



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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7th September, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER

Monday 12th

Production Rehearsal

Discovery Church

9am - 3.30pm

Whole School

PRODUCTION!!

6.30pm - 9.45pm



Tuesday 12th

PRODUCTION!!

6.30pm - 9.45pm

Wednesday 13th

Division Athletics

Select Students

Friday 15th

Favourite Sport Day

Special lunch -

order through Qkr

Dress in your

team's colours

End of Term 3

2.30pm finish

NO ASSEMBLY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SHADESAILS

On Monday, we are having shade sails installed over the space where the seating is, at the back of the Grade 1/2 building, near the water tanks. We chose this day as, aside from drop off and pick up, the children will be off-site at Production Rehearsals.

The installers will begin at 7.00am and will have the area cordoned off, but we ask that our community please stay away from that area.

PRODUCTION

We are only 4 days away from the first night of our production. At present, there are 120 tickets available for the 2 nights. Please jump in and snap them up and if you aren't attending, please ensure your child is there for both nights.

I've taken the following excerpt from Mrs. Connell's COMPASS feed earlier in the week, in case you missed it.

A few last-minute details for Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th September...

Monday: arrive at school by 8.50am in school clothes with lunch, snack and drink.

We will travel by bus to the theatre for a rehearsal in our school clothes. **NO COSTUMES ARE NEEDED!!!** We will arrive back to school at about 3.00pm.

Monday night: ALL CHILDREN will arrive at the theatre by 6:30pm. Discovery Church 89 Monbulk Rd Mt Evelyn.

Children will be met in the foyer by their teacher where the roll will be marked. **NO parents are permitted backstage.**

EVERYONE is to arrive in basic makeup. That is: foundation, a little rouge and natural coloured lipstick for girls and I suggest lip balm for boys. It gets pretty hot under the lights and their lips will dry out.

They are to bring a snack and drink to the theatre as well as a quiet game or book.

NO ELECTRONICS OR PHONES ARE TO BE BROUGHT BY STUDENTS!

The show should be finished by 9:30pm. Where to pick up your child will be explained to you at the end of the performance.

Consent is required for your child to travel to the rehearsal by bus.

Tuesday is school as normal.

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The show should be finished by 9:30pm. Pick up will be explained to you at the end of the performance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support in giving the children a wonderful experience.

CAMP

My thanks to our Grade 3/4 team for their time and effort in organizing the camp to Phillip Island last week. We asked for great weather, and for late winter, it delivered to an extent.

From all reports, the children had a wonderful three days away.

I'd like to thank staff members Di Double, Stuart McLean, Kate Mercer, Tahlia Bye, Chelsey Robins, Masae Uekusa, Megan Wilson and parents Kate Vernon, Michael Wilson, Peter Noonan, Kristy Frederick, Jen Kay and Jo Henselwood for your efforts over the 3 days and to your families who did without you for this time. Camps are a wonderful opportunity for the children to grow in their self esteem, their independence and their relationships with their peers.

I'm sure there were some tired children on Wednesday night but some wonderful stories that were shared.





PUPIL FREE DAYS NEXT TERM

If you were at our school last year, you would remember that we wanted to maximise pupil free days in 2023, based around our school review. As a result, we have held these back and we have days that we still need to allocate. Therefore on Tuesday night, School Council approved:

- Pupil free day on Thursday November 2, 2023. This day will be used for staff professional learning on site around early years literacy and school wide positive behaviours.
- Pupil free day on Friday November 3, 2023. This day will be used for staff professional learning around the implementation of the new school strategic plan
- Professional Practice Day on Monday November 6, 2023. This day will be used for report writing purposes.

For those of you familiar with the calendar, that Monday leads into the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday on Tuesday November 7, giving our parent and student community a 6 day break before the final run to the end of term. Start making your holiday bookings!

This concludes all pupil free days in 2023.

SPORTS TEAM COLOURS DAY

As is the case every year at this time of year, we are having a footy/team colours day on the last day of term where we encourage everyone to wear the colours of their favourite sporting team for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards State Schools' Relief which may cover the cost of new school uniforms, shoes, books and more to assist families in need in Victoria. Weather permitting, we have organised for the children to have a tabloid footy day followed by a parade of colours. The parade will take place on the top basketball court.

For those that ordered a footy lunch, they will be served at 12.00pm for Senior school and 1.00pm for Junior school.

LAST DAY OF TERM, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

September 15 is the last day of term 3. I would like to remind parents that students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

The timetable for the final day of term (weather permitting) is as follows:

9:00	Classes as per normal
10:00	Senior Football Tabloid Sports
11:00	RECESS
11.30am	Junior Football Tabloid Sports
12.30pm	Football Parade (weather permitting)
1.00pm	Footy Day Lunch
1:10	LUNCH PLAY
2:30	Dismissal

SUNSMART

A reminder that as the UV levels increase at this time of year, we need to be Sunsmart! The Cancer Council recommend a combination of sun protection measures:



1. Slip on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
2. Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ (or higher) sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
3. Slap on a hat – broad brim or legionnaire style to protect your face, head, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Our Sun Smart Policy specifies that all students must wear a sun smart hat whenever they are outdoors at school. Please support our Sun Smart policy by providing a 'sun smart' hat for your child. Hats are available for purchase at the uniform shop.

REFERENDUM

For those of the that aren't aware, the voice referendum is being held across the nation on Saturday October 14. Our school is a booth for the referendum therefore we will take the opportunity for a sausage sizzle/cake stall from which we will be able to raise some funds for the school. Watch out for some information from the parent network in the first week of the term.

ALLERGIES

As we move into Spring anyone who suffers from seasonal allergies and hay fever will be feeling the affects of pollen and other allergens. As the symptoms can be like colds/Flu/COVID it can be hard for our staff to know the difference. We are advised that in this instance parents need to make sure that they consult with a GP or pharmacist to work out how to best manage the symptoms. It is helpful to advise the class teacher about any management program, otherwise it is likely the child will be sent home from school. Even though the incidence of illness is now much lower than earlier in Term 3, we still have a duty of care to everyone in our community. We are very keen to avoid exposure to illness for our students and staff.

PLANNING FOR 2024

If your child/ren will not be at Tecoma PS in 2024, please send written notification to the office as soon as possible. If you know of someone moving into our zone and are yet to apply for enrolment, please encourage them to contact the office immediately.

R U OK?

Next Thursday, 14th September, is 'R U OK? Day', reminding us it is an important time to check in with friends and families. The 'R U OK?' website has some great resources, including how to ask others if they're ok, by following the steps:

Ask, Listen, Encourage Action, Check in.

If you check in with your children and you're concerned, the Kids Helpline website:

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/> has a great section for kids aged 5-12 years old. It is a child

friendly website which they can access, or you could access together to seek help. Also, 'Parent Line' ph:13 22 89, is available 8am-midnight, seven days a week, to talk through any parenting concerns you have for your child. They can provide counselling and help link you to other local services and much more.

We make time to ask...

RU OK?TM
A conversation could change a life.

END OF TERM:

As we near the end of Term 3, it is a good time to reflect on the many learning experiences we have enjoyed so far this term. The staff work in partnership with parents to provide the best possible opportunities for each child to prosper and learn. It is only through supporting and encouraging our students that they can work towards their personal best. I would like to thank the staff for their professionalism and focus towards our students; our primary aim is to care for every individual and to provide a safe and supportive environment for them all.

We welcome the community using our facilities during the holiday break as it is great seeing children and families being active and playing outdoors, however, if you see anyone acting suspiciously or inappropriately around the school grounds, please contact the Belgrave Police Station on 97546677.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 2nd October.
Have a great 2-week holiday period.

Rohan Thompson.
Principal

DISTRICT ATHLETICS





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The Sherbrooke District Athletics Carnival, held on Thursday 31st August, at Knox Athletics Track, was a resounding triumph. Tecoma was represented by an impressive team of 52 students who performed with great pride and enthusiasm.

Our school's students enthusiastically took part in a wide range of athletic competitions, including long jump, triple jump, high jump, 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, discus, hurdles, and shot put. Every participant gave their utmost effort in their respective events, resulting in outstanding achievements.

Tecoma emerged as the overall winner, reclaiming the title of Sherbrooke district champions for another year!

Thanks to Mrs. Schafer, Mr. Wright, Megan Wilson, Clare Preece, Donna Nicol and Sarah Evans who assisted with the smooth running of the day. We really appreciate our wonderful volunteers.

We now have 29 students who have progressed through to the next round of competition (Division) to be held at the Bill Sewart Athletics Track next Wednesday 13th September.

Congratulations to all athletes and good luck to those who are progressing through to the SSV Divisional Athletics Carnival.



HOOP TIME!

On Tuesday 5th of September, it was a delight to witness 106 of our Grade 5/6 students enthusiastically participating in the highly anticipated Hoop Time basketball event. These eager pupils boarded a train and journeyed to the Knox Basketball Stadium in Boronia, where they engaged in a round-robin competition. The primary objective of the day was to ensure that all students had a great time, acquired new skills, and fostered teamwork.

The Tecoma staff took immense pride in our students' conduct, as they exhibited exemplary sportsmanship and represented Tecoma Primary School with honor. Throughout the day, our school values of respect, personal growth, creativity (wow were there some creative buzzer-beating goals), and resilience were consistently demonstrated by everyone.

We would like to express our gratitude to the exceptional parents, teachers, and former Tecoma students who contributed by coaching teams, managing, and assisting with scoring during the event.

Great work Tecoma students!

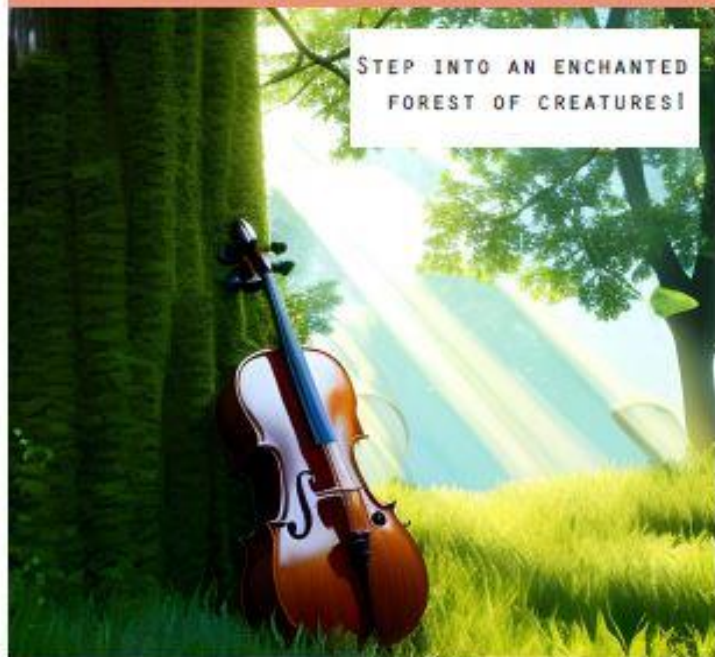


Kids & Families

SPRING
HOLIDAYS

Iventi Ensemble Forests & Fauns

Arts Centre Warburton
Wed 20 Sep 11am
\$15



Stringmania Presents: A Festival of Strings

The Memo, Healesville
Sat 30 Sep 7:30pm- 9:30pm
\$30



Wonderscope: Clare James

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
From Wed 13 Sep
FREE | No bookings required.



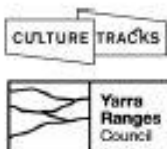
Nature Drawing Adventure

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
Wed 27 Sep
1pm - 3pm
\$10 per child



More events:

yarraranges.vic.gov.au
search school holidays
1300 368 333



**Scan the QR code
for more info and to book!**

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SPRING
HOLIDAYS

Art Cart: Bugs and Slugs

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum

Wed 13 Sep - Sun 10 Dec

Wed - Sun, 12pm - 4pm

FREE | No bookings required



Cyanotype Sun Printing Workshop With Rebecca Murray

The Chambers

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum

Thurs 21 Sep

1:30pm - 3pm

\$20 per child



MAKE YOUR OWN
BLUE PRINT VIA A
PHOTOGRAPHIC
PROCESS USING
SUNLIGHT.

Grand Lego Challenge

DESIGN YOUR OWN LEGO MASTERPIECE OR JOIN IN A
BUILDING CHALLENGE!



Yarra Glen Memorial Hall
Mon 18 Sep | 10am - 11:30am

Monbulk Link Community Hall
Fri 22 Sep | 10am - 11:30am

Suitable for children aged 3 - 12yrs
FREE | Bookings required

Treasure Hunt

WORK TOGETHER TO GET YOUR FAMILY TO THE END.



Elizabeth Bridge Reserve
Tue 19 Sep | 9.30am - 11.30am

Suitable for children aged 2 - 12yrs
FREE | No bookings required

Fabric Mache Bowls

CREATE YOUR OWN FABRIC BOWL!!



Lilydale Library
Thu 26 Sep | 10am - 11am

Suitable for children aged 4 - 12yrs
FREE | Bookings required

In partnership with Eastern Regional Library

Dad and me - Plane Engineers

DADS, GRANDFATHERS & MALE CARERS
BECOME PAPER PLANE ENGINEERS!



Yarra Ranges Council Civic Centre
Thurs 21 Sep | 7pm - 8pm

Suitable for children 4 - 12yrs
FREE | Bookings required



More info & tickets
yarraranges.vic.gov.au
Search school holidays
1300 368 333

Whilst we endeavour to cater for children of all abilities, we welcome ideas on how to meet your child's individual needs. Please contact us at earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au or call 1300 368 333 to speak with an early years team member.

Smile Squad six-month fluoride varnish visit

The EACH Smile Squad team are heading back to our school to complete six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for those students who have provided consent. Fluoride varnish applications help make sure students have the best chance of preventing tooth decay, so we're excited Smile Squad are coming back.

Consent for this fluoride varnish application was provided when students' initial consent forms were returned. However, if anyone has changed their mind and do not wish to receive a fluoride varnish application, they can contact EACH directly to let them know.

Please contact the Smile Squad team via:

9757 6209

Smile.squad@each.com.au

The Smile Squad team look forward to visiting on Monday October 2nd & Tuesday October 3rd.

RUOK?™ DAY

Saturday 16th September

9.30am - 11.30am

@Ferntree Gully CFA

BBQ, Petting zoo, Face painting,
Special Guest Speaker - Chelsea Frawley
And, It's ALL FREE!!

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After losing her father to suicide in 2019, Chelsea made a career move to the St Kilda Football Club to help bring to life a focus on Mental Health. Chelsea played a pivotal role in the development and creation of an AFL's first mental health initiative in Spud's Game which looks to raise funds for Mental Fitness programs at the Danny Frawley Centre.



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Farms to Families Free Pop-up Food Market

Ferntree Gully

Friday 15th September

10.30 - 12noon

Bookings Essential

To receive your free invitation,
and details of location, please
register via the QR code



Everyone is Welcome



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BECOME A TIGER THIS SUMMER!



REGISTRATION DAY

10AM-11:30AM @ THE CLUB
(CHOSEN AVE, UPWEY)



AGES 4-6 - WOOLIES BLASTERS

AGES 7-8 - SUPER 7'S

AGES 9-11 - FAST 9'S

ALL PROGRAMS START NOVEMBER 2023!



For more info:  juniors@upweycc.com.au