



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5th

*No Preps at school
(Assessments only)*

Tuesday 11th

*Welcome BBQ for
Preps, Buddies & New
Families
5.30pm - 7.30pm*

Wednesday 12th

*No Preps at school
(Assessments only)*

Tuesday 18th

*"Getting to Know Your
Child" Interviews
From 2.00pm*

Wednesday 19th

*No Preps at school
(Assessments only)*

Thursday 20th

*Polly Woodside
Excursion
Year 3/4 - 3 classes*

Friday 21st

*Polly Woodside
Excursion
Year 3/4 - 2 classes*

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

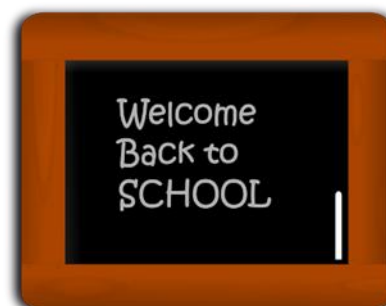
Welcome back to you all. I trust that the school break and holiday season was full of good times and that whether you stayed home or holidayed elsewhere that you had a great time. Sadly, the bushfire situation affected some of our families and staff, some closely involved and others with family and friends affected. It's an awful situation and one that is a timely reminder, as we enter the new school year, that we are situated in a bushfire prone area. Please make sure your details are up to date with our school office, as in case of a bushfire emergency, we do need to be able to keep in contact with you.

You will also have seen much media in the last few days regarding the Coronavirus. It is my understanding, talking to the children today, that none of our community attended China or had anyone visit from the Wuhan area. This does not mean we can be complacent and we must be vigilant as to our own health and of our children as we head into the school year. I've addressed this further, later in this edition.

Aside from these situations, we have had a smooth start to the 2020 school year.

Students and teachers arrived yesterday looking fresh and ready for another year of challenging learning. At Tecoma, we have high expectations of student learning and behaviour and achieve excellent results as a consequence. We look forward to this continuing. I issued the challenge at assembly on Wednesday of the children having their best year ever, setting goals with their parents and their teachers to achieve the best they possibly can.

Welcome to all parents and a special welcome to our new families, trusting that your time at Tecoma is a rewarding one and that you will acquire many great memories and friendships over your time here. If you have been at the school for some time and see a new face in the yard, please make them feel welcome, extend a hand of friendship and try to ensure everyone in our community feels included in all aspects of school life.



There are many opportunities for parent involvement within the school: classroom assistance with Reading (especially in the “Reading Room”), Maths or PMP; assisting at Working Bees, camps and excursions and of course, being a member of the Parent Network who do such an amazing job of raising funds for the school and giving the children some wonderful experiences.

I wish to especially welcome our 2020 Foundation children (Prep) to the Tecoma Primary School community. This year we have four Foundation (Prep) classes with 68 excited and eager children beginning their primary school years. I have no doubt that Tecoma’s extensive transition program played a significant role in our Foundation children (Preps) confidently walking through the door today.

This year we are operating 20 class groups across the school. The school is continuing to grow steadily; a result of a good reputation, outstanding teaching and resources, supportive parents and well-behaved and studious children.

Welcome to Miss Kesarios who has joined our Prep teaching team and to Miss Nicole Stone who joins us in 5S. We hope that this is the start of a long and successful career in education here at Tecoma.

Across the holidays, we obviously had some community members who came into the school and kept our yard reasonably tidy rubbish wise so we thank you for that. We did get hit in the last week with graffiti which is incredibly frustrating. That has now been remedied. Otherwise, we got through without too much needing fixing at the working bee.

There were some works that did occur while the school was quiet. A new staff toilet was installed in the grade 3-6 area which was desperately needed. We also had all of our line marking re-done which really refreshes the whole yard.

There have been many people hard at work over the holidays to ensure a smooth start to the school year for all. Thank you mums and dads, for ensuring your children were dressed in full Tecoma PS uniform for their return to school. I know this high standard will continue throughout the year. Many thanks to those who came to the working bee on Tuesday afternoon in very hot weather, readying the school for the children’s return.

Huge thanks to our staff for all the preparations they have made to ensure a great start to the 2020 school year. Over the past few weeks they have met in teams to discuss and plan curriculum, spent hours getting rooms ready, made teaching materials and organised supplies and equipment. Already many hours have been expended on these and other tasks, both at home and school. We are really ready for another great year.

We will once again this year go with fortnightly newsletters. Therefore it is imperative you have the FlexiBuzz app loaded onto your phone. Parents are sent an alert when our newsletter becomes ‘live’ electronically each Thursday through this “FlexiBuzz” app. Every effort will be made for our newsletter to be posted by 3.30pm every second Thursday.

We always print a copy of the first newsletter of each term for the youngest in each family. After that, we do our bit for the environment and only print a small number of hard copies of the newsletter (approx. 20-25) which are placed at the front foyer each Thursday afternoon.

“Student of the Week” will be announced weekly either via the fortnightly newsletter or via a PDF alert via Flexibuzz on the “off week.”

Please see the office news section of this weeks newsletter for further information on office procedures for receiving information, payments and lunch orders.

Staffing 2020

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)

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Exclusion of well children or staff who have travelled to affected areas

As you may be aware, the situation regarding the emerging outbreak of novel coronavirus has continued to evolve. The Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer late last night recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing coronavirus for travellers returned from Hubei province.

This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any returning student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

- following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or
- after leaving Hubei Province.

This same advice applies to any staff who have returned or are returning from Hubei province. If you think your child or a family member may meet one of the above criteria, please contact the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

Seeking medical advice for your child

Please seek medical advice for any child who is:

- experiencing fever and respiratory symptoms (including but not limited to cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, body aches or fatigue); AND
- has recently travelled to Wuhan, China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases in the 14 days before of the onset of illness.

As with the above advice, please call the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398 to discuss further actions.

At assembly on Wednesday, I spoke to the children about precautions to take not only at school but also when out and about or after using public transport in the unlikely event that children could be exposed to the Coronavirus.

I reminded staff and students that everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow, dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards. Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating.

We have also sent home a separate letter today with the most up to date information.

More information

For up-to-date information, please see the Department of Health and Human Services website: [Information for the public - novel coronavirus](#)

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Both my door and Assistant Principal Di Double's door is always open should any parent need to chat. Our number one priority is the engagement, wellbeing and care of all students at Tecoma Primary School and we are always happy to hear feedback on the improvements we are making and what we can do to better assist our students.

Of course, your child's class teacher is your first port-of-call. Should the need arise to speak directly to a staff member; you can contact us and we will organise an appointment at a mutually convenient time either before school or after school. Please allow us time during school hours as we concentrate our efforts on the children. It is very important that we devote our attentions and 'duty of care' to our school's students throughout each school day.

OUR 2020 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Our 2020 School Captains are Jack C, Lily W, Evie O and Austin H. We congratulate them on running their first assembly as School Captains on Wednesday morning.

LEADERHIP BADGES and BOMBER JACKETS for GRADE 6 children

The leadership badges for all grade 6 children have been ordered. We will announce the exact date of the assembly when these will be presented, when we know they have all arrived.

ASSEMBLIES

A reminder that we have our assemblies, beginning at 9.00am every Monday. You are certainly welcome to attend, to find out what is happening around the school and to give a hearty cheer to those student that receive the "Student of the Week" award. "Student of the Week" award winners are announced via FlexiBuzz each week, giving you time to organise your availability to attend assembly the following Monday. Please come along if you can as your child gets a great thrill from having you there.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Interested in the directions of your child's school? Would you like to understand why decisions are made or not made? Want to have a say, be involved in the school and feel like you've made a difference? Then you should seriously consider nominating for School Council. A dynamic School Council is a vital component of any school and we are looking for parents to join the 2020 Council. Parental support of the teachers and the school's programs is also vital and includes displaying a positive attitude towards your child's learning, so I encourage you all to be fully involved in your child's education. Working and "learning together" we can achieve great results.

Our first School Council meeting for 2020 will be held on Tuesday, 25th February. This meeting will be the first meeting of the new School Council. We are now looking at forming our new SC – at present we require 3 new parent members so please give some thought to this and feel free to call me to have a chat if you would like to know more about what it involves.

I would especially like to thank the following parents whose 2 year tenure on School Council ends at this election: Fiona Green, David Coe, Angie Hume and Danielle O'Brien (co-opted community member.)

Please take the time to look at the election procedures and timeline below. This has been sent out today in another flier.

If you require more information, please speak to one of our current school councillors or pop in to see us for a chat.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All Government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

THE TIMELINE FOR 2020 ELECTIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Notice of election and call for nominations: **30th January**
2. Closing and assessing nominations and deciding on elections (if Ballot is required) by **4pm on 6th February**

If the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies, those nominated will be appointed as members for the 2020-21 Term.

If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, a poll will be called.

3. Lists of candidates will be displayed in the school office (if Ballot required) **7th February**
4. Ballot papers will be distributed to all parents/guardians by **On or before the 13th February**
5. Close of Ballot: **20th February**
6. Count Votes: **21st February**
7. Declare ballot to the Community: **21st February**
8. First meeting of new Council (Principal will preside): **Tuesday 25th February**

Nomination forms are available from the office from January 31.

DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP WITH TECOMA FAMILIES

Our teaching and support staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all students can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day's learning program
- 2) Completes all homework given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life

"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD" INTERVIEWS

Getting to know your child Parent teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday February 18.

The school again will set up a process where parents are required to book a time online to see a teacher. It is not compulsory to see a teacher about your child at this stage of the year but we would certainly like to see you all here; however if a teacher specifically wishes to see certain parents, they will ask for this to occur.

Like last year, and with most other things these days, it is wise to get in early to book the most suitable time/s whilst they are available. I know the teachers are excited about sharing information regarding the successful transition of your child/ren into their new level of schooling, whilst hearing background information from parents, who of course, know their own child/ren better than anyone.

PARENT PERMISSION FORMS FOR EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

One of the many exciting parts of going to school is the different experiences children receive when going on camps and excursions/incursions. Students really become immersed in the topic as they receive information in a different setting and a different source. Staff spend a great deal of time organising excursions and all excursions require parent permission to participate. In previous years, staff have unfortunately spent time chasing up these permission forms on the morning of the excursion when first aid kits, communication lists, equipment and various other items have to be organised. On some occasions, excursion groups have left late because permission forms have not been returned and are being chased up by staff. This is unfair both on staff but also on those families and children that have sent the forms back. Quite often excursion venues also require final numbers days before and we get billed on this figure, even if some students do not attend. We have decided that this year the cut off for permission forms and therefore children being able to attend is the day before the incursion/excursion. **If the permission form is not back by the day before, then the student will not be attending. We cannot continue to chase or accept permission forms on the morning for the above stated reasons.** This is in fairness to all involved. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS (WWCC)

We encourage and value parental and community support at Tecoma Primary School. There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education. These checks are free for volunteers and will allow you to be involved in as many school events as you require. Once you have your WWCC, please come to the office so we can photocopy this and we will add your name to our list of parents who have a current WWCC check.

CAR PARKING

Just a reminder about the car parking in and around the surrounding areas of the school. Our school carpark is open in the morning and has a drop off bay outside the hall. If the carpark is full there are spaces available for parents to park on Burwood Hwy, in behind the Salvation Army and Bon-Ton and the church next door. There is a small amount of spaces available on McNicol Rd, however please be aware parking inspectors were out and about last year booking cars for being parked in the wrong areas.

Our carpark works extremely well in the afternoon **when the pick up bay is not used for parking**; please only stop in the drop off bay when you see your child waiting there. If you do not see your child there, please do another loop. If your child is at an age where they need assistance to get in the car, carry their bags or need help with seatbelts etc, then please don't use the drop off bay.

It worked really well last year when we all did the right thing.

It ensures the traffic keeps flowing and leads to much less frustration for all road users.

The pre school carpark is for kinder parents only. This is also the case at the Eastern Health Carpark on the corner of Burwood Hwy and McNicol Rd due to the Emergency Vehicles (eg. Ambulances) that might need access to the premises. Please be respectful that these carparks are not ours and should not be used by our community as such.

Thank you for your assistance.

40 ZONES

School speed limits apply outside every school in Victoria to increase the safety for our most vulnerable road users - children.

All Victorian drivers are reminded that school speed limits will apply across Victoria from Wednesday 29th January 2020.

Speed limits will be reduced to either 40km/h or 60km/h outside schools in the morning from 8.00am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm.

For information on school speed zones visit the VicRoads website. While you're there, check out their fun and informative road safety apps.



ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Ambulance cover could be one consideration as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development states that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector. For those parents who seek personal cover, details of an insurer who offers individual accident insurance for \$29 for the year is:

EBM INSURANCE BROKERS and the link is

<https://www.ebminsurace.com.au/personal-cover/student-cover.php>

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. Principals are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please, try and avoid bringing these items as it can be most upsetting for all concerned when items do go missing.

STUDENT SAFETY – BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES @ TECOMA PS

With the extreme weather conditions and bushfires across the eastern seaboard of Australia we have experienced the past month, this summer has again seen the threat and realisation of bushfire, and being in the Dandenong Ranges classifies our school on the '*Bushfire At Risk Register*'. It is vital you are aware of the following information:

SCHOOL CLOSURES ON CODE RED DAYS

Should there be a predicted "**CODE RED**" day school community members will be notified three days prior to the predicted closure to inform them. One day prior to the closure day(s) another FlexiBuzz alert, letter/phone call will confirm the closure. **If the school is closed, nobody will be on site.** This includes all staff and students. As the Out of School Hours Care Program will also be closed families will be required to make alternate arrangements for such days. It is recommended that you enact your fire plans on these days.

Active Fire Procedures

In the event of an active fire occurring in the area all students will be evacuated to the Safer Place which is our school hall. Parents will be notified should we ever evacuate to the hall.

We ask that you do not come to the school to collect your children, at this time, as the potential for traffic closures and hazards in such conditions could result in tragic consequences as was the case in the Black Saturday fires. Please note that the school's Safer Place is not a community refuge and we discourage you from using it as a plan of action in your family's emergency management plan.

Many parents will choose to enact their family fire plans well before a real threat is faced. This may mean leaving the local area the day before a day of extreme heat and/ or wind. Of course this decision lies with each family and should mean that your route down the Highway is not blocked or impeded as may be the case if a fire was in the area.

VISITING THE SCHOOL and CHILDREN COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY

A reminder to everyone that we have a policy which requires all visitors to report to the office first when entering the school. Should you need to visit the classroom, see your child at recess or are a helper at school, please report to the office first, to sign in on our iPad and pick up your visitor's tag. This ensures that in an emergency we are able to account for all people at school.

If you are having someone collecting your children that is not on your emergency contact list or does not normally pick up your child, can you please send a note to your teacher. This is especially important for the junior children as we release the children from their class for the day.

MOBILE PHONES

Readers of the newsletter last year would be aware of the introduction of the state-wide policy on Mobile Phones in Victorian Government Schools. All students are required to turn off and hand in mobile phones to prevent usage during school hours.

We have purchased electronic safes to secure the phones for each classroom in grade 5/6 area and one to cover the 3/4 area. Phones will be placed in the safe at the start of the day and handed back at the end of the day.

You should have received the mobile phone-student use policy yesterday. We have been pleased with how it has worked over the past few days and have made it as easy as possible to implement. Please make sure you read the policy so you are familiar with our procedures.

PRIVACY

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's privacy policy which outlines how we collect and manage information. This can be found on our website

<https://tecomaps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Schools-Privacy-Policy.pdf>

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents at https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx)

This information also available in nine community languages.

SUN SMART

During term one, please remember that hats are compulsory at all times when outside at school (including Phys Ed sessions). As a Sunsmart school we strictly enforce the use of hats.

Remember these 5 Sunsmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it's cool or cloudy

1. ***Slip on covering clothing.*** If you can see skin, UV can reach it.
2. ***Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen.*** Apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
3. ***Slap on a sun protective hat.*** The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Our school hats comply with Sun Smart regulations.
4. ***Seek shade.*** Shady spaces help block some of the sun's UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade.
5. ***Slide on sunglasses.*** If practical, help protect your child's eyes with sunglasses.

For further information go to: www.sunsmart.com.au

Students who don't have a Sun Smart hat will be directed to play in a designated shade area.



HOT WEATHER

On days of extreme heat, students will remain in their classrooms with all staff sharing the supervision of grades. This will only apply to days of extreme and excessive heat and will operate similarly to the wet day timetable.

AND FINALLY.....

- Café style lunch orders commence next week and are available on Wednesdays and Fridays through lunch order tubs and this is a cash system. The menu will be sent out next week via Flexibuzz. We will also have Sushi Express lunch orders on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays and this is done online through the QKR app.
- The playground is supervised from 8.45am and children should not be at school before this time unless prearranged by a teacher due to a school event. Each day teachers will be in their classroom at 8.50am should you have any questions to ask. Parents should note that lessons will begin at 9am sharp. For more complex issues an alternative meeting time, at a mutually agreeable time, can be arranged after school.

- If your child is ill at school, or suffers an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. However, it is necessary on occasions to contact parents and we are often frustrated by out of date information that delays this process. **Please make sure you notify the office of any changes to your or your Emergency Contact details as well as mobile phone numbers for our SMS system.** Obviously in extreme cases we may also deem it necessary to call an Ambulance before consulting parents and you need to be aware of this. Please also keep the office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare. Your up to date contact information is especially important for our SMS system in case we need to contact you in case of an emergency eg bushfire.

2020 TERMS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATES			
Wednesday	29 January	9:00am	<u>Term One commences</u> – Grade 1-6 students begin
Thursday	30 January	9.30am- 1.00pm	Prep Students begin
Monday	9 March		Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday	27 March	2:00 – 2:30pm	Assembly (Term 1 concludes - <u>early dismissal</u>)
Friday	10 April		Good Friday
Monday	13 April		Easter Monday
Tuesday	14 April	9:00am	<u>Term Two commences</u>
Saturday	25 April		Anzac Day
Monday	8 June		Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday	26 June	2:00 – 2:30pm	Assembly (Term 2 concludes - <u>early dismissal</u>)
Monday	13 July	9:00am	<u>Term Three commences</u>
Friday	18 September	2:00 – 2:30pm	Assembly (Term 3 concludes - <u>early dismissal</u>)
Monday	5 October	9:00am	<u>Term Four commences</u>
Tuesday	3 November		Melbourne Cup Holiday
Friday	18 December	1:45 – 2:30pm	Assembly (last day of 2020 - <u>early dismissal</u>)

Thankyou everyone for a sensational start to the school year. Have a wonderful 2020!

Rohan Thompson
Principal

OFFICE NEWS.

Welcome back to school and the New Year of 2020. We look forward to a great year ahead and working together with you and your children.



Please be aware of the following:

- ⇒ QKR App. Please download and use this app (if you haven't already) to use for uniform orders/payments and to pay for school fees, term levies, swimming, camps, and any extra sports days etc. We will be encouraging you to use this more as we head toward being a cashless school.
- ⇒ FlexiBuzz. You will need to update your communication subscription groups within your FlexiBuzz app. Please ensure that you subscribe to the class with your child/ren are in this year and unsubscribe from the previous year's groups. Also please make sure you have notifications turned on in this app so that you know when we have sent out important information.
- ⇒ Café Lunch Orders will recommence from next week on Wednesday's & Friday's. We have included this year's menu in this newsletter for you, have given Prep children a hard copy to take home, and will also send it out via FlexiBuzz.
- ⇒ Sushi Express Orders are made using the QKR app ONLY. Orders must be made before 9.00am on the day you wish your child to have the sushi. Ordering the day before is best.
- ⇒ Uniform shop hours have changed slightly. It will now be open on Monday mornings 8.45am - 9.15am, rather than Tuesday mornings. Thursday mornings and afternoons as usual.
- ⇒ Term Levies for Term 1 will be sent out by the end of next week, hopefully!
- ⇒ **Contact details must be updated regularly.** Especially now we are in the Bushfire Season. We will be emailing you with your child/ren's student information. Please check these carefully to be sure we have the correct contact details for you and their emergency contacts.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Karin, Heather, Anthea or Marnie

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop hours are:

MONDAY Morning	8:45am to 9:15am	
Thursday Morning	8.45am to 9.30am	PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S
Thursday Afternoon	3.15pm to 3.45pm	UNIFORM STRAIGHT AWAY!

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



2020 LUNCH ORDER MENU

WEDNESDAY'S & FRIDAY'S ONLY

HOT FOOD

Hot wholemeal bread rolls:

- Hot bacon and egg \$4.50
- Hot chicken and gravy \$4.50
- Hot beef and gravy \$4.50

Homemade individual pizza on tomato sauce base:

- Chicken - pineapple and cheese \$4.00
- Hawaiian - ham, pineapple, cheese \$4.00
- Meat lover - Ham, salami, chicken and cheese \$4.00
- Vegetarian - Seasonal fresh vegetables and cheese (V) \$4.00

Other hot meals:

- Chicken schnitzel burger with lettuce and mayo \$5.00
- Hamburger with lettuce, cheese and tomato sauce \$4.50
- Skinless, low fat hotdog with tomato sauce \$4.50
- Cheese, bacon & onion each extra \$0.50
- Chicken curry with rice \$5.00
- Beef lasagne; Homemade beef bolognaise & béchamel sauce layered with pasta and topped with cheese \$5.00
- Penne bolognaise \$4.50
- Macaroni cheese (V) \$4.50
- Lamb Souvlaki leg lamb, lettuce, tomato, cucumber & garlic yoghurt \$6.00
- Hot potato - sour cream & cheese (V) \$4.00
- Add bacon to hot potato, extra \$0.50
- Add Salsa to hot potato, extra \$0.50
- Mini home-made sausage roll \$2.50

SUSHI

- Chicken \$4.50
- Salmon \$4.50
- Vegetarian (V) \$4.50

All sushi includes soy sauce

SANDWICHES

- Premium leg ham \$3.50
- Fresh free-range chicken \$3.50
- Prime roast beef \$3.50
- Tuna \$3.00
- Egg (V) \$3.00
- Vegemite (V) \$2.00
- Toasted extra \$0.50
- Rolls extra \$0.50
- Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber) extra \$1.00
- Beetroot, pineapple, avocado, mayo extra \$0.50

SNACKS

- Popcorn \$1.00
- Gingerbread man \$2.00
- Homemade low-fat ANZAC biscuit \$2.00
- Frozen orange juice cruncher \$2.00

DRINKS

Flavoured milk (300ml):

- Chocolate flavoured milk \$3.00
- Strawberry flavoured milk \$3.00
- Vanilla malt flavoured milk \$3.00

Fresh fruit juice (300ml):

- Fresh apple juice \$3.00
- Fresh orange juice \$3.00
- Fresh apple and blackcurrant juice \$3.00

Flavoured mineral water (350ml):

- Lemonade \$2.50
- Orange \$2.50
- Lemon-lime \$2.50

Please write child's name, grade and school and order on a paper bag and where possible the correct money inside: Thank you.

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS:

SUSHI EXPRESS

Mountain Fresh

GF = gluten free

All orders need to be placed via QKR before 9am on the day of delivery

Salmon & Avocado	GF	\$3
Smoked Sal & Avocado	GF	
Tuna & Avocado	GF	\$3.00
Crispy Chicken		\$3.00
Teriyaki Chicken		\$3.00
California		\$3.00
Vegetarian	GF	\$3.00
Avo & Cucumber	GF	\$3.00
Tempura Prawn		\$3.00
Prawn & Avocado	GF	\$3.00
Tempura Vegetable		\$3.50
Egg & Avocado		\$3.00

Steamed Prawn Gyoza (5pc)	\$6.00
Steamed Veg Gyoza (5pc) VEGAN	\$6.00

Apple Pop Top	\$2
Blackcurrant Pop Top	\$2



TECOMA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

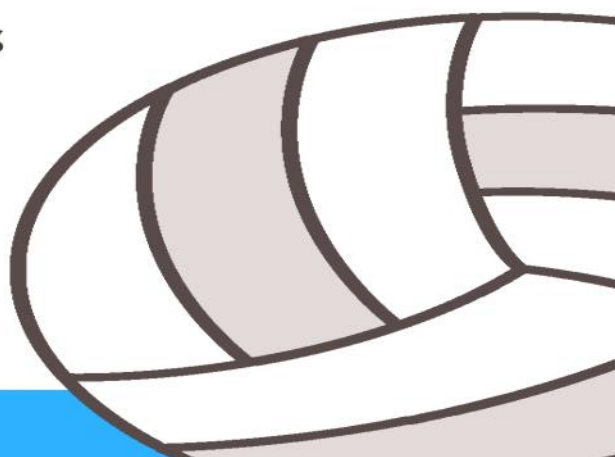
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