



# TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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22nd November, 2024

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### NOVEMBER

Friday 22nd

Transition

12:15pm - 1:00pm

Morning Munchies  
Pizza & Juice **Lunch**



Tuesday 26th  
School Council

Wednesday 27th  
Step Into Prep  
Yard Familiarisation  
Future Preps (2025)

Swimming  
Grades 5&6

#### DECEMBER

Monday 2nd

Puffing Billy

Grade 1&2



Tuesday 3rd  
Prep 2025 Parent  
Information Night

### ACTING PRINCIPAL 2025

As you will have seen from my COMPASS notification last Monday, an Acting Principal position for 2025 was advertised last Friday as I am taking 12 months leave next year. The process is being run by Northeast Victoria Regional Office in conjunction with our School Council.

We will communicate when that appointment is made. I hope to be able to introduce whoever it may be to our school community prior to the end of the year.

### LOTS HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL!

We have been working through staffing appointments for 2025 in the past month. It can sometimes be a 4-week turnaround from the time the job is put on Recruitment Online to the final appointment and sign off.

We wish Mrs. Lauren Abbott well as she heads off on maternity leave this Friday. All the best Lauren on the impending arrival of your third bundle of joy. In other news, Miss Kathy Perushyn is taking 12 months leave and won't be at Tecoma in 2025. All the best for your plans during this time Kathy.

You will have noticed our bright new shade sails in the Prep area that have been replaced after tearing in the recent storms. Our playground certainly stands out as you head down Burwood Hwy from Belgrave.



This week, construction of our yarning circle and indigenous garden begins the next stage. This will be completed by next Friday.

Our history trail leaders in Grade 6 have completed their research and their work is currently being printed ready for installation and the great unveiling on Sunday December 1. Seven sites have been identified in what I think will be the first stage of our History Trail.

### **WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION**

This week, our students spent some time stepping up into their 2025-year levels, familiarising themselves with the teachers in the new year level and friends that might have been in other classes. The children have been asked for the names of others they would like to be in a class with next year. We can only guarantee one child on that list as it is a very complicated process.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of December, we will be having our whole school transition day where the children will meet their new class from 11:30am until 1:00pm and their class teacher for 2025. This date is also the state-wide transition day for Year 6 to Year 7. More details will be shared with our Year 6 families closer to the date.

### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2025**

Yesterday, we announced our 2025 School Captains to the Grade 5/6 children.

Tomorrow we will announce our captains at assembly but here is a sneak peek!

Our 2025 School Captains are:

- \* Hailey E
- \* Ned O
- \* Harry H
- \* Noah T

The children went through an extensive process to select the captains. I must say I was really impressed with the list of candidates (15 put their hand up) who all would have made excellent captains in their own right.

I was even more impressed with the way the children handled the announcement amongst their peers, running over in the classroom to congratulate them. The winners were humble in their success and the candidates that missed out were extremely gracious.

Life can be a roller coaster, we don't always get what we want but it's how we respond to the disappointment, bounce back and work towards the next challenge that shows our character and resilience.

We now begin the process of allocating other leadership roles in Grade 6. The cross-age tuition they are entering into develops them as leaders, as organisers, and as communicators.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS PICNIC**

Just a reminder that we will have our Christmas Carols Night on the oval on Thursday December 5 from 5:00pm. This concert each year is always a happy occasion, where we get together as a whole school community to share in the children's success, have a break after a very busy year, and hopefully see a friend or two who we haven't caught up with for a while. Parents are invited to bring along picnic rugs, chairs and their picnic tea and drinks for a 5:00pm tea.



**A reminder that smoking and the consumption of alcohol on the school property is against the law and therefore not permitted.**

At 6:00pm, we will commence our Christmas Carols evening here at the school. This will be a very low-key evening where we can all get together, enjoy each other's company and sing along to our favourite Christmas Carols. There will be strictly "no choreography," just a nice sing-along to celebrate the end of another huge year. We would love to see you all here. Grandparents and extended family are very welcome as always. Let's hope the weather is kind to us again this year!

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2025 FOR YOUR PLANNING

This week we locked in some dates for 2025:

School Photos will be held on Friday March 14, 2025.

Grade 3/4 Camp is being held on September 8-10 at Phillip Island CYC

Grade 5 Camp will be held on Monday March 24-Thursday March 27 at Lakewood Park Camp

Grade 6 Camp will be held on Monday March 31-Thursday April 3 at Coonawarra Farm Resort

Our Whole School Production is being held on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 September.

### 2025 TERMS DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	28 January	All day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	28 January	4:30pm-8pm	Working Bee
Wednesday	29 January	9:00am	<b><u>Term One commences</u></b> – Grade 1-6 students begin
Thursday	30 January	9:30am-1:00pm	Prep Students begin
Tuesday	11 February	Welcome picnic	Prep and Grade 5 buddy picnic: 5:30pm-7:30pm
Wednesday	12 February	No School for Prep	' <i>School Entry Assessments</i> ' for Foundation
Wednesday	19 February	No School for Prep	' <i>School Entry Assessments</i> ' for Foundation
Wednesday	26 February	No School for Prep	' <i>School Entry Assessments</i> ' for Foundation
Wednesday	5 March	No School for Prep	' <i>School Entry Assessments</i> ' for Foundation
Monday	10 March	All day	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday	11 March	All day	Preps commence full time schooling
	12-20 March		NAPLAN Gr 3 and 5
Friday	14 March	All day	Whole School Photos
Friday	March 21		Colour Run
Mon-Thu	March 24-27	Grade 5 camp	Lakewood Park Camp
Mon-Thu	March 31-April 3	Grade 6 camp	Coonawarra Farm Resort
Friday	4th April	2:00 – 2:30pm	Assembly (Term 1 concludes - <u>early dismissal</u> )
Friday	18th April		Good Friday (in school holidays)
Monday	21st April		Easter Monday (in school holidays)
Tuesday	22 April	9:00am	<b><u>Term Two commences</u></b>
Friday	25 April		Anzac Day
Monday	9 June		King's Birthday Holiday
Friday	4 July	2:00 – 2:30pm	Assembly (Term 2 concludes - <u>early dismissal</u> )
Monday	21 July	9:00am	<b><u>Term Three commences</u></b>
Mon-Wed	8-10 September	All day	Grade 3/4 Camp
Mon-Tuesday	15-16 September		Whole School Production
Friday	19 September	2:00 – 2:30pm	Assembly (Term 3 concludes - <u>early dismissal</u> )
Monday	6 October	9:00am	<b><u>Term Four commences</u></b>
Tuesday	4 November		Melbourne Cup Holiday
Friday	19 December	1:45 – 2:30pm	Assembly (last day of 2025 - <u>early dismissal</u> )





# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER.

GRADE	NAME	REASON
5/6B	Nicholas P	For being such a great City Experience explorer last week. Nicholas reflected on his group enjoying a private tour of the Supreme Court, getting a little lost and finding the Block Arcade really interesting. He said it was a 10/10 excursion - the best one yet! Thank you for being such a great representative of our school, Nicholas.
5/6B	Felicia W	Felicia enjoyed our City Experience excursion on Friday. She reflected on the positive team work of her group and how she was hungry all day (must have been all the walking!). Felicia, thank-you for being a wonderful representative of our school. I am so glad you had a wonderful time!
5/6C	Hope W	Hope has been integral in helping to choreograph the Grade 6 Graduation dance this term. Through a combined effort with other Grade 6 students, Hope helped to come up with actions befitting the song choice and allowed herself to be filmed so that the rest of the cohort could learn the routine. I can't wait to see what it looks like on the night, Hope!
Japanese CLIL Science	Billie F	For demonstrating the school value of RESPECT by volunteering your time to tidy up the CLIL room. Your kindness and initiative set a great example for others!

**BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB**  
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**END OF SEASON BBQ & JUNIOR TEAM SELECTIONS**

**TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER**  
U11\* & U13 : 4:30PM - 5:30PM  
U15 & U18 5:30PM - 6:30PM  
BELGRAVE SOUTH REC RESERVE

\*NO SELECTIONS FOR MODIFIED U11, HOWEVER ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN

BRING A PLATE & COME DOWN FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, GAMES AND A BBQ WITH SOME NETBALL ON THE SIDE.

*See you there!*

**BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB**

**2025**

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME IN 2025.**

- ⚽ Fun and fitness.
- ⚽ Juniors from age 7+ of all skill levels (boys up to age 14).
- ⚽ Open-age (18+) ladies teams of all levels.
- ⚽ NetSetGo Development Centre for kids aged 5-7.
- ⚽ Supportive, inclusive, family-friendly club.

**Interested or want to know more?**  
Send us a message via our website (simply scan the QR code) or socials.

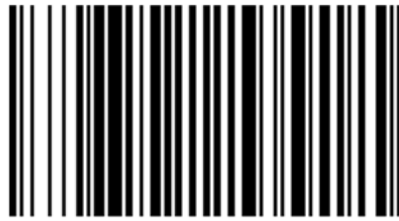
Belcoma Netball Club  
 @belcomanetballclub

# CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME – IMPROVING OUR SCHOOL

A huge thank you to the families and neighbours in our community who donate their CDS containers to our school. So far this year we have cashed in over \$300. Mrs Langford and the Sustainability Leaders collect the containers and fill her car every fortnight before she heads to Upwey Bowls, who kindly donate their containers as well. This scheme is supporting our garden and sustainability program by raising the final funds to complete our Yarning Circle, due to be installed next week, and will then fund the lunchtime garden club program to buy chook food, seedlings, soil enrichment, tools and much more.

How can you help? Simply bring your bag of CDS containers to school and place them in one of the **BIG RED bins** on either side of the 1/2 building or if you take them to a depot yourself simply scan the schools code below.

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**NOTE: Small containers under 150ml like energy shots and Yakult are not accepted even though they show the 10c labels. Here is what is accepted:**

## Container eligibility



### Eligible containers

Most small portable beverage containers between 150mL and 3L. Check for the 10c mark on the drink container label.

- Aluminium cans
- Plastic bottles
- Glass bottles
- Paperboard cartons (under 1L)
- Steel bottles/cans

Your containers should be uncrushed and lids can be kept on.



### Ineligible containers

- Wine and spirit bottles
- Milk containers
- Paper cartons (over 1L)
- Cordial bottles

Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.

## RUBBISH FREE LUNCH:

As we work towards our Sustainable Schools Star rating, we encourage families to pack rubbish free lunches. We thank the many families who do this.

Did you know that you can cut your waste by 90% by ditching the individually wrapped 30g packets of chips and buying larger chip packets (170g) and placing a handful (30g) into your child's lunch each day. We love seeing Nude Food and here are some examples we found this week.



# How healthy is your home loan?

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- and of course, our fantastic customer service

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## Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution

- The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.
- From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.
- The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more
- If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.
- To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus) (www.vic.gov.au). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.
- If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing: [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au)



JOIN WITH FRIENDS  
PLAY TOGETHER

TECOMA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ALL GIRLS CRICKET BLAST PROGRAM  
MON 9 DEC, WED 11 DEC, MON 16 DEC, WED 18 DEC 2024  
3:45PM-4:45PM  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!



Play Cricket

OFFICIAL KIDS  
PROGRAM



IMAGINE  
THE FUN

All Girls Cricket Blast - Tecoma Primary School  
Dates: Mon 9 Dec, Wed 11 Dec, Mon 16 Dec, Wed 18 Dec  
Time: 3.45pm-4.45pm  
Register for FREE by clicking this link!







# 1<sup>st</sup> Belgrave (South) Scouts



## Christmas Tree Order Form 2024

Christmas Trees pre-ordered at the one special discounted price of \$70

Pick Up at the IGA Car Park, Belgrave-Hallam Rd, Belgrave South.

When: Sat 7<sup>th</sup> or Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, or Sat 14<sup>th</sup> or Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec between 9.00 am and 2 pm

*Remember, the earlier you arrive the more choice of tree heights & shape you will have.*

### Date (select one) at the IGA Car Park, Belgrave South

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Additional options

- I wish to purchase a Tree Stand for an additional cost of \$35
- I would like my tree delivered for an additional \$10

### Payment - Direct Deposit

Please pay by EFT (or over the counter) into our Bendigo Bank Account by Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

1st Belgrave South Scout Group BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 123 015 745

On your EFT transfer please use the **SURNAME** that appears on this order form, along with "XMAS" in the payment "reference" to enable us to match up your payment. (e.g. SmithXMAS)

Please forward your order form by:

- ★ email to 1stbelgravesouthxmastrees@gmail.com
- ★ or sms to 0401 714 777

Please call if you have any questions.

This "Any Tree for \$70 offer" is for pre-paid trees only. Normal prices on the day will be \$12 per ft.

### Your details

Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address if delivery \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Surname Reference that will appear on EFT transfer (Example "EvansXMAS") \_\_\_\_\_

**We really appreciate your support – Merry Christmas from 1<sup>st</sup> Belgrave (South) Scout Group**