



# The Scribbly Gum

Term 4 Week 10 2023



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Term Four in Review

Here's a collection of some of the highlights (there were many) of the term that we are now drawing to the close of;

- Our MC Class & staff ventured to Wagga to participate in a Multi-Sports Day which helped develop their social competence and sporting skills!
- Our Dance Group, under the guidance of Miss Colwill, completed their first performance for the local CWA at the Services Club. The girls also recently performed for the residents of Narraburra Lodge and received very high praise from both audiences!
- Year 4 students completed their semester 2 check-in assessments, under the guidance of Mrs Connolly, with the cohort scoring above the state average for both numeracy and literacy!
- As a school, we again participated in the Day for Daniel by wearing red and donating towards the Daniel Morcombe Foundation
- Year 2-4 students and staff visited The Marrambidya Wetlands on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River for a unique learning experience!
- Timmy & The Breakfast Band from Musica Viva visited our school and entertained all students with their highly engaging and informative show!
- Our incoming Kindergarten students successfully completed their transition program and are eager to become Westies in 2024!
- Year 2 students, under the guidance of Ms Meers and swim instructors, successfully completed their Intensive Swimming Program!
- Stage 3 students who displayed positive learning behaviour throughout this term were rewarded with an excursion to Lake Centenary! The ride back for the cyclists was testing on a hot day but certainly built some resilience and character!

### Thank you & Best Wishes

On behalf of all our staff, I thank all families in our school community for your support of our school during 2023. To those families leaving us, remember you are always welcome back at The West.

Here's to a happy, healthy and safe holiday period for all! **School will resume on Thursday, 1st February 2024.**

*Best wishes,*  
*Pete Raddy*  
Principal

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## Year 6 Farewell



Year 6 celebrated the end of their primary schooling last Thursday evening at their Graduation Dinner held at the Temora Ex Services Club.

Students enjoyed a meal followed by formalities, receiving their graduation certificates from Mrs Gerhard and Miss T. There were some laughs and reminiscing, while viewing the slideshow put together by Miss T. The class of 2023 were gifted a memento photo book, a compilation of their time at the West.

Thank you to the Ex Services Club for your hospitality and Miss T and staff for organisation.





## CALENDAR

### 2024 Week 1

Thurs 1 February

- **Year 1-6 students return**

### Week 2

Mon 5 Feb - Fri 9 Feb

- Best start for Kinder students, please check your allocated time

Fri 9 Feb

- Swimming Carnival Yr 3-6

### Week 3

Mon 12 Feb

- **First day for Kindergarten**

Tues 13 Feb

- Primary Swimming for Sport begins and will continue on Friday's from 23 Feb

### Week 4

Fri 23 Feb

Primary Swimming for Sport

*To keep up to date with school events navigate to the school web page and click on the '[parent calendar](#)'.*



### School Leaders 2024

Congratulations to our 2024 school leaders who were nominated by their peers. Captains Emily M and Fay K, Vice Captains Isaac G and Sarah B were announced at the Annual Presentation Day. We know you will proudly represent the school next year. Congratulations.



### Rotary Peace Essay Ceremony

Congratulations Beau R and Ella McK for receiving a highly commended for the Rotary Peace Essay Competition they entered earlier this year. Their achievements were recognised last Tuesday evening with a zoom Presentation Ceremony for all who entered from across the country. Local Rotarian, Mr Rob Hartwig presented Beau and Ella with their awards in person. Thankyou Mr Hartwig for supporting our young people and giving back to the community.



### A Day at the Lake

Year 5 and 6 had a blast at Lake Centenary on Wednesday 6 December. Most braved the sweltering conditions and rode their bikes out with Mr Roddy and Mr Johnson. On arrival students cooled off with a swim followed by a sausage sandwich for lunch. The tired legs were relieved to arrive back at school, with a quiet afternoon had in class. Photos can be viewed by clicking [here](#).





## STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT Term 4 Week 10



**Rhyder** has had a fantastic term at The West, both inside and outside of the classroom. He is always actively engaged in whatever task is set for him, displaying high levels of enthusiasm and energy. There has been a noticeable change in Rhyder's ability to work co-operatively with

others and keep a cool head during times of conflict. Whilst he hasn't fully mastered this self-control, he is certainly well on the way! Ms Meers also commented that the quality of Rhyder's classwork and engagement in learning have both been of a high standard of late, which is very pleasing to hear! Congratulations for your efforts in all areas this term Rhyder!

## PBL AWARDS Week 8 & 9

*Wait your turn and be patient*

**MC/B** - Chaz

**Kinder** - Freya (x2), Kade, Alice

**1 W** - Layla (x2), Josie, Ivy

**2/3 M** - Laura, Olivia, Claire, April

**3/4 M** - Tom, Loken, Molly, Scarlett

**5/6 T** - Jesse, Emily, Darcy

**5/6 G** - Ben, Imogen, Sarah, Georgia

**Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Empathy**

## CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT - ATTENDANCE MC

Congratulations to the MC Class on attending school more than 90% during week 9 & 10.

### PBL Rewards Day

The playground was a hive of activity on Tuesday as students celebrated their outstanding behaviour at the PBL Rewards Day. Year 5 and 6 students coordinated fun activities for their younger peers, including basketball toss, fishing for luck, balloon bust, basketball shoot out, just to name a few. Year 5 and 6 done a fantastic job organising and running the activities on the day. Thank you Mrs Gerhard and Miss T for organising.

### Isaac G - Aurora College Success

Isaac was recognised for his successful year as an Aurora College student on Wednesday at their online Presentation Day. 5/6 G joined Isaac at the virtual presentation where he received certificates of achievement in Science/STEM, Maths Games and Computer Skills. Congratulations Isaac!



### Carols in the Park

The choir represented the school beautifully at Carols in the Park on Saturday. Performing Hello Christmas in front of the community. Thank you Mrs Bruner for attending with the students.



### Thank you from the P&C

Thank you to the parents and Mr Roddy for your help at the TBEG Christmas Markets, Popcorn and Snowcone Stall. The hot weather was in our favour making for a successful fundraiser. The distribution of funds will be discussed in 2024. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, during the school term.



The AGM is on Wednesday 13 March 2024 in the school staffroom, all positions will be declared vacant.



# PBL Rewards Day

