



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

DATES TO REMEMBER:

JULY

Tuesday 29th
Divisional Netball
Select Students

Wednesday 30th
Divisional Girls AFL
Select Students

AUGUST

Friday 1st
Swimming Lessons
Prep Classes



Divisional Soccer
Select Students

Tuesday 5th
100 Days of Prep!!!



Friday 5th
Swimming Lessons
Prep Classes

Welcome Back

A big welcome back to everyone for the start of Term 3. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing break and are ready for another action packed term of learning.

Upcoming Events

We have a number of exciting events coming up this term:

- Division Winter Sports in netball, football and soccer
- 100 days of Prep celebrations
- National Science Week
- Our Prep swimming program
- District Athletics
- Our much anticipated 3/4 camp to Phillip Island
- Our whole school production

Staffing

A big welcome back to Mr McLean, as mentioned in our last newsletter at the end of term 2, Mr McLean will be running our tutoring program and assisting with some of Mrs Double's operational duties whilst she is on long service leave this term. A big welcome back to Stuart and we hope Di has a wonderful time exploring Europe whilst she is on long service leave.

Prep 2026

Just a reminder also that enrolment forms for Prep 2026 are due by tomorrow, Friday July 25th. Please contact the office if you require any help with this.

Outside School Hours Care Educators' Day - Wednesday 30th July 2025

This year's theme for Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Educators' Day is "Recognition and Appreciation".

The Tecoma Primary OSHC Educators play an important part in our community by providing safe and engaging programs which support families to work or attend to other commitments. We would like to recognise the significant contribution our OSHC educators and program leader make and thank them for their tireless work within our OSHC program and the wider school community. When you see our OSHC team, Adelle, Annemarie, Tanika, Megan and Rita, make sure to let them know how valued they are and your appreciation for all they do.

Curriculum and Wellbeing Updates

Going forward this term, we will be including both a curriculum and a wellbeing/engagement update in each newsletter edition. The purpose of this is to keep parents informed about what their children are learning

and experiencing at school, to encourage meaningful conversations within families, to foster strong relationships and partnerships and to celebrate student achievement. We look forward to sharing details of a number of initiatives, approaches and programs with you. The first of these reports are in this newsletter and news items on Compass, and cover some details about our new Phonics program, the upcoming anti-bullying program and information regarding the annual Nationally Consistent Collection of data.

Enjoy the rest of your week and get out and enjoy the sunshine whilst it lasts!

Brooke Cross



Literacy news

Over the two curriculum days last term, our TPS teachers were trained in the InitialLit program, part of the MultiLit platform. The enthusiasm in the air was electric as our eager staff prepared to teach the lessons in Term Three.

InitialLit is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program providing all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers. It incorporates a synthetic approach to the teaching of phonics alongside a rich literature and vocabulary component. Students will experience thorough and consistent instruction across all classrooms, from Foundation to Grade 6.

The program's focus on explicit instruction through foundational skills, like phonics, helps children build a strong base for reading comprehension and fluency. Additionally, the program's focus on comprehension strategies in later years ensures that children are not just decoding words but also understanding what they read.

This structured and consistent approach means that no matter which class your child is in, they will be taught using the same high-quality program with clear expectations and routines. From learning to read in the early years to reading to learn in the senior grades, InitialLit supports every step of your child's literacy journey.

We are excited to implement this program across our school and look forward to seeing the incredible growth in our students' reading, writing and vocabulary skills. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to give every learner the strongest start possible in literacy.

If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's





STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Zadie W	Zadie shows great respect for her work, always putting her best effort into making sure it is completed nicely and neatly. Well done on making your work so beautiful, Zadie!
Prep A	Jaxon C	Jaxon has been trying his absolute best when sounding out words and writing sentences. Well done on having your best go Jaxon, even when you are finding it tricky!
Prep B	Everly P	Everly, you always show respect and kindness to others, making you a great role model for this value! You are working at your personal best with all your work and have achieved a whopping 170 nights of reading! Amazing!
Prep B	Raul R	Raul, you are always respectful to everyone and show resilience as you make your way through each new school day. You work hard at learning and are making improvements to your work with great progress!
1A	Patrick M	Patrick, you have started Term 3 wonderfully. I am so impressed by the way you have come in each morning, ready to learn and achieve your personal best.
1B	Asher G	Asher has had a fantastic start to term 3, showing his brilliant listening skills and personal best work. Keep up these fantastic school values, Asher.
2C	Oliver C	Ollie has been really focused during our new IntiaLit lessons. He listens respectfully and gets the work done without a fuss. Great start to the term.
2A	Lachlan S	Lachlan has returned to school in Term 3 engaged and ready to learn!! He always has insightful answers and ideas when participating in class discussions. Thanks for always being ready to contribute, Lachlan!!
5/6A	Duke I	Congratulations, Duke on making such a positive start to Term 3. I'm impressed with the way you have focused and tackled your work throughout this week. Keep it up!
5/6A	Xavier M	Well done, Xavier on being the first Grade 5 to have a go at being the Chairperson for our Public Speaking Course. You followed the script well and spoke with clarity when speaking to the class. Congratulations.
5/6B	Dante M	Dante loves a mathematical challenge where he can problem solve. He refuses to give up until he has achieved the correct answer; this is such a positive quality to have. Keep up the great effort, Dante!
5/6C	Charlie B	Charlie has started the term with a BANG!! Always ready to learn and willing to stick with a task even if it is challenging him. You're amazing, Charlie.
5/6E	Noah T	For starting Term 3 with such a positive attitude towards your learning. You try hard and show respect for others. What a great role model. Keep up that awesome effort!
Japanese	Grace K	Grace-san (Miss Grace) consistently puts in the effort to greet and engage in conversation in Japanese throughout the school day, no matter where she is. Her positive attitude toward learning Japanese is not only admirable but also encourages and supports the language learning environment at school. Excellent work, Grace-san!
Science	Jensen T	Jensen made an excellent start to the term by showing great enthusiasm in learning about magnetic forces during the CLIL lesson. He remained fully engaged and focused throughout the class discussion, and even offered to help clean up afterward. Fantastic work.



Sustainability Happenings in Term 3



Garden Clean Up

We have some wonderful members of our local community who have been volunteering their time to clean up the gardens across the front of the school. We greatly appreciate the work of this small team. Thanks Mark, Val and Merv.

Frog Bog

Excitemet is building as our grant is in and we prepare to create our frog bog. Working with Melbourne Water and local trades, the excavation will begin shortly.

Garden Club

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

National Tree Day

During week 2, students across the school will create a collaborative mural of a tree similar to the picture below, which will be displayed within the school grounds as part of our effort to beautify our school and reduce waste.

Many thanks to Mrs Mc who will incorporate this into her regular art sessions across the week.



In addition, grade 1B and our Sustainability Captains will assist with planting out next to the pathway leading from our back gate, down to the rail trail. We thank all the volunteers who came along to help and especially Jo Henselwood for working with Council to organise this small but important event.



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.





JLTAV

*JLTAV: THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA, INC.

JUNIOR SPEECH COMPETITION!

INDIVIDUAL & PAIR DIVISIONS

**SUNDAY 31
AUGUST 2025**

**ENTRY FEE
PREP-YEAR 4: \$9 (INC.GST)
YEAR 5 & 6: \$12 (INC.GST)
AUDIENCE: FREE**

**AT HAWTHORN ARTS CENTRE
360 BURWOOD ROAD,
HAWTHORN**

**TO ENTER, PLEASE TALK TO MASAE-SENSEI &
JOIN THE LUNCHTIME CLIL CLUB.
THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER SCHOOL IS LIMITED.**

we're joining

Kids Helpline's largest anti-bullying lesson

11 AUGUST 2025



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Foundation

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.

Lunch orders - Sushi Express and The Blacksmith Allergies

There have been legislative changes to the way allergens are managed and communicated to customers. Due to the very small risk of cross contamination the governing bodies have decided to change their approach to mitigating risk. This means we are no longer able to communicate that any of our products are gluten free or other allergen free. Please be aware that our food preparation processes have not changed. However we need our customers to be made aware that there is always a small limited risk similar to the way many products sold in supermarkets always state "MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF XXX"

Mistakes

As we're sure, all families can appreciate there may be times when mistakes happen. The best thing to do if your child thinks a mistake has occurred is to let someone in the office know straight away. This way we can try to fix the problem as soon as possible.

The team in the office are then able to contact The Blacksmith and Sushi Express directly. In most cases the missing item will be brought to the school on the same day. If your child does not let staff know it can be more difficult to manage however we can still process a refund or deliver the following week once the problem has been identified.

Please be aware the QKR app allows for orders to be made for 2 weeks at a time. We commonly find people are thinking they are ordering for a certain day, however if they miss the 9am deadline they will order for the following week instead.

Illness / Need to cancel orders

Wherever possible it would be appreciated if we can be given the opportunity to postpone an order to an alternative day. The QKR app is really useful however there are fees we are charged that are applied to all orders and all refunds which is why it is always our preference to reschedule an order as opposed to refunding.

Please call The Blacksmith on 9754 1174 for any changes to orders and let our team know your child's name, class and school. Please bear in mind we sometimes deliver to up to six (6) schools on any one day so it is really important that late orders and rescheduled orders are kept to a minimum if at all possible.

Thank you for your assistance, and your lunch orders! Trish.



**Book Club orders are
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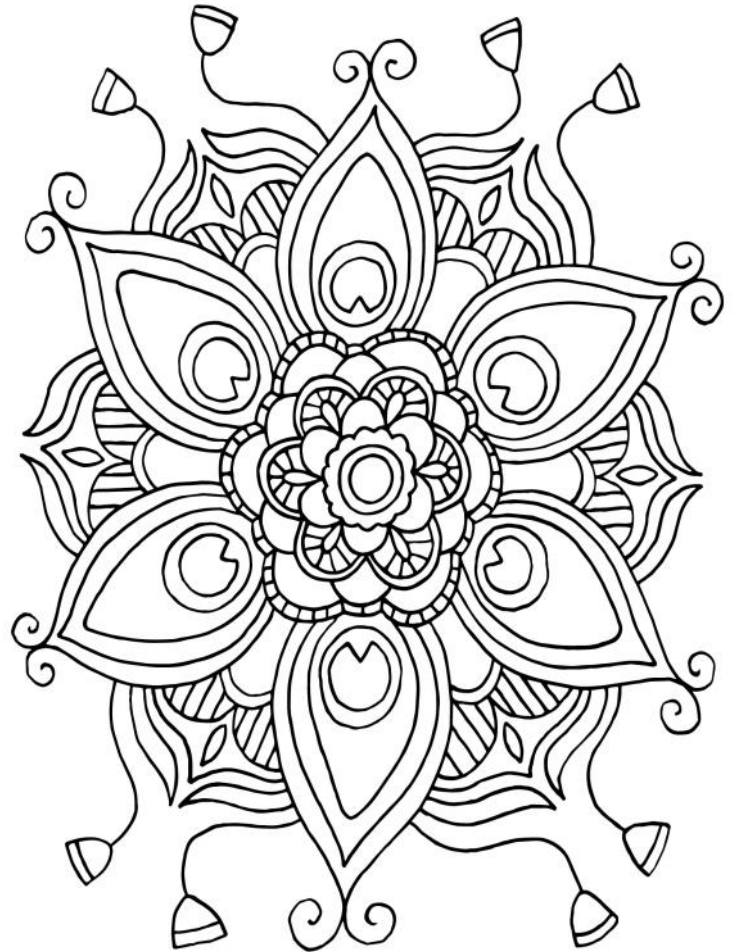
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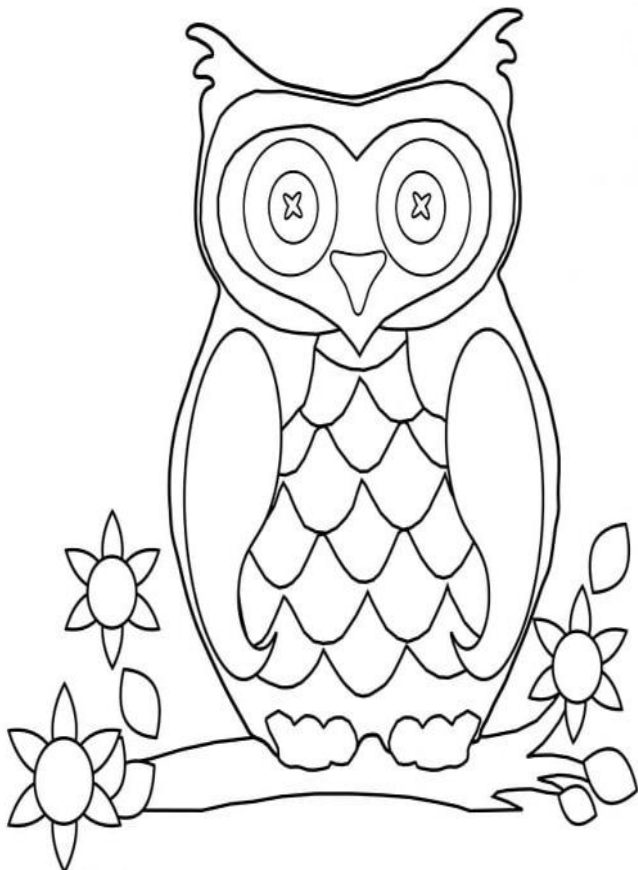
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