



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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12th December, 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Monday 16th

*Thank You Morning Tea
For Volunteer Helpers*

*Principal's Attendance
BBQ*

*Reports Home to
Parents*

Tuesday 17th

*Prep Graduation
Ceremony 11.30am
followed by picnic lunch*

*Bowling
Year 3's*

Wednesday 18th

*Bowling
Year 4's*

*Year 6 Graduation @
Burrinja & RSL*

Thursday 19th

*Cameo Cinema
Years 1&2*

Friday 20th
*Final Assembly
1.45pm*

LAST DAY

Our final assembly will be held on Friday 20th December from 1.45pm – 2.30pm where we say farewell to our Grade 6 students and other students who will not be returning to Tecoma PS in 2020.

We will hold it in one of 3 spots:

On the oval in the shade if it's hot

On the top basketball court if it's overcast

In the hall if it's wet, dust storms, locusts or mice plagues!

A reminder there is no Out of School Hours Care on the last afternoon.

COLOUR BLAST

In last week's newsletter, we thanked all people involved for their efforts with the colour blast. We also now have a final figure, a whopping \$12, 201, all of which we will put aside for the Prep playground.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts.

REPORTS

Student reports are sent home this Monday, December 16. Both our Assistant Principal Di Double and I have read the reports and there has certainly been some terrific progress in 2019. Especially pleasing was the progress the children have made in moving forward with the learning goals they set in conjunction with their teacher.

2020 GRADES

On Tuesday, the children went to their 2020 classrooms to meet their new teachers. As we normally do here at Tecoma this has been done a little earlier than usual as it takes away any uncertainty for the children (and the parents!) as to where they will be next year. I would like to acknowledge the work of all the class teachers in forming these classes. Many hours are put into making sure that each child got at least one friend. Much goes into the planning of these classes including:

- Student academic needs
- Friendship preferences
- Relevant parent requests
- Class numbers, gender and distribution of ability
- Classroom mix

Classroom visits where teachers were talking about activities in store for 2020 and getting to know the children better showed that we had the mix right.
 We have 2 new staff, Miss Nicole Stone who joins us from Berwick Fields Primary Schools and Miss Helen Kesarios who worked with us as a CRT in 2019 in most areas of the school.
 Our 2020 teaching teams are:

Grade Prep	
Foundation W Hayley Ward	Foundation K Helen Kesarios
Foundation Y Felicity Young	Foundation P Kathy Perushyn
Grade 1	
Gr 1V Paulina Van Elmpt	Gr 1C Cassandra Venten
Gr 1D Phillip Darbyshire	
Grade 2	
Gr 2C Deborah Langford	Gr 2R Chelsey Robins
Gr 2W Trevor Wilson	
Grade 3/4	
Gr 3/4K Lauren Kennedy	Gr 3/4G Monica Griffiths
Gr 3/4M Lauren McNay	Gr 3/4W Liam Wright
Gr 3/4R Laura Rawnsley	
Grade 5	
5G Soléda Graham	5S Nicole Stone
5M Stuart McLean	
Grade 6	
Gr 6F Lisa Hoskins-Faul	Gr 6R Mel Rowland
Specialists/Extra Curricular	
Di Double	Reading Room
Jane McManamon	Art
Nicole Cumming	Physical Education
Sally Connell	Music
Japanese	Japanese
Sally Connell/Trevor Wilson	Science Coordinators
Kath Young, Megan Wilson,	Integration
Jennie Tuvey	Library
Chris Dykes, Adelle Young, Alexandra Holmes, Rita Senior	Out of School Hours care
Lauren Abbott	Casual relief teacher/reading room, classroom support (term 1 only)

We have provided some advice from Dr Judith Locke (clinical psychologist and former teacher) to assist parents whose children may be anxious about their new class.

Tips for Parents of Anxious Students

- If your child is anxious about starting a new class with unfamiliar people, do listen to them talk about their fears, but normalise them ('A lot of people feel worried about starting something new'), and then talk about their past strengths in facing tricky things and your confidence that they will cope with this challenge.

- When they come home from their first transition day, keep your questions broad, 'How was it?' not, 'Did you make a friend today?' or 'Is Sam in your class?' This won't put unnecessary pressure on them or suggest things in which they should be disappointed.
- Keep your and your child's expectations realistic. It is highly unlikely that they will form close friendships in the early days of a new school year, particularly in early primary. How often have you started a new job and come home from your first day to announce, 'I made my new best friend today'?
- There are things you can say if your child is not in a class they want to be in:
 1. Listen to them. Then reflect back what you hear. 'You're upset because some of your friends are not in your class. That is a completely understandable feeling'. Or 'Sounds like you are upset because you didn't get the teacher that you wanted.'
 2. Then state the potential benefits of facing this challenge, i.e. making extra, new friends, learning skills to make new acquaintances, being able to focus more on schoolwork in class than talking to their current best friend, learning how to work with a different type of teacher than the one they had last year.
 3. Maybe tell them a story about how you learned a lot from a teacher you had who was a bit tougher but taught you a lot, or a time you went somewhere where you didn't know anyone but learnt how to get on in unfamiliar environments.
 4. Let your child know that they can still see their other friend/s at lunchtime or at play dates or parties.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION and GRADUATION

On Tuesday, our Year 6 children attended their first official Orientation Day events at their respective Government secondary colleges. This was a day that most of the year 6's have been anxiously 'hanging out' for - a chance to meet a great range of new people, get to know their Year 7 teachers and make some new friends.

It is also this time of the year that we say goodbye to our graduating Year 6's. I want to personally congratulate these children as exceptional role models, setting high standards for their peers. I have appreciated their efforts as remarkable student leaders, who have risen to every challenge they have been given. I wish the Grade 6's an enjoyable Graduation next week at Burrinja followed by dinner at the Upwey/Belgrave RSL. I'm sure you will have a wonderful night.

ACKNOWLEDGING PARENTAL SUPPORT

On Monday, December 16, the staff have organised a morning tea to say thank you to all of our parent helpers for 2019. We wish to acknowledge their ongoing efforts to support the school in so many ways. As a school we appreciate and understand the importance of having a supportive parent group, which is a hallmark of the most successful schools. Some of the ways that our parents have helped in 2019 include; the fantastic support we get in running our Reading Room, supporting classroom learning, attending excursions and camps, fundraising, Mother's and Father's Day stall, the colour run, attending working bees and just generally being on hand to lend a hand. It is really appreciated and supports our school to deliver high standards of learning and lots of fun for all! If it's your final year at Tecoma Primary, we hope you leave knowing you have been able to make a difference for all children at the school through your generous support!

LIBRARY BOOK and TAKE HOME BOOKS PLEASE RETURN!

Please keep those library books and take home books rolling in! There are still many outstanding books to be returned. We know there are also many take home books out there in the community, as many of the coloured tubs are empty. These are between \$10-15 to replace and we need them back so children can begin the year next year taking home books at their reading level. They will be in the car, in the schoolbag, under the bed, you will probably also find those missing socks that matches up the lonely socks in the washing basket!

THIS WEEK AT ASSEMBLY

There was no assembly this week due to the Curriculum Day.
See you around the school. Only 1 week to go!

Rohan Thompson
Principal.

OFFICE NEWS

NOTICES

The following notices have been sent home:

- ♦ School Fees for 2020
- ♦ Year 3&4's Bowling/Red Train Excursion

2020 SCHOOL FEES:

Prep - \$177.00
Grade 1 & 2 - \$123.00
Grade 3 - \$133.00
Grade 4 - \$128.00
Grade 5 - \$115.00
Grade 6 - \$198.00

ABSENCES

If your child is not well or going to be absent, please notify the school via FlexiBuzz by 10.30am on the day of their absence.

This DOES NOT incorporate the OSHC.

A separate message to OSHC service will also need to be sent to them within the required time frames.

OFFICE TRANSACTIONS

*Will only be taken up
until 4pm.*



LOST PROPERTY:

Our lost property bin for uniform is overflowing again.
We have put this out in the rotunda for you to look through.

If it's not named, and you need it, please take it!

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop hours are:

Tuesday Morning 8:30am to 9:15am

Thursday Morning 8.45am to 9.30am

Thursday Afternoon 3.15pm to 3.45pm

PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S

UNIFORM STRAIGHT AWAY!

**SCHOOL SPORTS POLO'S ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR
YEAR'S 3-6 FOR 2020 - \$40ea**

MUSIC LESSONS AT TECOMA P.S.

PRIVATE TUTORS

Drums/Singing/Other Instruments

Jordan Scotney 0408 881 395

Piano

Amanda Collins 0478 166 709

Guitar

Juan Aravena 0402 688 836

Violin

Lore Burns 0431 224 262



*Irish Dance Classes Tecoma
New Beginners Welcome
Thursday & Saturday classes
Pre-school, Primary &
Adult Classes*

*No compulsory uniform,
costumes, or performances.
No registration fees.*

Contact Kate: 0434 517 636

kate_bilton@hotmail.com

www.victorianirishdance.com

Out of School Hours Care Notice

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE does not run on Friday 20th December
(Last day)**

Before School Care runs as normal.

2020 Bookings

It's that time of the year where we need to know your 2020 childcare preferences. If you are keeping the same days in 2020 can you please text the service with "SAME". **(0477 725 824)**

If you need to change your days just text the days you will need including am or pm to the service. **(0477 725 824)**



School Sport Victoria

Team Vic Registration Process

12 Years and Under

Registration to trial for most SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships is done through an online process managed by School Sport Victoria.

Boys Australian Football, Mixed Netball, Boys Football (Soccer), Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball differ due to the large number of students that register for this trial process. These sports start with nominations through their schools to enable attendance at Division trials as the first step. If selected at Division level a student will move through to Region trials except for basketball where a conference trial is held; and finally a State trial for possible selection in a Team Vic team.

To be eligible children registering to trial must be turning 10, 11 or 12 years of age in 2020.

SSV implements an online registration process for the five teams mentioned above across the State. This is done for the following reasons;

- It ensures all 12 Years and Under registrations to trial are done the same way.
- It ensures that regardless of where a child is and in what sector, primary or secondary, the process will be fair and equitable.
- It ensures the trial process attracts only students capable of performing at a high standard and is for emerging athletes who have reached a certain standard.

The Online Registration process will open on December 1, 2019 **and close on March 1, 2020.**

Please be aware of the following;

1. Students and families must consult with their Principal to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level.
2. It is imperative that teachers decide on a child's capability of representing their school at a state level trial.
3. The discussion with the school Principal is necessary as all students **MUST** get

the Principals signature and School Stamp on their registration form prior to attending a trial.

4. Registration is a NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee. This fee covers the cost of hosting the trial and subsequent expenses as well as an administration fee.
5. This Registration is a registration for a Division trial. Confirmation to attend a trial will occur after registration closes and before the end of Term 1, 2020.
6. Once registered, the parent will receive an email confirming payment and a form which will require the Principal's signature. This form must be handed in to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day. **NO FORM, NO TRIAL.** If the parent does not receive the email contact School Sport Victoria immediately.
School.sport.victoria@edumail.vic.gov.au
7. Once registration for Division trials close on March 1, 2020, Division Coordinators will email the registered participants and inform them of the time, date and venue for their trial **before the end of Term 1, 2020.**

Please Note:

- A. Girls Football (Soccer) will go direct to a State Trial in 2020.
- B. **Girls Australian Football has been introduced to the School Sport Australia program in 2020 and will also go direct to a State Trial in 2020.**

Please go to the respective sports - [Australian Football](#), [Basketball](#), [Football \(Soccer\)](#) & [Netball](#) – via the [Team Vic](#) page of the [SSV website](#) for more information on State trial dates.

If you require any further information about this process, please contact your school Sport Coordinator/Teacher.

Regards



Rayoni Nelson
Chief Executive Officer
School Sport Victoria

We need your support this Christmas!

Chill Santa,
we've got this.

**12 Month
Memberships
can start anytime!**



Give Santa a break and help support
our festive season fundraising by
giving the gift of Entertainment to
your loved ones.

Better than a gift card. Why?



**12 month
memberships**
now start anytime



**20% of every
sale** supports
our fundraiser



Keeps on giving
with new offers
added weekly



**Something for
everyone** with
thousands of
savings

► **BUY NOW**



Your support means a lot to us
and makes a big difference.

FUNDRAISING WITH
entertainment

Try Highland Dancing!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMER WORKSHOP

Ages 5-7 and 8-12



January 21st and 22nd



\$15 per student per session



ELEVATE Movement Studio
in Upwey, Victoria



For more information and to enrol
Please visit our website:

elevatemovementstudio.com



UPWEY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 6 January
Tuesday 28 January

7.00am – 6.30pm

Session Fee \$88.00*

Pay between \$13.20 -
\$88.00 dependent on
childcare subsidy
entitlements.

* Early Bird Rate – Book 14
days in advance.



Inclusion



Excursion



Activity

2020 SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY. **SUMMER**
EXTEND SQUAD
FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences!

6 Monday	7 Tuesday	8 Wednesday	9 Thursday	10 Friday
Vanilla Cupcakes Crumpled Paper Art	Puffing Billy & Emerald Park Lake	Balloon Splatter Painting & Orange Fizz	Greatest Showman Circus Skills	Disco Party Fitness Bingo
Olivia challenges you to become a MasterChef as you bake delicious vanilla cupcakes. Then, decorate with colourful icing.	Travel through the Dandenong Ranges on Australia's favourite steam train. Then enjoy a lovely picnic.	Splash your paint on the canvas as you create your own masterpiece using a new painting technique!	Roll up! Roll up! The circus is coming. Master your agility, balance and coordination skills in this fun circus workshop!	Are you ready to party? You'll be grooving, moving, singing and dancing at our fun-filled party! There will be tasty treats too!
Session Fee Only	Session Fee + \$33	Session Fee Only	Session Fee + \$20	Session Fee Only
13 Monday	14 Tuesday	15 Wednesday	16 Thursday	17 Friday
Seville Water Play Park	Mini Beasts	Indoor Succulent Garden & Slime Pots	Wafer Pencil Cookies Silly Putty	LEGO Party Straw Weaving
Splash-tastic summer fun! A fun-filled splash park complete with water foundations and water jets!	Get a close up look at invertebrates, a hands- on experience with fascinating mini creatures.	Activate your green thumb and build a mini garden like you've never seen before! You'll be amazed at the results.	Let's get creative in the kitchen as we learn how to make mouth-watering wafer cookies. Yum!	Calling all LEGO fans! There will be LEGO inspired treats, building challenges and group games.
Session Fee + \$10	Session Fee + \$20	Session Fee Only	Session Fee Only	Session Fee Only



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NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 06 January

IN + \$12.00

ANIMAL CRACKERS

INCURSION - ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL WITH WILD ACTION

This is a classification program with a range of invertebrates, marine creatures, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, this is an engaging program for all age groups



Monday 13 January

MINUTE TO WIN IT

IN-SERVICE

Beat the clock! You've got 60 seconds - can you beat all of the challenges in time?



Tuesday 07 January

MINICHEF

IN-SERVICE

Present to the judges your finest food creation for a shot at the Mini Chef title. What will you find in the Mystery Box?



Tuesday 14 January

PYJAMA PARTY

IN-SERVICE

Come dressed in your Onesie or Pyjamas today as we jump around and play party games!



Wednesday 08 January

EX + \$23.00

S.T.E.M

EXCURSION - SCIENCE WORKS

Today we will get to explore all matters of science and see a show in the planetarium.



Arrive by 8.15am

Wednesday 16 January

EX + \$37.00

SECRET GARDEN

EXCURSION - ENCHANTED ADVENTURE GARDEN

Come on an adventure with us today as we wind through the maze, try the big slide and a stroll through the trees around the Enchanted Adventure Garden Arthur's Seat.



Arrive by 8.30am

Thursday 09 January

EXPLORE THE OCEAN FLOOR

IN-SERVICE

How do you make an octopus laugh? With 'tentacles' of course! Discover more fun aquatic facts on today's submarine adventure!



Thursday 16 January

WATER PLAY DAY

IN-SERVICE

Getting wet! Today is about having fun with water.



Friday 10 January

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

IN-SERVICE

Wear your maddest hat and expect the unexpected at our Mad Hatter's Tea Party today!



Friday 17 January

IN + \$21.00

LET'S GET CREATIVE

INCURSION - TERRARIUM WITH LOTS A SCENTS

Create your very own living plant Terrarium. Layer up the soil and stones before you choose your special plant and decoration to add to the Terrarium.



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EXCURSION

INCUSSION

Monday 20 January

SPACE ADVENTURE

IN-SERVICE

Look out the window as we soar through the galaxy to explore space.



Monday 27 January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Tuesday 21 January

EX + \$30.00

A BLAST OF FUN

EXCURSION - ZONE BOWLING BORONIA AND MEAL

Strike it lucky today at ten pin bowling and enjoy a hotdog and curly fries. (Don't forget your socks!)



Arrive by 8.30am

Tuesday 28 January

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY!

IN-SERVICE

Let's wind up the school holidays with a party! Food, games and a whole lot of fun!



Wednesday 22 January

IN + \$17.00

MASTER BUILDERS

INCUSSION - LEGO® BRICKS CHALLENGE

Young Engineers will be bringing their bucket loads of LEGO® for us to use. Let's create and construct movable masterpieces before breaking them back down for others to enjoy.



Thursday 23 January

PET PARTY

IN-SERVICE

Do you love pets? Then you'll love today's Pet Party, where we'll be celebrating all our hairy, furry, scaly and fluffy friends!



Friday 24 January

CHINESE NEW YEAR

IN-SERVICE

Join in all the fun of the Chinese new year.





RANGES TREE WORKS



Ranges Tree Works is situated in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges and specialises in tree removal, dead tree removal, emergency tree work, tree maintenance and other tree services.

Servicing throughout the Dandenong Ranges, Emerald, Cockatoo, Gembrook and surrounding suburbs.

We offer a premium service at competitive rates.

Using only Professional, Certified and Insured Arborists to get your tree work done in a safe and efficient manner.

We specialise in:

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- Mulching
- Stump Grinding
- Tree Management Advice

RANGES TREE WORKS

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