



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

APRIL

Friday 19th
Cross Country
WHOLE SCHOOL
Wear House Colours!



Monday 22nd
Earth Day
No tech/
power/heating
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Tuesday 23rd
ANZAC Service
1000 Steps
Choir & Grade 6



2025 Prep
Information Night
7.00pm

Wednesday 24th
Whole School
ANZAC Service 9am



SWIMMING
Grades 3 & 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. I hope you all had a safe and pleasant break, or at least had more time as a family.

I hope you were able to get out and enjoy the great outdoors, whether it was away on holidays or out in the backyard or in the park with friends.

You may have noticed I wasn't around the school after the first week back. I had some extended leave which was the best thing I have done and have come back feeling great and ready to get into the term. I'd like to thank our acting Principal, Di Double, and our leadership team for stepping up to give me the opportunity to take the time in what was a busy term.

We have had some staff turnover with circumstance and illness being at the heart of Mr Wright and Miss Kesarios stepping away from the classroom. On Monday, we welcomed Mr. David McKinlay in 5/6E and Miss Alex Forster in 3/4A. Mrs Langford is on sick leave for 7 weeks and Miss Emma Sinclair will be in 1/2B during that time. Mrs Naomi Hobbs will be working Thursday and Friday in 1/2C. Welcome to all new staff members.

We are really looking forward to the second term of the year after such a great start in Term 1. A reminder that this term is 11 weeks and ends on Friday June 28 at 2:30pm. Term 2 promises to be busy and exciting for everyone at TPS, including:

- Whole School Cross Country, April 19
- ANZAC Day services April 23 (Grade 6) at the 1000 steps, and April 24 (whole school) at school at 9.00am.
- **Pupil Free Day, Friday April 26**
- Bodyworks Personal Growth and Development Program for Grade 5/6
- Myuna Farm excursion for Prep children, April 29
- HMAS Castlemaine service at the Shrine of Remembrance, May 3
- Swimming for Grade 3/4 children (all term)
- CERES excursion for Grade 1/2, May 17.
- **Pupil Free Day, Monday May 20**
- Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Friday, May 24
- District Cross Country, May 24
- Upwey Volleyball Cup, May 29
- North East Victoria Region Concert, May 29
- **Kings Birthday Public Holiday, Monday June 10**
- Reports home, Friday June 21
- Parent teacher interviews, Tuesday June 25
- 2:30pm finish on Friday June 28

I encourage all parents to put ten minutes aside each fortnight to read the School newsletter, stay informed and get involved in events and learning programs whenever possible. We also sent out our Term Overview on Monday for parents to refer to, but as always keep checking the Compass Calendar for any further changes.

There is always a lot for the children to participate in and engage in at our school. Staff look forward to a very busy and rewarding term for the children.

PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday April 26

As advertised at the beginning of the year, we have a Pupil Free Day on Friday April 26, which gives the community a long weekend as it is the Friday between ANZAC Day Thursday and the weekend. We have mathematics expert Mr. Michael Ymer coming to work with staff from our school and also some staff from other schools, so well regarded is his expertise in this area.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY - Monday May 20

As part of the agreement brokered between the State Government and representative bodies, Professional Practice days have been reduced to one each year. This year, schools are required to provide one day for report writing purposes and this date was approved by School Council at the March meeting last term. The date approved is Monday May 20 as a day that teachers as a collective can take their Professional Practice Day. This is also a Pupil Free Day. Please mark it in your calendar.

GRANDPARENTS and SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY for JUNIOR SCHOOL

Another date to mark in your diary, Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Friday May 24.

We have kept the same format that worked so well last year.

Our prep concert will begin at 9:30am and our Grade 1/2 concert will begin at 10.00am. Around that, we would love to have you in the classrooms, reading with your loved ones, maybe even reading some of the material you loved reading as a youngster!

The format is below; we would love to see as many Grandparents and Special Friends as we can on **May 24**.

Time	Event	Where	For who?
9:15 - 9:55am	Grandparents and Special Friends reading with their Grade 1/2 child in the classroom	In the Grade 1/2 classrooms	Grade 1/2 Grandparents and Special Friends
9:30am	Prep Concert	Hall	Prep Grandparents and Special Friends
10:00am	Grade 1/2 Concert	Hall	Grade 1/2 Grandparents and Special Friends
10.00am - 10:45am	Grandparents and Special Friends reading with their Prep child in the classroom	In the Prep classroom	Prep Grandparents and Special Friends
10:45am - 11:30am	Morning Tea	Hall	All Grandparents and Special Friends
11:30am	Grandparents and Special Friends leave	Thank you so much for coming. The children love having you come to their school and sharing what they do.	

ANZAC DAY and the HMAS CASTLEMAINE

On Tuesday April 23, our School Leaders together with many schools in the local area are attending a service at the memorial based at the Thousand Steps in Ferntree Gully which acknowledges the efforts of the 2/14th, 2/16th and 39th battalions along the Kokoda track.

On behalf of the school, our leaders will lay a wreath. At the conclusion of the service, we will then head back up to the Upwey Belgrave RSL where the children will have lunch and then are given access to the amazing museum they have there at the RSL.

On Friday May 3, our Grade 6 children will be heading to the Shrine of Remembrance to take part in a service to remember those that served on the HMAS Castlemaine, a mine sweeper that was in operation during the WW2. This ship was adopted by Tecoma Primary School under the Shrine of Remembrance "Adopt an ex-service organisation." The link to the ship is a former student of our school from the 1930's, Mr Peter Chandler who served on the HMAS Castlemaine. Peter regularly spoke to our children on various occasions before his passing in 2013. In his honour, and for all those that served, our grade 6 children hold this service at the Shrine of Remembrance just after Anzac day every year. Our grade 5 children will visit the ship on the same day as part of their leadership program. It will be a great learning experience for our leaders.



TEACHING OUR CHILDREN ABOUT ANZAC DAY

There are many ways that parents can get their children involved in the ANZAC Day experience and enable them to gain an understanding of the important place ANZAC holds in Australia's history. Firstly, historical knowledge is important and there are many high quality, child friendly accounts of the ANZAC story, and the ANZAC characteristics that resonate with Australians. Many of these books are available at local libraries; they are also available through the Department of Veterans' Affairs free of charge. These

books make it clear that ANZAC Day is not an event glorifying war, but exactly the opposite. It is a time of reflection and remembrance. Endurance, resourcefulness, courage, teamwork, loyalty and mateship are key attributes. These are virtues to be encouraged and emulated at any time and are a part of our national story we can focus on around ANZAC Day.

There is also of course the experience of taking your children to a Dawn Service March or other commemorative activities on ANZAC Day. All this will be more meaningful and educational if some of the previous reading and discussion has occurred. In any event, the questions that come from watching a march, studying a war memorial or experiencing the emotional stillness of the minutes silence and bugle call are opportunities to talk about the impact of war on Australia and the significance of the ANZAC Story.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 ARE NOW BEING TAKEN ONLINE

We have been pleased to see the number of families who have already been online and indicated their intention to enrol their child at TPS in 2025. Enrolments can now be entered on the VicStudents portal: <https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/>

PREP ENROLMENT

The Department of Education, just prior to the break released its Statewide Enrolment Procedures for children transitioning into Prep in 2025.

Key features are:

Terms 1 and 2, 2024	Primary schools conduct tours and other activities with the recommendation that all tours are completed by the end of Term 2.
End of Term 1, 2024	School zones for the 2025 school year go live on www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au
From Monday April 15, 2024 onwards	Enrolment applications open – parents/carers may submit their completed 'Application to Enrol in a Victorian Government School' (application form) to a government primary school from this date.
Friday July 26, 2024.	Enrolment applications due – parents/carers submit their completed application form to a government primary school by this date.
By Friday, 9 August 2024	Primary schools provide parents/carers with written notification of Foundation (Prep) enrolment outcomes The Foundation (Prep) Appeal Form should be included with <u>unsuccessful application letters</u> .
By Friday 23 August 2024	Parents/carers sent a <u>letter of offer</u> return the completed enrolment form by this date, to indicate acceptance of their child's enrolment offer. Closing date for parents/carers to lodge a written appeal with primary school .
By Friday 6 September 2024	Primary schools notify all parents/carers, in writing, of the outcome of appeals by this date.
During Term 4, 2024	Primary schools host transition sessions. (Tecoma Primary School will shortly advise parents of our transition session dates for Term 4.)

HATS

Please be advised that as per our SunSmart Policy, students are not required to wear hats from May to August. We still encourage students to wear hats during times when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast UV levels to reach 3 or higher. At these levels, sun protection (sunscreen, long sleeve clothing, shade, hats and sunglasses) is recommended for all skin types.

Have a great Term 2 everyone. See you around the school!

Rohan Thompson
Principal

OFFICE NEWS



1. Correct Grades for Lunch Orders.

When ordering through Qkr, double check you have the correct grade for your child so it doesn't go to the wrong classroom.

2. Naming your Childs uniform and lunchbox/drink bottles.

Please, please make sure they are named. It is so sad that we must throw so many quality items out at the end of each term. We also encourage your children to look through lost property for their items.

3. Lost Property.

We have 3 baskets full of lost property already this term and we're only 4 days in! Please feel free to pop in and look for your child's jumper/s or encourage your child to do this. Thank you.

4. Mother's Day Stall.

It's back!! The PFA will be running this for the kids to purchase from on Friday 10 May.

Inter-House Athletics Carnival

The Tecoma Primary School Grade 3 to 6 Inter-house Athletics Carnival took place at Sherbrooke Athletics Track on Wednesday, March 20th. Despite the unpredictable weather typical of Melbourne, with a mix of rain, wind, and sunshine, the children persevered with smiles on their faces, showcasing their athletic skills.

Our students engaged in various events including long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus, 100m, high jump, and hurdles, with the additional option of competing in the 1500m and 800m races, which we have been practicing during PE lessons and Thursday afternoon sports sessions for the past month or two.

The atmosphere was filled with team spirit throughout the day as students proudly wore their respective house colours.

We wish to extend our thanks to all the parents and former Tecoma PS students who offered their assistance on the day. Furthermore, we thank the parents, grandparents, and family members who joined us to cheer for our kids.

A special acknowledgment is due to the Sherbrooke Little Athletics Club for their generous support, enabling us to utilise their equipment for the event. For those interested in enrolling their children in Little Athletics, the Sherbrooke Little Athletics Club warmly welcomes new athletes.

To learn more about Little Aths and the enrolment process, visit their website at <http://www.sherbrookelac.org.au/jointheclub.html>

Congratulations to all involved for contributing to a fantastic day!

PLAYERS WANTED UNDER 12 BOYS & GIRLS

DATE OF BIRTH 1/01/2012 - 31/12/2012 - JOIN OUR TEAMS

Belgrave Junior football Club

FREE REGO, FREE SHORTS, FREE SOCKS

Register Here



Contact: belgravejfc@outereastfn.com.au
or Mel on 0403 337 563



*Training on Wednesdays
Belgrave Recreation Reserve from 5-6pm

OLINDA FERNY-CREEK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FREE REGISTRATION FOR UNDER 10 GIRLS TEAM

Junior footy is a great opportunity to encourage your child to make friends outside of school whilst staying active and outside.



Join our thriving girls' football program! We're excited to welcome new players to our Under 10 team for 2024



CONTACT SIMON GILSON - CLUB PRESIDENT FOR QUESTIONS
PRESIDENT@OFCJFC.ORG.AU

Yarra Ranges Council



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2025-2029 Council Plan

Are you passionate about the Yarra Ranges and want to help shape its future?
This year we will be developing our 2025-2029 Council Plan, as well as our longer-term Asset and Finance Plans, which will outline our high-level priorities for Council over the coming years. You can have your say or keep up to date with its progress by visiting shaping.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/yarra-ranges-shape-your-future.



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Reserve Road Belgrave

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Fridays 5:30pm



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UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL TOURS 2024

& Art Show

SATURDAY 4 MAY

9AM – 1PM

TOURS:

9:00am

11:00am

1:00pm

Call the office to book 9754 2838

Monbulk
Netball Club

EMAIL-
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NET SET GO 2024

REGISTER NOW

STARTS 1ST MAY-11
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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 4-4.45pm

@ MONBULK NETBALL COURTS

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.

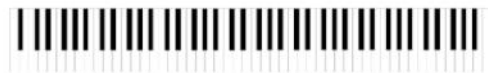


Instrumental Music Lessons

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.

Piano - 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





LUNCH ORDERS

Wednesday's & Friday's

Orders must be done through the Qkr! App by 9.00pm
the night before! Thank you.

Please be aware that The Blacksmith Belgrave Pty Ltd also own & operate Sushi Express.

When you notice a transaction on your credit card to THE BLACKSMITH BELGRAVE it could be for sushi.

They have had several queries regarding payments because people are not aware that THE BLACKSMITH Belgrave Pty Ltd owns SUSHI Express. This can lead to them not being paid for the lunch orders they have provided. Please consider this before you contest a payment. Thank you.