

TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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7th March, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MARCH Friday 8th

Divisional Swimming Select Students

> Monday 11th Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th *Parent Network Meeting 9.00am*

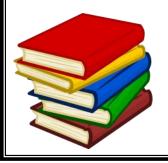
Wednesday 13th Swimming lessons Grades 1/2



Wednesday 20th Swimming lessons Grades 1/2

Tecoma Athletics Grades 3 - 6

Thu - Fri 21st - 22nd BOOK FAIR!!!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ANOTHER CRAZY WEEK!

I would like to thank our entire school community for the support we have had over the last few weeks of challenging weather. We just can't seem to take a trick! We were able to sneak in our District Swimming Competition, which was postponed a couple of weeks ago. Congratulations to our swimming team who came second in the Competition. Great work kids, we are very proud of your great swimming! Qualifying students will progress to the next round at the Division Swimming Competition at Croydon Pool, which is on tomorrow.

Due to the Extreme weather conditions forecasted for last Wednesday, we pre-emptively made the call to cancel the 1/2 swimming. Having shuttle buses ferrying students backward and forwards to the pool in those conditions, was a risk we were just not prepared to take. The forecast conditions did not quite make it here, which was a relief for our community. A much more pleasant 25° was perfect for our 'Clean up Tecoma Day', last Thursday afternoon, which saw many parents working alongside the students and staff to make our school yard and the neighbouring area, look amazing!

BUSHWAHZEE

This then led to Friday's fun, with Bushwahzee, who we have had come to our school periodically over the last 17 years. 'The Boys' spent the day performing for us and then teaching us dances, poetry and songs, so that the kids could then entertain everyone at our Bush Cabaret. I'd like to thank the Parent Network for coordinating this great community event and the families and staff who supported the school by attending. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did...especially some of those dance moves by some of our kids (and their mums and dads)!



COONAWARRA CAMP

On Monday morning, our Year 6's and a small band of teachers and parent volunteers, headed to Coonawarra Farm Resort in Gippsland. I joined them on Wednesday, for a couple of days (and sleepless nights). They are all having a fantastic time and we will hear all about the Year 6's adventures when they return tomorrow afternoon, as well as in a 'feature article' in our next Tecoma Times.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last Tuesday we ran our first School Council meeting for 2024 where office bearers were elected. Our 2024 School Council office bearers are:

- President Lisa Dell
- Vice President Travis Cochrane
- Treasurer Dave Bushell
- Secretary Kym Cinel

This year, we will be running the following Subcommittees and if you would like to join any of these, please let me know:

Subcommittee Meetings	School Council Meetings	
	5:00 – 7:00pm	
	Term 1	
Term 1	Tuesday 27 th February	
Tuesday, 12 th March	Tuesday, 19 th March*	
Term 2	*(AGM before Council Meeting)	
Tuesday 7 th May	Term 2	
Tuesday 4 th June	Tuesday 14 th May	
Term 3	Tuesday 11 th June	
Tuesday 30 th July	Term 3	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Tuesday 6 th August	
Term 4	Tuesday 10 th September	
Tuesday 15 th October	Term 4	
Tuesday 19 th November	Tuesday 22 nd October	
	Tuesday 26 th November	
	FINAL MEETING	
	Tuesday 10 th December	
OSHC – Wednesday - 8:45am		
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PFA – Tuesday 9:00am		
ducation Committee – Tues - 4:30pm		
Finance Committee – Tues - 5:00pm		
Facilities Committee – Tues - 5:30pm		
Promotions Committee – (TBA)		

We thank all councillors for giving their time for the betterment of the school and all the children in the school.

One of the future dates that was passed at School Council was a **Curriculum Day** (which is a student free day) on **Friday 26th April**, the day immediately after the ANZAC DAY public holiday. On this day, staff will be working with Mick Ymer, an extremely engaging Education Consultant, on all things Mathematics. With the updated Maths Curriculum coming into effect in 2025, this will be a fantastic professional learning opportunity for all our staff.

NAPLAN 2024

NAPLAN will, once again, be held earlier in the year for Year 3 and Year 5 students, so as to give teachers and parents important information about a student's skills and capability sooner, so that more targeted support can be delivered to improve literacy and numeracy skills throughout the year. The NAPLAN assessment period this year is from Wednesday 13th Match to Monday 25th March.

At Tecoma PS we aim to complete the NAPLAN testing between Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th March. Any students who are absent on these dates will have the opportunity to complete their NAPLAN assessments during the week of March 18th to March 25th.

For additional information about NAPLAN please refer to the website below.

https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/f-10assessment/naplan/Pages/parents/index.aspx

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. As students' progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

CHANGES TO PREP ENROLMENT FOR 2025

Tours for 2025 have kicked off, as we start promoting our school to families seeking Prep enrolments. If you know of any families with a child starting in 2025, please encourage them to have a look at our school. The Department of Education has introduced changes to the Prep (Foundation) enrolment process for 2025 and all families will need to be aware of the new process. We now have a common date for all Prep enrolment and parents/carers will need to submit their application form to the school between from Week 1 Term 2, Monday 15 April to Friday 26 July, 2024.

The main reason for this change is to give all schools greater certainty with Prep enrolment so they can plan for the staffing and facilities needs of their school. It will also discourage families from submitting enrolment forms to multiple schools, which has caused difficulties with planning. We are here to help so if anyone needs support to undertake this process come and see our friendly ladies in the office.

Keep an eye on our school website, as all of this will be updated on there in the near future.

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please be reminded that we have an upcoming extra-long weekend for students across the state. Monday 11th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday and the school will be closed.

PREP STUDENTS TO FULLTIME

Our Prep students will be attending school fulltime as of next week. Thank you to all of our Prep parents for your support throughout the first five 'Prep—free Wednesday' weeks. This has enabled the teachers to perform some valuable testing and assess each child's entry level.

HARMONY DAY

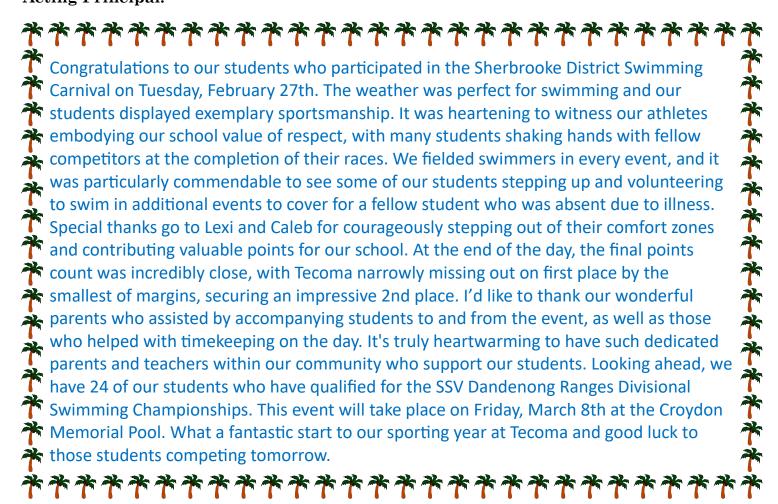
On Thursday, 21st March, Tecoma Primary School will be recognising National Harmony Day. The Junior School Council has organised this event to help raise awareness of racism and to celebrate the diversity within our school. They have also organised some activities that will run during this day. Students can dress in free dress and this dress could include the colour orange in the outfit or a feature of their cultural background. A gold coin will go towards $_{
m the}$ Centre Multicultural Youth, a not for profit organisation that supports young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds. Traditionally, orange on Harmony Day as it signifies social



communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Harmony Day is about celebrating differences and embracing new cultures. To bring equality between different cultures and religious groups, the month of March has been selected to mark this day as it coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The theme for 2024 is

'EVERYONE BELONGS'.

See you around the school. Di Double **Acting Principal.**



CLEAN UP TECOMA DAY!



Tecoma Primary School got a head start on Clean Up Australia Day for 2024 on Thursday 29th February with a stellar school wide effort by the students. The rail trail between Tecoma and Belgrave was tackled by students, teachers and families with bags and gloves in hand. Student school environmental leaders, Janelle and Jacob said they thought the students did a good job. "Although I feel like there was a lot more rubbish that's supposed to be in the bins," Janelle said. The school sustainability teacher, Mrs. Langford, said it was fantastic to watch the pride in the students approach to a clean environment. "Their dedication to ensuring our school grounds and the surrounding area are kept rubbish free is a testament to their vested interest in our Resource Smart School program and Sustainable Schools Policy."

The afternoon group effort saw Grade 3-6 students picking up bottles and assorted rubbish with gloves on the scenic rail trail. Acting Principal, Di Double said the students who collected rubbish at the back of the school, were very impressed with how little rubbish there was to pick up. "It was a testament to the Tecoma community who take such pride in looking after our local environment."

Younger school members in Prep to Grade 2 didn't miss out and went to work cleaning up around the school grounds. The school enjoyed participating in the nationwide event and hopes to continue to do so in the future. Clean up Australia began 30 years ago and continues to unite Australians to care for their local environment. Clean up Australia founder, Ian Kiernan AO, who passed away on 16 October 2018, believed that Clean Up belongs to the millions of volunteers who have taken to their streets, beaches, parks, bushland and waterways to remove the rubbish. Environmental student leader, Robbie said that if the students collected the amount of rubbish they did find in 30 minutes, 'imagine what else is out there'.

Acting Principal Di Double said it was so great to see students, teachers and parents working together on this extremely important community event. "I'd like to thank Mrs. Langford, her environment team, and everyone who worked together to clean up Tecoma."



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK





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GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Holly B	For writing a wonderful recount about "Clever Max".
		And for being so brave when you broke your arm at school in the playground!
Prep B	Beą L	Bea, you are a very positive, respectful member of our class. You have a generous and caring nature and always think of and help those around you. You are also a quick thinker with lots of different ideas to share!
1/2A	River M	River did a fantastic job when he was learning the different dances for Bushwahzee. He demonstrated his personal best listening throughout the whole day and learnt the 2 dances with ease! Well done, River. Keep it up!
1/2C	Billie M	Billie has had a fantastic start to the year! She is organised and always ready to learn. She is a respectful student who demonstrates amazing listening skills. Great work, Billie!
1/2E	Arik D	Arik's reading has caught fire and he has been devouring several books a day. How fantastic is that?! I love how engaged you have been in class, Arik, and showing others your love of reading and learning.
3/4A	Avą T	Ava, you are a wonderful role model for our class! I love the way you approach every learning task with enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go. You are polite in all of your interactions with others and you always take care to keep our classroom looking tidy. Fantastic!
3/4B	Zoe C	Zoe, you demonstrate terrific respect for our class by looking after your possessions and classroom resources. You listen to others, contribute regularly in our class discussions, and you strive to do your best work all the time. Keep up the awesome effort, Zoe!
3/4E	Emily B	Well done on such a fantastic start to your homework for the year, Emily. You are completing your tasks to a high standard, your work is very detailed and I can tell you are putting in a lot of effort. Great work, Emily!
3/4E	Sonny P	What a week, Sonny! Not only were you impressing 3/4E with your creative use of adverbs in our grammar lessons, but also the effort you have been making to improve the neatness of your workbooks is certainly starting to pay off! Congratulations, Sonny and keep up the good work!
5/6B	Inara G	I am so impressed by how well Inara conducts herself on a day to day basis. This week she has really stepped up in the absence of the Grade 6 students to lead by example. She has shown creativity and ingenuity in her STEM activities, she contributes to class discussions readily and checks in to make sure others in the classroom are ok. We are lucky to have you, Inara!



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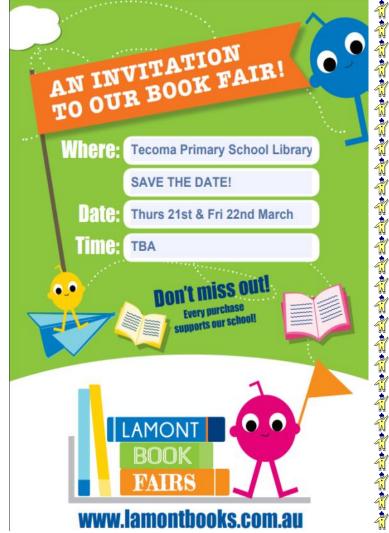
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CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

GRADE	NAME	REASON
5/6C	Hunter D	Hunter, you have slid seamlessly into both 5/6C and Tecoma Primary School. You are a welcome addition to our class and I look forward to learning more about you!
Music	Owen M	For sharing his musical knowledge in classes.
		Thanks, Owen
Japanese	Beatrice L	Beatrice-san (Ms Beatrice), you're such a wonder! You were already writing your Japanese name without copying or any assistance in the second lesson! Very well done!
Japanese	Tori L	For reading Hiragana letters without referring to the Hiragana phonetic chart. Excellent work!
Science	Lily S	Thank you for volunteering your time in a lot of recess and lunch breaks to maintain and decorate the Japanese CLIL Science room. Your effort made a huge difference!
Science	Jąimee C	Jaimee-san (Ms Jaimee), your consistent and enthusiastic participation in class discussions truly stood out, demonstrating excellent commitment and engagement. Well done!



UNIFORM SHOP

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.





What is SWPBS?

Tecoma PS Vision:

At Tecoma Primary School we strive to create a responsive, cooperative, innovative teaching and learning environment. We aim for development of the whole person as a committed life-long learner, who embraces self-development, achievement and contributes to their community.

Our motto is: 'Learn, Grow, Achieve'



The School-Wide Positive Behaviour approach is underpinned by our school values here at Tecoma Primary School.

The following values are taught explicitly through our Social Emotional Learning program, as well as being acknowledged every day through students' interactions with others and their approach to their learning:



Respect - It is important to respect people, rules, things and your education

Resilience – It is important to demonstrate resilience at school, as sometimes we are faced with obstacles both in our learning and socially

Creativity - When we demonstrate creativity we are thinking outside the box

Personal Best - When we demonstrate personal best we are putting our learning first.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a whole school framework which helps schools to create positive learning environments. The approach is evidence-based for supporting situations where there is challenging behaviour. It is a proactive approach and focuses on teaching all students on the agreed expected behaviours and pro-social skills rather than reacting to inappropriate behaviour, creating an enriched learning environment.

Tecoma Primary School's values; defined by the community, guide the behaviour of everyone in our school; staff, students, parents and community members. This is achieved through our proactive systems that define, teach and support appropriate student behaviour. At Tecoma Primary School we strive to show Respect, Personal Best, Resilience and Cneativity.

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Start Date April 2024

Day Tuesdays and Thursdays Time 9:15 AM - 3:15 PM

Duration Approx. 7 months including 100 hours work placement

Venue Coonara Community House, 22 Willow Rd,

Upper Ferntree Gully RTO ID: 4008 Ph: (03) 9876 4381











Instrumental Music Lessons

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Have you ever wanted to learn a musical instrument or singing?
Tecoma Primary Schools team of instrumental teachers engage with the music you love, as well as reading and other musical styles.

Plano - Drums - Singing - Violin Groove Foundations Music School
Jordan Scotney - 0408 881 395 - groovefoundations@gmail.com

Guitar - Ukulele

Juan Aravena - 0402 688 836 - juanaravena@hotmail.com

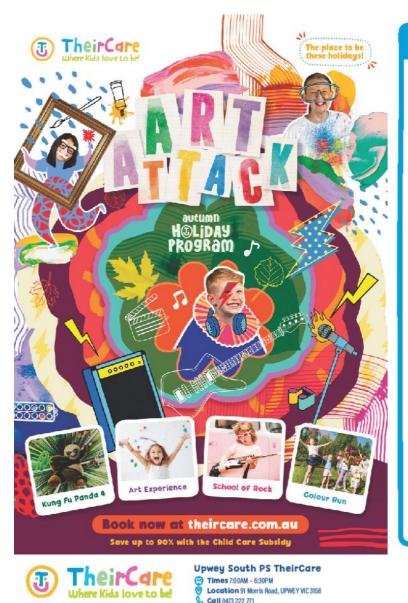
FOOTBALL



ALL AGES WELCOME FROM U/9S - U/16S BOYS AND GIRLS



PLEASE CONTACT: registrar@utifc.com for more information www.utjfc.com





Don't forget!

Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe

Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable — see below for details

- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only.

 For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the ponsibility of the family. TheirCare does not tept responsibility for loss or damage.



TheirCare provides

- ✓ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles



Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.



In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.



*Less than 5 days from the start of the bookin (120 hours from the start of the session).

Serious stuff!

€ Medication

necessary medication

Medical Management Plan

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intoleran anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documen medication or medication not be supplied.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us betwee 8:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410

More than 5 days Less than 5 days * No Charge

a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

Fees for changes to your booking



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If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.













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1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- your family's income
- the type of childcare you use
- the age of your child
- the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to 90% of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!

Location 91 Morris Road, UPWEY VIC 3158

Call 0473 222 771

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

- grandparents / great grandparents
- families moving from an income support payment to work
- 🛐 those experiencing temporary hardship













From as low as \$8.06* Full fee \$80.56**

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

liair that you get to take home! Add a desh of colour to the treets with Sidewalk chalk art! Finally, challenge yourself with Outdoor Sponge Toss Game and Pass the Water Challenge.

From as low as \$8.31* Full fee \$83.14**



your creativity into the stars and create unique patterns with Paint Rockets, dive into cosmos with Salasy ooblek, and tackle Yinsute to Win it' Act Challenges, Engineer wonders with LEBO Engineer wonders with Libro STEM Construction, field luck into every corner with Drigami Lucky Stars.

Movie Magic

icon Jack Slack returns to his role an Po, the world's neet unlikely kung fo master, with a hillerious, butt-kicking new chapter in DreamWorks

Full fee \$113.17**

8 APR



Get ready for a burst of colour! Dash through a vibrant pectrum in this lively Rainbow Warnors Colour Run! After Warnors Colour Run? After the run, tap into your artistic side with Rainbow Cotton Ball Painting, press refresh with a yummy Mango Mayhem amosthie, partake in a zen Yog. Rainbow Cloud Slime!



Step into the spetlight with this showline spectacle? Get your groose on with a Bance Party inspired by Tik Tok denced? But the fun keeps going. Play the Pars the Sound group game, create your own unique theatre puppers, and then take on the Count to 10 Challenge and the Sount to 10 Challenge and the Sound to 10 Challenge and the 10 Challenge and the 10 Challenge

10 APR



Get ready for a super and striking excursion at Zone Bowling! Roll for glory on the bowling lares and bettle it out for high score in the loser tag challenge! The adventure continues with Down Privaheal Craft and engage in the lively excitement of Animal Tug!

II APR



Bon Appetite! Join us for a food fanatics delight as we craft creative and unique food art, starting with raza Portraits, play Silly Bananas Group Game, and create delights 4 and the control of the con





Get ready for the best indoor playground adventure eved: Scale the heights of the multi-level playground, brave the iddes, and compare adventure obstacles and dive into a multi-level half pild. More con playground fam, will move onto Dotton Ball Burrey Craft where we get to make our vey ones neuronized contino. own personalised cotton burnies!



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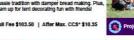


MISSION XIII PROGRAM

Belgrave Heights Christian School

Address: 20 Wattle Valley Road BELGRAVE HEIGHTS VIC 3160

Full Fee \$103.50 | After Max. CCS* \$10.35



Wed 03 Apr Operation: Messy Makers

Time to get messy! Discover a day of delightful chaos where you could play with slime or even try painting without brushes and so much more. Let your imagination run wild and get ready to make some MEGA mess!

Full Fee \$86.50 | After Max. CCS+ \$8.65



e \$109.00 | After Max. CCS* \$10.90

Full Fee \$113.50 | After Max. CCS* \$11.35





Full Fee \$128.50 | After Max. CCS* \$12.85

Don your PJs for a day of fun at Base Camp! Let's have a blast with awassome sleenses







Address: 20 Wattle Valley Road BELGRAVE HEIGHTS VIC 3160





