



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUGUST

Friday 22nd

**Swimming Lessons
Prep Classes**



**Morning
Munchies
10.30am -
11.30am**



**Friday 29th
Swimming Lessons
Prep Classes**

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2nd

**Full dress-rehearsal
Whole School**

Thursday 4th

**District Athletics
Select Grade 3-6
Students**



**Friday 5th
Swimming Lessons
Prep Classes**

We are now officially halfway through term 3! The sun is starting to shine a little longer and the days are becoming less chilly. Not long now until Spring will have sprung!

Book Week and National Science Week

This morning, we held our annual Book Week Parade. I was blown away by the number of students who dressed up and made an enormous effort to come as their favourite book character. It was also really lovely to see the huge number of families who turned up to support this fantastic event. A big well done and thank you to our Junior School Council who organised and ran this event and awarded prizes to students in each year level.



Our Grade 1 and 2 students celebrated Book Week with a local excursion, by taking a walk to Belgrave Library to check out this amazing space and participate in a story time there. Thank you to the teachers and parent volunteers who accompanied them on this visit.

We celebrated National Science week last week, with a fabulous Science incursion for all year levels. Thank you, Sensei Masae, for organising this amazing opportunity for our students!



Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our sausage sizzle fundraiser to assist Harlie Shannon in Grade 4, with expenses to participate in the National Cross Country Competition in Queensland in September. Your generosity enabled us to raise an impressive \$837 towards Harlie's registration costs. Thank you also to Harlie's family and our wonderful Parent Network team who organised and ran this event in consultation with our office staff and our amazing PE / Sports teacher, Mrs Cumming.

Staffing Update

Next Monday, we will welcome a new team member to our amazing Education Support Staff. Jessica Eger was the successful applicant for our recently advertised Teacher Aide position. She will primarily be working in our grade 3/ 4 classrooms to assist the teachers and students in that area but will also spend some time in other areas of the school. Jessica is a fourth-year teaching student who comes to us with experience working as an aide and is keen to support students in their learning. We are thrilled to have her on board!

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver /Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students. The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete. It can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.

The survey is available in English and 10 other languages. If you require assistance in another language, resources may be available for you. Please reach out to the school office if you require assistance in another language. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any general queries about the survey. For specific technical or participation-related queries, you may also contact the department or the supplier administering the survey, ORIMA Research.

Reminders

Just a reminder that we have the Grade 3/4 camp coming up in week 8 and our Production will be held in the last week of term with tickets going on sale tomorrow morning. Please refer to COMPASS for booking information Friday morning from 9:30am.

Literacy Update – Introducing MacqLit at TPS



We are excited to share that our school is now offering the **MacqLit tutoring program** - a specialised, small-group literacy intervention designed for students in Year 3 and above who need extra support with reading and spelling. Developed by MultiLit, MacqLit is an evidence-based program that provides explicit and systematic instruction in phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

Students participating in MacqLit will work in small groups to build strong foundational skills and gain confidence in their reading. This targeted support ensures every child has the opportunity to succeed and keep up with the demands of the classroom. We are thrilled to be providing this high quality intervention for students who need it most.

In other exciting news, our whole-school **InitialLit program** - which launched at the start of Term 3 - is going from strength to strength. Teachers across all year levels have embraced the program with energy and enthusiasm, and the positive impact is already evident in our classrooms. Students are responding beautifully to the structured, engaging lessons, and are building strong literacy skills with growing confidence. We're so proud of the progress we are seeing and look forward to what the rest of the year brings!

If you have any questions about either of these programs, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.





STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Charli B	Charli used wonderful word choices in her fairytale writing. We were so impressed to see her use 'finally' and 'night after night'. Well done, Charli!
Prep A	Winnie H	Winnie used a wonderful and creative voice during his group performance of Goldilocks and the Three Bears to the class. It was entertaining and fun to watch. Well done, Winnie!
Prep B	Orla C	Orla demonstrated resilience and respect when she offered to have a broken book that one of her peers was using. You should be very proud Orla. Well done!
Prep B	Thomas H	Thomas, you did a great job during writing this week when you thought of interesting ideas for your story about an ogre. It's great to see you extending your writing.
2A	Tilly J	Tilly has put her personal best into her maths this week. She has taken on the challenge of using her new grid book in maths and been working really hard when learning about vertical addition. Well done!
2A	Billie L	Billie has shown wonderful creativity in her work recently. She created a very good story about what happened next in 'The Snail and the Whale'. Her work is always beautifully presented and very creative.
2C	Alora S	Alora is soooooo enthusiastic about our school production. Her energy is really infectious as she moves and grooves, and yet still remembers to sing her heart out. It is a delight to see and I can't wait to see you on stage.
2C	Miles W	Miles enjoys maths and it is great to see him take on the challenge of some Grade 3 level work. His results are really encouraging, and he is working well. Great stuff, Miles.
3/4B	Lennox C	Well done on trying your best during our InitiaLit sessions. You have been demonstrating an awesome attitude when participating in all activities and your work is completed to a great standard. Keep up the terrific effort, Lennox!
3/4C	Domonic A	During an InitiaLit spelling lesson learning about bossy 'e', Dom asked if the students could all write and perform their own bossy 'e' rap. This became the highlight of the lesson. With all of the students showcasing their bossy 'e' knowledge in a really and fun creative way. Keep bringing the great ideas, Dom!
3/4C	Caelum M	Caelum shows up for maths lessons with a great "can do" attitude. During our Daily Review sessions Caelum stays focused, and gives every question a go. Even self-correcting on the spot if needed. It is clear to see that Caelum has grasped a wide range of mathematical concepts. Keep up the amazing work!
3/4D	Leona D	Well done for the fabulous effort you have been putting into our Maths sessions. You have really challenged yourself, adding and subtracting numbers that need regrouping, and practising at home to build your skills. You are a star!



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
5/6A	Harley S	Congratulations, Harley on writing a very catchy and snappy introduction to your persuasive piece for your STEAM Inquiry Project. You nailed the brief perfectly and I think a career in marketing/advertising is on the cards. Keep up the fantastic work.
5/6B	Hannah F	I was so proud to see Hannah bounce back when she discovered she had left her STEAM resources at home. She thought outside the box and developed a plan to move forward, using her 'creating' time efficiently. These are the attributes of a top learner!
5/6B	Hailey D	Hailey was the Chairperson in our Public Speaking program and she did an amazing job. She spoke confidently and represented our class beautifully. Thank you, Hailey!
5/6D	Oscar S	Oscar has been working hard during maths lessons over the past few weeks. He's been taking on challenges and putting in his personal best effort. Well done, Oscar!
5/6E	Sophie T	For displaying great leadership skills within your learning - being a confident Chairperson for speeches, putting in extra effort for our production song rehearsals and always being a wonderful role model for others in the classroom. Awesome work, Sophie!
5/6E	Eddie M	For showing amazing creativity and artistic skills in your learning. You have worked hard on the design of your Skate Park for our Inquiry project and I look forward to seeing your finished creation. Keep up the great work, Eddie!
Japanese CLIL Science	Vera D	Vera-san (Miss Vera) learnt the new scientific words in Japanese by closely listening to the lesson and shared with the class. Great effort!!!
Japanese CLIL Science	Archer P	Archer-kun (Mr Archer) spoke Japanese phrases for the very first time in front of the class and Masae-sensei this week! Fantastic work!!!



A Test In Time
School Production tickets
on sale tomorrow from
9:30am! The booking link will be
sent via Compass Friday morning.

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new to netball?

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Body safety essentials for parents



For parents
and carers

Tuesday
2 September
Thursday
4 September
7pm to 9pm
Online event

Be empowered with safety tools and
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presented by Body Safety Australia.

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- Risks, myths, and misconceptions about childhood sexual abuse.
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- How to identify grooming behaviours.
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- How to support at-risk children, including self-care techniques.

For parents and carers of
preschool-aged children

Tuesday 2 September, 7pm to 9pm

For parents and carers of
primary school-aged children

Thursday 4 September, 7pm to 9pm

How to book

Book online at: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/body-safety-webinar

For more information, please contact Cathie Wills, Children's Services Project Officer on
03 9294 5740 or email childrens.services.events@maroondah.vic.gov.au

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