



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

DATES TO REMEMBER:

JUNE

Friday 13th

Morning Munchies
Flavoured milk &
donut BYO cup



Wednesday 18th

Swimming
Grades 5/6



JULY

Tuesday 1st

Parent/Teacher
Interviews 12noon -
8:00pm

Circus Challenge
Incursion
2:15pm - 3:15pm



Friday 4th

Last Day Term 2
Early Finish 2:30pm

Good afternoon, all!

We are now on the home stretch, with just over three weeks left of this term. It has certainly flown by quickly and has been action packed!

Last week, we sent four teams to the Upwey Cup Volleyball event held at Upwey High. Our students as always, represented Tecoma Primary School extremely well, demonstrating our school values of Personal Best and Respect throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, and I am pleased to report that we came away with both the A Division and B Division premierships!

Congratulations to all involved and especially a big thank you to the staff and parent helpers who assisted on the day. A big thank you to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cumming for their organisation of our participation and for running regular training sessions with these students. It was a fitting way to welcome Mrs. Cumming back from leave following her recent injury and surgery.

On Tuesday 3rd June, 14 of our Tecoma students competed at the SSV Divisional Cross Country Championships held at the Yarra Valley Racecourse. Again, our students did us extremely proud, demonstrating our school value of resilience, on top of respect and personal best, despite the extremely cold conditions. Eight of our students placed in the top 12 of their age group and qualified for the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) Finals, which are taking place as I write this article today. We eagerly await news of their results!

Well done to all our students who competed at Divisional and EMR finals. We are extremely proud of all of you.

On Friday May 30 we held our much-anticipated annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day. This was a great success, with a huge amount of our families and community members turning up to see our students in Prep - 2 perform a mini concert in the Hall, to visit our Junior classrooms and to enjoy a lovely morning tea together in the BER. A big thank you to all the Grandparents and Special people in our students lives who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend this event. Also, a massive thank you to all staff involved for their efforts in putting together this event and to the students for their wonderful performances.

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the Preps and Grade 1's repeat their performances the following Monday at Assembly and look forward to seeing the Grade 2's perform next Monday June 16 at Assembly.

Just a few reminders: next week is Planning Week for our teachers, so we will be operating on a slightly different timetable with Specialist lessons, and your child's class teacher will be out of the class for one day next week collaboratively planning for next term. The week after (Week 10) our Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating in Puberty Education lessons.

You will have received information via COMPASS earlier this week with details on how to book Parent Teacher Interviews, which will take place in the final week of term on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday July 1. Just a reminder, as previously communicated that we will have two Curriculum Days, later that week on July 2 and July 3 for all of our staff to receive intensive Professional Learning on our new Literacy approach. OSHC still have some places left in the all day OSHC program. Please contact the ladies at OSHC to make a booking if required.

Enjoy the rest of your week and stay warm!

Brooke Cross

Principal.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Charli B	Charli made a wonderful sign for her 'Fairy bracelet shop' during our money activity in Maths. She used lots of colour and detail for her sign, putting her best effort in. Well done on making your sign creative and beautiful, Charli!
Prep A	Alex N	Alex is a reading superstar! He tries his best when sounding out words that are tricky and has already read for 125 nights this year. Keep up the fabulous reading, Alex!
Prep B	Orla C	Orla, you have been working really hard on your reading and made amazing progress! Keep up the wonderful work!
Prep B	Miles M	Miles, while you were in England you worked really hard and kept up with your daily reading! Great work on your amazing results! It was also very nice to read your travel diary about all of the places you visited. Keep up the wonderful work!
1B	Charlotte H	Charlotte displayed all the school values during our recent visit to the MCG. You are a true asset to Tecoma Primary School. Well done, Charlotte!
1B	Freddie M	Freddie displayed all the school values during our recent visit to the MCG. You are a true asset to Tecoma Primary School. Well done, Freddie!
2A	Jaxon O	Jaxon has had a great attitude to his learning in maths this term. He has been working hard to complete each task and taking on challenges enthusiastically. Well done!
2A	Amelie A	Amelie always demonstrates our school value of Respect! She listens to others when they are speaking and is polite in her approach with everyone. Well done, Amelie!



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
2B	Logan D	Logan has shown an incredible growth mindset in Maths, tackling challenging subtraction tasks with persistence and a positive attitude. I'm so proud and impressed by your effort and determination!
2C	Flynn K	Flynn loves a challenge in Maths and he is doing some amazing work when figuring out double digit subtraction sums in his head. Great job, Flynn.
2C	Harlan H	Harlan was so switched on during our daily Maths review sheet. He worked out a tricky 'flip, slide, turn problem', even before Mr Wilson did! Love your work, Harlan.
3/4A	Emmett S	Congratulations on completing the reading challenge! You have put all your effort into your reading. Great work!
3/4A	Quinn J	Quinn always puts her whole heart into learning and has continued to do so this week. She asks insightful questions that add to her and the class's learning. She also shows respect in these situations by waiting until it is her turn to contribute.
3/4B	Tennessee M	Tennessee demonstrated resilience when completing his autobiography by not giving up and taking on teacher feedback to improve his writing. It is a catchy piece of writing that he should be proud of. Well done, Tennessee!
5/6A	Elsa B	Congratulations, Elsa for working diligently to create a logo for your political party. You showed great determination and resilience to create a logo that encompassed all the ideas from your party members. Keep up the awesome work. Well done!
5/6B	Ben J	Ben should be very proud of his efforts in our swimming program. It is great to see him participate with all of his friends, having fun in the pool. Keep up your positive attitude, Ben because it is wonderful!
5/6B	Adelaide B	Adelaide's attitude towards her learning is just so positive. Her writing has improved dramatically as she listens carefully and applies all that she is learning to her work. You are simply amazing, Adelaide!
5/6C	Amber L	For an exceptionally well presented and diligently completed Story Wheel. Your standard of work is always of the highest standard and you should be proud of your efforts across the entire curriculum. Great work, Amber.
5/6D	Gabby W	Despite half their team being away, Gabby and Inara made a solid start to their Rule the School project. They worked collaboratively, listened to each other and followed the instructions carefully. Well done. Your teammates will be impressed when they return to school!
5/6D	Inara G	Despite half their team being away, Inara and Gabby made a solid start to their Rule the School project. They worked collaboratively, listened to each other and followed the instructions carefully. Well done. Your teammates will be impressed when they return to school!
5/6E	Grace C	For consistently giving 100% in any learning task that you do and being a great role model by always displaying respect to others. Keep it up, Grace!
Physical Education	Lenix E	Leni showed such great sportsmanship at inter school soccer. He started cheers for the opposing team, put his best effort into his matches and was a team player! Well done Leni, you definitely earned your place in the division team!

SSV Divisional Cross Country Championships

On Tuesday 3rd June, 14 of our Tecoma students braved the cold and competed at the SSV Divisional Cross Country Championships held at the Yarra Valley Racecourse.

Even though it was a chilly day, we were lucky that the rain held off just long enough for our runners to complete their races, perfect cross country conditions for giving it their all!

It was fantastic to see all of our students pushing themselves and showing real determination. They proudly demonstrated our school values of Personal Best and Resilience from start to finish. A special shoutout to Harlie, who had a truly inspiring run. After falling at the very start of the race when she caught her foot on another runner, she picked herself up and stormed ahead to take out 1st place with a powerful finish.

What an incredible comeback! And a big well done to Jake, who battled it out in a tight three-way tussle all the way to the finish line and placed an impressive 2nd. A great effort and a thrilling race to watch!

Congratulations also to our eight students who placed in the top 12 of their age group and have now qualified for the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) Finals next Thursday:

Charli S, Harlie S, Alma H, Noah T, Diego M, Jake S, Eddie H, and Jeremy D.

What a fantastic achievement, well done to you all! A huge well done to all 14 of our Tecoma runners. You all represented Tecoma with pride, determination, and great sportsmanship. We're proud of you all!





This year in February, our grade 6 Sustainability/Environment team, and Mrs Langford did a survey studying the energy/power usage at Tecoma Primary School. We looked at ways we can improve, to make our school extremely energy efficient! Our environment leaders went from room to room checking the energy usage appliances and lights.

When we tested the draft coming through windows & doors, in the teachers Admin Office, we discovered that windows & doors had a slight draft, but you would only know if you were really trying to find it. We tested this by holding a large feather near the cracks between doors and windows. The windows all let in natural light, and may be opened if you wish for them to add natural ventilation. Although, sadly there are no blinds in this particular room to prevent summer heat.

Next, the Heating & cooling, tested by using the Infrared Thermometer, a device that tells you the temperature of rooms or objects. We noted that it was summer when testing, so the RSS guidance temperature setting was 24-27 degrees celsius, however, the Teachers Admin Office was slightly under, at 21.3 degrees celsius, but still fairly close. We adjusted the setting on the remote.

Now for the appliances. In a 1/2 classroom, we have a television, a fish tank, a computer and a laminator. When we surveyed the room, the television was off. In the teachers admin office, there was a laminator and a printer. The laminator consumes 888.8w per year, while the printer uses 72,110.8w yearly! The amount of stuff we've learnt about our school is crazy! We noted that the printer has a sleep mode when not used to conserve energy, and Mrs Langford told us that the teachers turn it off at the power point during the holidays. We could probably save more energy if we encourage the teachers to turn printers off overnight or at least at the weekends.

We also examined the lighting. You should just know, T12s are the old fluorescent light tubes. T8s are thinner than T12s, and T5s are even smaller than that. The thinner the tube, the more energy efficient they are. In the teachers admin office, there were six T8s, which is pretty good for the environment! There are also little signs in each room, except the teachers admin office, awesome, right? In the classrooms, the light levels (lux) are 20 below the Australian Standard, at 300. In the teachers Admin Office, the lighting is higher than the recommended standard by 20. We can improve on this by ensuring that when light tubes are changed, that we replace them with the most energy efficient tubes that give the correct lighting as per the Australian Standards, depending on what the room is used for.

In addition, Mrs Langford was successful in her application for Solar Panels under the Greener Government Schools Building program, which are due to be installed in Term 3.

We've learnt so much while conducting our audit. It's crazy that we didn't even think about this stuff before! But now we know what things we can improve to make our school EXTRA energy-efficient, and EXTRA cool! It was so fun and so intriguing to find out more about our beloved school, and be able to make it safer for the flora and fauna in our planet. Even though it won't make much of a difference now, if many other schools do this too, it WILL make a greater change for the better of the Earth!

Amber and Scarlett
2025 Sustainability Leaders

A Great Day Out at the Upwey Cup Volleyball!

We wanted to take a moment to say a huge well done to 40 of our Grade 5/6 students who represented Tecoma Primary School at the Upwey Cup volleyball event this week. We were lucky enough to send four teams, and we're incredibly proud that we came away with both the A Division and B Division premierships!

What made the day even more special was seeing just how far these students have come. They've been training each week during lunchtimes, putting in the effort to build their skills and work as a team, and it really showed on the court. Their improvement has been amazing, and it was so rewarding to see their hard work pay off.

Throughout the day, there was a fantastic atmosphere of support and encouragement. Mrs Smith and Mrs Cumming were so proud of the way our students cheered each other on and demonstrated great sportsmanship, win or lose.

We've also had plenty of glowing feedback from the students and yes, the free sausages were declared a definite 10/10!

A big thank you to the parents who helped walk with our teams and those who came along to support, it's always appreciated.

Congratulations again to all our volleyballers. You did yourselves and Tecoma proud!



A TEST IN TIME.....

This is the name of our whole school production for this year.

If you are new to the school, our whole school production is held every two years.

Every student participates in a musical show. The Grade 5 and 6 students act out the story of the show and every grade has a song to perform within the story.

There is singing, dancing and costumes for everyone.

We perform our production at the Discovery Church in Mt Evelyn.

This year our dates are Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th of September.

We have started to learn our class songs in Music classes and the teachers are coming up with the great dance moves to accompany their class song. Our actors are doing a fabulous job of learning their lines.

I am asking for help with costumes. We have not confirmed our costumes as yet but I will be needing some crafty people to either sew or cricut iron-ons for costumes. We try to borrow from another school where possible but there may be some extra things we need.

If you are able to help, could you please leave your contact details at the office and the lovely ladies will pass it on to me.

Thanks in advance, Sally Connell.

SSV MTB SERIES



On May 13, I competed in the school's Mountain Bike Series at Dromana. My sister, Maddison, also raced, and we both did really well!

This event is part of the School Sports Victoria series, which runs every year with AUS Cycling. There are still six rounds to go, with the next one on June 22 at Lysterfield. The round after that will be at Haunted Hills on May 27. Every time we enter, our school earns points toward a school trophy. The Mountain Bike Schools Series in Victoria is a fun and supportive event where kids can represent their school in mountain bike racing. Whether you're an experienced rider or just starting out, everyone is welcome to join!

Maddie raced in the Under-9 category. She was leading her race when her chain came off, so sadly, she couldn't finish. But she still did an amazing job!

My race was a little different. I competed in the Under-11 category and won with a time of 14:27. My course was quite technical, with lots of twists, turns, undulating corners, stairs, and drops.

It was a super fun race, and I think everyone would love to compete there! Check out the link below for more information and sign up today so we can score as many points as possible for our school.

[Entry Details](#) AUS Cycling Membership required. 4 week free trial available. My mum can help explain the process email her karensannon@outlook.com.au

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by Harlie S

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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 8:00am to 5:00pm 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.

Calling all curious minds
AGED 6 TO 10 YEARS!
Get ready to dive into an exciting and
hands-on **SCIENCE ADVENTURE!**



MAD HOLIDAY ACADEMY

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a different theme:

CHEMISTRY

BIOLOGY

ENGINEERING

ROBOTS

SPACE

Winter Program
7TH - 11TH
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JULY

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