

Temora West

Empowering our students to reach their full potential

PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE SCRIBBLY GUM



Term 3 Week 4 2019



HELPING HANDS - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

The teachers of Temora West Public School recently had a wonderful afternoon during the Staff Development Day working in teams to assemble three prosthetic hands for children in developing countries.

The prosthetics are a claw-like device made of plastic, with three fingers on the top and two below. The device uses adjustable straps, similar to the ones found on backpacks, to attach to the limb of an amputee victim and allow them to grip a pen or spoon.

Mrs Smart said, "It was a challenge to make the hands. You need to make sure there are no knots or twists, and read the instructions very carefully. The tools are tiny and only being able to use one hand made it hard, yet every teacher came away feeling inspired. They felt that they had contributed to something important."

The Helping Hands Program has already created 20,000 artificial limbs.

The majority of these have gone to people in India, where most of the recipients had lost a hand through electrocution.

But, today's handmade hands could be sent to children in Afghanistan who had accidentally set off a landmine.

The Helping Hands Program is a growing market, with 2,000 landmine accidents every month, equal to one every 20 minutes.

The organisation estimated one in five of those injured were children.

The making of the hands also has the added benefit of working in teams for a purpose and the staff worked brilliantly as a cooperative empathic and collaborative team to succeed in building the hands. The key part of the exercise was also to build empathy for children who have lost a limb. The teachers could only use one hand; their less dominant hand. Their other hand was encased in a rubber mitt that worked like a stump without fingers! It certainly taught empathy and teamwork.

A message is sent with each hand for the child to read.

This is one: 'We made this with love from the other side of the world. We hope it helps you greatly. Even though we don't know you, you are loved and valued. Bless you.'

This was a very rewarding and worthwhile experience that was thoroughly enjoyed by all staff members.

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CALENDAR

WEEK 4

- Fri 16th Aug** Choir attending Eisteddfod in Wagga
- Fri 16th Aug** Debating Team v's Temora Public School

WEEK 5

- Mon 19th Aug** Book Week Dress up
- Wed 21st Aug** Year 5 Parent Interviews
- Thur 22nd Aug** Debating (Selected Students)
- Fri 23rd Aug** 3/4M Assembly 12:35pm School Hall

UPCOMING

- Tues 27th Aug** Year 1 Excursion-June

EDUCATION WEEK

Week 3 was as hectic as we expected!! Education Week always makes for a very busy but exciting time as we welcome so many special visitors in to our school to share what a wonderful place it is and also to showcase the hard work our students put in to excel at their class work and the arts. The Grandparents Morning Tea was a huge success and a big thank you must go out to the Staff who prepared the goodies for us to enjoy. Mrs Pavert reported that the new look Book Fair was also a hit, selling an abundance of items which in turn will help our Library resources. The Special Assembly was well attended by families and friends to watch and enjoy the talent of our students and we thank you for your attendance.

EISTEDDFOD

A massive Congratulations to our Boy Drummers on their win at the Wagga Eisteddfod today!! These boys have been practising very hard with Keith for months on their eisteddfod piece and we are thrilled that their hard work and talent was recognised. Good luck to our junior choir tomorrow in Wagga, we look forward to hearing how you perform also.



COMMUNITY NEWS



YEAR 6 FUN FAIR

Last Thursday, the day finally arrived... It was our Year 6 Fun Fair. Our students had been planning for many weeks and the stalls were a huge success. Year 6 enjoyed showing leadership and all of the stalls were really organised.

Apologies for a bit of sugar turning up on the day. Thank you to the superstar baker, Angela Breust for baking so many healthy and delicious treats for Zoe and Maya's Healthy Treats Stall. Another thank you to Belinda Hammond for supplying the face paint and brushes. And yet another thank you to Kerrie Kennedy for supplying the jugs for the orange juice and sugar-free homemade lemonade (we had quite the production line going in class). Thank you to Kathy Weckert for freshening up the costumes for the photo booth: people looked great!

It was special for our Year 6 class that all of our parents came on board and supported us. It was the biggest event we have ever been in charge of, so it was really important and really special. It's so valuable to have parents who care about our initiatives and achievements. Mr Macauley was a champion for cooking the BBQ with Mr Harrison. Great work, you two!

All sales from the Sausage Sizzle will go to Rural Aid and profits from the stalls will go to the Year 6 farewell towards the end of Term 4. We are so happy and grateful to our school community for supporting all of our efforts. It really meant a lot. *By Monique W and Stevie F.*



Education Week Performance - Young



STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT Year 1 B - Emily Moore



Emily is a very engaged and successful learner. She always listens carefully and approaches learning activities with a positive and determined attitude. Emily maintains very high standards in every aspect of her school life and can be relied upon to act with respect and responsibility. Emily shows kindness to others in the classroom and on the playground. She goes out of her way to make sure that other children feel at ease. Emily takes the time to see the funny side of things!
Well Done Emily !!



GIRLS SOCCER

On Wednesday 7th August, the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Team played against Wagga South in the PSSA Knockouts. The girls were excited to be finally playing a game after several forfeits. Our team had several players who'd never been on a soccer field before and they were tremendously gallant in their efforts right up until the final whistle blew. Despite being outmatched on the day, they are commended on the way they continued to lift their heads and keep pushing on. Sport is never about winning, it's about picking yourself up and trying again and our girls did that. Well done girls for representing yourselves and our school so wonderfully. *Mr Harrison*



NRL VISIT

Last week one of the assistant coaches, Paul, and former NRL player for the St George Dragons, Matt Cooper, came to talk to every child from Year 2 to Year 6 in the Hall about their interest in rugby league football and about the 'Best You Can Be' program. That program encourages students to eat healthy food, live a healthy lifestyle and to get enough sleep every night. Paul also spoke about the dangers of kids having too much screen time.

Both men asked us some questions, like who won last year's premiership - which Jacob guessed was the Roosters. It turns out that he was right and won some stickers!

At the end of their presentation, Flynn and I thanked them with a gift of a school mug and a pen. Paul and Matt posed for a whole school photo and then they handed out signed posters and stickers. *By Willis Schmidt*

PSSA RUGBY 7s - CALLIE MCGOVERN

Congratulations to Callie McGovern on her selection in the PSSA Rugby Girls 7s team last week. Callie will travel to Sydney later in the term to play with the team and we wish her the best of luck. This is a massive achievement Callie, well done!!



YEAR 1B CLASS NEWS



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