



# The Scribbly Gum

Term 1 Week 3 2024



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome back to all!

I hope everyone got the chance to recharge and get away for a break during the summer holidays. It has certainly been back to 'business as usual' over the first few weeks of the term, with our students quickly settling into their routines. We welcome all our families, both new and old, to the year of learning ahead.

Special mention to our fresh group of kindergarten students who have now made themselves at home at The West!

### New Families BBQ & Kindy Information

Our traditional welcome BBQ to all new families is fast approaching (next Wednesday at 5pm) and is an opportunity for our newest members of the school community to mix with each other and staff in a relaxed atmosphere. Miss Colwill will also be available from 4.30 - 5pm if Kindy parents require any further information at this stage.

All our class teachers have now sent home detailed class newsletters to parents. If you are seeking any further information or clarification, please contact our office to organise a suitable time to meet with staff.

### New Staff

We welcome Miss Zoe Harper to our support staff this year! Zoe will be supporting students in the Kindy and MC classrooms throughout 2024 and we are lucky to have her at The West.

### Behaviour Code for Students

This important document has been updated this year and features the usual high expectations for student behaviour in our New South Wales public schools, which we certainly uphold here at Temora West. The key principles of respect, safety and engagement are a feature of the code and a timely reminder of what we expect of our students each school day. This document is available to read on our updated website (Thanks to Mrs Moroney) in the ['Rules & policies'](#) section.

Best wishes,  
Pete Roddy  
Principal

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## Welcome Kindergarten



Kindergarten commenced their school journey on Monday. There were mixed emotions of nerves and excitement from both students and parents. Miss Colwill has commented the students are settling into the school routine. We look forward to seeing the new students grow in our inclusive and supportive school community.



## CALENDAR

### Week 3

#### Fri 16 Feb

- SRC & House Leaders Induction Assembly, 9.30am
- Scripture Classes resume
- Scholastic Book Club Due

### Week 4

#### Wed 21 Feb

- New Families BBQ, school grounds, 5pm-6.30pm

#### Thurs 22 Feb

- PSSA Cricket Trials

#### Fri 23 Feb

- Swimming for Sport Yr 3-6
- Assembly 3/4 R, 2.30pm

### Week 5

#### Tues 27 Feb

- Incursion Music to the Regions (no cost)

#### Wed 28 Feb

- Incursion - It's a Mad World \$6

#### Thurs 29 Feb

- SRC Leap Day
- CDPSSA Swimming Carnival at Junee

#### Fri 1 Mar

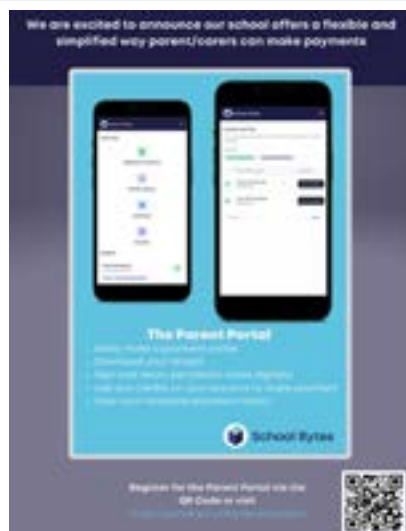
- Swimming for Sport
- CDPSSA Basketball Trials, boys & girls

### Upcoming Events

- School Photos - Tues 19 March

Reminders check school bytes permission for:

- 2024 Events & Activities, PG Movies & Photographic Consent



### Positive Pants Day

The SRC fundraiser 'Positive Pants Day' was a success on Wednesday. The playground was an array of coloured pants (and shorts). It was fantastic to see the positive attitudes on display throughout the day. The snow cones were also a hit! Thank you to Mrs Brodie and the SRC for organising.



### Life Education

Healthy Harold visited Temora West last week. Students in Year 1-6 were fortunate to partake in the engaging lessons to build on their strengths, and empower them with knowledge and skills to make safer and healthier choices. Some important messages learnt were: Isabella - how to be a nice friend.

Fay - What cigarettes and vapes are made of, and why they are bad for you.

Olivia - consent, asking someone for permission to do something.



### School Website

The school website has a wealth of information and resources available including upcoming events, photos and past newsletters. You will also find links to the school facebook page, information on how to apply for bus travel and the school rules and policies. Click on the link to [view](#).

## STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT

### Term 1 Week 2



Molly has had a very settled and confident start to Stage 3. She is always organised and ready for learning. Molly demonstrates a mature and engaged approach to all aspects in the classroom and is always a considerate and helpful peer to her classmates.

## PBL SPECIAL MENTIONS

### Kade & Isabella



For being a responsible and respectful student.



For showing kindness and empathy to others.

## The Resilience Project

The Resilience Project has been implemented at Temora West. Students will engage in weekly health lesson with Mrs Haynes, learning the key principles of gratitude, empathy, mindfulness (GEM), and emotional literacy to build resilience. The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to build young people's capacity to deal with adversity and prevent mental ill-health.

Click on the link [TRP@HOME](#) to view activities for the whole family to help improve wellbeing and build resilience.

More information about the project can be accessed [here](#).



## Swimming Carnival

The Annual Swimming was held last Friday for Year 3 - 6 students. Congratulations to all students who participated and showed fantastic sportsmanship by cheering on their peers. Students enjoyed the slide at the conclusion of the carnival, with the school covering the cost. Possums were the winning house for the day. The Cootamundra District Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 29 February. It is important to keep in mind swimmers must meet qualifying times to attend this carnival, first or second placement at the school carnival doesn't guarantee selection.

Junior Champions: Jacob G & Hayley R

Junior Runner Up: Elizabeth M & Archie K

11 Year Champion: Rhyder D & Sarah B

11 Year Runner Up: Cooper F & Fay K

Senior Champion: Ben R & Bella T

Senior Runner Up: Isaac G & Makenzie M

To view photos click [here](#)





**Science with Miss Kite**  
5/6G are studying "FORCES" in Science this term. We conducted an experiment on gravity, making predictions and testing our theories to see how the mass of an object affects the gravitational pull.

