



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY

Friday 16th

Parliament House
Grade 5/6C



Wednesday 21st
Swimming
Grades 5 - 6

OPEN NIGHT
4:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday 22nd
Parliament House
Grade 5/6E

Friday 23rd
District Cross
Country
Select Students



Monday 26th
Report Writing Day
Student Free Day

Good afternoon and welcome to week four of term.

I have a few things to share with you today as our school has as always, been a busy and productive place. Next Wednesday from 4:30pm until 6:00pm we will hold our Education Week – Open Night. This year the theme is ‘Celebration of Cultures’ which highlights the diversity of school communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school.

To highlight this, we will be holding an Amazing Race style activity session, highlighting the work we do in School Wide Positive Behaviour and other Wellbeing supports. We are hoping to have a steady stream of families come through to take part in the activities on offer and chat to our staff. We really enjoy the opportunity to open our classrooms and share some of the fabulous work we do and are looking forward to the opportunity to meet as many of you as possible!

MultiLit - New Literacy Approach

As alluded to in my last Principal's Newsletter Report, I would like to share with the school community that we will be implementing a new Literacy approach to our school. Our staff will be working with MultiLit to provide effective and systematic literacy instruction for our students.

We will be beginning with InitialLit, which is a three-year, evidence-based, whole-class literacy program developed by MultiLit for Foundation to Year 2. It provides systematic and explicit instruction in reading and spelling, focusing on the foundations of literacy skills. The program covers the first three years of school, ensuring all children have the necessary skills to become successful readers and writers. MultiLit, which stands for "Making Up Lost Time in Literacy," originated at Macquarie University in NSW, with a focus on providing effective instruction. Our teachers will be undertaking two days of extensive training later this term to begin our MultiLit journey. We have purchased the necessary resources and decodable readers to ensure that we will be ready to start planning for the delivery of lessons next term.

Reading Room is Back!!

In other exciting curriculum news, the Reading Room will be back, better than ever, from next week. This program is very structured and will provide identified students with individual support with all aspects of their literacy. In addition, the reading tasks will be tailored to the needs

of these students from Year 1 through to Year 4. Under the Guidance of Kath Young, one of our Integration Aides, and with the support of the wonderful group of our parents, grandparents and members of our school community, all who hold WWC Cards and have signed the school's Child Safety Code of Conduct, identified students will attend the program in the morning on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week, for 30 minutes, during their literacy block. For any queries on this program, please contact Di Double our Assistant Principal.

Our Mental Health Wellbeing Leader, Lisa Hoskins-Faul will be running a coffee catch up and an evening briefing session on Tuesday the 27th of May with a focus on zones of regulation for all interested parents. More information on this is to come.

Just a quick reminder that our whole school assemblies are now fortnightly with our next one next Monday at 9:00am in our school hall. Have a wonderful week. Looking forward to meeting more of you next week at our Open Night!

Brooke Crossing
Acting Principal.

UKULELE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I have launched a new Ukulele music program for all ages.

This program gradually and effectively introduces students to music theory and the ability to play the instrument.

The course is designed to be shared between two students simultaneously, which is beneficial for motivating practice and discipline.

The cost is \$25/lesson - \$250/term.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me, Juan Aravena.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Eva I	Eva was a wonderful student on our excursion to the Farm. She answered questions asked by the farmer, treated the animals and Farmer with respect, and showed resilience and her personal best when trying new things like going near the camel to feed it. Well done, Eva!
Prep A	Louis C	Louis showed he was trying his best when learning how to count on. He focused really well as he rolled his dice and added the two numbers together. Well done, Louis!
Prep B	Finley C	Finley, you blew me away by writing an extra sentence for each of the five spelling words and included a capital letter and full stop for each! You are also becoming so confident to speak up when talking in front of a group. Amazing!
Prep B	Evelyn H	Evelyn, you always put your personal best effort into your learning, including achieving your Golden Words, writing sentences independently and concentrating so well in class. The results are great and you are a superstar!
1A	Elliot M	Elliot, you are such a respectful member of our class! It is great seeing you ready for each lesson, listening to all instructions carefully and following them straight away. You are a great role model to others!
1B	Beatrice L	Bea is a hard worker, always concentrating on doing her best work at all times. If she is unsure, she will ask questions and she is not afraid to have another go if it's not quite right. These are amazing qualities to have, Bea.
1B	Herbie H	Herbie has shown great resilience when working out maths problems. He has developed a wonderful 'try again' attitude, which is fantastic to see. Keep up the fantastic work, Herbie.
2A	Henry H	Henry gets straight to work with all tasks and works hard to finish them. He takes on feedback and makes changes and additions to improve what he has done. Well done, Henry!
2B	Nathan G	Nathan has been an amazing "Gadget Guru," taking on his classroom job with enthusiasm and responsibility. He was super helpful with collecting iPads and ensuring they were plugged in correctly when we finished with them. Thank you for being such a valuable member of 2B. We are lucky to have you!
2C	Alora S	Alora knows she must work hard at her Maths and she has been giving every lesson her Personal Best effort. I really love your determination Alora, and you are definitely improving. Keep at it.
2C	Ella J	Ella showed great resilience when she had a trip during cross-country and kept going without complaint. She also gave her personal best effort to a narrative story we wrote in class. She wrote about the "strange tingly feeling" her character had when he put on the magic ring. Great job!
3/4A	Audrey W	Audrey shows great respect to her classmates and friends. When she noticed her friend seemed sad, she quickly shared her own toys to cheer them up, displaying great kindness. Thank you, Audrey.



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4A	Dash N	When learning about adding suffixes to base words, Dash put all his effort into working with his group to find many new words. Well done, Dash. Super effort!!
3/4C	Ava T	Ava has shown tremendous resilience in the past few weeks. I am so proud of her amazing, positive attitude, bouncing back which has allowed her to continue being a super learner in our grade.
3/4D	Riley C	Riley is always really focused during work times which allows him to give every activity his utmost effort. Well done, Riley!
5/6B	Zara G	Zara presented a wonderful speech on 'Dog Rescues'. We even met Jimmy, her dog. It was a fantastic speech with a great audience engagement. Well done, Zara!
5/6B	Indi S	Indi's speech on Penguins was simply magnificent. She engaged the audience from the moment she started speaking. A wonderful effort, Indi!
5/6D	Lenix E	Leni put so much effort into the draft of his soldier's diary entry! His writing has shown the emotion of his soldier and clearly conveys what he was missing from home while at war. I can't wait to read the rest of your diary entry, Leni. Well done!
5/6E	Dylan H	For showing maturity, resilience and respect across all areas of school. You try hard with your learning and have a real positive attitude. It is great to hear this from other teachers, too. Keep up the great work, Dylan!



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Drop off your warm winter clothing at the store by 31st May and receive a 20% discount valid till 30 June.

The Salvation Army Op Shop in Tecoma is desperate for donations. They have provided the school office with Salvo bags for you to put your donations in. Please drop in to collect yours!



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS
AT TECOMA PS

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Violin 🎻 Bass 🎸



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TECOMA PRIMARY SCHOOL'S OPEN EVENING

Education Week is an annual celebration of public education in Victoria.

All children deserve a place to learn and thrive in and we are extremely proud of the **amaz-
ing school** we have here at Tecoma, where every child has the opportunity to
learn, grow and achieve.

This year's Education Week theme '**Celebration of Cultures**' highlights the diversity of
our communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at
school.



THE AMAZING TECOMA
RACE

Please join us in our **Amazing Race** around our amazing school!

All present students, parents and families,
as well as prospective students, parents and families
are welcome to join us on

Wednesday 21st May

from

4:30 – 6:00pm



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ANYBUDDY CAN PLAY

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Tecoma PS Superkick

Tecoma Primary School

Mondays 3:40 - 4:40pm, Starting May 26



Scan the QR code to register!




Seen: *The Film*

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film Screening

 **Tuesday, 3rd June 2025**

 **Sherbrooke Children's Centre, 1443 Burwood Hwy, Upwey, Victoria**

 **6:45PM**

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Kindergarten Readiness

When is the right time to start Kindergarten?

This evidence based session provides invaluable information to support you in knowing when your child is ready to commence kindergarten and help you in making an informed decision.

Presented by Early Life Foundation.

Date: Thursday 22 May 2025

Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Where: Online

Book: trybooking.com/DARMP



For information about kindergartens in your area visit [Starting Blocks](#)

For enquiries or support with booking please contact:
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OSHC program running on our July Curriculum Days

On the 2nd and 3rd of July 2025, Tecoma OSHC will be running two full day programs from 8am to 5pm due to the two curriculum days.

These days will be open to all OSHC enrolled children.

If your child is not enrolled in the OSHC program, you will need to ensure that they are enrolled prior to booking. You can do this via our website, under the Out of School Hours tab, and clicking the blue "Enrol" button. An enrolment can take up to 5 business days.

The cost will be \$50 per day, before your CCS rebate. We will be running a range of activities for the children and will supply afternoon tea only. Children will need to bring their own snack and lunch. Spaces are limited, so book early. Please book through the OSHC program, not at the school office.