

# THS NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF TEMORA HIGH SCHOOL



**Ian Pattingale**  
**Principal**

## Fortnight In Focus

Welcome back to Term 4. Almost two weeks already completed.

### Celebration Assembly

The school held its first Celebration Assembly of Term 4 in Week 1. Congratulations to all the students who received awards, particularly those students who received Attendance awards. Plenty of opportunities to be eligible for an award at Temora High. Great to see our students participating in learning and being rewarded for their efforts.

### Year 12

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on completing their Secondary Studies. The school celebrated the Graduating class on the last Friday of Term 3. All the student's looked fabulous at the Graduation Dinner and it was great to celebrate this milestone achievement with staff, the students and their families. Thank you very much to Ms Eisenhammer and staff for organising the night. The speeches by students and guests were wonderful and the night was a very positive event. Year 12 are about halfway through their HSC exams. They are all still smiling before each exam and although this time can be a little stressful, they are still very positive. Good luck and study hard for the remaining exams. We are all thinking of you and wish you all the best.

### Transition

It was a pleasure to see many new faces in the Principal's office this week, when our Year 7 students for 2023 visited our school as part of transition to High School activities. Year 7 2023, caught up with mentors selected from Year 10 and had a tour of the school. Following this, they worked with mentors and staff to learn more about High School and to discuss their ideas about what is making them nervous about the transition. Our mentors all did a great job to ease the nervousness of our students and we look forward to seeing them all again soon to start the Taster Lessons.

### Temora Show

Thank you to Ms Beattie, for setting up the Temora High show display. The great work from Temora High School students was on display at our stand and representation was across many different events and competitions. Well done to all the students who received show awards.

Have a great week – Ian Pattingale

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Wed 26th Oct**

2023 Year 7

Taster Lessons

**Wed 2nd Nov**

2023 Year 7

Taster Lessons

**Thurs 3rd Nov**

Grip Student

Leadership

Conference

**Mon 7th Nov**

Year 10 Mock

Interviews

(After school)

**Tues 8th Nov**

White Card

Training

**Wed 9th Nov**

2023 Year 7

Taster Lessons

**Wed 16 Nov**

Year 7 - 5:30pm

Parent/Student

Orientation

# Attendance Matters

Every day matters. The school's absence rates at our Swimming and Athletic carnivals is almost double a normal school day, as well as Monday and Friday absences. A reminder to parents that the school does review attendance on these days and if students are absent on carnival days or the last day of each term, they may be excluded from attending non-compulsory excursions.

## Days missed = years lost

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



### More information

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

#### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

#### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

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## Compulsory school attendance

### Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

#### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

#### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

#### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

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Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

#### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

#### My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

#### What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences  
You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.
- Application to the Children's Court - Compulsory Schooling Order  
If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.
- Prosecution in the Local Court  
School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

#### What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

#### Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.





# Celebration Assembly







**Year 9 - Investigating  
SOUND ENERGY.  
Lots of smiles and  
laughter!**





# YEAR 12 GRAD







## YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER – FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

We are pleased to introduce the Graduating Class of 2022.

Year 12, their parents and THS staff had a very enjoyable evening celebrating the final formal occasion for these amazing young adults. The evening was full of laughter, heartfelt moments and a few tears, entertaining performances by the students themselves and even a special guest ( Mr Graham Angel ) who was 1 of the 4 Year Advisers this group ended up having in their time at school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening.

Tracey Eisenhammer  
(Year 12 Year Adviser)





# FOCUS ON INFORMATION SKILLS: INTERNET SEARCHING

Searching the internet can be time-consuming as the wealth of information on the World Wide Web is growing faster than we can imagine.



## CHOOSE YOUR SEARCH ENGINE

Using different search engines can change and filter your results e.g Bing.com or Duckduckgo.com (which has strong privacy settings) or Ecosia.com (which uses advertising revenue to plant trees).



## USE KEYWORDS

Another way is to think carefully about the best keywords to include in your search. Avoid wasting time by typing in the whole question: use relevant keywords to narrow your search to the best sites you need.



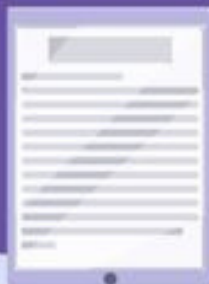
## CHOOSE EDUCATION SITES

Adding site:edu is a great way to refine your search to educational sites, which may be more accurate and at the right reading level.



## USE QUOTATION MARKS

Using quotation marks around strings of words will also help the search engine to find those words together e.g. "great white shark" will look for that type of shark, rather than pages containing the words "great", "white" and "shark".



Contact the THS library staff



## RESPECT: Be considerate of others



Being considerate shows that we care about the people around us.  
When we are considerate, we help one another achieve our goals.

### This looks, feels and sounds like:

- **Moving quietly** around the school - returning **directly** to class
- Being aware of HSC students, and others, who are doing **important assessments**
- **Listening** to others and trying to **understand** their feelings
- Being **polite, kind** and **helpful** - e.g. opening a door, waiting to the side, using kind words.



● Respect ● Responsibility ● Relationships ●

SAVE THE DATE

# Jobs Expo

Saturday 22nd October  
10am - 1pm  
Temora Memorial Town Hall

Learn about the many career opportunities available to you in the Temora Shire and jump-start your career!







# Beat the Boondah

THE FREE, FRESH, FIT TEAM IS HOLDING A BEAT THE BOONDAH PROGRAM. IT'S A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ASSIST INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO ARE WISHING TO QUIT SMOKING OR WOULD JUST LIKE THE TOOLS AND INFORMATION FOR FUTURE ATTEMPTS

**WHEN: THURSDAY 20TH OCT**  
**WHERE: COOTAMUNDRY COMMUNITY INDIGENOUS CORP**  
**TIME: 10AM**


DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT CAN ATTEND SO TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE CALL 6962 0067.

*"We all know the threat, don't live with regret"*

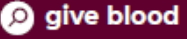



## Give life. Give blood in Temora.

90 Loftus Street  
25 to 28 October



Tuesday 25 October	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 26 October	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Thursday 27 October	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 28 October	9.00 am – 3.00 pm



# FAMILY EXPO

Wednesday  
26th October  
11am to 4pm  
GLOUCESTER PARK TEMORA  
\*Town Hall if wet

**FREE ENTRY**

SHOWCASING A RANGE OF SERVICES & ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Jumping Beans Jumping Castle •
- Old Kentucky Farm Animals •
- Dizzy Dilemma Hoala Fun •
- Food Stalls • Coffee •
- Dazzas Ice Creams •
- Museum Tractor •
- Entertainment •
- Cultural Smoking Ceremony •




## JOIN NOW

**NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING MEMBERS FOR OUR NEW ONLINE SQUADRON**



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

NSW Group is now running an online Squadron for those interested in joining the Air League but there is no Squadrons currently in their area. We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to join or volunteer their time. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Childrens Checked.

Each week you will attend your online squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. The Online Squadron may also attend group activities.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

Email: [development.nsw@airleague.com.au](mailto:development.nsw@airleague.com.au)  
[www.airleague.com.au](http://www.airleague.com.au) Email: [info@airleague.com.au](mailto:info@airleague.com.au)  
 Free Call: 1800 502 175



# COMMUNITY BOWLS & CULTURAL BBQ

## LET'S ROLL TOGETHER!



JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF BAREFOOT  
BOWLS, DELICIOUS FOOD & FUN.

BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE THAT IS  
TRADITIONAL IN YOUR CULTURE.

WE'LL SUPPLY THE BBQ AND SOFTDRINKS.

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER . 3:00PM  
TEMORA BOWLING CLUB  
LOFTUS STREET, TEMORA

RSVP's & DIETARY REQUIREMENTS TO:  
[SWARD@TEMORA.NSW.GOV.AU](mailto:SWARD@TEMORA.NSW.GOV.AU)



TEMORA  
*The Friendly Shire*

