



The Scribbly Gum

Term 1 Week 9 2024



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Upgrades to facilities

Work has begun this week on updating the existing asphalt court to a more user friendly and safe synthetic one. This will double the size of our synthetic court area and make it much easier to run parallel games, morning fitness and visiting sporting clinics in this valuable part of our school playground. The students have been eagerly watching the progress this week, possibly a few tradies in waiting in our student population!

We are awaiting further information as to when the complete replacement of the COLA concrete and drainage will commence but indications are this will not be until at least mid-year due to DoE budget adjustments.

Website

If you haven't had a look lately, make sure you check out our new look [website!](#) There are plentiful amounts of photos throughout the galleries and updated information which is much easier to find. This is thanks to our Community Liaison Officer, Mrs Tracey Moroney, who works across the three public schools in town.

Pre-School update

Further information should also be made available to us soon regarding the proposed one hundred new public school pre-schools for regional areas. We had multiple visits to our site last year, including 3 days of surveying, meaning we are certainly in the frame for this initiative but as with a lot of other things at present, it is a waiting game until funding is confirmed. Watch this space!

Happy Easter

From all the staff at The West, we wish you a happy and safe Easter long weekend, particularly if you are travelling! We hope the Easter Bunny finds everyone with generous amounts of treats and you all enjoy some relaxing time with your families.

Best wishes,
Pete Roddy
Principal



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Cubby House

Infant students are enjoying creative play at recess and lunch with the installation of a new cubby house. The P&C purchased the cubby house from fundraising efforts in 2023 after a suggestion from the SRC was received.

The project was a collaboration with Temora High School's Hands on Learning Program who undertook the construction of the cubby house. Thank you Steve, Makenzie and THS students we appreciate your help.

Mackenzie and Rhyder participate one day per week in the Hands on Learning Program at Temora High where they undertake various practical projects.



CALENDAR

Week 9

Fri 29 Mar

- Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 10

Mon 1 Apr

- Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tues 2 Apr

- Riverina Girls Soccer Trials

Fri 5 Apr

- Assembly MC, 2.40pm
- Student Leaders Reception, 4pm
- CDPSSA Netball & Rugby League Trials

Week 11

Tues 9 Apr

- Stage 3 Multicultural Public Speaking (self nominated students only)

Thurs 11 Apr

- Social & Emotional Reports sent home

Fri 12 Apr

- Stephen Bleyer Cup
- Last day of term

Upcoming Events

- School Holidays - Mon 15 Apr
- Students return - Tuesday 30 April

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

Easter Hat Parade

Fantastic creativeness was on display at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. Well done students (and parents) for your effort. Easter Bunny was a special guest during the parade and left a surprise for the Kinder class.



Harmony Day

Australia's cultural diversity was celebrated on Thursday 21 March with students wearing orange for Harmony Day. By wearing orange, people show their respect for all cultures that make up Australia. Harmony Day is about inclusion, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians and was first held in Australia in 1999.



Hands on Learning Program

Temora High School's Hands on Learning program builds wellbeing, engagement, and attendance by creating opportunities for students to discover their talents and experience success through significant and authentic hands-on projects.

In 2024, Temora High School's Hands on Learning program consists of three groups with a maximum class size of 6. Temora High School has partnered with Temora West Public School and Temora Public School to offer an exciting opportunity for three primary school students to participate with the high school students. Eventually, these primary school students will become the leaders of the program.

Students participate one day per week (3.5 hours) in various practical projects, which may be within the school or outside in the local community. Some examples include building basic structures, bricklaying, furniture making, painting, sculpture and landscaping. As well as completing practical projects, students prepare and share meals together as a group.

It is a privilege for students to have an opportunity to be in the Hands on Learning program at Temora High School. We have limited places, and a waiting list exists for students wishing to be involved. This is not a program for students who want a day out of school. This program helps students maintain a positive attitude to school, and they really look forward to their Hands on Learning day.

STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT

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Chase has had a brilliant start to life in 1/2M. He is able to quickly organise himself for learning and tries his best in every task he undertakes. Chase engages fully in all lessons and is always quick to answer a question. His bookwork is of a very neat standard. Chase is a well-liked and respected classmate. He has developed the ability to process his reactions and feelings without letting them overwhelm him for long periods of time. Keep up the great work, Chase!

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT AWARD

Ava D



For displaying gratitude at school.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

Gratitude - be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives.

Family Habit Builder: Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.

For more information about The Resilience Project click [here](#).

PBL SPECIAL MENTIONS

Valeska & Hayley



For being kind and caring to others



For showing how easy it is to be respectful

Cricket v's TPS

The school cricket team played Temora Public School in Round 1 of the PSSA Cricket Knockout on the school back oval.

With few experienced cricketers Temora West played well, with all players showing great team work and effort. Benji was the top run scorer for the day hitting a couple of 4's and a few good singles.

Isaac and Ben were strong in the bowling taking 3 wickets between them. Unfortunately, Temora Public were too strong coming away with the win.



Ben R attended the Riverina selection trials for cricket in Wagga, on Tuesday. Ben showed impressive cricket skills and was selected to play for the Riverina Cricket team at the State Cup, which will be held in Armidale in term 4. Congratulations Ben on your awesome achievement!



Upgrade of Courts

The upgrade of the new synthetic courts has provided some lunchtime entertainment for our students.

The upgrade will be a welcomed addition to the playground, made possible through combined funding from the school and a public grant.



Term 1 in 1/2M

We have had a very busy and productive start to the year in 1/2M! In Maths students have enjoyed working with numbers, patterns and shapes. In Art we have represented ourselves in portraiture. In English we are learning about sentence structure.

