



# TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **OCTOBER**

**Friday 25th**  
*Morning Munchies*  
*Ice cream*

**Monday 28th**  
*Prep Incursion*  
*Belgrave Fire*  
*Brigade*  
11:30 -1:00



**Tuesday 29th**  
*Mont De Lancey*  
*Grades 3/4B, D & E*

**Wednesday 30th**  
*Step Into Prep*  
*Physical Education*  
*Future Preps (2025)*

*Mont De Lancey*  
*Grades 3/4A & C*

*Swimming*  
*Grades 5/6*



### **FLORAL CARPET**

I hope many of you got the opportunity to come up and be part of the return of the Tecoma Primary School Floral Carpet.

One of the risks but also the exciting part of bringing back something that has been integral to our school from the 1950's into the 1980's was the big shoes that we had to fill in making sure that our carpet measured up against previous efforts.

I would like to say that we did that and more with what we were able to put together, not just as a school community, but also past students, members of the church community next door and the members of the '100 years of Tecoma Celebrations'.

Involving the children by introducing a colour competition at assembly sparked them into action and then being able to send home containers with sand for them to bring along flowers made them very much a part of what we were able to do.

The 3.6m x 3.6m carpet turned out just superbly with the sea of colour and the fragrance as you entered the hall. Whilst the result was outstanding, my favorite part was seeing our kids working with adults, including our past students, in putting together this project. Some of them had tears of joy as it brought back so many memories of the 30 years that they made the carpet here - in what is now our staff room. We had images of those past carpets showing up on the screen along with pictures of our township, going through the ages, keeping people at the tables having their free tea and coffee.

We had terrific coverage from the Star Mail and from Yarra Ranges life TV where our children featured and it was a perfect time for us to have our Facebook page up and running!

It's a risk to individualise, but I would like to pay a huge thank you to Chuck Page and Kym Cinel, who are not only parents at our school, but also members of the Tecoma 100-year celebrations, who led this. Their enthusiasm brought our community together, along with members outside of our community, who came in to assist. I've heard nothing but good reports about what was produced, and we can only say thank you to everyone involved.

Thank you to all who helped with the construction on Thursday, with parents, community members and children all helping to put each flower into the bed of sand to make a sea of colour.

Thank you also to everyone who did baking, as this combined with donations and the sausage sizzle amounted to nearly \$2000 in fundraising, which we are directing towards the history trail.

There has been discussion about whether we do this again, but I would suggest it should be done every two years, either side of our school production. That, however, is something we can work on in our planning for the future.

I have included pictures from the local paper and the link to the Yarra Ranges Life TV.

<https://www.facebook.com/YRLife.tv/videos/936994821606707/?mibextid=7J6EjN&rdid=wwHzzgltQCW4eiCs>

## **KINDER CARPARK SAFETY**

Please be reminded that the Tecoma preschool car park is not available for Tecoma Primary School families. Our relationship with the kindergarten has always been very strong and the kindergarten have varied their starting times to try and alleviate this problem, but it is still an issue.

The car park is solely for the use of Tecoma preschool families. Spaces are limited in that car park, and these must be kept for families who by nature will have young toddlers needing to access the preschool.

I ask our families to please respect this as we would hate to see an accident due to the amount of traffic going into that car park.

Our school yard can be accessed off McNicol Rd. via the bike track at the southern end of the school. The gates coming off the preschool car park have now been locked to prevent access coming from that car park.

Thank you for your assistance.



## **CLASS PLACEMENT 2025**

Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to write to me regarding information they may have over their child's class placement for 2025.

A reminder, the final date to send a letter to me on this issue is up until 4pm, Friday November 1, 2024.

Please refer to the guidelines I sent out in the last newsletter regarding what requests will be considered. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

## **UP TO DATE CONTACT DETAILS**

With fire season fast approaching it is a good time to remind our families to ensure that all your details are up to date at the school. If you have changed address, have a new phone number or have a new alternative contact please contact the office to give us the details so that we are able to contact you if required.

## **GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

Preparations have begun for our Grade 6 Graduation on December 18. We hold the graduation ceremony at Burrinja before we head to the Upwey/Belgrave RSL for a meal.

Information will be sent home on a regular basis and your children will be kept informed of developments as they occur. The Grade 6 students are also preparing for the next phase of their education. It is an exciting time for them with many changes occurring as they progress through to Secondary College. Discuss the transition with your child in a positive way to ensure that the transition is a smooth one. Should you have any concerns please speak to your child's teacher at the school.



## **LAST WEEK AT ASSEMBLY WE:**

- ⇒ Heard some wonderful Student of the Week achievements
- ⇒ About the opportunity to participate in Auskick clinics on our Oval on a Wednesday. Flyers for this are at the office.
- ⇒ About our wonderful sporting achievements over the past week.
- ⇒ Handed out some prizes for the floral carpet coloring competition.

See you around the school everyone.

Rohan Thompson  
Principal.

## 2024 REMAINING DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	25 October		Morning Munchies
Tuesday	29 October		Grade 3/4B, D & E excursion to Mont De Lancey
Tuesday	29 October		Grade 1/2A & E and 2B walk to Belgrave Library
Wednesday	30 October		Grade 3-4A & C excursion to Mont De Lancey
Wednesday	30 October	9:00-10:00am	Step into Prep
Wednesday	30 October		Grade 5/6 swimming
Friday	1 November		Parent class placement requests due
Tuesday	5 November		<b>Melbourne Cup Holiday</b>
Wednesday	6 November	9:00-10:00am	Step into Prep
Wednesday	6 November		Grade 5/6 swimming
Thursday	7 November		SSV Boys netball
Monday	11 November		Remembrance Day
Monday	11 November		Region summer softball
Wednesday	13 November	9:00-10:00am	Step into Prep
Wednesday	13 November		Grade 5/6 swimming
Friday	15 November		Grade 5/6 city experience
Tuesday	19 November	9:00am	Parent Network meeting
Wednesday	20 November	9:00-10:00am	Step into Prep
Wednesday	20 November		Grade 5/6 swimming
Friday	22 November		Morning Munchies
Tuesday	26 October		School Council
Wednesday	27 November	9:00-10:00am	Step into Prep
Wednesday	27 November		Grade 5/6 swimming
Sunday	1 December		100 years of Tecoma Township celebrations
Monday	2 December		Grade 1/2 Puffing Billy
Tuesday	3 December		Prep Information Night
Wednes-	4 December		Grade 5/6 swimming
Thursday	5 December		Christmas Carols night
Monday	9 December		Thank you morning tea
Tuesday	10 December		<u>Orientation day for Grade 6 to Secondary School, Buddies Picnic - new classes announced</u>
Tuesday	10 December		School Council
Friday	13 December		Prep Graduation
Friday	13 December		Reports home
Wednes-	18 December		Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday	19 December	2:45 – 3:30pm	Assembly (last day of 2024)
Friday	20 December		<b><u>Pupil free day</u></b>





# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY 01 NOV.

GRADE	NAME	REASON
5/6A	Lachlan F	Lachlan displays his personal best every single day. He listens diligently in class, completes all of his work to a very high standard and his bookwork is always super neat. Keep up this wonderful attitude towards your learning, Lachlan.
5/6B	Harriet L	Harriet is a student I could give Student of The Week to every week. She works hard consistently in the classroom, putting every effort into everything she does. She involves herself in many areas of the school as well. Well done, Harriet. You have been a wonderful role model all year long!
5/6C	Jet H	Jet displayed fantastic leadership skills during a recent Digi Tech session. Jet was up and about, noticing the kids that needed help and was independently going to give them assistance. This embodies exactly what Grade 6 Leadership is all about. Great work, Jet!
5/6D	Tahlia B	Tahlia worked really hard when completing a writing task this week. When writing, she incorporated the prompt 'Jump Back In Time', worked independently and used her personal best effort to create her story. Well done, Tahlia!
5/6D	Hannah F	After a lovely holiday, Hannah was straight back into the swing of things! She showed all of our school values upon her return by working hard, being respectful and connecting with her friends and classmates. 5/6D is happy to have you back, Hannah!
Music	Jude B	For helping me to decorate the Library with the Grade 5 and 6 Music Posters. Thank you.
Music	Edie B	For helping me to decorate the Library with the Grade 5 and 6 Music posters. Thank you.
Music	Ivy M	For helping me to decorate the Library with the Grade 5 and Music posters. Thank you.

Dear Families,

Tecoma Preschool's AGM and our election for our 2025 Parent - led Committee of Management will be held on Tuesday November 12 at 7:00pm in the Grade 1/2 Building at Tecoma Primary School.

**PLEASE RSVP HERE.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGB6hE3MlxQX3AKfvjlwGqzaYnkIUypypx3SEQ0pK82hdkHw/viewform>

Tecoma Preschool is a parent-led preschool that aims to best meet the needs of those in the surrounding community by knowing their needs first hand. Becoming part of the committee gives parents insight into the education of their children, an opportunity to bring their expertise to the preschool and importantly, an opportunity to meet with other parents and develop friendships into primary school and beyond.

Thank you,

Tecoma Preschool 2024 Committee.



# BOOK CLUB

**Tecoma Primary School is now a member of the Scholastic Book Club. Your child will soon bring home a catalogue of amazing books from which you can purchase. There is no obligation to purchase but if you do, our school will receive 15% of all orders' spend to put towards our own library collection. Order details and more information will be included in the upcoming catalogue.**

**Happy reading,  
Kath Young  
Library Co-ordinator**



Yarra Ranges Council



# Platypus Discovery

Find out about the Platypus living in Monbulk Creek.

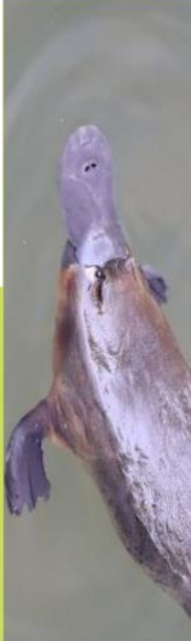
**Date:** Saturday 26 October 2024

**Time:** 10am - 11.30am

**Where:** Birdsland Reserve Education Centre  
271 Mt Morton Rd, Belgrave

**Cost:** Free

**Booking:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CUYFF>



This interactive discovery session children will learn about:

- What platypus eat and their habitat.
- The challenges platypus face and how to help.
- Plus - help make a habitat and make your own platypus to take home.

\*Please note we will not be seeing live platypus.  
Suitable for children aged 4 - 12 years and their family.

For enquiries or support with booking please contact:  
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**1st Upwey Scouts Jamboree fundraiser**

# MOVIE NIGHT

## Moana 2

Metro Cinemas Boronia  
**Thursday November 28**  
Session starts 7pm

**Tickets are \$14**

**Bookings close November 20th**

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