



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
Select Students*

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

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.

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

An 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.

2024 REMAINING 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	<u>Term Four commences</u>
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		<u>Orientation day for Grade 6 to High School, new classes announced</u>
Wednesday	18 December		Grade 6 graduation
Thursday	19 December	2:45 – 3:30pm	Assembly (last day of 2024)
Friday	20 December		<u>Pupil Free Day</u>



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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**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.



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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Junior Details

TRAINING TIMES

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

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

UI2s, UI4s & GIRLS STAGE 2 - Tues 5-6pm

UI6s - Thurs 5-6pm

LOCATION



MATCH DETAILS

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

FAST 9s, UI2s & UI4s - Fri 5.15-7.30
starts 11th Oct

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

UI6s - Sat 8.15-11.30 starts 12th Oct

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