

Temora West

Public School

THE SCRIBBLY GUM



Term 3 Week 2 2021

Principal's Report

Welcome back for Term 3!

A warm welcome back to all in our school community, a welcome which is unfortunately a limited one given the evolving COVID situation we find ourselves in again. As the old saying goes 'There is always someone who is worse off' and this is certainly the case at this time for residents of Greater Sydney & Melbourne. We all hope that things settle down sooner rather than later and will keep you all informed of any changes to current response plans.

The school was a hive of activity during the holidays and start of term, with a complete replacement of the Library ceiling taking place, including the installation of new fans and lighting. Work continues on the refurbishment of the boys and girls toilets which will hopefully be complete within the next week. The 'Cooler Schools' project is underway, with new electrical wiring being installed in readiness for the new reverse cycle air conditioning systems to be connected after the current evaporative coolers and gas heaters are removed. We are also investigating the potential upgrading of our cricket nets and centre pitch on the top oval which will make them compliant with the required standards to allow community use of these facilities.

Attendance & Uniform

Whilst it is important to keep students at home at this time if they have any symptoms related to COVID, if they are fit and healthy, they need to be attending school to maintain their academic and social development. The target is for all students to be attending at least 90% of the time and we are still well short of this mark with only 63% achieving at least 90% attendance in Semester 1! A further reminder to families that students are required to wear full school uniform each day. The lost property box has been quite full recently so also remember to clearly label your child's clothing so it can be returned if need be!

Save the Date!

TWPS Open Day, Saturday September 11th from 10am – 1pm! More information about the day to follow in the coming weeks.

Peter Roddy
Principal



NAIDOC ASSEMBLY

Our school leaders attended Temora High School this week to be included in a special NAIDOC Week Assembly. They spoke about what this year's theme 'Heal Country' meant to them. We were also fortunate to have the Aboriginal Education Team from Temora High School visit our school today so our whole school could be part of NAIDOC Week also. Below: Photo taken by Temora High School at our NAIDOC Assembly.



SEMESTER 2 SRC LEADERS

Congratulations to our incoming SRC Leaders for Semester 2. Unfortunately due to current DoE Covid restrictions we are unable to have their families present for the Induction Ceremony tomorrow, however we will include a photo in the next Newsletter for families to enjoy. Our Semester 2 SRC Leaders are:

MC	Jessica E-C	
Kinder/Year 1 H	Paige Mck	Logan C
Year 1/2 B	Elkie B	Jacob G
Year 3/4 Mackey	Amarlie Mck	Hudson B
Year 3/4 Meers	Emily M	Benji G
Year 5/6 Evans	Indy W	Cooper G
Year 5/6 Gerhard	Jessica R	Tyson C

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CALENDAR

WEEK 2

Thur 22nd Jul Temora's Got Talent POSTPONED

WEEK 3

Mon All Week Education/Book Week

Wed 28th Jul Book Club Due

Fri 30th Jul National Tree Day Activities

UPCOMING

Fri 6th Aug Zone Athletics Carnival Nixon Park (Selected Students)

Fri 6th Aug SRC Jeans for Genes Day

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Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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upcoming sessions

Parents, Carers, and Community Members in the Riverina region are invited to attend a free mental health education session in Term 3.



The sessions aim to:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and the warning signs for suicide and self-harm.
- Strengthen your understanding and skills in how to cope and where to find help.
- Build awareness of local services and the various support services available.
- Strengthen relationships between local area mental health services, local schools, headspace centres and other community organisations.

Need more information? headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au



Griffith

Date: 5 August 2021
Time: 12 - 1pm
Location: Online webinar
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2NmScRh>



Albury

Date: 23 August 2021
Time: 7 - 8.15pm
Location: Venue TBC
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2NmScRh>



Griffith

Date: 24 August 2021
Time: 7 - 8.15pm
Location: Venue TBC
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2NmScRh>



Wagga Wagga

Date: 7 September 2021
Time: 7 - 8.15pm
Location: Online webinar
Registration: <https://bit.ly/2NmScRh>

SPORT DAY CHANGE

A decision has been made to change sport day from Tuesday's to Friday's. Students are to wear their sport uniform only on Friday's now.

GOT IT! PROGRAM

The flyers relating to Week 6 & 7 of the Got It! Program are pictured below. They outline the social and emotional learning topics which are covered each week during the "Exploring Together" program.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Check out the brochure to the left which shows how important attendance at school is! If your child misses even one day per fortnight which may not seem like a lot, that is equivalent to 4 weeks of the school year or over their schooling life this equates to one whole year of missed schooling! This amount of lost learning time is significant and has many adverse effects on the child. Please ensure your child attends school every day that they possibly can to enable them to learn to their full potential.

NEW ATTENDANCE MESSAGING METHOD

We are trialling a new attendance communication method for students who are absent from school. Parents/Caregivers will receive an automated text message to their mobile phone after the roll has been marked each day if your child is absent from school. Please respond to that message ASAP with the reason for absence and the response is documented which then requires no further notes to be sent explaining the absence. If you do not respond to the message, you will still be required to send a note or an attendance message via the SkoolBag App.

HEADSPACE

Headspace National are now offering Mental Health Education Sessions for Riverina parents and carers in Term 3.

Event dates are as follows: Griffith – August 5 (online webinar), Albury – August 23 (face to face), Griffith – August 24 (face to face) & Wagga – September 7 (online webinar). The flyer pictured to the left has more information and links to register for these sessions.

STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT
Kindergarten / Year 1 H- Addison K



Addison has commenced the year with a positive attitude to all areas of her schooling. She is completing work at a high standard and putting a lot of attention into the finer details. Addison has matured and demonstrated qualities required to be our Semester 1 SRC representative. Congratulations Addy!

RIVERINA RUGBY UNION 7's

Just before Term 2 ended we were thrilled to hear Sienna E made the Riverina girls Rugby Union 7's team. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unsure when this event will take place, but we will be sure to keep everyone updated. This is the third Riverina team Sienna has made this year which is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Sienna.



PBL AWARDS - WEEK 1

K/1H	Jimmy H	Kye P
1/2 B	Kirra McG	Cooper F
3/4 Ma	Fay K	Beau F
3/4 Me	Ebony S	Ella McK
5/6 E	Savanah W	Corey R
5/6 G	Pusham C	Keedan B

Congratulations also to all our award winners from the Term 2 PBL Mega Draw pictured below.



ZONE ATHLETICS

At this stage the Zone Athletics Carnival will still proceed on Friday 6th August. A note will be sent home today with information for the students who have qualified to represent our school. As we are aware however, this will depend on the current Covid situation and health orders at the time. Watch this space!

TEMORA'S GOT TALENT POSTPONED

Temora's Got Talent has been postponed this evening. It is disappointing for our students who have been working hard on their routines and acts, however; we hope that when the current Covid situation eases this event may be able to be rescheduled. Our dance group under the leadership of Mrs Wallace are looking fantastic! They are preparing for the eisteddfod at the end of the term which we are very excited about.

We have included a sneak peek below.



Meet our 2022 Kindergarten teacher Miss Kailey Colwill.

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 H

Louie's Mum brought in his pet lamb named 'Princess' for us to meet. Memphis is pictured holding 'Princess'.



Mrs Heinjus successfully hatched some chickens out of the incubator. She brought them to school for her class to look at.



Claire has a special pet Water Dragon named 'Luna'. Claire is pictured above holding Luna.

Kindergarten/ Year 1 H have enjoyed sharing some of their special pets with their class mates. It is not every day that a lamb wearing a nappy visits the classroom. Our school is full of beautiful lizards and wildlife but we rarely get to hold them and look at them up close.



Lyla nursed Claire's other special pet lizard 'Jonah'. Jonah is a Bearded Dragon.

