and they refuse to walk onto the field, lose it before the game.....or say "I quit"!

Here at Temora West we have provided a number of activities in Music, Dance and STEM where the students have some wonderful opportunities. We either subsidise it or fully fund it, as in the Music program.

I am asking parents to help build resilience in their child by insisting that if they sign up for something then they see it through. For example in Choir, at the moment they have all committed to attending each week and we are entered in the Esteddfford in Wagga in August. We need the students to stay in the group do the hard work and practise to get to Wagga. It's called perseverance or stickability. This is important because the habits kids develop (like stickability) early will help them in the future.

HONOUR AWARDS 17.5.19

Isaac Gamble - 1	Ben Robinson - 1
Archer Harrison - 1	Amarlie McKenzie - 1
Maci McKinnon - 1	Carlyn McCoullough - 1
Sienna Everson - 1	Bella Young - 1
Lachlan Robinson - 1	
Tristan Duffy - 2	Corey Robinson - 2
Abbey Rayner - 3	Jake Rayner - 3

PRINCIPAL AWARDS 17.5.19

Abbey Rayner - 2nd Principal Award

Jake Rayner - 2nd Principal Award

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations and best of luck to the large number of students from our school who will participate in the CDPSSA Cross Country at Harden/Murrumburrah next Friday. Notes have been sent home with the selected students this week and are due back on Thursday.

MOTHER'S DAY

How wonderful to see so many people here to celebrate our Mother's Day morning tea even though it was a terribly cold and wet day!! We love celebrating our special Mums' on this day each year and we hope they enjoyed the morning tea that was provided along with the entertainment by our music students.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

8/9 Yrs Boys

1st - Corey Robinson
2nd - Beau Fernance

10 Yrs Boys

1st - Jake Rayner
2nd - Austin Gibson

11 Yrs Boys

1st - Aidan Everson
2nd - Charlie Lowes

12/13 Yrs Boys

1st - Willis Schmidt
2nd - Flynn Thorp

8/9 Yrs Girls

1st - Sienna Everson
2nd - Mackenzie Breust

10 Yrs Girls

1st - Jasmine Moncrieff
2nd - Riley Smith

11 Yrs Girls

1st - Callie McGovern
2nd - Kate Pellow

12/13 Yrs Girls

1st - Kianna Whyburn
2nd - Sarah Moncrieff



Mother's Day Morning Tea



Year 6 Photographs



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