



# TECOMA TIMES

## Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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30th November, 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### DECEMBER

**Tuesday 5th**  
Prep 2024 Parent  
Information Evening

**Wednesday 6th**  
**Christmas Concert**  
**Whole School**  
**6.00pm - 8.30pm**



**Thursday 7th**  
Knox Bike Ride  
Grade 5



**Friday 8th**  
City Experience  
Grade 6

**Monday 11th**  
Thank you Morning  
Tea - Parent Helpers  
& Volunteers

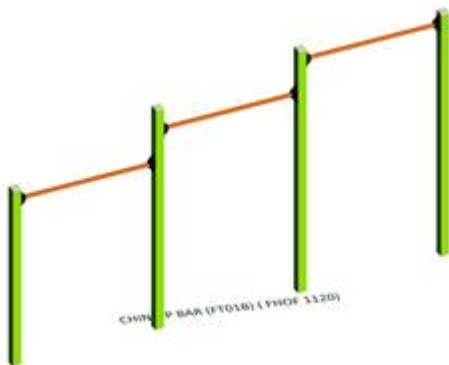
**Tuesday 12th**  
**ORIENTATION DAY**  
**Buddies Picnic**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### THE COLOUR BLAST!

Didn't the kids just have a wonderful time.....and raised a significant amount of money for the school at the same time. The colour run had a dual purpose, both as a fun special event for students and a fundraising event for our school. Money raised from the colour run will go towards the following to enhance our school & learning:

- ⇒ Literacy Big Books
- ⇒ Outdoor furniture for students to work under the new shade sail area
- ⇒ Horizontal bars in the grade 3-6 playground
- ⇒ New Basketball backboards and netball rings on the top basketball court



It was great to see the sea of colour on our oval on a picture-perfect Tecoma day before the looming rain. The kids just had a ball, laughing as they were squirted with the 7 different colours and with water.

My thanks to our parent network and staff who assisted on the day, but I would really like to thank Kelly Sullivan who masterminded the whole event and put in so many hours behind the scenes. Kelly and her team, Brianna, Kimmy, and Kym (Amber running as the rabbit!) set the course up and then we had so many parent helpers who had way too much fun squirting and colouring the kids.

The top 10 fundraisers had fun inflicting slime on their poor old Principal.....well done kids.....and to the sneaky parents who tipped the whole bucket! You all enjoyed it far too much for my liking!

Thank you to the children and their families who took the time to raise funds; we raised a total profit of just over \$15,000!!!!





## **WHOLE SCHOOL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD**

They've done it again! The kids through their positive behaviour have collectively reached two of the targets they set out to achieve, one being a movie session and the other being a pyjama day. We will hold this on Thursday December 7, the day after our Christmas Concert night.

## **ACKNOWLEDGING PARENTAL SUPPORT**

On Monday, December 11, the staff have organised a morning tea to say thank you to all our parent helpers for 2023. We wish to acknowledge their ongoing efforts to support the school in so many ways. As a school, we appreciate and understand the importance of having a supportive parent group, which is a hallmark of the most successful schools. Some of the ways that our parents have helped in 2023 include:

- the fantastic support we get in running our Reading Room,
- supporting classroom learning,
- attending excursions and camps,
- fundraising,
- assisting on the referendum day,
- attending working bees and
- generally being on hand to lend a hand.

It's really appreciated and supports our school to deliver high standards of learning and lots of fun for all! If it's your final year at Tecoma Primary, we hope you leave knowing you have been able to make a difference for all children at the school through your generous support!

## **END OF YEAR REPORTS**

These will be accessible on Friday, December 15th. Please however maintain that contact with your child's teacher and seek their insights as to how you can help with your child's progress.

## **GRADES FOR 2024**

Each year we go through a full and thoughtful process to make the next year's grades. We take into consideration a broad range of factors and involve both students and staff in this process. Thanks to the parents who responded at the end of last term with parent requests regarding your child's placement. If this related to student separations, we take this into consideration, but our professional judgement will be the determining factor as to whether this request is actioned. We also take into consideration historical factors, that may have been present before. As you can imagine, it is a complex task and shifting one child can create a ripple affect across all the other grades, not to mention attempts to provide friendship groups.

**Student Friends in 2024 Classes** – Although we ask students to list six friends, they might like to have in their 2024 class, we can't guarantee this. In most cases students will have only one or two of their requests. Trying to accommodate this is not only statistically challenging, but there are also other factors involved. Not to mention teachers input and parent requests. It is not always a great idea to have your best friend in your class, as such we do sometimes split friendships.

**Making New Friends in New Class** – Sometimes I am contacted by families when their child only gets one of their 'friend' requests, when new classes are announced for the following year. My experience is that by Week Four of the next year, families let me know that their child has made new friends, and still have the old ones. It's part of the student placement process of mixing students across the years, so they can broaden their friendship groups.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY / TRANSITION DAY** **TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

On Tuesday 12th December, our Grade 6 students attending Government schools in 2024 will be having their Orientation Day at their new schools. We wish them all the very best for this very exciting day! Our Foundation to Year 5 students, together with new students starting next year at TPS, will meet their new classes and teachers for 2024 on the same day.

### **WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

Hopefully you have had an opportunity to see page 10 of this week's Star Mail newspaper. On that page, there is an article written about an Australian Knitting Group who send warm outfits to those in need. One of our grandparents Jenny O'Brien from the Australian Crafters Aid Network (ACAN) puts together packs of comfort items to refugees currently in Poland.

In that pack, they get a jumper, some mittens and a bear with a postcard written by our Grade 5 children. Our children in their creative way, made handmade postcards for the packs with drawings of surfboards and koalas among many symbols unique to Australia but also with well wishes. The feedback ACAN have had previously is that the mothers of the refugee children value the cards even more than the clothes because it shows that somebody cares, which is very powerful for our Grade 5 children.

In previous years, our Grade five children have put packs together and have also helped put stuffing into the knitted bears and those bears went to other refugees.

We look forward to continuing our association with ACAN next year.



Students from Tecoma Primary School have created postcards to be sent overseas as part of the campaign.





### **PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2024:**

A reminder that parents will have received communication via Compass relating to Parent Contributions for 2024. The information provides a detailed breakdown of the costs and the materials/programs provided. If you have any questions regarding parent contributions, please contact the school office.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS PICNIC:**

Just a reminder that we will have our Christmas Carols Night **on the oval** on Wednesday December 6, from 6.00pm. This concert each year 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.

**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 Concert 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-along 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 again this year!

Have a great week everyone.

Rohan Thompson

Principal





# STUDENT OF THE WEEK T4W2



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep B	Duncan L	In our Digital Technology session on Kodable, Duncan willingly provided assistance to his peers who were finding particular levels of the game challenging. It was awesome to see you helping out and being so supportive of others. Nice work, Duncan!
Prep C	Brylee B	For always being an excellent role model through your calm and helpful manner, and for your kind, understanding and caring nature towards others. You are a delightful member of our class Brylee! Great job!
1A	Edie B	Edie is a very respectful member of 1A. She always looks out for her friends and is always looking for ways to help me in the classroom. You are a fantastic role model to other students, Edie and that is a wonderful trait to have.
1B	Merry E	For the outstanding effort of reaching the grand total of 300 nights of reading. Magnificent effort, Merry!!
2A	Tennessee M	Tennessee, you have shown so much wonderful creativity when completing hands on tasks these past few weeks. You created a wonderful Grapple Arm based off the one on the International Space Station and added extra parts. You also made a fantastic space shuttle.
2B	Jack N	Jack has had a great few weeks. He was super keen about the Colour Run and donated a lot of his own money. He enthusiastically raised enough other sponsorships to be able to slime Mr Thompson. More importantly, Jack is making some great choices about where to sit and who to work with, so he achieves his Personal Best in class. You have really grown up a lot this year, Jack and have taken charge of your own learning. What a star!
3/4A	Lucas H	Lucas has been on fire this week! He has been finishing all of the work in class to a great standard and has been working diligently during learning time. I love your mature attitude when it comes to your learning, keep up the great work!
3/4A	Kieran W	Where would we be without Kieran? He is often the first to offer his assistance in the classroom, and no job is too big or too small for him. Kieran makes sure everything in our classroom is in working order and we appreciate you so much. Keep it up!
3/4E	Chloe G	Chloe, you showed persistence in the way you approached the division equations that we explored last week. When you were unsure what to do, you sought support from the teacher, and then focused diligently on solving the problems until you mastered the strategy. Excellent work, Chloe!
3/4E	Dylan H	Dylan, you demonstrated an extensive knowledge of the French Revolution during our exploration of Bastille Day in inquiry. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and insights to assist us to better understand this commemorative day.





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3/4E	Hazel W	Hazel, it was such a joy to read your shape poem about Santa's hat. Your poem read with a well developed rhythm, complemented by your rhyming phrases. You included a range of fitting comparisons as well as unique observations and insights about the object. Amazing work, Hazel!
3/4E	Ned O	Ned, it has been exciting to read the poems you have been developing in class over the last couple of weeks. You thought carefully about the nature of lions in your diamante poem, using fitting vocabulary such as 'majestic'. Your shape poem about sunsets effectively drew the reader into the experience and impact of this natural event. Keep up the awesome work!
6A	Mason B	You always display your personal best in all that you do, Mason. When you returned from your holiday, you were so dedicated to catch up with your work. This quality will ensure that you achieve greatness at high school. Keep up the brilliant attitude, Mason!
6B	Daniel W	Thank you for all your hard work as one of our Digi tech captains this year. You and the other captains have done an outstanding job keeping the laptops returned in the right order, and plugged in on charge. Well done!
6B	Cohen H	Thank you for all your hard work as one of our Digi tech captains this year. You and the other captains have done an outstanding job keeping the laptops returned in the right order, and plugged in on charge. Well done!
6B	Elliot E	Thank you for all your hard work as one of our Digi tech captains this year. You and the other captains have done an outstanding job keeping the laptops returned in the right order, and plugged in on charge. Well done!
6C	Riordan H	Riordan is consistently the last student to leave everyday. This is because he likes to check that all the chairs have been put up and that the room is tidy. The respect you have for the school is admirable, Riordan and I am very grateful for your help!















**YOU ARE INVITED  
FESTIVE STREET PARTY**

# Light Up Upwey

DECEMBER  
**SATURDAY 16** 3-5PM  
**2023**

- Carols
- Best Dressed Prizes
- Street Hunt
- Kids Entertainment
- Festive Window Displays
- Festive Activities
- Yummy Treats
- Shopping & Dining

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Pick Up : At the IGA Car Park, Belgrave-Hallam Rd, Belgrave South.

When: Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> or Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, or Sat 9<sup>th</sup> or Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec between 9.00 am and 2 pm

Place The Number Of Trees You Wish To Pre Order In Box

Choose any size tree at the special pre-purchase price of \$65 per tree.

Remember, on your preferred pick up day, the earlier you arrive the more choice of tree heights & shape you will have!

Pick up date (select one)

- ☐ Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at the IGA Car Park, Belgrave South.
- ☐ Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at the IGA Car Park, Belgrave South.
- ☐ Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at the IGA Car Park, Belgrave South.
- ☐ Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at the IGA Car Park, Belgrave South.

I wish to purchase a Tree Stand/s for an additional cost of \$30 each.

Payment - Direct Deposit

Please pay by EFT or over the counter into our Bendigo Bank Account by Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

1<sup>st</sup> Belgrave South Scout Group BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 123 015 745

**IMPORTANT:** On your EFT transfer please use the SURNAME that appears on this order form, along with "XMAS" in the payment "reference" to enable us to match up your payment in our bank account. (e.g. EvansXMAS)

Please forward your order form by:

- \* email to [1stbelgravesouthxmas@igmail.com](mailto:1stbelgravesouthxmas@igmail.com)
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Please contact Keith if you have any questions on 0401 714 777

This "Any Tree for \$65 offer" is for pre-paid trees only. Normal prices on the day will be \$11 per ft.

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Name

Phone number

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Day Tuesdays and Thursdays

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Upper Ferntree Gully

RTO ID: 4008

Ph: (03) 9876 4381



Park Orchards  
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2024

SOUTH UPWEY  
NETBALL CLUB

Age group: U11s, U13s, U15s, U18s, Opens

More info:

Training: U11 & U13 Wed 4.15pm - 5.15pm

U15 & U18 Wed 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Opens Wed 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Games: Saturdays (times TBA)

Location: Knox Regional Netball Centre

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### WHEN:

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