

TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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Friday

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5th December, 2024

	2024 REMAINING DATES TO REMEMBER			
	Thursday	5 Dec		Christmas Carols night
	Monday	9 Dec		Thank you, morning tea.
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	Tuesday	10 Dec		School Council
	Friday	13 Dec	9.30am - 10:30am	Prep Graduation
	Friday	13 Dec		Morning Munchies
	Friday	13 Dec		Reports home
	Wednesday	18 Dec		Grade 6 Graduation
	Thursday	19 Dec	2:45pm – 3:30pm	Assembly (last day of 2024)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

DECEMBER

Thursday 5th Christmas Concert! Dinner 5:00pm Concert 6:00pm



Friday 6th Swimming Trials Select Students **Belgrave** Pool

Monday 9th Thankyou Morning





Tea - School Helpers 11:00am - 11:30am Tuesday 10th



PRINCIPAL

FROM THE

20 Dec

100 YEARS OF TECOMA RAILWAY STATION AND VILLAGE

I hope you were able to get up to the school on Sunday to be part of the celebrations of the 100 year anniversary of the opening of the Tecoma Railway Station and naming of the township.

Pupil free day

We opened our Indigenous Garden and Yarning Circle which has been the culmination of at least two years of work by Environment Leader, Mrs. Deb Langford and her team, and also fundraising from our Parent Network.

The crowd gathered around our Yarning Circle as we had a moving "Welcome to Country" from local Indigenous member Stacie Piper. We then heard about the history of the area from the historian and researcher of the Sherbrooke Foothills Historical Society, Anita Walker, who gave us some information around the origins of the naming of the township and also some history around some of the checkpoints in our history trail that we have created at our school. We also heard from our Local (Peter McIlwain), State (Daniella Di Martino) and Federal (Aaron Violi) politicians before we officially declared the Yarning Circle and Indigenous Garden open.

We then headed up to the front area of the school where we officially opened our history trail. We are very proud of what the Student History Leaders have done in creating what I believe will be the first stage of many checkpoints around our school.

Thanks to the generous donations of the Bendigo Bank and also the McKenzie family who have a long history with our school, we are able to start to preserve the long 124 year history of our school in a history trail format.

Local community groups had displays of what they do in our area. We also had pictorial history on display thanks to the Sherbrooke Foothills Historical Society.

A special thank you to the organising committee headed by Chuck Page and Kym Cinel for organising the event.



REPORTS

On Friday, 13th December, student reports will go 'live' on COMPASS. The Prep-2 children will bring home a reflection sheet whereas this is embedded in the report for Grade 3-6.

The Mathematics and English components of the reports will be based on teachers making judgments of student progress using the Victorian Curriculum in Mathematics and English based on a range of assessment approaches. Your child's teacher has reported against the relevant curriculum area achievement standards based on assessments undertaken and evidence collected. All reports will contain a comment on what they have achieved in literacy and numeracy, a comment on other curriculum areas, comments from specialist areas, a general comment and show your child's progression on a five-point scale for all subject areas.

We acknowledge that growth in learning looks different for each child. There are times in their schooling when your child may make more than 12 months of learning growth in any one year, whilst at other times they may make 6 months of learning growth for the same period or even plateau. Any concerns or questions you have about your child's learning should be emailed to your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you again for the ongoing support that you have provided your child and the teachers this semester.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS PICNIC

Just a reminder that we will have our Christmas Carols Night on the oval tonight with carols commencing at 6:00pm. 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. Food vans and a sausage sizzle will also be available.



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 others company and sing along to our favourite Christmas Carols. There will be strictly "no choreography," just a nice sing-a-long 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.

ACKNOWLEDGING PARENTAL SUPPORT

On Monday, December 9, the staff have organised a morning tea to say thank you to all of our parent helpers for 2024. We wish to acknowledge their ongoing efforts to support the school in so many ways. As a school we appreciate and understand the importance of having a supportive parent group, which is a hallmark of the most successful schools. Some of the ways that our parents have helped in 2024 include; the fantastic support we get in supporting classroom learning, attending excursions and camps, fundraising, working on the floral carpet and 100 years of Tecoma celebrations, attending working bees and just generally being on hand to lend a hand. It's really appreciated and supports our school to deliver high standards of learning and lots of fun for all! If it's your final year at Tecoma Primary, we hope you leave knowing you have been able to make a difference for all children at the school through your generous support!

SCHOOL COUNCIL – THANK YOU

While we are handing out thank you's, our final School Council meeting for 2024 will be held next Tuesday night. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our School Council members for their commitment to our school.

The time and effort dedicated to this role often goes unrecognised and whilst rewarding, can also be challenging. At Tecoma, we are fortunate to have an outstanding group of people led superbly by our School Council President, Mrs. Lisa Dell.



Each of our Councillors has performed a very important role to support our School purpose and in doing so has made an extremely valuable contribution to the educational outcomes of each of our students.

The broad scope of work by School Council this year has included:

- communicating the broad direction and vision of the school within our community
- approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- acquiring feedback from the school community to inform decision making
- developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- overseeing the maintenance of the school's grounds and facilities
- reporting annually to the school community and to the DET
- creating interest in our school in the wider community
- enhancing communication within our school community
- overseeing the running of Out of School Hours Care
- working through policies and ensuring we are strictly adhering to its principles

Thank you to our 2024 School Councillors:

Lisa Dell, Kym Cinel, Kelly Sullivan, Dave Bushell, Travis Cochrane, Kimmy Taylor, Tara Walton, Di Double, Lisa Hoskins-Faul, Deb Langford, and minute taker, Karin Hartnell.

Looking forward to 2025, I ask all parents to consider how they are contributing to the Tecoma Community? Maybe membership of the 2025 School Council is a role that you would like to take on? Watch out early next year as the election process begins!

SECONDARY SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY / TRANSITION DAY 10th DECEMBER

On Tuesday 10th December, our Year 6 students attending Government schools in 2025 will be having their Orientation Day at their new schools. We wish them all the very best for this very exciting day!

Our Foundation to Year 5 students, together with new students starting next year at TPS, will meet their new classes and teachers for 2025 on the same day.

END OF GRADE 6 ASSEMBLY

The final assembly will be on Thursday December 19 at 2:45pm on the School Oval.

This will be the final farewell for the graduating class of 2024. The Grade 6 children will have had their graduation the night before and we will be able to announce all of the award winners to the rest of our school community. We will also be able to have the traditional buddy song. At the end of the assembly, the Grade 6 children will head up to the office for the traditional ringing of the school bell to signify the end of their primary school time at Tecoma Primary School.

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.

For the list of school term dates until the end of 2030, refer to <u>School term dates and holidays in</u> <u>Victoria.</u>

See you around the school everyone.

Rohan Thompson **Principal**

Orientation

Saying goodbye to the old, hello to the new

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GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Jude B	For always looking out for your classmates. Jude, you are kind, caring and show compassion to everyone in our class. Congratulations, Jude.
Prep B	Herbie H	For offering to sit next to a classmate who was on a table all by themselves during Reading Groups. Herbie, you are a thoughtful and empathetic person who looks out for others and you should be very proud.
1/2A!	All of 1/2A!!	Thank you, 1/2A, for a fabulous year together. You all display our school values everyday and should be very proud of yourselves. You are wonderfully creative, always show your personal best, are resilient when facing challenges and have shown such a genuine respect for each other and for me. Congratulations on an awesome year of learning and lots of fun!
1/2B	John O	John was a model citizen on our recent trip on Puffing Billy. He was respectful of everyone around him, showed resilience during the hot walk back in the afternoon, asked creative questions and showed his personal best listening during the presentation and the museum. What a fantastic day we had together, John!
1/2B	Alora S	Alora displayed all the school values during our recent trip on Puffing Billy. She showed resilience during the long hot walk back in the afternoon, showed creativity in the activity space, was respectful to the presenters and staff and showed her personal best listening during the presentation at the museum. Amazing effort, Alora!
1/2D	All of 1/2D!!	CONGRATULATIONS, 1/2D. You have ALL tried hard to show all our school values this year. It is so wonderful to see how far you have come and your enthusiasm and love of learning that you all show. What a fabulous class!!!
1/2E	All of 1/2E!!	Thank you to everyone in the class who all exhibited our School Values during our Puffing Billy excursion. You showed Respect to the staff and visitors, gave every activity your Personal Best and we Learned a lot. There was no complaining on our long walk back to school after a tiring day. Great Resilience shown by everyone. What a fabulous day we had!
3/4A	All of 3/4A!!	Thank you so much for a fantastic year in 3/4A, you have been so welcoming and it has been a pleasure to teach you all. I hope you keep up your hard work into the year to come.
3/4B	Imogen C	Imogen, you have been amazing this year with the dedication to your work and getting your joining licence. I have enjoyed seeing your completed work because you always try your best and I know that you will add your special creative touch to each piece to make it uniquely yours. Keep up the terrific effort to your learning, Imogen. Well done!
3/4B	Theo E	Theo, during our Maths lessons this term, you challenged yourself with the 'spicy' activities. You were always willing to give these tasks your best effort, sharing your ideas and succeeding with most of the tasks. It was great to see you focused, engaged and trying your best. Well done!
3/4B	Xander W	During our Maths lessons it has been terrific to see you being engaged when completing the productive struggles. You demonstrate determination when completing activities that challenge you and it has been great to see you achieve the desired outcomes.



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******** **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



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★ CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER. \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar

GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4B	Vivi H	Vivi, throughout the year I have been delighted with your enthusiasm during our writing lessons. You have shown dedication to your writing by always completing plans, drafts and edits to your work to ensure it is your best work. You have grown so much as a writer this year. Keep up the great work!
3/4B	Hamish W	Well done, Hamish on settling in at Tecoma Primary. Over the last semester l have observed you establish new friendships and apply classroom expectations with relative ease. You have approached all learning tasks with perseverance and determination. Well done on all of your hard work!
3/4C	Chris H	Chris, I have enjoyed the conversations we have had about many general knowledge topics. It is very evident that, from your many trips, you have gained a lot of knowledge about Australia. Thank you for sharing that with me over the year.
3/4C	Lucą S	Luca, in all that you do, you consistently give your best efforts- even asking for more challenging work. You treat all others with respect and kindness and demonstrate resilience when things haven't gone quite as planned. Congratulations!
3/4D	All of 3/4D!!	Wonderful Grade 3/4D, you have been so much fun to teach this year. You show all of our school values at all times, and I am so proud of your efforts this year. You are superstars!
3/4E	All of 3/4E!!	Congratulations on an amazing 2024, 3/4E! We have had such a great time, and it has been awesome watching you all grow throughout the year. Thanks for being so awesome, and a HUGE thank you for putting up with my terrible (I mean hilarious) jokes!
5/6A	Tori L	Tori is an exceptional leader. She epitomises all of the qualities of an exemplary student and she has been an absolutely amazing friend to all in 5/6A. Tori reflects all of our school values each and every day! Keep up your wonderful attitude to learning, Tori.
5/6C	All of 5/6C!!	5/6C, thank you for a wonderful year. Together we learned so much, achieved many things and got to know each other so well. You have all shown your Personal Best with your learning this year and Creativity in the ways you try to get free time on laptops. 5/6C, you have shown Resilience with public speaking tasks and Respect in the way you have supported each other. I am proud to have taught you all this year.
5/6D	All of 5/6D!!	5/6D, thank you for a wonderful year! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all, watching you grow, develop friendships between the Grade 5's and 6's and seeing you all have fun together! Have a great summer break, stay safe and all the best for 2025!
Japanese CLIL Science	Luca M	Luca has been consistently showing great enthusiasm and willingness to assist during the CLIL lessons and recess/lunchtime breaks. Keep up your fantastic work!
Japanese CLIL Science	Connor C	For demonstrating excellent examples of RESPECT by stepping up to assist the teacher and peers during the class and recess/lunchtime, and PERSONAL BEST by presenting his Science Expo project twice. Great effort!

PARENT INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ALLOCATING

YOUR SCHOOL SAVER BONUS.

1. When you log into your SSB Portal you will see this message with your details.

Welcome,

STUDENT DETAILS
CURRENT BALANCE
\$ 400
Expiration date: 30 June 2025
SCHOOL NOMINATED SUPPLIERS

2. You will then see a second slide giving you options of what you would like to use your funds for.

f	In-store purchase
0	Online purchase
×	School activities
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If you want uniform, you will select "In store purchase' If you want to use it for Activities select that.

You can split the money between however you wish but will need to do each transaction separately. 3. The next step will give you the option of how much money you wish to allocate to what you have chosen.

School activities
School Activities
Select the amount you want to allocate for school activities. Your school will manage the payment process for all school activities.
*Amount
\$ 50
\$ 100
\$ 150
\$ 200
\$ 250
\$ 300
\$ 350
\$ 400
Cancel

- 4. Once you have chosen the amount, select next and this will then be forwarded to our school accounting program. (it can take 1-2 days)
- 5. We will then be able to allocate these funds to what you have requested.
- 6. It will then show you where you can pick from Tecoma Primary School will be your main option.
- 7. Ignore the message 'invoice could not be processed' as it should work.

If you have any questions, please contact Marnie or Karin in the office.

Fingers Crossed.





