



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUGUST

Friday 9th

VSSS Dance
rehearsal Heathmont
Select Students

Monday 12th

Zoo Excursion
Grade 5

Regional Girls AFL
Select Students

Wednesday 14th

Regional Netball
Select Students

Swimming - Preps



Wed 14th - Fri 16th

Urban Camp
Grade 5

Forest Edge
Grades 3/4

Urban
Camp

FOREST
EDGE

KIDS DISCO

A massive thank you to our parent network and also staff who were involved in the hosting of the kids disco last Friday night in the hall.

It's just wonderful to see the kids having such a great time dancing away to their favourite hits (I'm way out of touch with their music taste!) and knowing the lyrics word for word!

We had over 300 attendees which, for a cold Friday night in August, was just great. Thank you to all who supported the disco to give the kids another wonderful experience.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

You will have seen over the past two weeks a number of trades working around the school. After a number of years of continual patching, the Department of Education, through the Victorian School Building Authority, agreed to replace:

- ⇒ the roof above the cleaners cupboard, the Prep teacher office and the Prep store room
- ⇒ the roof above the girls toilets and the walkway in front
- ⇒ repair the finial above the gazebo out the front.

An arborist has given the all clear on the trees where branches were hanging that caused us to ring make safe in the first place. All of this work should be completed by the end of this week which will mean that all of the temporary fencing will be removed.

In other news:

- Congratulations to the Preps on how you have started your swimming lessons. I was there yesterday to assist, and what a well oiled machine they are.
- Watch out for the morning munchies that is being held on August 23rd. This is the same day as "Book Character Day." We will have a parade at 9:00am for the kids to display their favourite book character costume.
- As mentioned last newsletter, bugs have hit staff and children already. We have on most occasions been able to cover classes but with such a teacher shortage, we can't always guarantee that and we may have to split classes. That will be our last resort.
- The Grade 3, 4 and 5 children are in the final stages of preparing for their camp on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. The Grade 3/4 children are heading off to Forest Edge, and the Grade 5 children are heading off to the Urban Camp. Please check all communications you have received from your camp leaders and if you aren't sure, please contact your child's class teacher. We will need the children here on Wednesday with everything they require and on time for a prompt departure.



CARPARK

We have had some feedback once again regarding the use of our car park, especially after school which is more congested than in the mornings.

The drop off bay is a stop, collect and go, it is not a stop, park and hop out to try and find your children.

Over the holidays, we had all of our line marking redone to show very clearly the parking areas and what is the “drop off bay”. This includes a new disabled carpark, adjacent to the drop off bay. It has been reported that we have had some people creating their own car parks which severely restricts the flow of cars trying to revolve around the carpark. If you cannot see your child waiting at the fence of the drop off bay, please do another loop until they appear.

We will endeavour to have a staff member down there each night when possible to supervise and assist the collection of your children to their cars when they see their parents car approaching the drop off bay. Please do not ask your children to walk in amongst the cars to meet you in the car park from the front entry near the letterbox. Like everywhere, car parks can be dangerous with blind spots and a driver just may not see a child weaving in amongst cars to get to your car.

We will do everything to assist in the smooth collection of your children but we need your assistance with this as well. Thanks for your cooperation.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

This week, our Prep students celebrated their 100th day of school. The theme for the day was 100 days of school - 100 years old. There was a lot of grey hair, walking sticks, and great ‘old’ costumes! Mathematical activities that required counting to 100 were part of the day, and everyone celebrated. We were delighted to see them dressed up for the occasion and fully embracing the milestone of turning 100 (days!)

See you around the school!

Rohan Thompson.
Principal



TECOMA SPORTS UPDATES...

SSV Girls Divisional AFL Champions!!

Melbourne provided excellent winter weather for the SSV Divisional Girls AFL Finals on Tuesday. Our Grade 5/6 girls team competed against Belgrave South, Belgrave Heights, and Emerald in a series of closely contested games to determine who would advance to the SSV Eastern Regional Finals.

We are thrilled to announce that Tecoma went undefeated throughout the day and will now progress to the next round on Monday, August 12th. Our girls played outstandingly, working as a cohesive team to secure the title of SSV Divisional Champions. In addition to their performance, our players displayed exceptional sportsmanship. During one game, they volunteered to play for another team that had members unable to participate due to injuries, and they consistently showed respect for their competitors.

A big thank you to Myles and Donna for coaching the team and to our volunteer parents who drove our players to and from the event.



SSV Divisional Winter Netball

The Tecoma netball team travelled to Knox Regional Netball Centre on Wednesday July 31st to participate in the divisional competition. They played well throughout the day and after a very close grand final, they won by 2 goals. Well done team!



TECOMA SPORTS UPDATES...

Divisional Winter Soccer

We are proud of both our girls' and boys' Tecoma soccer teams for their outstanding performance last Thursday, 1st of August at the Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club playing in the SSV Divisional Finals. Under the guidance of Mr. Thompson and Ms. Lansdell, both teams showcased excellent sportsmanship and determination.

It was a great day filled with tough competition, and our teams rose to the challenge. The girls' team played exceptionally well and secured a commendable 6th place. The boys' team also put in a strong effort, finishing in an impressive 3rd place.

Thanks to the parents who drove our soccer players to and from the event. Your support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication!



THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS
SPECTACULAR
Splash
SATURDAY
14 SEPTEMBER
1pm & 6:30pm John Cain Arena

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TECOMA SPORTS UPDATES...

Divisional Winter T-Ball

Tecoma Primary School is certainly on fire with our sporting achievements over the past few weeks! After last week's washout, our T-Ballers were extremely eager to get out on the diamond and compete in the SSV Divisional T-Ball Championships on Tuesday.

It was a fantastic day with a tight final fought by our mixed T-Ball team. We are very happy to announce that both our Girls and Mixed T-Ball teams are SSV Divisional champions and have now progressed to the SSV Eastern Metro Regional finals. These will be held on the 22nd of August at the Waverley Softball Centre. Great effort teams and coaches. **Go Tecoma!**



5 weeks of T-BALL
at
KNOX SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

A fun, social, afterschool program
Starts Wednesday 21 August
4:30 - 5:30pm
For ages 5-7 & 8-10yrs
only \$50
REGISTER HERE

A Message From The Library

Hello families,

This is just a short reminder to ask everyone to search their homes for any school library books that may be hiding.

It's never too late to return a book and they will be welcomed gratefully! Overdue notices were also sent home this week which have more information regarding lost books.

Happy reading everyone and let's get searching!

Kath Young
Library Co-ordinator

UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you have a spare 30 minutes on a
Monday & Thursday morning?

WE NEED YOU!

We need a reliable, friendly and helpful team member to help parents purchase uniform in our uniform shop.

If you can help, please contact the office and let one of the gals know.



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS...

Mondays: 9.00am—9.30am

**Thursdays: 9.00am—9.30am
&**

3.15pm—3.45pm

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

