

Temora West

Public School

THE SCRIBBLY GUM

Term 2 Week 4 2020



Principal's Report

On Monday Week 5 students will all return to school! We are looking forward to their return and will have everything in place to ensure it an ordered, safe return. Children are extraordinarily resilient and will look to their parents and teachers to be calm in the face of such a huge disruption to their lives (everybody's lives).

I want to thank our wonderful parents for the astounding job you did under difficult circumstances and sometimes with little skill in technology. Also, to our teachers who without a murmur turned in a couple of days and set up online learning for their class and continued to work hard to improve their delivery as time went on. No one knew how long it would be; however, each teacher did their best to support their students, and they also learnt lots of new skills. What a talented bunch - our parents and teachers!

The key messages for Temora West School Community

- The best outcome for students is that they are back at school.
 - Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC guidelines.
 - All students are expected back at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.
- * Importantly- There can be no visitors to any school site unless they are essential.

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be open in Week 6 (Monday and Friday) This will be under certain conditions to ensure the safe operation of the canteen and the wellbeing of the Supervisor and volunteers.

ATTENDANCE

All students are expected to attend school unless they are unwell. If parents believe that their child has a condition which means it is not safe for them to return to school, they will need to obtain a medical certificate. These are likely to be children with suppressed immune systems or undergoing treatment like chemotherapy. This means students are either:

- * at school;
- * at home because they are currently unwell;
- * at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.

If students are away from school because they are unwell, there is no expectation that they complete school work. It is important that unwell students rest.

At this time, in the event of students having a medical certificate to not attend school due to a long-term illness or underlying health condition, as is current practice, schools will continue to be responsible for providing work for students for the period they are prevented from being at school.

If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school in line with normal practice.

CLEANING

Schools are now also receiving an additional clean during the day in line with AHPPC guidance. This includes cleaning frequently touched areas in bathrooms after recess, as well as replenishing supplies such as soap and hand towels that are provided by the school. High touch surfaces such as balustrades and handrails in the playground and stairwells are also wiped with disinfectant.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- There is no physical distancing requirements for students (AHPPC) Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment.
- Physical distancing requirements remain for adults.
- All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents.
- We are limiting the number of staff in common staffrooms or in large staff meetings, and avoid shared items as much as possible.
- The school is exercising good hygiene and cleanliness around staff spaces and shared usage areas.
- Parents need to physical distance at drop off and pick up time and not enter the school grounds without ringing.



Principal's Report Continued

REPORTS

We will provide a different written report to parents/carers about students' learning this term. It will be a simplified report that will focus on the learning that has taken place so far this year. This will include student's progress and achievements, as well as areas for development. There won't be a grading of students using the five-point A-E scale. Teachers will concentrate on Literacy and numeracy and conclude with a general comment.

We can:

- Provide library access in a managed way ensuring supervisors/staff maintain physical distancing.
- School sporting activities will recommence in stages. In this first stage schools can recommence activities where there is no contact with others.

. What we can't do:

- School incursions and excursions are on hold.
- Work experience is not to occur. The department will reassess in Term 3 2020.
- No inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport).
- No in-school activities requiring volunteers (e.g. SRE, reading support etc).
- No school camps.
- * No school assemblies

INFORMATION ON SPORT

As students return to full time face to face learning, sport and physical activity programs will initially focus on non-contact sports. The resumption of unrestricted sport and physical activity is in line with AHPPC guidelines and NSW Health advice. All sport or physical activity conducted must meet all recommendations listed in the School Sport and Physical Activity Policy including teacher/student ratios. Timetabling for sport and physical activities should allow all students the opportunity to participate in sport and physical activity.

Safety and hygiene the following hygiene measures will continue to apply to all sport and physical activities in schools regardless of the phase, including once full sporting participation returns:

- Staff and students are required to wash their hands prior to and at the conclusion of sport and physical activities.
- Maintain respiratory hygiene whilst participating in sport and physical activity, encouraging coughs or sneezes to be covered and tissues to be disposed of immediately.
- Always wash your hands after having coughed, sneezed or blown your nose.
- Discourage spitting or clearing of nasal or respiratory secretions at all times.

Toni

MOTHERS DAY

We would like to wish all our Mothers a very belated Happy Mother's Day. Although we were not able to celebrate at school the way we usually like to, we hope everyone had a lovely day and we thank our Mum's, Step Mums, Grandma's or anyone who plays the role of a Mum for everything they do for our children. Hopefully next year we can enjoy your company at school again for our Mother's Day morning tea.



PBL REWARD & SPORT DAY TOMORROW

This Friday we are having a PBL Reward & Sport Day.

K-2 Students - 9.10am – 12pm.

Year 3-6 Students - 12.15pm – 3.15pm

PBL Reward from Term 1 was 'Gaming Session', students may bring board games & electronic games to play.

Sport activities will be done in class or stage groups to keep numbers reasonable in regards to social distancing.

If Year 3-6 students need to come early or K-2 students need to stay until the end of the day, they will be supervised by their usual class teacher.



CANTEEN

Canteen will reopen in Week 6 on Monday 1st June. There will be extra hygiene measures in place to ensure the safety of our canteen workers and students purchasing from the canteen.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Every TWPS family will receive an e-mail with a survey regarding their most preferred method of receiving future newsletters. Whilst students have been learning remotely, we have been e-mailing the Newsletter each fortnight to the e-mail address on file at the office. The newsletter is also posted to the Skoolbag App and loaded to the school website upon completion. In the past a printed copy has been sent home with the students however we were finding that often they do not make it home after being scrunched up in the school bag or lost on the way home or not being read when they did make it home. The purpose of the survey will be for each family to reply with their preferred method of Newsletter communication.

Printed copies will still be available however if you do not normally read the paper copy, perhaps we can eliminate wastage by only sending those copies to families who wish to read it in this way. The Scribbly Gum Newsletter is one of our schools most vital forms of communication for important information so please make sure that you are reading it each fortnight to stay up to date whether it be via Skoolbag, website, e-mail or paper copy.

We will assume if we have no response to the survey that you are opting for the e-mailed version as your preference.

STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT



Rachael Duffy

For maintaining a responsible and mature attitude towards learning, both at school and at home, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Rachael is an example of a resilient learner as she has adapted very well to the changed circumstances which all students have had to endure!

Congratulations Rachael!



SCHOOL BEANIES

We have some school beanies available for purchase at the office. They are one size fits all and cost \$15 each. The preferred payment method is online payment (POP) however we accept cash payment also.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Whilst our children's learning has been online for some time now, our SASS staff have also been busy taking part in some extra Professional Learning courses online themselves. Some of the courses studied cover Excellence in School Administration Practices, Student Wellbeing, Supporting Students, Disability Strategy, Disability Awareness, Aboriginal Education & Communities, Zoom, Effective Reading: Phonics and through TAFE in Excel Spreadsheets and Administration skills for team leaders. Teaching staff have also been busy with their Professional Development whilst teaching students remotely. We know that everything they have learnt or refreshed will be beneficial to our school and our students in particular.

FUTURE ENROLMENT SURVEY

We sent an e-mail in Week 3 to every household's e-mail address on file regarding Future Enrolment at Temora West Public School from 2021-2025. The purpose of the survey is to determine the level of enrolments for our school in the coming years. The number of students determines the number of staff we have and the number and composition of classes we can form. The survey has been designed for families with younger children at home but we also invite you to add families in our TWPS zone who are not yet part of our school community but may like to be. This does not 'lock' parents in as we understand circumstances change over time. You can reply via e-mail to the school address, phone the school or return a hard copy of the form to the office with your child. We appreciate your time in completing the survey.

FESTIVAL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

We are very sad to hear that the Festival of Instrumental Music Concert has been cancelled. The students are most disappointed as they have been practising via zoom with Mrs Smart whilst learning remotely from home. They will continue to learn one of the songs so they can play for us at the end of year presentation. Thank you to the students for their commitment to learning in this difficult time and we hope that the Year 5 students that stepped up to learn this year will get the opportunity to participate again next year.

THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge and send a massive Thank you to Tom from Temora Capital Chemist for the very kind donation of hand sanitisers which were given to our school this week. We appreciate your kindness and generosity shown to our school during this trying time.

Weeks 1-4 PBL AWARDS

The following students have been awarded Responsibility PBL Awards for their wonderful commitment and attitude to online learning, helping others around the school and for settling in well to school.

