



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REFERENDUM DAY

My huge thank you to everyone in our community for your support with our referendum day fundraiser initiatives.

We ran a barbecue and a cake stall and this was extremely successful with the school profiting just over \$2600, which is a great effort.

Thanks to all who cooked, baked, served, collated, priced and eventually counted!

We have a number of initiatives we are looking to put our fundraising efforts towards including outdoor furniture, our indigenous garden which is in the planning stage as we speak, painting of the school (3-6 building to start with), Big Books in literacy and Basketball Backboards.

While we're thanking people for fund raising, I would just like to acknowledge the efforts of the Parent Network this year, led by School Councilor Kelly Sullivan and her merry band of helpers, who have not only given the children some wonderful experiences, such as the school disco, but also have been able to raise a significant amount of money for the school to date this year. If you want to be part of the Parent Network, please contact the office or catch up with Kelly or any of the other members of the Parent Network so that you can be part of the momentum of our thriving Parent Network.

GRADE 1/2 SLEEPOVER

An introductory feature of our school camping program is the Grade 2 sleepover. Tonight, our Grade 2 children are having a sleep over at school. For some children, this will be the first chance for a sleepover and the first night away from home. This is a 'toe in the water' for them. in preparation for the Grade 3/4 camp next year to Forest Edge.

My thanks to our staff who are, once again, spending time away from their families on a Thursday night/Friday morning to give these children a chance to build their confidence away from their home setting.

SAFETY

Please be reminded of the necessity to adhere to road safety measures so as to prevent any accidents. Even though we are faced with the challenge of not having crossing supervisors all the time, it is still very important to use the school crossings at all times on Burwood Hwy/Sandells Rd and McNicol Rd. By law, motorists have to stop/slow down during school hours, even when the crossings are not manned.

DATES TO REMEMBER: OCTOBER

Wednesday 25th
Step into Prep
Physical Education

SWIMMING
Grades 5/6



NOVEMBER
Wednesday 1st
Step Into Prep
Art

SWIMMING
Grades 5/6

Thursday 2nd
CURRICULUM DAY
Student Free Day

Friday 3rd
CURRICULUM DAY
Student Free Day

Monday 6th
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 7th
MELBOURNE CUP
DAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY



SHADESAILS

You may recall that last year we were successful in applying for a shade sails grant and this work has now been completed. Shade sails have been put over an outdoor learning space at the back of the Grade 1/2 building, where we already have outdoor furniture. We will now fundraise to put in at least two more places of outdoor furniture so that a class can work out there.



PUPIL FREE DAY

As you would be aware from previous editions of the newsletter, we have pupil free days on the horizon.

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.

Thursday 2 November – Out of School Hours Care will be open from 9:00am-3:30pm on this Thursday, to assist families who have work commitments and have no option to send their children elsewhere. There will be no charge for this service. Children are to be in uniform and to bring their usual snack and lunch.

For families who are interested, they need to advise the school by Friday 27th October by emailing oshc.tecoma.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

CLASS PLACEMENT 2024

Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to write to me regarding information or concerns they may have over their child's class placement for 2024. A reminder, the final date to send a letter to me on this issue is up until 4:00pm on Wednesday November 1, 2023.

Please refer to the guidelines I sent out in the last newsletter (available on our website), regarding what requests will be taken into account.

Requests for specific teachers will not be considered.



See you around the school.

Rohan Thompson
Principal

A colorful banner with a light blue background. In the top left corner is the 'inspiro' logo. The main title 'Active Kids, Active Brains' is in large, bold, black font. Below it, the subtitle 'Physical Activity at School is a win-win for students and teachers' is in a smaller black font. On the left, there are stylized illustrations of four children (two girls and two boys) in various active poses, and a school building in the background. On the right, there is a blue rectangular box containing the text 'Physical Activity benefits cognitive functioning' in white. Below this, it says 'Research shows that inclusion of physical activity such as active classrooms improves classroom behaviour, increases time on-task and leads to better concentration.' with the words 'behaviour', 'on-task', and 'concentration' in yellow. To the right of the text is a green checkmark and an illustration of a red apple on top of a stack of books. The bottom of the banner features a green grassy field with a soccer ball.

My Learning Story - Allora Cumming.

At Tecoma P.S we decided to become more environmentally sustainable. Our journey began with my amazing teacher, Mrs. Langford. She was determined to get our school on the trail of a green life. I am one of the 2023 Environment Captains and part of a long line of green thumbs who came before me. I only came into the equation this year as captain but have been involved since Grade 2. Since then, Tecoma has introduced the school to:

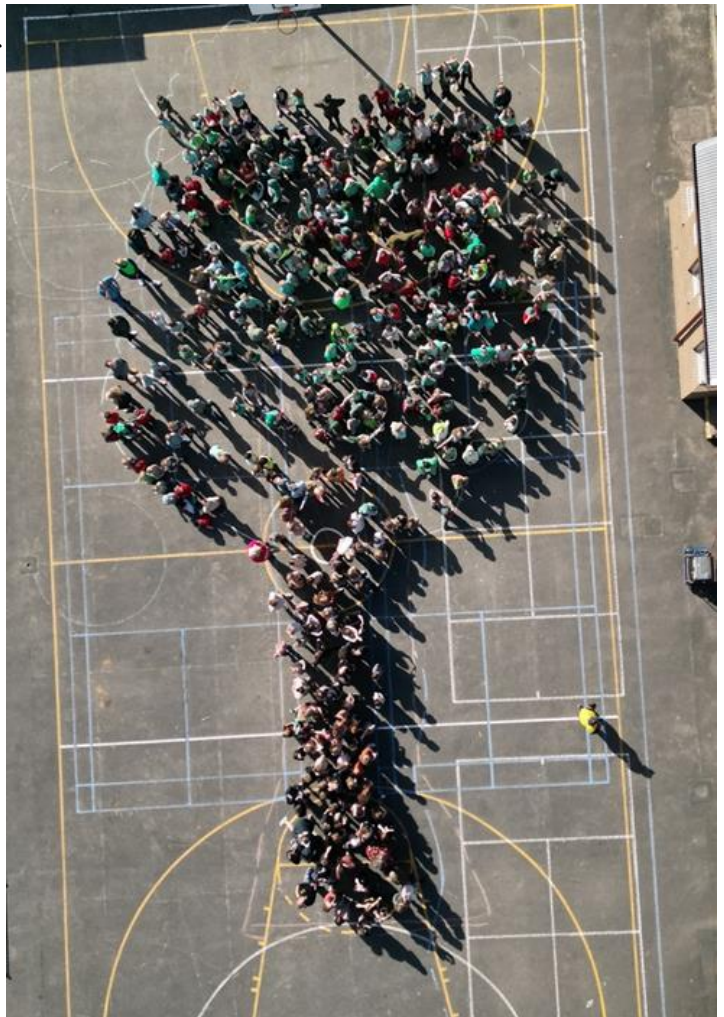
- ♦ five different recycling bins,
- ♦ better composting systems,
- ♦ whole school awareness acts,
- ♦ rewilding acts etc.

The recycling program has really changed the school. I am just so happy that we could finally do something about our compost and recycling situation. Now we have an organised system where, lucky us, the environment captains do the compost every Friday with the help of amazing volunteer students. We have installed stationary recycling and common recycling. I have wanted this for a long time. Along with the run of the mill paper recycle and landfill, not all our paper goes in the bin. Recent acts have shown kids fun and useful ways of reusing paper. One I have kept in my memory such as making Christmas cards out of paper mâché.

Living in the hills, there is nature everywhere, you can't miss it. It is the main reason I love it here. The wet moist ground is a perfect plot for composting, one thing my school is particularly good at. Around the school we have four compost depots and worm farms filled with worm tea and rich healthy soil. We transport compost sustainably in compostable bags moved by loving (or... perhaps grudging) hands. The compost remains (worm tea and soil) is used in the vegetable garden and/or sold to raise money for more seedling and garden supplies. I personally am quite proud of the work we have done.

FREE DRESS DAY!!!! To spread awareness, we have come up with fun and creative ways of making the kids happy. Making a human tree out of brown and green then taking drone pictures is awesome. On this day students across the whole school drew designs for our future indigenous garden. We are yet to judge the winning design and I can't wait to help make this decision. Tecoma PS will be working towards creating a new indigenous garden in 2024. I will definitely come back for the opening! I can't believe how fun awareness can be. Spreading the word with a smile.

To bring back what was once here, I get to pick the top indigenous plants that are entering our garden. In one of the... less... favourable spots in our school. Not my favourite place, but it soon will be. This is one of my many excitements for the school and I wish I could see them all. Sadly, this is my last year, as I am in Grade 6 and will be travelling to high school. The future for this school is bright and I can assure you that! This school has opened up so many opportunities for me. It boosted my confidence and I have received an environment award from the mayor of Yarra Ranges and two invites to council groups. The three chickens at our school I am caring for, have taught me to care for something non-stop. This school is a miracle.



Hi everyone!

This year Tecoma Primary School is having its first Christmas Card Fundraiser!

Over the last few weeks all the kids in the school have designed a Christmas card each. Their drawing will be professionally printed onto quality cardstock (with envelopes included) ready for Christmas. The completed cards should arrive back to school at the start of December.

For \$15 you will receive 8 Christmas cards,
all of your order will be the same design (your child's design).

Check out the link to order: <https://www.crazycamel.com.au/10769>

Orders close on Sunday November 5th.

Thanks for supporting this fundraiser - the Parent Network.

Tecoma Primary School

–Order keepsakes featuring your child's artwork–



Greeting Cards - \$15

- Beautifully presented quality A6 (155 x 110 mm) cards featuring your child's artwork per pack of 8 cards.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed on the back of art cards along with the School/Centre name and/or Logo.
- Blank inside for your personalised message.
- Shrink wrapped in packs of 8 including red envelopes.

ORDERS CLOSE
Sunday
5th
November

**Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering
keepsakes you'll treasure forever!**

Order your child's artwork and order keepsakes at:



www.crazycamel.com.au/10769

All orders will be processed and sent to the
school after the closing date.

Child's details entered during purchasing will
determine which artwork has been ordered.



Every purchase benefits your school!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK T4W2



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Alora S	Alora has started this term ON FIRE!! She is motivated and dedicated to improving in all areas of her learning. Congratulations Alora. You should be very proud of yourself. Keep up the fantastic work.
Prep B	Billie L	Billie was an enthusiastic contributor during our Reading Group discussions this week. Billie used her 'Eagle Eye' to determine what the book was going to be about, by looking at all the clues on the front cover. She identified the trigraph in the word "night", and then demonstrated the correct expression for reading sentences with an exclamation mark. Very impressive work, Billie!
Prep C	Amelie A	It has been very impressive to see all of the different ways that you use your creative thinking in your work, Amelie. In Writing, you are experimenting with verbs to describe what your character is doing. You wrote: "Billie likes to leap when she does ballet." You also embellish your work with highly creative drawings. Wonderful work Amelie!
1A	Alice D	Alice has worked hard to do her personal best during all of her learning tasks this term. She has become more confident in herself and this is showing in her motivation to do her best. Keep up the great work, Alice.
2A	Dominic A	For your amazing energy and enthusiasm during our production rehearsals and performances. Dominic you did a wonderful job leading our class with your beautiful singing and exuberant actions. Well done!
2B	April M	April had a go at her first Open Minded Portrait and chose a Munchkin as her character. This was a great choice as we learned the 'Wizard of Oz' story for school production. She worked quickly and included some great thoughts about what the Munchkins would be thinking when the wicked witch was dead. I loved your creative ideas, April. Great job!
2B	Lenny K	Lenny has been following all values this week by demonstrating care and respect. He also gives his personal best effort in everything we do. This week he showed it by working hard on a Reading Group activity about 'Victor's Quest'. He answered all the questions with detail and expertly drew illustrations to go with them. I love the way he takes so much creative pride in his work. Well done, Lenny.
3/4A	Lara B	Lara has been the embodiment of resilience in Term 3. Not only did she fracture her arm, she still came on camp and participated in the Production with gusto! Lara never once complained and took each challenge in her stride. Keep up the awesome attitude, Lara!
3/4A	Leo D	Leo has settled in to our class beautifully. He has been quick to learn our classroom routines and it's almost like he has been here with us forever! Congratulations on a wonderful start. We are so lucky to have you join us in 3/4A!
3/4B	Milla F	Milla you have worked hard to develop your reading skills and are to be congratulated for your efforts. It is very pleasing to hear you reading much harder texts with confidence. You should be very proud of your achievements. Keep up the great work!
3/4C	Lyla S	Well done, Lyla, on a fantastic start to the term! You have come back full of energy and ready to learn, making great choices and being respectful of those around you. Keep it up!



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4C	Danil S	Danil, you showed great creativity this week with your ideas and proposed arguments for your persuasive writing piece. I can't wait to read your completed text! Well done Danil!
3/4E	Jack D	Jack, you should be extremely proud of your efforts during production. You tried something outside of your comfort zone, gave it your best effort and took it as an opportunity to grow. Not only this, but you also showed a huge amount of flexibility when we had to make last minute adjustments on each night. You showed awareness of your position and that of others and went with the flow to ensure a successful performance for our class. Outstanding effort, Jack!
3/4E	Dylan H	Dylan, you have shown a huge amount of resilience managing restrictions after you broke your arm. You demonstrated bravery at the time of the event, and have accepted and adapted to changes in what you can manage, after each review. You have managed limitations on camp and at school, and have approached things with flexibility and a positive sense of humour. It is so exciting that you are now able to return to participating in all activities with us!
5A	Lorelei H	Lorelei created a wonderful journal whilst holidaying on Prince Edward Island, just off Canada, at the end of Term 3. She included pictures, mementos and her thoughts about the places she visited. Lorelei is certainly an expert on Anne of Green Gables now! Thank you for sharing your trip.
5C	Emma M	Emma has begun to write a narrative piece this week and has done a wonderful job of revising her writing as she goes. She has made sure to use less dialogue and replace it with detailed descriptions of situations and settings. Well done, Emma!
5C	Tori L	Tori has done a wonderful job of using vivid vocabulary in her narrative writing this week. The descriptions she has written helped to create a picture in the minds of her readers and to engage them in the story. Well done, Tori!
6A	Cooper B	You worked magnificently on your Geography task this week, Cooper. You remained focused all lesson, asked interesting questions to reflect your understanding and you were the first person to complete all of the set tasks. It was a very impressive effort, Cooper. Keep it up!
6B	Ollie W	Ollie, it was great to watch you play basketball during Hoop Time last term. You showed that you are a great team player, and whilst I know it was disappointing for you and the team to not win the final, you still displayed great maturity and resilience. Well done!
6C	Sam I	Sam worked really hard during our multiplication lessons this week. He quickly learnt how to multiply decimals together and managed to apply this strategy to solve worded problems. Well done, Sam!
Science	Amelia F	In term 3, Amelia consistently displayed respect and enthusiastically engaged in class discussions to contribute her ideas. Excellent effort!
Science	Quinn J	In term 3, Quinn demonstrated exceptional articulation in explaining food property changes with heating and cooling. Fantastic work!
Science	All of 6B!	In week 1, the students of class 6B displayed exemplary manners and active engagement, setting a commendable tone for their final term. I hope to see this level of dedication and focus persist throughout the entire term. Keep up the good work!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK T4W3



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep B	Freddie K	Freddie's special place is his home. When asked to describe his home using the five senses, Freddie cleverly used onomatopoeia ("sh, sh, sh") to describe the sound of the wind outside his bedroom window. Very creative writing, Freddie!
Prep C	Katalaya B	Katalaya, you put in your very best effort to complete wonderful work during our Spelling activities this week. You demonstrated your knowledge to spell 'wh' words correctly and completed your work to an excellent standard. Great job!
1A	Bodhi C	Bodhi was very respectful to our presenter during the Star-Lab incursion in week 1. He enjoyed watching the vision of the moon, sun and stars and listened intently, finding out lots of interesting facts. Well done, Bodhi!
1B	All of 1B!	For trying to show all of the school values in the classroom and out in the playground. Being respectful to one another, trying their personal best in completing tasks, showing resilience when things are difficult and not giving up. Being imaginative and creative in their thinking.
2A	Isaac S	For your fantastic work on your Space story. Isaac, you brainstormed your ideas and then wrote an interesting story about space. You tried your personal best to form your letters correctly and worked very hard! Well done, Isaac!
2B	Daniel T	I have been so impressed with Daniel's general knowledge and enthusiasm for our Inquiry topic. This week especially, it was evident when we were discussing the way the Sun, Earth and Moon all move around each other. He volunteered to show how it all works when we took the different sized balls out to the oval. Nice work Daniel!
3/4D	Tahlia B	Tahlia, the effort you have put into your reading in this second half of the year has been amazing. You have made such wonderful progress and are really enjoying all sorts of texts. Keep up the good work.
3/4D	Johnny W	Johnny, the choices you have made around your learning, reflect your enthusiasm to get the best out of yourself. From where you place yourself, to your willingness to ask questions, through to the effort you are putting into your work, you are so ready for Grade 5. Well done.
3/4E	Felicia W	Felicia, it is great to see you working hard to extend your skills in Reading and Writing. You work in a focused manner to get the most out of learning experiences in these subjects and add a creative flair to all that you do. This was reflected in the Word of the Week passage that you wrote last week, which drew the reader into the moment. "I had no food, no water, I was starving. I couldn't make it through this barren desert alone. What I needed was help".
6A	Isabel L	Isabel displays her personal best in all that she undertakes. She shows respect when communicating with her teachers and her work in class is reflective of her creative flair. Isabel's resilience has continued to improve, and together, these qualities make her the perfect student of the week. Well done, Isabel!



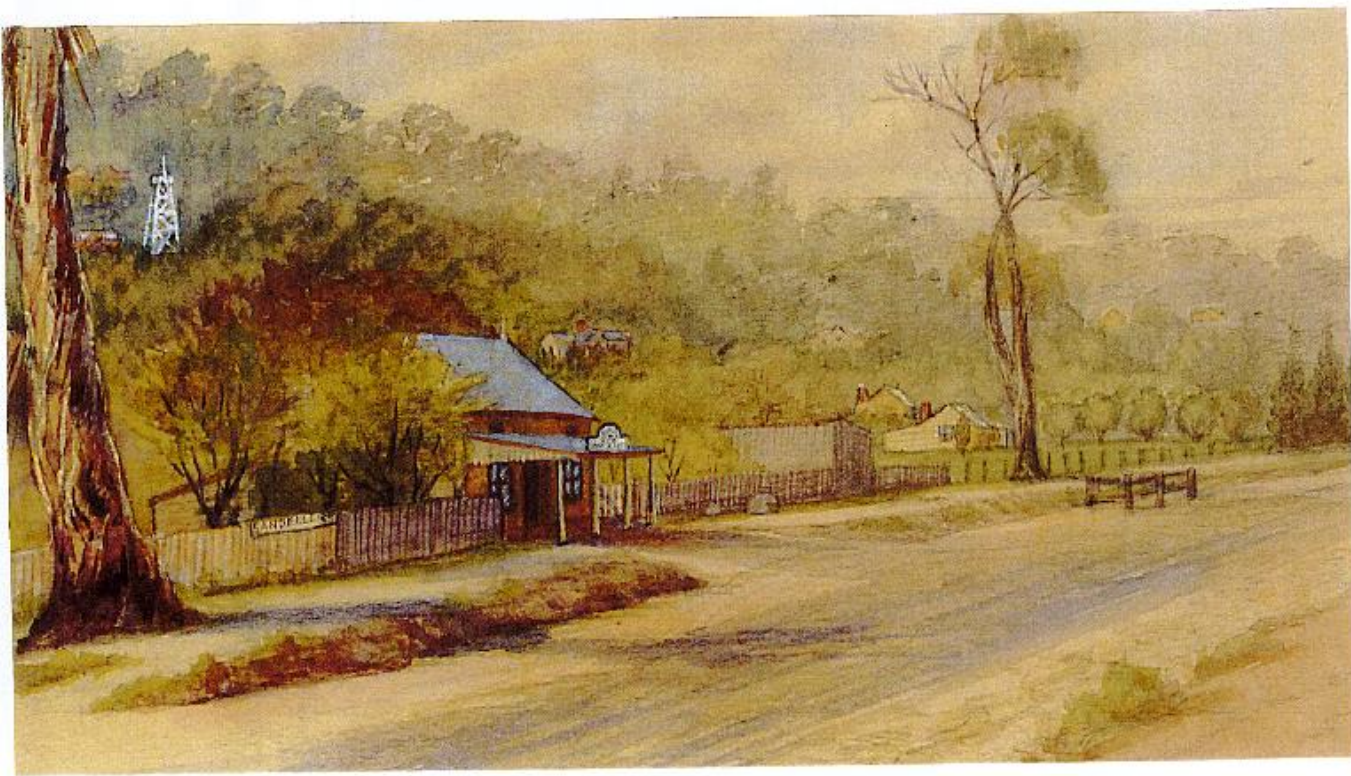
STUDENT OF THE WEEK T4W3



GRADE	NAME	REASON
6B	Petra J	Petra, well done for working so well in maths and helping your partner as you worked on equivalent equations. You have also made real improvements in other group work activities, which has been great to see.
6C	Amity M	We had a standout performer at our Tennis Inter School Sports on Friday! Despite claiming to not be a tennis player, Amity did her best impersonation of Ash Barty. She was an excellent sport and hit some incredible shots. Well done, Amity!
Science	Cooper B	For his outstanding commitment to learning, characterised by his willingness, resilience, and responsibility, despite having to work alone on his group's racing car design and prototype. Excellent effort!

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Parenting Anxious Children

A Parents Building Solutions Workshop

Tuesday 21st November

12.30pm to 2.30pm

Do you want to feel less overwhelmed and find more positive ways to deal with your child's anxious feelings? Come along to this session to learn strategies and get some tools and tips to help them cope.

Circle of Security Parenting

A single session introduction

Tuesday 28th November

12:30pm to 2.30pm

Circle of Security Parenting looks at how parents can use a simple circle graphic to build their relationship with their children, enhancing relationships, secure attachment, trust and a sense of safety.

Dads Toolkit

A Parents Building Solutions Workshop

Tuesday 28th November

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Are you a dad who would like to better understand your importance in your children's lives? To communicate with them more positively so that you can strengthen the your connection and get your head around what they need from you? Come along and share strategies, tips and tools with other dads.

Emotion Focused Parenting

A Parents Building Solutions Workshop

Tuesday 4th December

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Would you like to be able to better deal with their strong emotions such as anxiety and anger and manage their challenging behaviour? Would you like to help your children learn to better manage their emotions and deal with conflict?

To book for any or all of these workshops: [Click here](#)

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