



# TECOMA TIMES

## Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

#### **AUGUST**

**Friday 23rd**  
**BOOK WEEK**  
**DRESS UP DAY**

*Morning Munchies*



**Tuesday 27th**  
*Bunka no hi'*  
*(Japanese Culture Day)*

**Wednesday 28th**  
*VSSS – Choir Rehearsal*

*SWIMMING Preps*



**Friday 30th**  
**FATHER'S DAY STALL**

#### **REMINDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY**

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement.

We sent you an invitation to complete the survey via a Compass Newsfeed last week. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will remain open online until Friday 30 August 2024.

Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

The survey is being conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete. It can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.

#### **GRADE 3/4 and GRADE 5 CAMP**

On Friday, our Grade 3/4 and Grade 5 children returned from the camps at Forest Edge and Urban Camp respectively, having enjoyed a lovely 3 days.

On Grade 5 camp, we were very busy, on average walking 15 to 17 kms, as we visited the MCG, Australian Contemporary Art, The Big Issue magazine, the museum and ACMI. At nighttime, we got the most magnificent view of our city from the Eureka Skydeck.

The Grade 3/4 children had a more action-packed adventure camp, highlighted by the flying fox, bush cooking, archery, hut building and low ropes.

Both camps enjoyed the unseasonal beautiful weather and while I'm sure the children returned home Friday extremely tired, I'm sure they were full of wonderful experiences.

A huge thank you to all of our staff and parents that attended, spending time away from their own home life, to enable the children to attend. I'm sure you all enjoyed a peaceful Friday night meal.

#### **FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY**

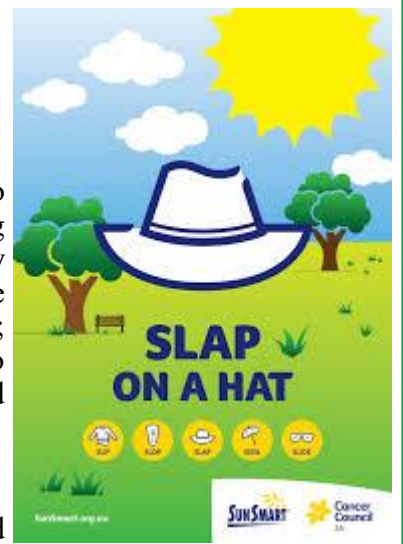
Don't forget that tomorrow is "Favorite Book Character Dress Up Day" where we ask the children to put in a little bit of an effort to show our community what books they read and the characters in them that they really enjoy. To show off their work, we will have a parade at 9:00am, so parents, if you wish to stay around after drop-off, you can see what the children have dressed up as.

Orders have closed for tomorrow's Morning Munchies but a huge thank you to our Parent Network for the effort you go to, to give those children something a little bit special.

## **SPRINGTIME BECKONS:**

From Friday 1st September, all students will need to be wearing a sun smart hat as we once again enter the period of higher UV levels. Even though the weather can be still cold on some days the UV levels can still be damaging so all children must adhere to the school policy.

While I'm always encouraging children to spend more time outside, exposure to sunlight is the main cause of melanoma and a cause of skin cancer. Acknowledging Australia has the world's highest incidence of melanoma our School Council policy is for students to be Sunsmart from the start of spring. As a Sunsmart school we expect our students to wear a hat between September 1st and April 30th each year; having reminded children to dust off their Sunsmart school hats so they are ready to be worn from Monday onwards to protect against UV and the sun. So please remind them to slap on a hat!



## **FATHER'S DAY**

A reminder our wonderful Parent Network have also organised for a Father's and Special Persons Day stall for our students to purchase a small gift from. This is to be held on Friday 30th August - see the flyer below for all the details.

Wishing all of our fathers, grandfathers and carers a wonderful Father's Day next Sunday.



See you around the school!

Rohan Thompson.  
Principal



**IT'S OUR  
FATHER'S DAY  
& SPECIAL  
PERSONS DAY  
STALL**

**FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST  
DURING SCHOOL HOURS  
FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**MANY ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM.  
EACH STUDENT WILL HAVE A PURCHASE  
LIMIT OF 2 ITEMS.**

**THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT  
WE HAVE GIFTS AVAILABLE FOR \$1, \$2,  
\$3, \$4, \$5 & \$6.**

**PLEASE BRING A BAG TO PUT  
YOUR GIFT IN!**

**This is not a public event and the students will attend  
with their class. If you would prefer that your child did not  
attend please notify their teacher or the office.**



Our Grade 5 and 6 students have been busy this term planning for our whole school Market Day Fair on Friday the 6th September. The Fair will take place during the middle learning block, from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

Our senior students have been learning about business, marketing and the economy and during the term have designed, created, baked or built a product or service to sell. Students have collected data to inform their decisions, established an advertising plan, developed a budget and purchased prizes to entice consumers. Most goods and services will be on sale for 50c to \$2. All students across the school will be invited to attend our Market Day Fair and they are encouraged to bring coins to spend at the stalls.

It is certain to be a fun filled day!!!

# The Tecoma Potato Olympics

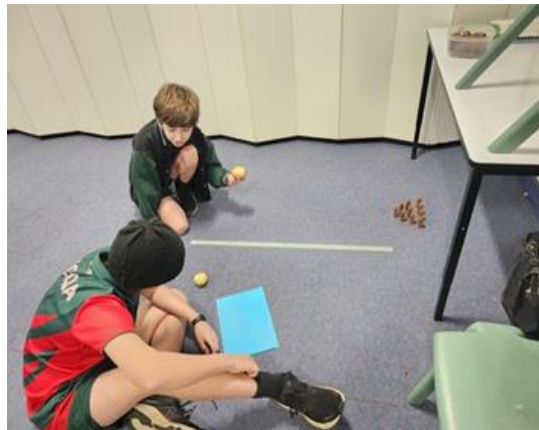


No doubt, you have all been following the Paris Olympics and as we head into the Para Olympics, these elite athletes are fast becoming household names.

When your child came home two weeks ago and said that they needed a potato for school, I'm sure there were some raised eyebrows, but what a week we had.

Potatoes from around the school took part in a series of events, where the students learnt about collecting and comparing data, and creating graphs. They also showed off their creativity in the design of some of the events.

On Thursday afternoon, there was certainly a great deal of excitement as these finely tuned potatoes competed against other 'athletes' in various events. These included the "Potato Roll", the "Spin", some "weightlifting" and we even had potatoes competing in a velodrome.





# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY 30 AUGUST**



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep B	Indie O	For always treating your classmates with kindness and being helpful. You are a wonderful role model for our school value of Respect, Indie. Congratulations on achieving your Golden Words. Keep up the hard work!
1/2A	Lydia H	Lydia, I love the way you show respect for our classroom by always ensuring it is neat and tidy. You show so much integrity when you tidy things without being asked to, and even help out your classmates when it's packing up time. 1/2A and I thank you very much your diligence. Where would we be without you?
1/2B	Lotus L	After completing our class novel, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', 1/2B watched the original movie. We then compared the Book and movie. Lotus completed a Venn diagram explaining some of the differences in Veruca Salt's character. Well done Lotus!
1/2C	Ashley B	Ashley managed some challenges he faced in the yard last week with resilience and class. He acknowledged his feelings appropriately and moved forward with confidence and positivity. Amazing work, Ashley.
1/2D	Madeline W	Madeline always conducts herself with kindness and respect. She listens attentively to her peers and teachers alike, and waits patiently for her turn to contribute to conversations. Madeline manages her learning independently, consistently showing her personal best. Amazing work, Madeline!
3/4B	Bonnie E	Bonnie, I am so proud of how you challenged yourself and attempted all of the activities at camp. You demonstrated resilience with an unwavering climb and succeeded in climbing up 11 crates. Then you went on to conquer your fears by attempting the Flying Fox not once, but three times. Well done!
3/4C	Stazi I	What an amazing effort in the crate climb at camp. Climbing 18 crates to touch the roof of the stadium was an incredible accomplishment. I loved the methodical way you went about it, thinking through each move.
3/4C	Ruby N	Well done on your camp achievement, Ruby. There was quite a bit to overcome but you used positive self talk, sought support and engaged with the activities at camp.
3/4D	All of 3/4D!	Congratulations to everyone in 3/4D for being absolutely amazing at Forest Edge camp. You showed all the values in the way you treated others, in the times when you had a go, even if something was difficult, and by not giving up if you were challenged. I am so proud of your efforts and I hope you are proud of yourselves, too. Well done!
3/4E	Sienna S	Sienna, you have started our camp newspaper writing unit with great enthusiasm! I have enjoyed your various articles for the 'Forest Edge Times' and have been impressed with your creativity, natural writing style and how you incorporate feedback into your work. I can't wait to read the final edition!



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4E	Isaac S	Welcome back to TPS, Isaac! You are working hard settling into the routines of 3/4E. You applied yourself to the potato olympics activities, showed enthusiasm in your Olympic athlete biography and worked hard on spelling this week. Keep developing your growth mindset, and prove to yourself you can do hard things!
5/6A	Noah T	Noah presented the most amazing passion speech about tennis and his knowledge of countries and their flags. He even sang a song listing the countries in the world that thoroughly impressed our entire class. It was simply magnificent, Noah!
5/6B	Robbie S	Robbie presented a highly persuasive speech all about the importance of homework. He was energetic in his delivery and engaging to listen to, in fact he nearly caused anarchy in our classroom. Unfortunately..... it was not persuasive enough....enjoy your homework this week, Robbie!
5/6C	Millie F	Millie was exemplary during Grade 5 Camp, ensuring that she displayed all the Tecoma values at all times. This representation of our school is something that all students should strive for. Millie listened to and followed instructions, showed respect and care for her friends and groups, and had lots of fun throughout the camp. Amazing work, Millie!
5/6D	Bridie T	Bridie was a wonderful representative for our school whilst out and about on Urban Camp! She listened to and followed instructions, showed respect and care for her friends and had lots of fun throughout the camp. Well done, Bridie!
5/6E	Samuel B	Sam has shown outstanding respect to his peers and his teachers. He always works hard to ensure he is learning and helps others stay focused. It's great to see him encouraging others and ensuring he achieves his personal best in all activities.
5/6E	Hailey D	Hailey works hard in all activities and makes a consistent effort to ask clarifying questions. It has been impressive to see her challenge herself, always determined to achieve her personal best. Hailey demonstrates outstanding manners and always ensures she is showing respect. I was very impressed with Hailey's creativity displayed in her information report.
Music	Hanzo M	For his help in translating the Japanese song we sang in Music. Thank you, Hanzo!



On Wednesday August 13th, the netball team headed off to the regional netball competition at Waverley Netball Centre. They played 3 matches and played with skill, determination and a sense of teamwork throughout. They used their personal best effort to compete but unfortunately didn't make it through to the next round. Well done to the team, you are all supertars!

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help drive students to the event and to those who came along to support on the day.



# BECOME A TIGER

# THIS SUMMER!

# REGO DAY

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21**  
10-11AM @ THE CLUB (CHOSEN AVE, UPWEY)

**COME AND ENJOY SOME ACTIVITIES & A FREE BBQ!**



**PROGRAMS ON OFFER:**  
**AGES 4-6 - WOOLIES BLASTERS**  
**AGES 7-8 - SUPER 7'S**  
**AGES 9-12 - FAST 9'S**

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## join the party

Don't miss the 5-week party full of fun and footy in Term 3! There's a new party on every week to enjoy at your All Girls NAB AFL Auskick Centre!

**EMERALD & SURROUNDS ALL-GIRLS  
AUSKICK**

Worrell Reserve

Starting 26th August 4:30pm - 5:30pm



REGISTER HERE

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

# 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.



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