

# **TECOMA TIMES**

# **Tecoma Primary School Newsletter**



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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# DATES TO REMEMBER:

# **SEPTEMBER**

Friday 6th Grade 5/6's Market Day



Wednesday 11th SWIMMING Preps



Thursday 12th
VSSS Choir
Rehearsal
Select Students

Friday 13th
VSSS Choir
Rehearsal
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Saturday 14th VSSS Concert!!



# **MURAL**

Please keep an eye out for a mural that will be put up at the intersection of Sandals Rd. and Burwood Highway on the kinder side of the intersection. It was meant to go up on Wednesday but wisely, it was postponed due to the windy conditions.

Led by our art teacher Mrs. McManamon, the mural design has involved students in many different grades throughout the school.

Initially, classes (about 350 students) brainstormed things that were special to Tecoma, and we compiled a word cloud of ideas.

The main themes that kept coming up were the natural surroundings (bushland, trees, mountains) and some of the native animals that we see around this area and the school. Students in Grades 1 and 2 (around 120 students) were given the task of making a paper collage of local flora. We collected some samples from plants around the school and they cut and arranged their paper to make bright and bold artworks. Our parent on School Council, Mr Travis Cochrane, engaged his graphic design skills to use many of these in the background design of the mural.

Students in Grades 5 and 6 (about 130 students) were making fabric collages of birds. They selected a bird of interest and using inspiration pictures, they drew the outline of these onto wooden boards. Students sketched in the birds features and were challenged to layer many different types and textures of fabric to create a feathered/textured bird. These works were photographed and sent to Travis who has carefully combined them with the flora artworks. The red/pink and green are a nod to the Tecoma School

I've seen the proof and can't wait to see the final piece on display. Our thanks go to Mrs. McManamon, Mr Cochrane and our wonderful children for the work they put into this.

colours of red and green and he has muted some colours into more natural tones.

# STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Final preparations are now in place for our 45 children to participate in the State Schools Spectacular to be held at John Cain Arena on Saturday September 14.

Coordinated by our Performing Arts Coordinator Mrs. Sally Connell, our children have been preparing pretty much since the start of the year. In previous years, it has been a wonderful event to attend, is recorded by Channel 7 and televised at some point in December.

I would like to thank Mrs. Connell for her organisation as well as Mrs. Deb Langford, Mrs. Kath Young and Mrs. Di Double who have spent so much of their own time supporting these children.

# **GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER**

A introductory feature of our school camping program is the Grade 2 sleepover. On Thursday September 19, our Grade 2 children are having a sleep over at school. For some children, this will be the first chance for a sleepover and the first night away from home. This is a toe in the water for them, in preparation for the grade 3/4 camp next year to Phillip Island.

My thanks to our staff who are once again spending time away from their families on a Thursday night/Friday morning to give these children a chance to build their confidence away from a home setting.

### PLANNING WEEK

Next week is planning week and the teachers will meet in teams to plan for Term 4. It is amazing to find that we are so close to the end of the year. Term 4 is very important and teachers will be organising revision of concepts covered to make sure that they have been clearly understood, and organising the next level of work to be presented to the students. Our whole school topic is "History - linking with our celebration of 100 years of Tecoma".

### SPORTS TEAM COLOURS DAY

As is the case every year this time, we are having a footy/sports team colours day on the last day of term where we encourage everyone to wear the colours of their favourite sporting team for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards State Schools' Relief which may cover the cost of new school uniforms, shoes, books and more to assist families in need in Victoria. Weather permitting, we have organised for the children to have a tabloid footy day followed by a parade of colours. The parade will take place on the top basketball court.

# **LAST DAY OF TERM, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20**

September 20 is the last day of Term 3. I would like to remind parents that students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. The timetable for the final day of term (weather permitting) is as follows:

9:00am Classes as per normal

10:00am Senior Football Tabloid Sports

11:00am RECESS

11.30am Junior Football Tabloid Sports

12.30pm Football Parade (weather permitting)

1.00pm Footy Day Lunch 1:10pm LUNCH PLAY

2:30pm Dismissal



### SUN SMART

A reminder that as the UV levels increase at this time of year, we need to be Sun Smart! The Cancer Council recommend a combination of sun protection measures:

- 1. Slip on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
- 2. Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ (or higher) sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
- 3. Slap on a hat broad brim or legionnaire style to protect your face, head, neck and ears.
- 4. Seek shade.
- 5. Slide on some sunglasses make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Our Sun Smart Policy specifies that all students must wear a sun smart hat whenever they are outdoors at school. Please support our Sun Protection policy by providing a 'sun smart' hat for your child. Hats are available for purchase at the uniform shop.

# **PLANNING FOR 2025**

If your child/ren will not be at Tecoma PS in 2025, please send written notification to the office as soon as possible. If you know of someone moving into our zone and are yet to apply for enrolment, please encourage them to contact the office immediately.

# 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.

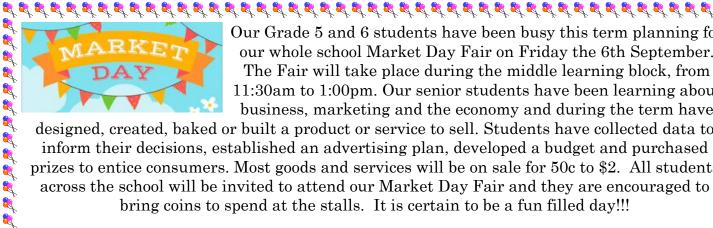
We sent you an invitation to complete the survey via email last week. If you have misplaced this, please reach out and we can resend this invitation to you. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey has been extended until Friday September 20.

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.

See you around the school!

Rohan Thompson, Principal.

2	2024 REMAIN	ING DATES	TO REMEMBER
Friday	6 September		Grade 5/6 market day
Thur-Sat	12-14 Sept		Victorian State Schools Spectacular
Thursday	19 September		Grade 2 Sleepover
Thursday	19 September		Colouring Competition back
Friday	20 September		Morning Munchies Sausage Roll Lunch
Friday	20 September		Favourite sports day
Friday	20 September		End of term, 2:30 dismissal
Monday	7 October	9:00am	Term Four commences
Wednesday	9 October		Step into prep commences
Thursday	10 October		Donation of flowers
Thursday	10 October		Cakes for cake stall due
Friday	11 October		Floral Carpet exhibited in hall
Friday	11 October		1920's charity concert
Tuesday	15 October	9:00am	Parent Network meeting
Tuesday	15 October		Grade 5/6 Immigration Museum
Thursday	17 October		Grade 5/6 Immigration Museum
Friday	18 October		Christmas card and T-Towel orders due.
Saturday	19 October		Kinder Bingo in hall (see kinder for details)
Tuesday	22 October		Grade 6 Graduation Photos
Friday	25 October		Morning Munchies
Tuesday	5 November		Melbourne Cup Holiday
Friday	15 November		Morning Munchies
Tuesday	19 November	9:00am	Parent Network meeting
Sunday	1 December		100 years of Tecoma Township celebrations
Monday	2 December		Grade 1/2 Puffing Billy end of year event
Thursday	5 December		Christmas Carols night
Monday	9 December		Thank you, morning tea.
Tuesday	10 December		Orientation day for Grade 6 to High School, new classes announced
Wednesday	18 December		Grade 6 graduation
Thursday	19 December	2:45 - 3:30pm	Assembly (last day of 2024)
Friday	20 December		Pupil Free Day



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 Sherbrooke District Athletics Carnival, held on Wednesday, 5th September at AC Robertson Athletics Track in Ringwood, was a great success. Tecoma was proudly represented by a strong team of 55 students, all showcasing dedication and enthusiasm.

Our students participated in a variety of events, including long jump, triple jump, high jump, 100m, 200m, 800m, discus, hurdles, and shot put. Each student gave their best effort, leading to some really good performances.

We are very proud that Tecoma once again emerged victorious, claiming the title of the 2024 Sherbrooke District champions!

A special thank you goes to Miss Ward, Mr. McLean, and Megan Wilson for their invaluable help in ensuring the day ran smoothly. Their hard work, both in the lead-up to the event and on the day itself, is greatly appreciated. We are thrilled to have several students advancing to the next round of competition at the SSV Division Athletics Carnival, to be held at Bill Sewart Athletics Track in Burwood on Wednesday, 18th September. Congratulations to all our athletes, and best of luck to those moving forward to the next stage!





This year we have 45 students participating in the State School Spectacular, 29 in choir and 16 dancing. It is a show put on by students from across Victoria in secondary and primary schools.

Tickets are available still for both shows through Ticketek. SPEC TIX

I know of a few families that are coming to see our children. It is a great show, it would be fabulous to see as many as possible there to support our children.

Sally Connell and Deb Langford.





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# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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# CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY 13 SEPT. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

GRADE	NAME	reason	
Prep A	Ariana L	For writing an excellent solution to the story, "Mr. McGee Went to Sea".  Ariana wrote about Mr McGee washing up on an island in the sea. She had a wonderful go at spelling tricky words and tried extra hard at forming her letters correctly making sure they are sitting on the solid line. Congratulations!	
Prep A	Anneke W	For writing an excellent solution to the story, "Mr. McGee Went to Sea".  Anneke wrote about Mr McGee using a bucket to scoop up the sea. She had a wonderful go at spelling tricky words and tried extra hard at forming her letters correctly. Congratulations, Anneke.	
1/2B	Amelie A	Amelie shows resilience during class when an activity does not quite go to plan. She understands that we learn through mistakes and persistence and always tries her personal best. Well done, Amelie.	
1/2B	Alana M	Alana always tries her best in class. She listens to instructions and then concentrates to complete the task to her personal best. Her work is always neat.  I love how Alana asks to sit in the 'concentration space' if she is distracted so that she can get her work done in the allocated time.  Keep up the great work, Alana.	
1/2C	Almą H	Alma has done a great job creating an information poster about Octopuses. Alma has included a classification, information about their diet and habitat, as well as some interesting facts, and a fantastic picture! Well done, Alma.	
1/2C	Patrick K	Patrick has been working hard on his resilience when faced with challenges. It has been great to see Pat use some of his calming strategies when things don't go to plan. Well done, Pat!	
1/2E	Kimaya H	Kimaya enjoyed the Money Bags activity and, with her partner, worked really hard at counting out the money from the 15 bags to work out how much each bag had inside. I loved how she sorted the dollars from the cents and then did her best to find the total. Even the challenging amounts they both had a go at. You gave it your Personal Best, Kimaya. Thank you.	
1/2E	Islą M	Isla enjoyed the Money Bags activity and, with her partner, worked really hard at counting out the money from the 15 bags to work out how much each bag had inside. I loved how she sorted the dollars from the cents and then did her best to find the total. Even the challenging amounts they both had a go at.  You gave it your Personal Best, Isla. Thank you.	
3/4A	Indi S	Indi is always the first ready to listen and learn and always puts exceptional care into her work. Thank you for your hard work, Indi!	
3/4A	Heath D	Heath showed great creativity when asked to find different division equations that equal 4, coming up with a strategy that if you multiply both numbers in the division question by the same number the answer will still be 4.	
3/4B	Nell S	Nell, over the past few weeks you have really shown your personal best by not only completing your work to a high standard, but also assisting other members of the class if they need help. You have shown thoughtfulness, consideration and kindness to your classmates. Keep up the excellent work!	



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3/4D	Aurelią B	Well done on the effort you are putting into your research for our Country Investigation. You have been working really hard to find out all the information you can about Italy - the natural features, daily life, celebrations and foods.  Amazing work, Aurelia!
3/4E	Elsą B	Elsa consistently displays our school's values of respect, personal best, creativity, and resilience. She is not only honest and reliable, but also demonstrates kindness and a strong work ethic in everything she undertakes. Congratulations Elsa, for being a shining example in our school community!
5/6A	Abigail Y	Abigail's work is always of a very high standard. Her sensory poem on Spring was full of rich vocabulary and made the reader feel they were surrounded by flowers, bees, sunshine and colours. Keep up the great attitude to your learning, Abigail!
5/6 <sub>A</sub>	Archer W	Archer's creative flair is evident everywhere. Homework is always beautifully designed and the Market Day advertising material was well presented. Keep up the fantastic creative effort, Archer!
5/6B	Logan V	I have been so impressed by Logan this term in maths sessions. He has worked consistently and grasped all the skills we have been working on, especially when working with fractions and decimals. Excellent work, Logan. Keep it up!
5/6B	Ava C	Ava has been so wonderful in our public speaking sessions. When she gets up to present to the class she is always poised and confident. Ava, your speeches have been engaging and informative – thank you for showing respect to your fellow classmates, being creative in your speech writing, resilient when you have had to do something off the cuff, and demonstrating your personal best!
5/6C	Jąmes L	James is our class spelling whiz; every week, he is able to come up with words that match the spelling focus, along with definitions and pronunciations. James transfers these skills to our Word of the Week, where he thoughtfully provides suggestions for synonyms, antonyms, etymology and definitions. Keep up the amazing work, James!
5/6D	Bessie C	Bessie was incredibly creative when writing her ode to her favourite food, Cheezels. Her language was descriptive, emotive and really displayed her love for Cheezels, whilst also being humorous. Well done, Bessie!
5/6D	Hailey E	Hailey was very dedicated to her Market Day project and made sure she had ticked off all of her jobs and was organised before heading off on a holiday. Thank you Hailey, your group appreciated your organisation!
Music	Riley C	For the resilience and musical talent he showed when playing the instruments with an injured hand. Well done, Riley!
Japanese	Tori L	Congratulations on achieving 100% accuracy on the 46 Hiragana-reading challenge! Your dedication and hard work both in and out of the classroom are truly commendable. Keep up the excellent effort!
Japanese	Eddie H	Fantastic job on achieving 100% accuracy in the 46 Hiragana-reading challenge! Your hard work and dedication, both inside and outside the classroom, are truly impressive. Keep up the outstanding effort!
Japanese	Bonnie E	For learning 'the CLIL pledge' sentences in Japanese by heart. Fantastic effort,  Bonnie-san!!!

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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.





# FTGDCA GIRLS CRICKET DAY

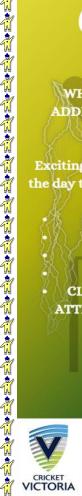
WHEN: Sunday 22nd September TIME: 10:30am - 12:00pm WHERE: Upper Ferntree Gully Cricket Club ADDRESS: 22 Willow Road Upper Ferntree Gully

Exciting young cricketer Tess Flintoff will be there on the day to give the girls a hand and pass on some handy tips.

> LOVE TO DANCE WARM UP SESSION FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE (inc. Vegetarian)

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### TRAINING TIMES

BLASTERS - Start Wed 4th Nov. 5-6 pm

SUPER 7s & FAST 9s - Mon 4.30-5.30pm

U12s, U14s & GIRLS STAGE 2 - Tues 5-6pm

U16s - Thurs 5-6pm

LOCATION

### **MATCH DETAILS**

SUPER 7s - Wed 5.15 - 7.30 starts 16th Oct

FAST 9s. U12s & U14s - Fri 5.15-7.30 starts 11th Oct

GIRLS STAGE 2 - Sun 8-11 starts 6th Oct

U16s - Sat 8.15-11.30 starts 12th Oct

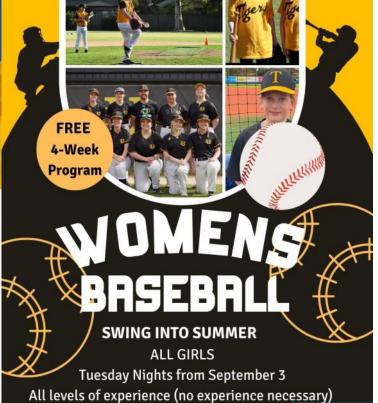


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