



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

DATES TO REMEMBER: JUNE

Friday 27th
Reports being
emailed via Compass

JULY
Tuesday 1st
Parent/Teacher
Interviews 12noon -
8:00pm

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



**Wednesday 2nd
and Thursday 3rd
July**

**CURRICULUM
DAYS**
PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday 4th
Last Day Term 2
Early Finish 2:30pm

Thank You to the School Community

As we near the end of Term 2, I wanted to take a moment to thank all the staff, students and families for another successful semester of learning and growth at Tecoma Primary School.

Student Reporting Process

Student reports will be shared with parents via Compass on Friday June 27th. These will "go live" at 3:00 pm. We encourage parents to read and reflect upon your child's report and celebrate their successes. If you have any questions about your child's report these can be discussed with the teacher at Parent teacher interviews on Tuesday July 1. These interviews will allow our teachers and families to meet to celebrate students' achievements and to set learning goals for the semester ahead.

Staffing Update

Stuart McLean will be returning to Tecoma next term. However, he will not be returning to the 3/4C classroom. We have made this decision to ensure consistency for this class who have had Veronica Logan and Sarah Abraham as their teachers for most of the year so far. They have been doing an amazing job and have agreed to stay on for the remainder of the year to continue to guide and support these students. We look forward to welcoming Stuart back next term and to seeing Sarah and Veronica continue as the 3/4C classroom teachers.

Di Double, our Assistant Principal will be away all of next term and Stuart, as one of our Learning Specialists, has agreed to cover some aspects of her responsibilities and will also take on two days a week of tutoring from the start of next term. Lisa Hoskins Faul will be responsible for Disability and Inclusion in term 3, in Di's absence.

Sam Walter who has been running our tutoring program this term, will be finishing up at the end of this term as she has secured a classroom teaching position at Kallista Primary for next term. A big thank you to Sam for the amazing work she has been doing with our students and for her professionalism, collegiality and flexibility. We wish you all the best and hope to see you again in the future.

Whole School Assembly and Curriculum Day Reminders

There will be a whole school assembly next Monday June 30 at 9:00am to celebrate the end of Term 2. This assembly, as always, will be an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate our achievements. Parents and carers are invited to attend this assembly as it will be our last one for the term. Just a reminder too that next Wednesday and Thursday are Student Free - Curriculum Days, as staff complete their intensive training in our new literacy approach. There are still limited spaces available in our OSHC program for these days if required.

Happy and Safe Holidays

As this is the last newsletter published before the end of term, I wish everyone a safe, warm, relaxing and enjoyable break beginning on Friday 4th July. Just a reminder that school will finish at 2:30 on this day. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 21st July.

Brooke Cross
Principal

School Policies

All Tecoma Primary School Policies have a review cycle, in line with Education Department directives. Our school's Student Dress Code Policy has recently been reviewed by the Education Subcommittee and approved by our School Council. As a part of this process, we now need to seek input from our school community about this policy, specifically in relation to the affordability of our school uniform.

The new Student Dress Code Policy is on our school's website, as is the uniform order form. If you would like to give us any feedback about the affordability of our school uniform, this can be done via email to the school email address at tecoma.ps@education.vic.gov.au

We have also recently updated our school's Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy. This policy now has a new consent form attached to it, which we will need all parents to update for each child.

The policy now has 3 options which parents will need to give consent for:

- I consent to the use of images of my child within the physical school environment
- I consent to the use of images of my child within the school community
- I consent to the use of images of my child beyond the school community/publicly, i.e. the school's website and social media accounts.

In the near future you will receive a request, via COMPASS, to complete a consent form for each of your children.

We thank you for your support with this.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Felix N	When someone around him is unsure of what to do, Felix shows initiative and helps to explain the task to them. Thank you for being so thoughtful and kind to your table buddies!
Prep A	Maeve L	Maeve has been trying her best when sounding out during reading time and achieved her Golden Words! She has grown so much with her reading this term, well done Maeve!
Prep B	Kailah M	For working very hard and concentrating on all of your learning tasks until they are finished. Amazing job Kailah!
Prep B	Fin M	For focusing on your learning so well and for carefully creating and constructing a model of an amazing new animal, without any help at all. Excellent job Fin!
1A	Colt G	Colt, the resilience you've shown while creating your board game has really impressed me! You faced some challenges while making the board, but you stuck with it and didn't give up until you were proud of the final result. Keep it up!
1B	Levi C	Levi has shown his personal best in everything he has done this semester. He shows resilience when tasks are difficult by persisting. Well done, Levi!
1B	Vera L	Vera always completes her work to a high standard showing her personal best. She seeks assistance if when she needs clarification to ensure she is on the right track. Well done, Vera!
2C	Jarrah H	Jarrah has worked enthusiastically this term to complete his board game. He chose his colour scheme carefully and made sure it looked great. I also like how he tested his game out with mates to make sure it worked well as a game. Great job Jarrah.
2C	Alana M	Alana always shows respect to her teachers and classmates. She is always organised, ready to learn and shows respect in the way she takes pride in her work! Well done Alana on being such a positive member of our class. You are such a great role model to all at Tecoma.



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4B	Louis S	After enduring endless login problems, Louis worked diligently to catch up in creating his Scratch First Nations inquiry quiz. Well done, Louis!
3/4B	Alma H	Alma demonstrated her personal best and creativity when completing our symmetry challenge in Maths of drawing an identical half of an image from nature. She asked to do a second symmetrical drawing as she enjoyed the challenge. Keep up the good work and enthusiasm, Alma. Well done!
3/4C	Bodhi C	Bodhi demonstrated resilience when working on his biography in class. He took the initiative to seek the teacher's feedback, taking it on board to further develop his work. Superstar effort, Bodhi!
3/4C	Aurora M	Aurora showed amazing resilience and a drive to do her best in Maths, working on time. She was finding telling the time on an analogue clock difficult, but she was determined to understand it. She worked very hard, practising with her peers and teacher. By the end of the lesson she could tell the time to the minute. We're so proud of you, Aurora!
3/4D	Ashley H	For the amazingly creative symmetry picture you illustrated. After being given only half a photo of a sunflower, you took your time to fill in the rest and completed the image with incredible detail. Well done Ashley!
3/4D	Artie C	Well done, Artie, on the effort you have put into your Scratch Quiz project. You were asked to figure out how to add a scoreboard and after doing some research and trying a few different codes, you managed to complete the task. Great work!
5/6A	Maxime R	Congratulations Maxime on writing, illustrating and publishing a wonderful picture storybook. You have kept your target audience in mind throughout the publishing process. I am particularly impressed with how you have successfully used MS Paint to publish the story.
5/6A	Chloe G	Congratulations Chloe for being a wonderful member of our class. Thank you for always looking out for your friends and being a wonderful role model in our class.
5/6C	Jack P	For your exceptional work during our problem solving challenge. Your methodical approach to solving problems and your ability to see solutions others can not is exceptional.
5/6D	Archer W	Archer is a hard worker. She puts her personal best effort into her tasks, uses her time wisely and is happy to take on challenges. Well done Archer!
5/6D	Jake S	Jake is a friendly, kind and caring member of our classroom. He brings light to our days, looks out for others and always tries to do the right thing. Well done Jake!
5/6E	Will E	For displaying a big improvement in your approach to learning. You are trying hard, have a positive attitude and don't give up, even when things might be hard. Awesome effort, Will!



Tecoma Students Shine at SSV EMR Cross Country...

We are so proud of our amazing Tecoma students who competed in the SSV Eastern Metropolitan Region Cross Country this week!

It's a tremendous achievement to qualify for this level of competition and each of our eight runners, Noah T, Diego R, Charli S, Eddie H, Jake S, Jeremy D, Alma H, and Harlie S, gave it their all on the day. Despite a few pre-race nerves (possibly more from the parents than the students!), every runner showed determination, resilience, and pride in representing both themselves and Tecoma.

A special congratulations goes to Harlie S, who secured another podium finish! Harlie will now go on to represent Tecoma at the SSV State Cross Country Championships, held at Yarra Valley Racecourse on 24th July. We wish her all the very best. Tecoma is cheering you on every step of the way!

Thank you once again to the supportive families who helped transport students and cheer them on throughout the day. Your encouragement makes such a difference!





Sustainability Update



June 2025

Star Status

We are excited to announce that earlier this year we achieved our 2nd Resource Smart School Star for the Waste module. Our staff and students have embraced our new outside bins which assist us even further to be waste smart.

Garden Club

Lunchtime garden club is open Monday, Thursday and Friday for any student to assist with general gardening and chicken feeding.

Leadership Program

Our grade 6 leaders have been teaching our 1/2 students how to look after our chickens and our vegies. In term 1 we planted and in term 2 we harvested kale, lettuce, bok choy, beetroot, radish, parsley, mint, chives, lavender, rhubarb and sage. We sold these goodies to staff on a weekly basis, with funds buying chook food and new seeds and seedlings.

Energy Star

As we work towards our Energy Star, we have gained a grant for solar panels to be installed in term 3. Every room in the school has signage to promote energy saving tips with lights, heaters and electronic equipment. Our energy audit in Feb showed improvement since the 2023 audit which is great news. Our new solar panels will continue this improvement.

National Tree Day

We are collecting plastic bottle and container lids to create an artwork to mark National Tree Day. Please send your lids in.



10c Container Scheme

Please continue to bring in your 10c containers. These funds help our school wide sustainability initiatives. Collection bins are located against the hall wall in the amphitheatre.



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.

In Loving Memory

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our former colleague,
Pat Gargano — Mr G.

Mr G's career at Tecoma Primary School spanned many years and many roles. He was a classroom teacher, PE teacher, art teacher and ran Reading Recovery. After his retirement, Mr G returned to our school as a volunteer in the Reading Room.

He had a dry wit and although he wasn't one for the spotlight, Mr G left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

He will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Vale Mr G.



2025 JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAM LOCATIONS

\$70 REGISTRATION FEE

9.00am – 3.00pm open to all boys and girls 5 - 12
Parents drop off and then collect at the end.

Thursday July 10:

BELGRAVE RECREATION RESERVE

REGISTER HERE



WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUES 08 JULY	SKILLS CLINIC U8 - U12 Football skills drills and games \$75 ea 9:30 - 2:30 Morning Tea & Lunch	GOAL KEEPERS U11 - U15 Uplift your goal keeping skills \$25 ea 12 - 2:30pm Afternoon Tea incl.	REF CLINIC INVITE ONLY A special event just for our referees!
WED 09 JULY	SKILLS CLINIC U8 - U15 GIRLS Football skills and small sided games \$75 ea 9:30 - 2:30 Morning Tea & Lunch	SKILLS CLINIC U8 - U11 BOYS Football skills and small sided games \$75 ea 9:30 - 2:30 Morning Tea & Lunch	ELITE CLINIC U9 - U13* Football skills and small sided games \$75 ea 9:30 - 2:30 Morning Tea & Lunch
FRI 11 JULY	RANGERS WINTER CUP INVITE ONLY Teams will play off to win the Rangers Winter Cup! 9:00 - 2:30pm BBQ Lunch included.	JNR DUTCHIES VS POMMIES U9 - U12 A Monbulk tradition for Juniors Pick your side to join the battle! \$25 ea 10:30 - 2:30pm BBQ lunch included.	

*Elite Clinic open to Wallabies, Kangaroos, A or B Grade Players only



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PLAY ON.

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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Each day explores a different theme:

CHEMISTRY

BIOLOGY

ENGINEERING

ROBOTS

SPACE

Winter Program
7TH - 11TH
(MONDAY TO FRIDAY)
JULY

Attend one day or more or join us for the whole week of mad science fun!



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