

Temora West

Empowering our students to reach their full potential

THE SCRIBBLY GUM



Term 4 Week 8 2020

Principal's Report

End of year events

It is a relief that restrictions have eased enough this term to allow for us to plan for COVID-Safe celebrations for the Year 6 Graduation and Presentation Day. Information has been sent home for parents & carers regarding both events, with Presentation Day in particular looking quite different to usual but given the circumstances, we are very happy to be able to provide our school community with something to look forward to through your involvement (in a limited way unfortunately). It is important that we all follow the guidelines for these events to ensure their success.

Music groups shine

Both our senior and junior drumming groups recorded their final performances for the year last week. Videos of these were shared via our Facebook page so if you haven't seen them yet, they are well worth a look! Our choir also recorded a Christmas Carol for the radio broadcast of this year's annual event. The boys and girls sang a lovely version of 'Christmas in Australia' accompanied by Mr Brooker on the piano. Fine work by all involved!

School Planning 2021

After a thorough analysis of our overall school performance against the School Excellence Framework (SEF), our draft strategic directions for next year have been formed. The three key focus areas determined by the DoE and feedback from our staff were Literacy & Numeracy, Student Wellbeing & Community Connections. Further discussion around our future directions and financial overview was had at the School Council meeting last Monday. We certainly value the input and advice from our council members.

Thankyou & Merry Christmas

A huge thank you to all in our school community in what has been a very trying year for all! To all our parents, students and staff who have worked so well together under difficult circumstances, I thank you all for your commitment to our school. A special mention to our many volunteers, be it through the P&C, School Council or a limited number of events which were possible this year – a massive thank you! I hope all our families have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing many of you in the new year.

Best wishes,

Pete Roddy
(Relieving Principal)



INTENSIVE SWIMMING

As is usually the case, the first day of Intensive Swimming was a little chilly, however; it warmed up beautifully from there on in. We are grateful to the swimming instructors for their time and expertise and also the staff for their assistance with getting the students ready and taking them each day. It is worth the effort when progress is made and there has certainly been plenty of that happening. We have included some photos from the past couple of weeks.



CHRISTMAS WISHES

As this is our last Newsletter for 2020, we would like to wish all our students and families a very Happy Christmas and a safe and restful holiday break. Enjoy time with your loved ones and we look forward to returning in 2021 with renewed energy ready to face a wonderful year ahead.

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CALENDAR

Week 8

Fri 4th Dec 2021 Leaders Speeches

WEEK 9

Tues 8th Dec Swimming for Sport (Yrs3-6)

Thur 10th Dec Year 6 Farewell

Fri 11th Dec Presentation Day 9:30am
School COLA

Fri 11th Nov Reports Home

WEEK 10

Mon 14th Dec Year 6 Colour Run

Wed 16th Dec Last Day of School for 2020

2021

Wed 27th Jan Staff Development Day

Thur 28th Jan Staff Development Day

Fri 29th Jan **STUDENTS RETURN TO
SCHOOL - 2021**

Wed 3rd Feb Kindergarten Start

Wed 3rd Mar School Photos

P & C NEWS

We farewell Brooke as the Canteen Supervisor at the end of the year. Thank you to Brooke for her service to the canteen and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

Applications are now open for a new Canteen Supervisor. Monday and Friday, 9am – 2.30pm. For job description, enquires or to forward your resume email temorawestpandc@gmail.com by Friday 8th January 2021.

Temora West P&C Association

Casual Canteen Supervisor Position

Monday & Friday 9am-2.30pm

For job description, enquires or to forward resume

Email: temorawestpandc@gmail.com

Applications close 8/1/2021

LEADERS SPEECHES

Tomorrow Kindergarten to Year 5 will hear from students wishing to become school leaders in 2021. Voting will take place after the speeches are finished. Good luck to the students who have nominated, we are sure to have some more fantastic leaders in 2021.

GETTING ON TRACK IN TIME- THE GOT IT! PROGRAM

An information session on this new program will be held in early 2021. The Got It team will be working with some children in Kinder to Year 2 and their parents, who may be experiencing problems with challenging and disruptive behaviour at home or at school. The program aims to provide support and practical help to students and their families, and also to support the school community to help children get the most out of the opportunities available to them. All families with children in K-2 have received a survey to fill in and return ASAP. Keep an eye out for the survey in your child's bag.

CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER

Have you used your creative kids voucher yet? The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

If you have not used your vouchers yet, check out the many providers of art and craft kits online and order before your voucher for 2020 expires. These make great Christmas gifts for your children or holiday activities. Google 'Creative Kids Voucher' and follow the links.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS & STUDENT RETURN DATE FOR 2021

There will be two staff development days held at the beginning of next year. The dates are Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January. Students will begin the school year on Friday, 29 January, 2021. New Kindergarten students and families already have their start date and best start assessment times. The office will be attended from Wednesday, 27th January so please call then if you have an queries on 02 69771889.

STAFFING 2021

We farewell Mr Harrison and his family as they embark on a new chapter of their lives in Wagga. We thank Mr Harrison for his positive contribution towards student learning and for also being so flexible when taking on a number of different teaching roles during his time at Temora West!

Classes for 2021 – **these are subject to change if we have any adjustments to make with student numbers or teachers. This is a guide only!**

K/1 – Mrs Heinjus

Year 1/2 – Mrs Brodie

Year 3/4 – Miss Meers

Year 3/4 – Mrs Mackey

Year 5/6 – Mr Roddy

Year 5/6 – Mrs Gerhard

MC – Miss Evans & Mrs Gray

Science/Learning Support – Miss Tisdell

Library/Learning Support – Mrs Connolly

LSO's – Kate Harper, Roxy Dougall, Kim Dean, Tom Davidge, Alyce Fernance & Kaymaree Wallace.

STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT Archer H- 2/3T



Archer's insatiable thirst for facts makes him an invaluable source of information for everyone in 2/3T. He has mastered the art of questioning and is quietly determined to build on his knowledge in many domains. He takes great joy in being the prime caretaker of some of the vegetable garden beds and has been eagerly researching different types of herbs, flowers and vegetables. Archer is so polite that he could have written the Book of Manners! He often volunteers to support the younger members in our class, in a kind and patient way: which is so lovely to see. It has been a joy to share a classroom with Archer for another school year! Well Done!!

PBL AWARDS WEEKS 6 & 7

MC/M	Sam B	Callie P
K/1 H	Abby W April O	Kirra McG Hayley R
1/2 B	Belle W Sienna M	Elkie B Elkie B
2/3 T	Maci McK Tristan D	Allie P Maci McK
3/4 M	Sienna E Haylee S	Holly B Mackenzie G
5/6 G	Callie McG Harrison Y	Bryce S Callie McG
5/6 R	Colby T Zac B	Hayley McK Charlie B

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION PHOTOS

Our Year 6 students have finished their orientation program. They enjoyed doing some science experiments, art and cooking. We have included a brief snapshot of one class group completing some of the activities.



PRESENTATION DAY

We are pleased to say that we are inviting one parent/carer per family to attend Presentation Day. A note was sent home on Thursday last week requesting the name of the person attending so we can ensure we are complying with our Covid Safe plan. You will be asked to sign in on arrival and hand sanitiser will be available. Seating for parents will be designated and placed at set points in line with current social distancing regulations. We will also be livestreaming the Presentation Day so anyone not able to attend can still be included and not miss this important event.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Students will be handed their semester 2 reports following the conclusion of Presentation Day next Friday. If your child is absent on this day, they will be handed out to students on Monday afternoon.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The Year 6 farewell will go ahead on Thursday, 10 November. Students will enjoy a meal with staff and their parents will join them after to view the slideshow and watch their presentation of graduation certificates. We wish them well at high school and for whatever lies beyond their school years. Congratulations and goodluck Year 6, 2020.

YEAR 6 COLOUR FUN RUN

It is very unfortunate that Year 6 miss out on their end of school excursion to Borambola. With the assistance of Michelle Kelly and Brooke Wilesmith, the students have planned a colour fun run with the staff assisting with the course on the day. They are very much looking forward to this event which will be held on the back school oval. We will include some photos on the school facebook page after the event.

THANK YOU TPCC

We wish to say a very warm thank you to the Temora Police Community Committee for their generous donation towards the cost of our Safe on Social Media Presentation. This kind donation will be used to educate our students on the safe use of social media when we are able to host Kirra Pendergast at our school, hopefully early next year.

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