

Temora West

Empowering our students to reach their full potential

PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE SCRIBBLY GUM



Term 1 Week 2 2020

Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2020 school year. To all our returning students, new families and our Kindergarten students the staff extend a warm welcome and look forward to a year of opportunities and learning.

Everyone is excited to be back at school, especially now that Kindergarten is with us. At Temora West we welcomed 12 new Kindergarten students on Monday. An exciting day for them and for us!

I look forward to working with staff to ensure all students have the opportunity to reach their potential. Temora West is dedicated to providing a well-rounded education for your child.

Everyone was proud of the new School Captains; Rommy Wilesmith and Clancy Manning, who presented their speeches with confidence. They delivered a heartfelt message on 'What Australia means to me' and 'The Australian Spirit' at the Australia Day Ceremony. The school leaders are certainly showing their quality and style very early in the year.

The election of our 2020 House Captains and Vice Captains will take place tomorrow. The 2020 School Leaders, School Representative Council and House Captains will be inducted at a special assembly on Friday 14th February at 9:30am. We hope you can attend.

The school swimming carnival, our first major sporting event for 2020 will take place next week on Tuesday 11th February at the Temora pool. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will remain at school as the carnival is for primary students.

If you need to see a teacher at any stage, please ring the office and they will help arrange a time for you. It is important to make appointments as teachers can't leave their class unattended and learning time is vital.

School Times
School starts at 9.15am
Recess at 11.15 am.

All students will have a fruit break mid-morning. This will occur in the classrooms and we ask parents to send along a small piece of fresh fruit or dried fruit.

Classes resume at 11.40am
Lunch at 1.10pm.
Afternoon lessons will commence at 2.00pm and finish at 3.15pm.

Important
Update your contact details and children's medical conditions,

Attendance is vital for your child's education. Every student should be at school unless they have a legitimate excuse.

It's important that students don't arrive at school prior to 8.40am as they aren't supervised; the exception is the early bus.



KINDERGARTEN 2020

A massive welcome to our new Kindergarten for 2020. We are so excited that you are finally here and ready to be part of our school for the next 7 years! They are settling in to routine well and are enjoying the variety of learning activities with Ms Meers.



AUSTRALIA DAY

Our 2020 School Leaders had their first official duties where they made speeches at the Australia Day Ceremony. Rommy spoke about what Australia Day means to her and Clancy focussed on the Australian Spirit during in times of adversity focussing on the current bushfire crisis. They did an outstanding job and received many positive comments from the community following the ceremony. Well done Rommy and Clancy!

CALENDAR

WEEK 2

Thur 6th Feb Parent Information Sessions

Fri 7th Feb Casual Clothes Day
(Gold Coin Donation)

WEEK 3

Tues 11th Feb School Swimming Carnival
(Yrs 3-6)

Wed 12th Feb P&C Meeting 7pm Staff
Room (All welcome)

Thur 13th Feb Kinder & New Families
Welcome BBQ 6:30pm

Fri 14th Feb 2020 Leader's Induction
Ceremony (morning)

Fri 14th Feb PSSA Boys Cricket Trials @
Junee (Afternoon)

NEW STAFF

New AP and 5/6 Class teacher Mr Pete Roddy has joined us at Temora West this year and we are thrilled to have him! Pete brings with him years of teaching experience and the students have settled in very well to his class. Ms Corinne Meers (pictured with Kinder/1 on front page) has also joined us as the new MC teacher however she is currently teaching Kinder/1 for a few weeks whilst Mrs Heinjus is on leave.

We hope they both enjoy their time here at Temora West and we look forward to having them around the school.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parent Information Sessions are being held in the classrooms this afternoon. This is a great opportunity to meet the teacher, other parents and gather any important information you need to know about your child's class for the year. All meetings are held in their respective classrooms.

5:00pm	1/2B - Mrs Brodie
5:30pm	2/3T - Miss Tisdell
6:00pm	3/4M - Mrs Mackey
6:30pm	5/6G - Mrs Gerhard (held in 5/6R Room)
6:30pm	5/6 R - Mr Roddy (together with Mrs Gerhard's Class)

UPDATE DETAILS

The beginning of the year is always busy with notes and back to school information however we ask you to please fill in and return the green form that was sent home to update phone/address and emergency contact details and media consent as this is extremely important!

ALL Medical Plans must be updated each year. If your child has a medical condition eg allergies or asthma, it is vital that a current medical plan from the doctor is made and given to the office staff immediately so this information can be used incase of an emergency.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our annual school photos will be taken on Wednesday 19th February. A note explaining the online ordering process will be coming home, as will a note if you wish for your children to have family photos. If you have any questions or problems with ordering, please call the office and they can assist you.

BOOK CLUB

Our first edition of Book Club has been sent home this week. Orders are due back by Monday 17th February.

P & C

The first P & C meeting for 2020 will be held in the Staff Room at 7pm on Wednesday 12th February. SAVE THE DATE for the P&C AGM which will be held on Wednesday 11th March. If you are interested in being involved in the P & C in any way please come along to the meetings. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month and everyone is welcome to attend.

Staffing 2020

MC/M	Miss Evans/Ms Meers
K/1 H	Mrs. Heinjus
1/2T	Miss Tisdell
3/4 M	Mrs. Mackey
5/6G	Mrs. Gerhard
5/6R	Mr. Roddy (AP)

Library/RFF Mrs. Connolly
Technology/Music Mr Harrison

Senior Administration Manager
Mrs. Macauley
Senior Administration Officers
Mrs. Manning & Mrs Robinson

School Learning Support Officers
Ms Dougall, Mrs Harper, Mr Davidge, Mrs Dean

School Counsellor - Mrs Jo Brennan

General Assistant - Mr. Macauley
Cleaner- Mr. Dunn



STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT Principal Choice



Rommy Wilesmith- Yr 6

Rommy has started the year with confidence! She was the first captain to deliver her speech on Australia Day. Rommy spoke on what 'Australia Day means to me.' She delivered a wonderful speech and made us very proud!

Well done Rommy!!

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Clancy Manning- Yr 6

On Australia Day, Clancy as our new captain of 2020 delivered a heartfelt speech on 'the Australian Spirit.'

Well done Clancy you made us very proud!

Congratulations!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

As usual, our School Swimming Carnival comes around quickly once we return to school and it is happening on Tuesday 11th February. Notes were sent home last week and need to be returned tomorrow at the latest so students can be placed in their nominated events correctly. Parents who have offered their assistance with time keeping will receive a note with information today.

EARN & LEARN

Thank you to everyone who collected Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths last year. The items we chose arrived last week and the students are already using them in their classrooms.



ANNUAL SCHOOL FETE

SAVE THE DATE!! Temora West School Fete will be held on Saturday 28th March 2020. This is an event that requires ALL families within the school to help and is the major school fundraiser each year which enables the school to remain FEE FREE! Many of the parent helpers from previous fetes are no longer involved with the school as their children are in high school so several new stall co-ordinators will be required to successfully continue. Contact our Fete Co-ordinators Brooke Wilesmith (0417 980 758) or Linda Robinson (0429 180 914) if you have any questions about the stalls and if you are able to assist in selling raffle tickets this would also be much appreciated.

BUSHFIRE DONATIONS & CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

As we are all well aware, Australia has been devastated by horrendous bushfires over the past couple of months. During the school holidays we teamed up with Temora Public School to collect donations of school supplies and cash for some schools on the South Coast who were heavily impacted. Although the schools themselves did not actually burn down, many families within the school lost their homes and belongings. A massive thank you to all the people in the community who donated in any way, this will be sure to bring a smile to some students faces as they begin the year with new school supplies. The cash which was donated will be spent by the schools P & C to make sure that the students are able to purchase uniforms and participate in activities during the year without being a financial burden to their already struggling families. We are having a casual clothes day tomorrow and all proceeds from the gold coin donations will be passed on to the schools P & C. Thank you for your generosity!



CLASS SUMMARIES - TERM 1 2020

Kinder/1

My name is Corinne Meers and I will be team teaching Kindergarten/Year 1 along with Mrs. Heinjus. We are both delighted to welcome your child to our classroom this year. What an exciting time as your child officially begins their schooling journey! We look forward to meeting you all and answering any questions you may have at the Kindergarten information/BBQ evening which will be held on Thursday 13th February.

This term we will be focusing on developing a sense of belonging to the classroom and the school through various units in different subjects. In the first few weeks we will work on developing an understanding of school procedures and classroom routines as well as the social skills that are so critical to becoming an effective learner and classroom member. Throughout the year we will keep you updated as to your child's learning and progress and all the exciting activities we have planned at the school this year. We look forward to a wonderful year with both you and your child.

2/3T

Term 1 has begun for 2/3T! We have been busily organising our daily lives at school and have settled quickly into routine. Our class of 22 students has already enjoyed lots of fun and laughter as the children start to form new friendships and learn exciting new things.

From fixing our class robot, Botley, to learning how to send emails... Technology has sprung to life in our classroom. We are also learning the importance of listening to, and responding thoughtfully to, the new faces we will all spend this year learning with and from. There has been whole class singing; there has been whole class dancing; there has been whole class giggling; there has been whole class games time; and there have been many little people proud of what they have already achieved in their start of year assessments (of which there have been quite a few).

We are soon to start rehearsing for our Assembly in Week 6 and are chomping at the bit to immerse ourselves in our academic studies. This week, we have begun to formulate our personal goals for this term and are determining ways in which to reach them.

2/3T cannot wait to see what our special year will bring!

5/6 G

Welcome to 2020! I hope that everyone feels refreshed and ready for an exciting year of learning. We were pleased to gain a new student Harrison, who is settling in well.

Students have started school enthusiastically and are well organised. Most students already have their own pencil case with lead pencils, sharpeners, coloured pencils and rubbers. It would be great if they had their own glue stick or if you could donate a glue stick that would be appreciated.

Students took home their homework to complete this week. Homework will be given out on Monday and needs to be returned Friday. Homework will usually be spelling words and related activities and revision of mathematics covered in class.

Children are encouraged to bring water bottles into the classroom with them during this hot weather.

1/2B

1/2 B have commenced this new decade with an enthusiastic approach to learning, despite the very high temperatures. Our Year 1 students have settled into their new classroom and routines seamlessly and Year 2 are as lovely as ever. In English we will be focussing on reading for meaning, spelling and successful writing strategies. Weekly spelling and vocabulary lists will come home as well as regular sight words for many students. It is vital that Home Readers are done every night and returned to school each day so that they can be changed. In Maths Year 1 will engage in lots of activities to consolidate their understanding of two digit numbers and Year 2 will consider the application of place value in three and four digit numbers. Maps and visual representations will be the basis of our skill development in Geography this term, as we look at the location of places within Australia and how or country is located in the world setting.

3/4 M

Welcome to a new year and a busy Term 1!

We warmly welcome Holly Knox and thank Mrs Booker for helping out in my absence.

To start the year off, 3/4M is working on improving their organisational skills to maximise learning. We are focusing on being persistent with our learning and have set new learning goals for 2020.

In our History study this term, students will explore our community and learn how it has both changed and remained the same over time. We will learn about features, the role that people have played and the history of our town. There will be opportunities to visit the Rural Museum and other significant places in our town. Our Literature unit for Term 1 is My Dearest Dinosaur by Margaret Wild. The class will learn about dinosaurs and create narratives. Homework has commenced, and students are enthusiastic and excited about the topics and associated activities for this term. Our library Day is Friday and Sport, Tuesday. I hope to see you at our Parent Information Session at 6 pm. This is a great time to meet other parents and to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

5/6R

Welcome back for another school year! 5/6R have settled in nicely to their new classroom as have!! Each morning and middle session, we will be busy working through our Literacy & Mathematics programs, with the afternoons spent on Geography, Sport, & Art. Mr Harrison will also be supporting learning in both Literacy & Numeracy and teaching Music. Mrs Connolly will take the class on Wednesdays to cover Science, PD/Health & also Literacy. We are lucky to have both of these teachers in our classroom! I am looking forward to meeting you all during our Parent Information Session today, 6th February at 6:30pm.

MC

The students in the MC room have settled in nicely to classroom routines in 2020! This term we have a theme based unit called 'All about me!' where we will explore our daily lives through photography, technology, creative arts and more. In History we will be looking at different family roles of the past and present and comparing these to our own. We will explore movement in Dance and Drama and play skilled based games in PE lessons.