



Temora West Public School

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Our Motto: STRIVE and SUCCEED

CALENDAR

Week 2

Thur 25 Oct Canberra Excursion - Year 3/4

Fri 26 Oct Canberra Excursion - Year 3/4

Week 3

Mon 29 Oct 1/2B Excursion to Rural Museum

Tues 30 Oct Stage 3 Excursion to Rural Museum

Wed 31 Oct Kinder Transition Morning 9:30-11am

Wed 31 Oct High School Transition – 1:30-3pm

Week 4

Tues 6 Nov SRC Fancy Dress Day

Wed 7 Nov Kinder 2019 Parent Information Session and Kinder visit 2:00-3:15pm

Wed 7 Nov High School Orientation & Transition 11:30am-3pm

NO ASSEMBLY UNTIL WEEK 4



Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 4! It has been great to see so many smiling faces as we returned to the busiest term of the year. It is set to be action packed with upcoming events such as our Gifted and Talented program, Aurora College and master classes, Remembrance Day and 6500 poppies, welcoming our new kindergarten students and farewelling our Year 6 students. Please keep an eye out for these important dates.

What a busy and productive first week we have had at Temora West! I would like to commend each and every one of our students for the magnificent effort that they put in to making the start of the term peaceful and settled. Congratulations to our students particularly for their great behaviour and lovely manners.

In government schools, child protection education forms part of all students learning in Personal Development Health and Physical Education from Kindergarten to Year 10. Our school will be teaching child protection in term 4. Students learn skills in recognising if they could be unsafe and strategies for protecting themselves. Strategies including saying 'no' if they can, going away from the situation and telling a trusted adult what has happened as soon as possible. Learning is organised into three themes: Recognising Abuse; Power in Relationships and Protective Strategies.

Welcome to our new kindergarten students as they begin their orientation sessions. It is such a special time for the students and their families and we hope they thoroughly enjoy it.

Year 5 students are now able to apply for Selective Class placement at Koorringal High School for 2020. Parents are requested to apply online from 9 October to 12 November 2018 using the internet address: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Mrs Michelle Gerhard our year 3/4 Teacher has had some bad news about her health. This will necessitate an operation in Wagga and will also require 6 weeks to recuperate. We all wish her a speedy recovery and we are happy that the doctors have caught it so early. There will be a replacement teacher on her class until the end of the year (from week 4) and we may see Michelle back during the last week to help with the Presentation Day. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

Toni



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Remembrance Day

November 11 is a significant day in our world history. Our school leaders will be involved in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the cenotaph. As it is the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1, Temora will be celebrating by dropping 6500 poppies from a Hudson Bomber over the Cenotaph. This is the first time this is to be done in Australia, so it will not only be a memorable, but a momentous occasion. The proceedings commence at 10:45am with the poppies dropping at approx. 11am. Everyone is invited to attend and pay our respects.

Parent Surveys

At the end of last term we sent home a survey asking parents various questions about the school. Thank you to those families that have returned theirs and we encourage everyone else to return yours as soon as possible so we can gain valuable feedback and improve some areas of our school. If you need another copy please contact the office and they can help you out. The survey reply can be anonymous if you wish but we will be drawing a winner from entries received and they will be given an IGA voucher.

Kinder Transitions Begin

We have had two visits from the 2019 Kindergarten students. Firstly they visited with the Pre-school and A Dragon's Tale teachers, then they came for a few hours on their own to spend some time getting familiar with their new classroom and the school surroundings. It is a very exciting time for them and we look forward to seeing their smiling faces around the playground for the next couple of weeks.

World Teachers' Day

The SASS Staff hosted a morning tea for the teachers this week to celebrate World Teachers' Day. We thank and acknowledge them for their contribution to the future of our education through their professional teaching.

Music

Our students are very happy to be back into their music lessons this term. Our Guitar players are learning a song with Mr Derek called 'riptide' this term and are improving each session.

Mr Brooker has been doing a fabulous job teaching the choir a new song for our end of year presentation. The brass and woodwind instrument players have also been busy practising and continue to improve with each lesson. We are looking forward to showcasing the hard work they have put in this year on Presentation Day.

Sports News

We have been fortunate to receive a small grant that has enabled us to provide a cricket program for four weeks. This began today and the students are enjoying the experience. Following the cricket program and as the weather warms up, students in Years 3-6 will commence swimming for sport. A note has been sent home for you to fill in and it would be appreciated if it could be returned as soon as possible as this will come around very quickly.

Sun Safety

With the warmer weather now with us, it is important that sun safety procedures are put in to place. For this reason all students are expected to wear hats in open areas of the playground. Our "No Hat Play in the Shade" policy has already been applied but please remember only our maroon school broad-brimmed hats will be permitted in accordance with the school uniform policy. For obvious reasons, no hats will be given out at the office to borrow and no students are permitted to "borrow" hats from the lost property. If they forget their hats they can play in the shade under the cola or library.

Year 6 Activities

Year 6 have a very busy term ahead. They will be involved in a transition program at the Temora High School over the coming weeks. During this time the students are given a taste of what high school is about and are involved in various classes to make their move to high school a smooth one.

In Week 7 they will attend their camp to Borambola. This is an exciting time where many students conquer their fear of heights on the flying fox and have the opportunity to be involved in fun team building activities and challenges. Notes have been sent home for this excursion.

The Year 6 farewell dinner will be held on Tuesday 18th December at the Temora Ex Services Club. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 19th December. This will be the last day of the 2018 school year for students.

Book Club

Just a reminder that Book club is due Wednesday 31st October.

Intensive Swimming

Students in Year 2 will be participating in intensive swimming lessons in Week 7 and 8. Notes will come home about this in the coming weeks.

MC-H

MC-H are exploring how senses work and what some of the different calendar events we recognise in Australia are. The unit is titled 'A sense of celebration'. We will use our five senses (hearing, smelling, seeing, touching and tasting) as we participate in planned lessons.

In literacy we are learning about the differences between informative and imaginative text types. The students have committed to improving their reading levels by increasing their knowledge of sight words. We are looking forward to finishing the year with a productive term, being fully prepared for the new schooling year in 2019.

KINDERGARTEN

It's difficult to believe your children are in their final term of Kindergarten!!! Students are very happy to be back with their friends following the holiday break and I certainly have noticed how much they have grown since my absence last term. Our Science topic of study unit fourth term is *From Farm to Dinner Plate*. The class will look at the needs of living things and discuss and study domestic, native and farm animals. Later in the unit, students will be introduced to and begin to practise the science skills of observing, questioning, predicting and communicating. We will visit Woolworths to see how farm produce is packaged after being moved from the farm to places where the food is sold or made into other products for sale.

1 / 2 B

During Term 4 in 1 / 2 B we will be expanding our understanding of Place in History, Geography and Science. We will investigate the relationship between people and places and how that reflects the features of environment. We will continue to seek evidence of the past in our own lives. We will also experiment with materials to design and build models to specific criteria. In English we have begun the term using quality texts as models of direct speech and quotation marks. In Maths we are spending time each day solving written problems.

1 / 2 T

The sun is shining. The Silkies are laying. We are about to start selling fresh herbs and vegetables to our school community. Our class has been busily learning some beginner cricket skills in preparation of our formal lessons that begin this week. Diamond cricket has been quite the hit and has inspired some of our students to enrol in the local cricket competition. Fit kids are healthy and happy kids! The Year 2 students in our class are also looking forward to the two weeks of Intensive Swimming starting in Week 7. In science, we have begun a series of short and sharp experiments. Last Friday, we all placed toothpicks in potatoes and suspended them above cups of water (with just the bottom sitting in the liquid). We are hoping to sprout leaves from the top and roots from the bottom. You say potato, I say pohtah-to! Technology continues to excite us all and we are feeling more independent and confident by the week. Term 4 is off to a fantastic start!

3 / 4 C

This term, 3-4C in literacy, will be focusing their learning around the book "Charlotte's Web". In History we will be researching the age of exploration and exploring the various stages of heat in Science. We are continuing to work on our multiplication facts in Maths and are looking forward to improving our cricket skills in the upcoming clinics.

3 / 4 G

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating break. Term 4 is shaping up to be another busy one. The students have returned refreshed and have been working solidly. This term we are basing our literacy around the popular book, "Five Times Dizzy". Our guided, modelled and oral group readings are completed daily with the reading of one or two chapters. We then engage in a reading activity related to the story. A lot of our writing and artworks will be based on the book as well. In History, we are looking at "Communities and Remembrance" Science this term will be on the theme of "Material World". This looks at identifying the physical properties of natural and processed materials and how these properties influence their use. It also involves looking at states of matter and adding and removing heat to observe changes of state between solids, liquids and gases.

Stage 3

During Term 4, Stage 3 will be exploring range of Writing Topics including Procedures, Emailing, Narrative and Speech Writing. Both classes are studying Paul Jennings, with 5/6E reading 'Undone!' and 5/6M reading 'Unreal!' In Geography, we are studying 'Factors that Shape Places-Urban Cities' with a focus on Temora and its changes. Stage 3 will take part in an excursion to explore the Rural Museum. On this day we will also have lunch in town and sketch some places in the main street for Art. For Science, students in Stage 3 will be taking part in a Robotics Unit. Students will be given the opportunity to build and program various robots. We are looking forward to a jam-packed term with excursions to Canberra (4/5 students), Borambola (Year 6 students) and the Rural Museum (stage 3).

Miss Manning & Miss Evans