



# TECOMA TIMES

## Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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17th November, 2022

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### NOVEMBER

**Wednesday 23rd**  
Swimming  
Grades 5 & 6



**Thursday 24th**  
Kinder Visit - Kinder  
Kids Visit Grade 4's

**Friday 25th**  
Rayner's Orchard  
Excursion  
Grade 3 & 4's



**Saturday 26th**  
Election Day BBQ  
& Springfest

**Tuesday 29th**  
Scienceworks  
Excursion - Preps

Prep 2023  
Information Evening  
7.00pm

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### SCHOOL POLICIES FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Tecoma Primary School is committed to providing a child safe and child friendly environment, where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety and wellbeing policies outline the measures and strategies we have in place to support, promote and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students:

All of these are available for you to read on our school website:

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Health Care Needs Policy
- Aboriginal Learning, Wellbeing and Safety Action Plan

<https://tecomaps.vic.edu.au/>

As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at Tecoma Primary School we welcome and encourage your feedback. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions in relation to our child safe policies and practices, please contact the school via

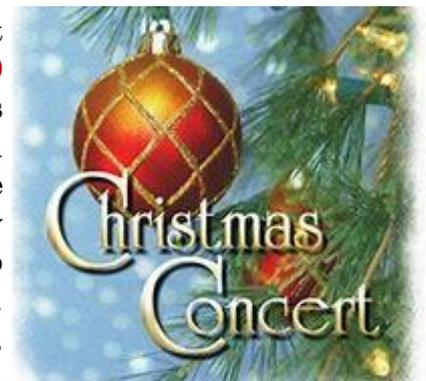
COMPASS, or via email; [tecoma.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tecoma.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS PICNIC

We will be having our Christmas Carols Night on the oval on **Wednesday November 30 from 6 pm**. Each year, this concert is always

a happy occasion where we get together as a whole school community to share in the children's success, have a break after a very busy year, and hopefully see a friend or two who we haven't caught up with for a while.

Parents are invited to bring along picnic rugs, chairs and their picnic tea and drinks for a 6:00pm tea. There will also be a sausage sizzle and food trucks with food to purchase. A reminder that smoking and the consumption of alcohol on the school property is against the law and therefore not permitted. At 7:00pm, we will commence our Christmas Carols evening here at the school. This will be a very low key evening where we can all get together, enjoy each other's company and sing along to our favourite Christmas Carols. There will be strictly "no choreography," just a nice sing-a-long to celebrate the end of another huge year. We would love to see you all here. Grandparents and extended family are very welcome as always. Let's hope the weather is kind to us this year!



## **ELECTION DAY: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26TH**

Saturday November 26th is Election Day and in the past, we have run a BBQ fundraiser to support the school. We will do this once again, along with a plant, a home produce and a trash and treasure stall. We will also have our Art Show in the Grade 1/2 building and have our performing artists



perform in the Gazebo from 12 noon to 1:00pm.

See our “Springfest” advertisement for details.

We desperately need volunteers to make this happen. Please come and put your name down on the rosters at the front office if you can assist in any way possible on the day or even the day before in the setting up and pricing of items.

## **STUDENT WELLBEING**

With the warmer weather hopefully set to return (I think I saw the sun out today), now is a good time to remind students and parents about drink bottles. In order for our brains to function at their best, hydration is essential.

At TPS, we encourage students to have a drink bottle on their table and of course, we have fountains to drink from when outside. We all know that dehydration leads to fatigue, headaches and other physically draining symptoms that interfere with learning. In order for each child to give themselves the best chance at a productive day, drinking plenty of water is the healthy and sensible solution.

I've also spoken to all the children about the use of the breaks before school, recess and lunch time for going to the toilet. Habits that have crept in during remote learning and there has been a continual procession of children going to the toilet 5 minutes into learning time on a daily basis.

I've used the analogy of what mum and dad would say as you're about to head off on your family road trip for a holiday. The last thing they would say before hopping into the car is “Have you gone to the toilet?” as they don't want to be stopping every 10 minutes on their road trip. School is the same. No teacher is going to stop the children from going to the toilet but we're trying to get them to go during the breaks instead, to maximise the most of their learning time.

## **WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION**

Last week, our students spent some time stepping up into their 2023 year levels, familiarising themselves with the teachers in the new year level and friends that might have been in other classes. From this, we ask the children for the names of others they would like to be in a class with next year. We can only guarantee one child on that list as it is a very complicated process.

On Tuesday 13th of December, we will be having our whole school transition day, where the children meet their new class and their class teacher for 2023 from 11:30am until 1:00pm . This date is also the state-wide transition day for Year 6 to Year 7. More details will be shared with our Grade 6 families closer to the date.

## **THUNDERSTORM, ASTHMA AND POLLEN SEASON**

*Please note the following advice from the Department of Education & Training:*

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening. Tecoma PS will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases. Our First Aid staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the Vic Emergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.



### ***How you can prepare:***

- During pollen season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:
- If your child has ever had asthma: talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

### ***Remain vigilant for COVID-19***

It is important for students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss or change to sense of smell or taste, which are similar to COVID-19 symptoms. If your child experiences these symptoms in different or worse ways to their usual hay fever or asthma symptoms, medical advice should be sought.

### **INFORMATION REGARDING 2026 TERM DATES AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES-FORWARD PLANNING**

There have been changes to Victorian school term dates for 2026. This will provide an opportunity for Victorian communities to participate more broadly in the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The 2026 Commonwealth Games will take place across regional Victoria from Tuesday 17 March to Sunday 29 March 2026, with Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat, Gippsland and Shepparton hosting a range of activities and events for 20 different sports and 9 para-sports.

The 2026 Victorian school term dates are:

Term 1: Tuesday 27 January to Friday 13 March 2026

Term 2: Monday 30 March to Friday 19 June 2026

Term 3: Monday 6 July to Friday 18 September 2026

Term 4: Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December 2026.

For the list of school term dates until the end of 2030, refer to School term dates and holidays in Victoria.

### **THIS WEEK AT ASSEMBLY**

There was no assembly this week due to the inclement weather on Monday. We handed out "Student of the Week" certificates in the staffroom.

See you around the school and definitely on Election day.

**Rohan Thompson**

**Principal**



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep K	Olive H	Olive wrote a wonderful persuasive letter to her parents this week, making some strong and original arguments, as to why she should be allowed to have a pet rabbit. Among her reasons, was that she will "make sure it doesn't chew the cords" in the house. Fingers crossed it does the trick, Olive!
Prep P	Griffin L	For always being such a studious, enthusiastic and hard working student who loves learning and happily taking on all kinds of challenges to stimulate his brain. Congratulations Griffin, for being a quiet achiever.
Prep Y	Merry E	Merry, your commitment to your learning is incredible. You work so hard not only at school, but also at home, reading daily, revising your SMART Spelling words and practising your writers word list. This week you achieved your green words certificate and are now working on learning your orange words! Sensational effort!
1V	Lipney B	For writing and illustrating your book titled "This is my friend ____". Each day last week, you worked on a page to complete the sentence. You made sure you could read and write each word in the sentence all by yourself. At the end of the week, you proudly read your book to our class. Excellent work Lipney!
2R	Sonny P	Thank you for the respectful way you always treat others in our grade. You show kindness to all, and are always willing to help a friend. Well done, Sonny, keep it up!
2W	Genevieve S	Thank you Genevieve, for the way you have conducted yourself while I was teaching 2W last week. You consistently showed respect to myself and your peers, listening attentively and following instructions independently. You have worked diligently, using class time wisely and working to complete each task to your personal best. Congratulations on a fantastic week of work!
3H	Hailey D	Hailey always tries her best to show our school value of Respect. She looks out for others, takes care of our classroom, follows our class expectations and answers our phone so politely in her role as phone monitor. Well done Hailey, keep up the great work!
3H	Alannah S	Alannah has been working hard to learn her times tables throughout this year and is kicking goals! She has practised and memorised many different sets and is well on her way to earning all her Ninja Belts soon!
3NP	Diego M	For your creativity in your illustrations. Diego you are a fantastic artist and it has been lovely to see you putting in a lot of effort to create wonderful pictures to accompany your work. It is also great to see you helping your friends with their pictures as well.
4B	Blake D	Blake comes into school each morning ready to learn. He gets his independent reading book out straight away, and encourages other people to do the right thing too. I absolutely love your attitude to learning and I thank you for being a very conscientious member of 4B.



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
4D	Chloe A	Chloe cleverly created a very detailed recipe about how to make slime. She used technical language, correct sub-headings and included an illustration of her finished product. Congratulations Chloe. Keep up the fantastic work.
4D	Abigail G	Abigail showed great initiative and leadership when working with her group on explaining the process of making yoghurt. Congratulations Abigail. Keep up the fantastic work.
4R	Brodie L	Brodie consistently demonstrates these values in our classroom. Throughout this term Brodie has worked diligently and shown great perseverance when completing challenging learning activities. He is always respectful to his teachers and peers. Well done Brodie!!!
6F	Griffin W	Griffin created and presented the most incredible edible model to demonstrate how geothermal energy works. Griffin made a three layered cake, including a marshmallow core to show how the earth can produce geothermal energy. Not only this, but his presentation showed his understanding of this type of energy. Thank you for such a delicious project!
6G	Lucy H	Lucy, you have achieved so much this year and your passion for learning is just contagious. You have been a kind friend to all and this means you are respected by your peers. You certainly display our four school values daily. Keep it up, you are a superstar!
6S	Callum H	Thank you for always volunteering with Oskar to put the laptops back on charge and in the right order. You two make a great team. It makes such a difference to everyone's experience using them by having them charged and easy to find. Your help is greatly appreciated!
6S	Oskar W	Thank you for always volunteering with Callum to put the laptops back on charge and in the right order. You two make a great team. It makes such a difference to everyone's experience using them by having them charged and easy to find. Your help is greatly appreciated!
Japanese	Dane B	For his excellent reading skills of Hiragana script and Kanji numbers. Fantastic effort, Dane-kun!

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# Tecoma Twilight Ethical Market\*

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER  
4PM-8PM

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## HAVE A BLAST

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast

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Start Nov 11 @ 5:30pm Upwey Tecoma Cricket Club, Chosen Ave, Upwey  
Queries - Chris Jewell 0421 579 599



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## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS...

**Mondays: 9.00am—9.30am**

**Thursdays: 9.00am—9.30am &**

**3.00pm—3.30pm**

If you are unable to visit during these times you can place your orders through the Qkr! App.

Also, feel free to come in for second hand uniform. Cash is preferred for second hand items as this goes towards our chook food and the vegetable garden. Thank you.





**TECOMA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **SPRINGFEST!!**

**SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2022**

## **TRASH & TREASURE STALL WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!**

All Donations accepted from Wednesday 2 Nov.

**ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**YES :-)**

Homewares

Toys

Games

Tools

Collectables

Camping Gear

Sports Equipment

Furniture

Retro/Vintage Items

**NO :-)**

Stuffed Toys

Books

Clothes

Electronics

(Unless tag & tested)



## **BAKERS NEEDED FOR THE CAKE STALL.**

Are you a budding MasterChef, Baker or brilliant at Preserves????

Well, we need your help. As part of our big fundraiser, we are having a Home Produce Stall and we need your donations.

So, get your favourite recipes ready.... and let's sell some homemade yummys. They can be dropped at the office on Friday 25th

(No fresh cream please - ingredients need to be listed)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BBQ.**

**PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU CAN ASSIST.**



## **PLANT STALL**

**WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!**

**Plants & Seedlings**

All Donations accepted from Wednesday 2 Nov.





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## LUNCH ORDERS Wednesday's & Friday's

Orders must be done through the Qkr! App by 9pm the night before!  
Thank you.



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### Kids Open Day



Saturday 3rd of December from 2-3:30pm

Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Club

Any age from 5 and up

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Bookings are essential

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