



# TECOMA TIMES

## Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **JUNE**

**Tuesday 4th**

*PFA Meeting*

9.00am all welcome

*Division Cross*

*Country*

*Select Students*



**Wednesday 5th**

*Swimming*

*Grades 3 & 4*

**Friday 7th**

*Inter School Sports*

*Grades 5 & 6*

**Monday 10th**

*King's Birthday*

*Public Holiday*

**Wednesday 12th**

*Swimming*

*Grades 3 & 4*



#### **FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE**

Much has happened since the last edition of the newsletter. The highlight was having so many grandparents and special friends coming to our school last Friday for our Junior School concert and classroom visits. More about that further down in my report.

Our staff have been busy working away on reports, these are now in the buddy read phase before they come to Di Double and myself for final reading over the next 2 weekends.

We are pleased to have Mrs. Smith return to our school last week and she is working with extension groups of children, to give those children a push along in the areas of literacy and numeracy. She is doing this on Fridays.

The Grade 3/4 children were busy last week constructing bird feeders (see the photos on page 4). No fingers were lost in the construction!

Congratulations to our 20 children who did an amazing job last night at the North East Victoria Region Concert at Hamer Hall. It's just wonderful to have the children perform at venues such as that. Massive thanks to Mrs. Connell, Kath and Mrs. Double who prepared the children.

Those of you who have been down to the 3/4 playground area will see that we have had an excavator in to begin the Indigenous garden and yarning circle. We have had some more landscaping with seats replaced in the quadrangle area outside the Prep rooms and also sleeper walls constructed near the Reading room ready for planting out (see photos).

The goal posts purchased from funds raised by the parent network in the colour run last year have arrived and we have a group of parents that are very keen to install them over the next few weeks. The goals include a crossbar for those children wanting to play soccer.



Mr. Wilson has begun his Lego club which runs at lunch time on Thursdays, starting next week. I'm sure that many budding engineers and builders started with Lego in their early years!

Congratulations to our District Cross Country team under the tutelage of Mrs. Cumming who last week won the District Championship competing against other schools in the area. More about that further in this edition.

Thanks to our parents who ran a successful morning munchies last Thursday of a donut and milk. It's great to see the children getting into the habit of bringing along reusable cups for their drink. It certainly makes a difference to how much waste we are putting in our rubbish bins.

Unfortunately, the winter bugs are starting to hit; I've just come back from four days being knocked around with it myself. Whilst we continue to push for children to be at school, please also keep your children at home if they are unwell as it may prevent others from also becoming unwell at the same time.



### **RESOURCESMART SCHOOLS AWARDS**

Next week, our environment group head to the MCG for The ResourceSmart Schools Awards to celebrate the legendary efforts and impacts made by schools in sustainability.

Our school and sustainability team under the leadership of Mrs. Langford and Miss Lansdell has been recognised as a finalist for the Community Leadership School of the Year.

This category recognises schools that best demonstrate a commitment to community leadership through the encouragement of innovative sustainability practices and action on climate change.

We are one of 3 schools in the finals and the information we have received as to why we have received this recognition is as follows:

*“This Sustainability Action Team partners with community to enhance biodiversity.*

*Working with local groups, like Treasure our Trees, students improve and maintain gardens, including an Indigenous garden with Australian Native Food plants and a yarnning circle.*

*Working with Clean Up Australia Day volunteers, the group cleaned up the rail trail from Tecoma to Belgrave.*

*While at school students educate their peers on waste management, manage worm farms and chickens, and sell eggs to fundraise for future garden projects.”*

The theme this year is Legendary legacies – what will you leave behind?

Let’s hope we win but if we don’t, what a great effort to be in the top 3 in the state!



### **GRANDPARENTS and SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Our thanks goes to the children, staff, parents, grandparent’s and special friends who were able to help us celebrate what we do here at Tecoma.

Our Junior School Grandparent’s and Special Friends Concert and reading session activities in classrooms created a fantastic buzz around the school, with the weather holding for us.

We were able to hold both concerts and activities all before 11:00am with the morning tea held during the recess break. Our children were just wonderful in performing their items to their special friends in the audience.

A huge thank you to Adelle and Annemarie for putting the morning tea together and to our staff who baked a delicious morning tea.

We love giving a snapshot to our visitors who don’t get into our classrooms very often of what we do at our school. Thank you to all those who passed on such lovely comments. We would love to see you back in our school in the very near future.

### **STUDENT LEADERS**

I want to say a heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Grade 6 Student Leaders who were “meeters and greeters” during Grandparents and Special Friends Morning last week. It’s a Tecoma tradition to ask our leaders to do this in their role and we know from experience that students make great ambassadors for our school. They guided and escorted our visitors exceptionally well and the feedback from the parents and carers was glowing in their praise. It’s great to hear this from visitors to our school and our leaders should be very proud of their contribution. They are all great role models for everyone at Tecoma PS and we are lucky to have them at our school.

See you around the school.

Rohan Thompson

**Principal.**

# District Cross Country

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Congratulations to our 48 students who represented Tecoma at the Sherbrooke District on a fabulous Melbourne autumn day. The event, which took place at Crystalbrooke Reserve on Friday, the 24th of May, was a tremendous success. The weather was perfect, the ground was only a little muddy and the sun shone the whole time. Our students exhibited remarkable determination in the 2km and 3km races.

**We are happy to announce that Tecoma is the official  
SSV Sherbrooke District Cross Country Champions for 2024!**

Also, 19 of our students have advanced to the SSV Divisional Cross Country Carnival, scheduled for Tuesday, the 4th of June, at Yarra Valley Racecourse:

Jack G, Oscar G, Grace K, Charli S, Ava H, Cooper G, Jono G, Jake S, Charles G, Zoe F, Harper R, Noah T, Diego M, Gabby W, Emma M, Sienna N, Emily J, Scarlett M and Loren T.

Congratulations to these students for their exceptional accomplishments.

We would also like to recognise our students who were our emergency runners and attended with only 24hrs notice! Additionally, congratulations to our 4 runners who had podium finishes:

Grace K (1st), Cooper G (3rd), Jono G (3rd), and Charli S (3rd).

Every student who attended the event displayed admirable sportsmanship.

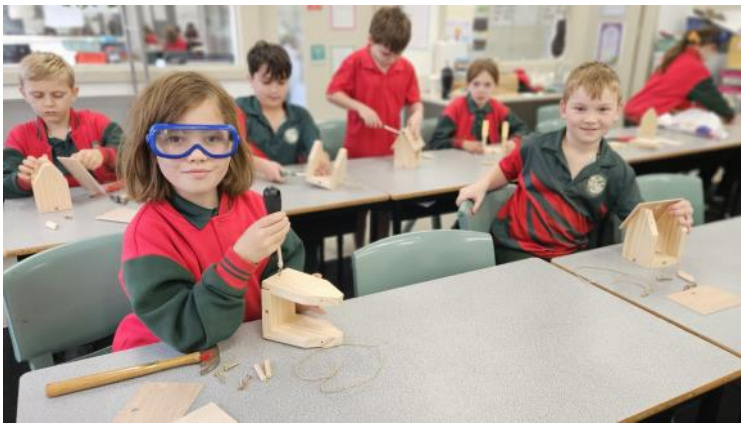
We would like to extend our congratulations to all students who participated in the Sherbrooke District Cross Country. Your collective effort was truly outstanding and we commend each one of you.

To our 19 students participating in the Divisionals, we wish you the best of luck. We are confident that you will represent our school with utmost pride and we eagerly await news of your continued achievements.

# Bird Feeder Construction

As a Grade 4 student, building the bird houses was super fun and great practice of building skills for us when we build our animal shelters at home. It was very amazing :-)

Kieran W.



# Garden News

Finally, our long awaited Indigenous Garden and Yarning Circle has begun. Jason from Belgrave Drains & Diggers has levelled the area in readiness for our yarning circle. We are working in partnership with Treasuring Our Trees who creates beautiful log seats out of trees that have fallen during storms, in our very own Yarra Ranges. With recent storms, they have been extremely busy and have created beautiful yarning circles at several schools in the hills and we are next in line with our Yarning Circle due to be installed, late July. Following this, the staff and students will come together for a planting day, in early August to plant around the outside of the yarning circle with indigenous plants. It is fabulous to see this vision, and design by our very own Ruby Y, coming together. Watch this space!

We ask for your assistance if you are with your children in the 3/4 playground before or after school hours, please ensure they remain outside of the taped off area as construction takes place.



## Get Active Every Day

### Physical Activity Guidelines for Children

60 minutes  
moderate - vigorous  
activity daily

or

4 x  
15 minutes  
daily

Recommended daily  
physical activity  
guidelines for kids  
aged 5 - 12

- Walk, ride or scooter to school
- Dance to music
- Play with your pet
- Throw or kick a ball
- Jump on the trampoline
- Play at the park
- Play a sport





# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Elliot M	Congratulations Elliot for always putting in 110% effort into every single piece of work. You should be really proud of how far you have come this year already! Keep up the fantastic work.
Prep A	Inez N	For working cooperatively with her partner when playing race to zero during maths. Inez always tries her best and puts in 100% effort in all classroom activities. Congratulations, Inez.
Prep B	Boon M	For doing the most exquisite cutting out of the emu during our Integrated session. You concentrated on doing your personal best. Well done, Boon.
1/2A	Maxwell G	Maxwell has absolutely blown me away with his knowledge of multiplication this week. He calculates tricky problems in his head and insists on me giving him a harder question to answer. You are a wonderful mathematician, Maxwell!
1/2A	Florence E	Florence, I love how you really focus in our reading sessions and work hard to improve. It is wonderful to see you ask to use a whisper phone in the mornings, so that you can hear yourself read and improve your fluency and expression. Keep up the great work!
1/2B	Frederica C	Rica, thank you for always putting 100% into your learning. It is always a pleasure to see all of your beautifully presented work at the end of each day. Keep it up!
1/2B	Anthony N	Anthony has shown kindness, even when he thinks nobody is watching. Well done, Anthony for looking out for your classmates and offering help when they are in need.
1/2C	Olive H	Olive has embraced working with multiplication in Maths this week. She did a wonderful job creating groups and arrays to demonstrate her multiplication problems. Well done!
1/2D	All of 1/2D!	For the awesome effort 1/2D practised and then performed our Grandparents' song called 'We Are The World'. I'm VERY proud of you all. Wonderful work, 1/2D!
1/2E	Arik D	This week Arik has shown his excellent Mathematics brain at work when we have been learning about Multiplication. He has challenged himself by using 10 and even 20-sided dice to create some very tricky number sentences. Love your work, Arik.
3/4C	Billy G	Billy, at every opportunity in every subject, you always give your personal best. When you have finished a task, you know what your goals are and work towards those. Learning to play Number Hive and then using this as a way of improving your times tables is one such example.
3/4C	Ben J	Ben, at every opportunity in every subject, you always give your personal best. Learning to play Number Hive and then using this as a way of improving your times tables is one such example. Thank you also for the extra effort you put into making our classroom 'flamingo worthy'.
3/4D	Nicholas B	For the amazing effort you have put into learning to tell the time on a 24-hour clock. It was hard at first, but you found it much easier when you realised the trick (take away 12 from the 24-hour time). Well done, Nic!



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3/4E	Jeremy W	Jeremy, you did a great job presenting your group's thoughts on the personal strength of 'adaptable'. Not only did you speak clearly, you gave great insight when you explained that being adaptable is important as "there are no guarantees in life". Amazing advice!
3/4E	Dash N	Dash, it's been great to see you showing your personal best and resilience to participate in class activities. I'm very proud of your willingness to share ideas with the class, and I really enjoyed you reading to me last week. Well done and keep up the amazing effort!
5/6A	Finley T	Even when things don't work out, Finley is able to bounce back and redirect his thinking. This is a valuable skill to have. Finley readily listens to and accepts feedback, and he is willing to make the required changes. Keep up your resilient attitude, Finley!
5/6B	Elodie L	Elodie is a hard working student, who asks clarifying questions and gets feedback to always ensure her work is of the highest standard. Her work is always beautiful, neat and well presented. I am excited to see how her story wheel pieces together!
5/6B	Johnny W	Johnny was an absolute superstar in our Inquiry lesson about Tidal and Hydro energy. He listened intently to the instructions, participated in our discussion and created a fabulous turbine with Miles. Johnny, your demonstration of both personal best and respect was nothing short of awesome! Way to go!!
5/6B	Miles H	Miles was an absolute superstar in our Inquiry lesson about Tidal and Hydro energy. He listened intently to the instructions, participated in our discussion and created a fabulous turbine with Johnny. Miles, your demonstration of both personal best and respect was nothing short of awesome! Way to go!!
5/6C	Chloe B	Chloe showed magnificent resilience this week when she had to re-do her Single Word Spelling Test after her original one mysteriously 'grew legs and walked away'. It isn't easy completing assessments at the best of times, but Chloe did this twice and with no complaints. I appreciate your effort and attitude, Chloe!
5/6D	Logan P	Logan is a valued member of our class and always looks for ways to help other people and to make our classroom work cohesively. He lends a helping hand without being asked, starts his work promptly and looks out for others. Thank you, Logan!
5/6D	Maxime R	Maxime is always striving to complete work to his personal best standard. He asks thoughtful questions, thinks deeply and puts in a lot of effort. Well done, Maxime. Keep up the great work!
5/6E	Oli Howard	For consistently showing respect in the classroom and a willingness to achieve his personal best. Oli works diligently in class and has impressed me with his character this week.
Music	Leo D	For playing Happy Birthday on his guitar for one of his classmates. Well done, Leo.



# OFFICE NEWS

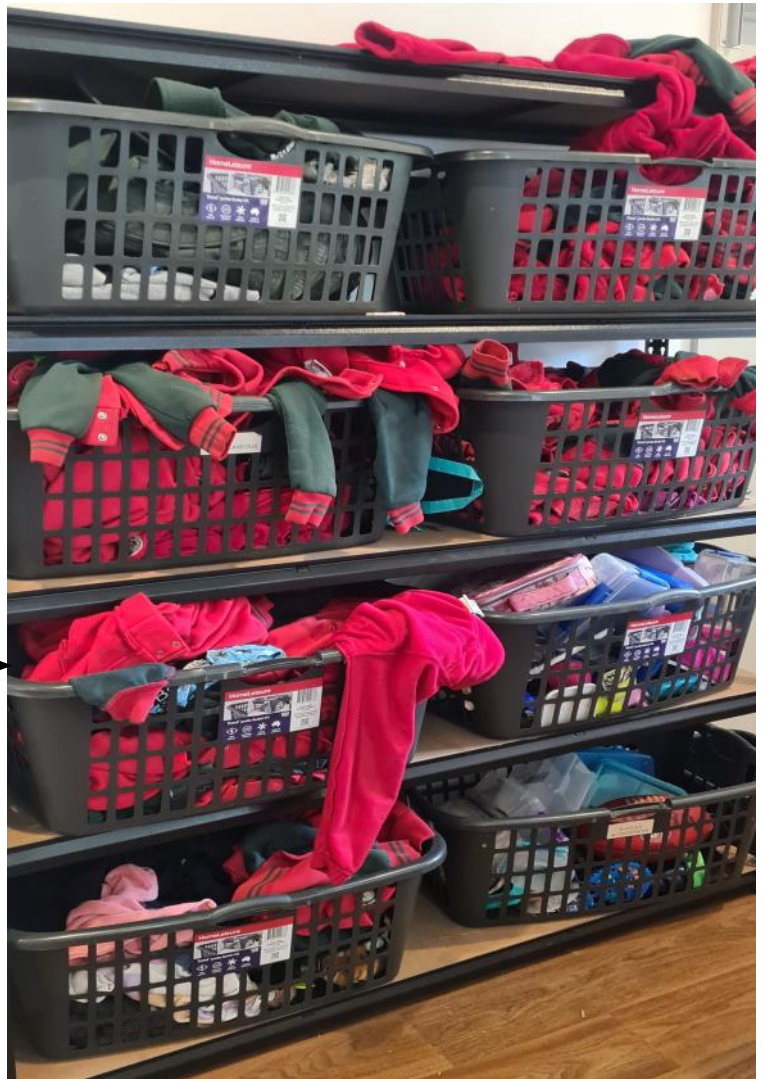
## 1. Uniform Shop Helper Needed:

We are in need of a parent volunteer to assist with sales in our uniform shop on a Thursday afternoon for 30mins preferably from 3.15pm to 3.45pm (this is negotiable). Please contact the office if you can help.

## 2. Lost Property:



As you can see, we have loads of lost property in the baskets again. PLEASE remind your children if they take their jumpers off, to put them straight into their school bag. If they are outside at play time, they can tie it around their waist until they go back into their classroom. Thank you.



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**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Mon 8th - Wed 10th July, 2024  
9am - 12noon  
\*8yrs & up

**HOT SHOTS - Orange Ball**  
**COMPETITION PLAYERS (Green/Yellow Ball)**

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