



# TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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6th February, 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

### **FEBRUARY**

#### **Tuesday 11th**

Welcome Picnic  
5:30-7:30pm  
For Preps, Year 5  
Buddies & New  
Families



**Wednesday 12th**  
Swimming - Grades  
1/2  
Aquatic Achievers



**Wednesday 12th**  
Prep Assessments -  
No Preps Classes.

Parent Network  
Meeting 9:00am in  
the Staff Room

### Welcome and Thank you!

Welcome to the start of the 2025 school year. It is wonderful to have all students back at school. They have settled in well and are thriving in their new classes. I would especially like to welcome our Preps and new students to the school. There was a real buzz of excitement and energy on their first day and it was lovely to see the Prep building packed with families making the most of this significant milestone in their child's life. A big thank you to all the Tecoma Primary staff for the work they have done in setting up their classrooms and learning spaces throughout the school, as well as the planning that has gone into ensuring a smooth start to the start of the school year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Tecoma community for making me feel so welcome in my first official week here. I have been blown away with the professionalism and dedication of all the amazing staff and the high quality of teaching I have observed in their classrooms. I have been making my way around each class and slowly getting to know all our students and am equally impressed with their levels of engagement, enthusiasm for learning and sense of community. I have had the pleasure of meeting quite a few parents also and look forward to meeting many more over the coming weeks. The sense of community connection is very strong here at Tecoma and I look forward to working with you all to continue to develop this.

### Grade 6 Special Assembly

Last Monday morning, we presented the Grade 6 bomber jackets and Leadership badges at a special Monday morning Assembly. This was a special occasion for the children to receive their leadership badges and Grade 6 bomber jackets/polos as it signifies the final year of their primary school journey and the significant contribution to student leadership they will take on this year.

*Just a few reminders:*

### Attendance

Please remember that students are not to arrive at school earlier than 8:45am without an adult in attendance. Our school yard is unsupervised until this time. If your child needs to be at school earlier than this, please book them in to before school care. All students arriving after 9am must sign in at the office. Any students remaining at school at 3:45pm will be escorted to the office at the front of the school for collection. It is expected that students who are not collected by 3:45pm are registered for out of school hours care, so that they can be placed in care if families cannot collect their children by 3:45pm.

## **VISITING THE SCHOOL and CHILDREN COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY**

A reminder to everyone that we have a policy which requires all visitors to report to the office first when entering the school. Should you need to visit the classroom, see your child at recess or are a helper at school, please report to the office first, to sign the visitor's register and pick up your visitor's tag (yes, we are reintroducing the visitor lanyards). This ensures that in an emergency can account for all people at school.

If you are having someone collecting your children that is not on your emergency contact list or does not normally pick up your child, can you please send a note to your teacher and/or the office. This is especially important for the junior children as we release the children from their class for the day.

## **OSHC**

OSHC is up and running for the year. The amazing OSHC staff are excited to welcome the students back to their program. If you would like to enrol your child in OSHC, please use the link on our school website [Out of School Hours Care | Tecoma Primary School](#) and click on the blue "Enrol" button.

## **Assembly**

As advised at the end of last year, we will be changing Assembly arrangements back to every Monday at 9:00am this year in the Hall. Families are invited to stay for assembly. After a trial of Friday afternoons last year, it was decided that students were more engaged on Monday mornings and assemblies ran more smoothly at this time.

## **"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD" INTERVIEWS**

"Getting to know your child" interviews will be held on Monday February 24th.

The purpose of these interviews is. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to:

- ⇒ Meet their child's teacher to begin an effective home/school partnership.
- ⇒ Provide information to teachers regarding their child's strengths, talents, issues or concerns.

Information shared by parents to teachers will assist us to plan for and work as effectively as possible with you and your child throughout the year. Interviews will be 10 minutes in length. We will send out booking information next Wednesday. It is not compulsory to meet your teacher in person about your child at this stage of the year, but we would certainly like to have met you all; however if a teacher specifically wishes to see certain parents, they will ask for this to occur.

## **Staffing Profiles**

Starting in our next Newsletter edition, we will be incorporating a "Meet the staff" feature each fortnight where we will be introducing you to some of our TPS staff members.

## **Welcome Picnic**

Next Tuesday February 11, we will be holding our annual Preps/ Buddies and New Families Welcome picnic from 5:30pm – 7:30pm, around the rotunda and courtyard area near the Prep rooms. See flyer attached in the Newsfeed for more details. We can't wait to see you there!

## **Voluntary Contribution**

Thank you to those families who have paid their voluntary family contribution. This supports the wonderful programs we run at TPS and ensures our students have access to the resources they need for learning.

If you would like to find out more about the voluntary contributions, please check your Compass posts or come and see the wonderful ladies in the office.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Brooke Cross

Acting Principal.



# OFFICE NEWS...

- ◆ Thank you to those families who have already paid their Parent Contributions - it is much appreciated and well used for the students learning.
- ◆ If you have paid your Grade 3 Contributions, please remember to collect your child's sports polo top.
- ◆ We have lots of Lost Property again - including a few sleeping bags from camps last year (these will go to the op-shop in the next couple of weeks).
- ◆ If you have any questions about your School Saver Bonus, please contact the office.
- ◆ When ordering lunch orders through Qkr, double check you have UPDATED the grade for your child.
  - ◆ Make sure **lunch boxes & drink bottles ARE NAMED**. It is so sad that we must throw so many quality items out at the end of each term. We also encourage your children to look through lost property for their items.
- ◆ We have 3 baskets full of lost property already this term and we're only 1 week in! Please feel free to pop in and look for your child's jumper/s or encourage your child to do this. Thank you.



## 2025 TERMS DATES TO REMEMBER

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



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER.**

GRADE	NAME	REASON
1A	Angie A	Angie, not only have you settled into Grade 1 beautifully, you have settled into Tecoma Primary School beautifully! It feels like you have always been at our school and we are all excited to get to know you more. Keep up the great work, Angie!
1B	All of 1B!	1B have made an awesome start to the year. We have practised all of our School Wide Positive Behaviours and developed a fantastic set of Classroom Rules for us to follow. Well done 1B. I am super proud of you all!
2A	Freddie K	Freddie has made a wonderful start to Grade 2! He has consistently displayed all of the school values. Freddie is a respectful listener, is incredibly helpful when packing up, shows wonderful creativity in his work and displays resilience when tackling challenges. Well done on a fantastic start to the year!
2B	Brylee B	For a wonderful, wonderful start to the school year! I have really appreciated your keen attitude, helpful nature and overall positive attitude you have brought to our classroom. We are all lucky to have you in our class, Brylee!
2C	Miles W	Miles was stuck for remembering things that he did during the holidays when doing a Holiday Squares activity about his Summer break. He kept working at it and eventually completed a great poster with drawings as well. Writing is a challenge for you Miles, but you just kept at it. Well done!
3/4A	Leo V	Leo was able to put all his effort into creating a fantastic recount when doing his rocket writing this week. He was able to retell an extremely entertaining tale about attending a surprise pool party over the Holidays.
3/4B	Mana M	Well done Mana, on a terrific start to the year! You have shown Respect by always actively listening to teacher instructions and putting your hand up to ask or answer questions. You show Personal Best by giving everything a go and taking pride in setting your work out neatly. You're a star!!!
3/4C	Abel L	Abel, I loved the way you jumped in to help the many of us having technical issues when we tried to log into the computers this week. You calmly showed others what they had to do, understanding each person's individual needs.
3/4D	Ben T	For the wonderful start you have made to Grade 3. Ben, you have been fabulous at getting yourself organised and ready for learning and contributing to our classroom discussions. Amazing effort, Ben!
5/6A	Cooper G	Cooper has made a wonderful start to 2025. He has demonstrated resilience during our class games and whilst supporting other students around the school. Cooper has shown respect to his classmates and teachers. He has tried his personal best effort with his work. I'm impressed with Cooper's leadership in the classroom and around the school. Congratulations, Cooper. Keep up the fantastic effort!
5/6B	Georgia W	Georgia has had a fantastic start to the year. She has displayed all of the school values each and every day. Georgia has also been a wonderful helper in the classroom, and this has been much appreciated! Keep up the amazing effort, Georgia!



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5/6C	Noah I	Noah has made such a positive start to the 2025 school year. He has shown respect to his teachers and classmates and has approached every task with his personal best. Thank you for being such a positive role model for the start of the year.
5/6D	Harmony V	Harmony has settled into our classroom seamlessly, it's as if she has always been at our school. She treats everyone with respect, follows expectations and contributes to class discussions. Well done and welcome, Harmony!
5/6E	Charlie T	For taking particular care of our classroom and wider school environment. You take on your leadership roles diligently and use your initiative to do any other jobs that are needed. Thank you, Charlie for showing pride in our spaces and being such a responsible student!
Music	Artie C	For his terrific attention to detail he put into decorating his part of the music room display. Well done, Artie!



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## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS...

**Mondays: 8:45am—9:15am**

**Thursdays: 8:45am—9:15am &**

**3.15pm—3.45pm**

Please note stock is low at the moment. We hope to have more in about 2 weeks time.

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!





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**Save the Date**  
**Tecoma Primary School**  
**Colour Run**  
*is returning*



**Friday 21st March**  
**2025**

