



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER

Friday 5th

Swimming Lessons

Prep Classes

Mon 8th - Wed 10th

Grade 3/4 Camp

The Island



Friday 12th

Swimming Lessons

Prep Classes

Mon 15th - Tue 16th

Whole School

Production

"A Test in Time"



Friday 19th

Footy Day & Footy

Colours Day

Lunch Munchies

Early Finish at

2:30pm



Hello and welcome to week 7 of term! Can you believe Term 3 is nearly finished and we are starting to head to the pointy end of the year where our Grade 6's will begin the transition to high school, Preps for 2026 confirming enrolment and beginning their transition to school, Grade 6 graduation coming up and all the other end of year festivities to organise and celebrate!

With Spring officially starting on Monday and the weather getting warmer, we have experienced some unusually high winds in the last few days. On days where there are weather warnings we put in place alternative arrangements for students during recess and lunch. For example, on days of high wind we close the oval and redirect students to other areas of the school. Just a reminder that all students should be wearing hats for recess and lunch time from this week until the end of the year.

Planning for 2026

Here at school, we are busy making workforce planning arrangements and looking at the best options for class configurations and class sizes for next year. If you are moving schools next year and have not yet let us know, can you please contact the office as soon as possible so that this can be factored into our planning for next year. Conversely, if you have not yet enrolled your Prep aged child for 2026, or know someone who is looking for a school, please get in contact with us as we are still taking new enrolments across all year levels for next year. Early next term, we will begin looking at class placements for all enrolled students and I will put a call out at that time for factors and information that parents would like us to consider when placing their child into a class. More information on this process will be sent out next term.

Parent Opinion Survey

Don't forget that the 2025 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian opinion survey is now open. The Parent/ Caregiver/ Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families'

perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. We would appreciate you finding the time to complete it, noting that the online platform accessible by following the link sent to you on COMPASS, will remain open until Friday, 19th of September.

Emergency Contact Numbers

From time to time, we may need to contact parents or carers for various reasons, such as when a child is unwell, to share important information, or to arrange a meeting. Please ensure that any changes to your contact details, or those of your emergency contacts, are communicated to the office immediately.

Pop – up Breakfast

Our recent pop – up Breakfast Club held on Wednesday August 27 was a huge success and was well attended by students from all year levels and their families. As such, we will be holding one last pop up breakfast for the term on Thursday September 18. We will be holding two more of these breakfasts in Term 4 also. A big thank you to our amazing Parent Network for organising and staffing these breakfasts. They will be incredibly busy over the last couple of weeks of term getting ready to sell refreshments at the two nights of production, providing Morning (Lunch) Munchies on the last day of term and running the Pop - up breakfast, so if you can lend a hand, please get in contact with Kym Cinel to volunteer your time.

We are all looking forward to a fairly hectic last two weeks of term with the Grade 3/4 camp, the whole school production over two blockbuster nights, and the final day of term Footy / Sports day.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Brooke Cross

Acting Principal.



POP UP BREAKFAST CLUB

We are pleased to offer another Pop-up breakfast club!
Parents and Carers are welcome to attend
Students must be with parents/carers till 8:45am

When: 8:30am on Thursday 18th September

Where: BER Kitchenette (Grade 1 & 2 Building)

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BREAKFAST
CLUBS**



A Test In Time

**School Production
tickets on sale now!!!**

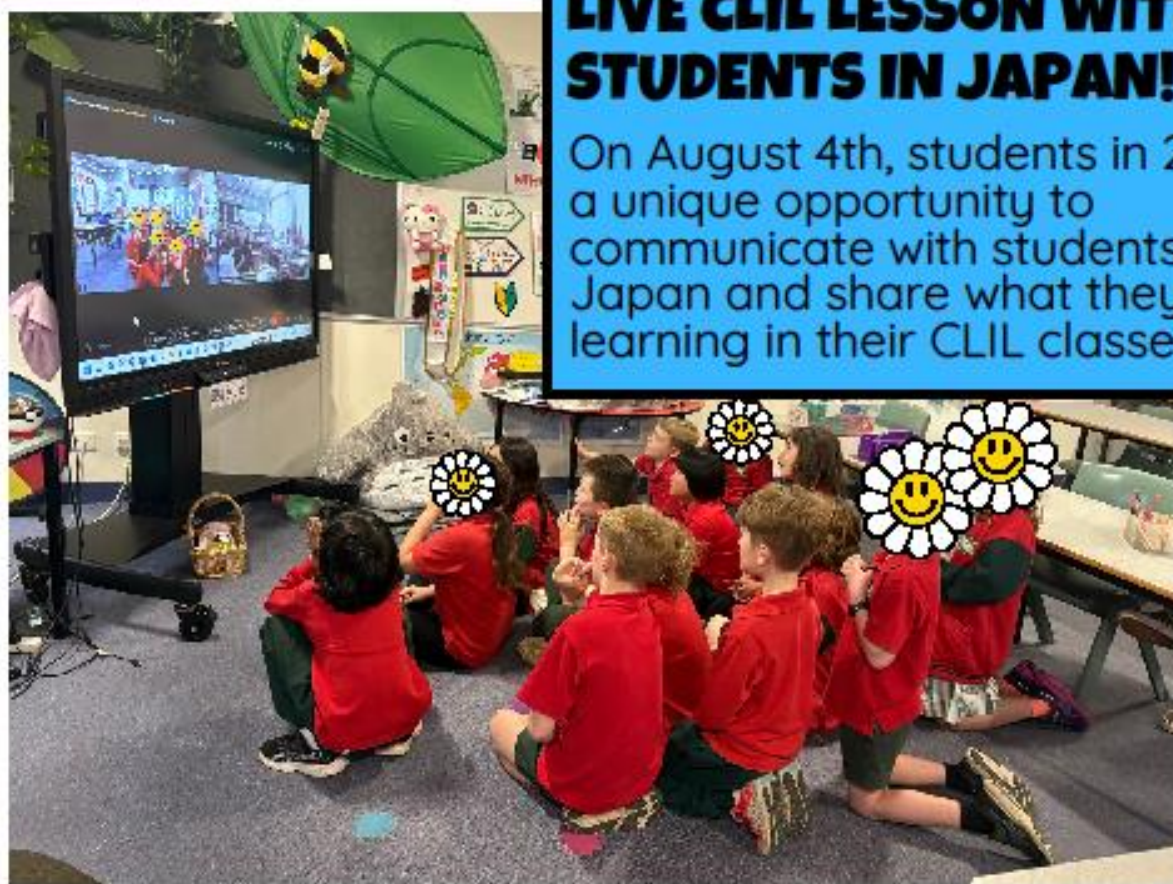


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CLIL EXCHANGE WITH JAPAN

LIVE CLIL LESSON WITH STUDENTS IN JAPAN!

On August 4th, students in 2C had a unique opportunity to communicate with students in Japan and share what they are learning in their CLIL classes.



EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

The 2C students proudly performed a greeting song and a weather song in Japanese and introduced themselves by sharing their name and age. They also presented their favourite Science topics and listened with great interest to the Japanese students' presentations on their English CLIL Science topics. We were delighted to welcome a special guest, Mr Wilson, to this exciting lesson. To finish, everyone enjoyed playing 'Jan-ken-pon!' ('Rock-Paper-Scissors') in Japanese together. Well done, 2C students!



**THE SUMMER CLIL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
FROM MAGOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



THANK YOU MAGOME STUDENTS FOR JOINING US

The students from Magome Elementary School (Tokyo, Japan) performed a song and presented their favourite CLIL topics along with their reasons guided by the leading CLIL expert teacher Ms Takizawa one by one.

**TECOMA STUDENTS SHARED
THEIR FAVOURITE CLIL TOPICS**

PRACTISING JAPANESE 'ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS'



THANK YOU!



MEI, SHUNTO AND
MAEDA-SENSEI
WITH MRS CROSS



2 VISITORS FROM JAPAN - MEI AND SHUNTO

In Week 3 of Term 3, we welcomed two special Japanese guests to 56A. Mei and Shunto joined us from our UDEC sister school, Mito Eiko Elementary School (Ibaraki, Japan), together with a large group of secondary school students visiting Upwey High School. During their stay, they joined in with all of our regular school activities and experienced life in an Aussie classroom. A big thank you to everyone – especially the host families (The Cochrane family and the Henselwood family), 56A students and Mr D – for warmly welcoming our guests and helping to make their visit such a memorable one!





ORIGAMI FAREWELL CARDS MADE BY TECOMA STUDENTS



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2025



To celebrate this year's National Science Week, our whole school enjoyed a very special Science incursion, 'Into the Unknown', inspired by the 2025 theme, 'Decoding the Universe' presented by Street Science!



Tecoma students enjoyed the wondrous discoveries of gravity, DNA and RNA, electromagnetism and many other fascinating scientific concepts.



Thank you Emma from Street Science for the fantastic Science workshop!!!



JLTAV Junior Speech Competition

Date | August 31st



Tecoma Speech Stars

Our brave and talented Japanese speakers proudly represented Tecoma in **the annual state-wide JLTAV Junior Speech Competition** on Sunday, August 31st.

The participants were; **Dante, Bonnie, Imogen, Inez, Darcy, Leona, and Holly.**

Each participant wrote their speech in Japanese with a little help from Masae-sensei and spent many recesses, lunchtimes and even part of their holidays practising. On the day, they all performed exceptionally well, impressing the audience with their creativity and

confidence in delivering an entire speech in Japanese.

A heartfelt thank you to the families and friends of our participants for your support in making this rare and special opportunity possible!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Maddie S	Maddie wrote 3 pages of writing for a fairytale story. WOW! She had wonderful ideas in her story and tried her best to sound out each word. What a fantastic effort, Maddie!
Prep A	Ilan D	Ilan showed care for a friend when they were upset. Ilan was the first to go and hug him, comfort him and check if he was ok. Thank you for being a kind, caring and respectful friend Ilan.
1A	Walter S	Walter, you are putting in so much effort during our production rehearsals. It is fantastic to watch you perform with such enthusiasm and confidence. I can't wait to watch you perform this on the night!
1A	Ruby S	Ruby, your phonics knowledge has been blowing me away! Your learning has come so far since the beginning of the year and you are working so hard in our Initialit lessons. You are a superstar!
1B	Maddison H	For leading a fantastic discussion with the class about what the school should use fundraising money for. Well done, Maddi!
1B	Gemma M	For a fantastic show-and-tell session, explaining about all the different gemstones in your collection. Well done, Gemma!
2A	Levi H	For your enthusiasm and creativity during our production rehearsals. You have shown a great positive attitude to learning and performing our song and dance. Rock on, Levi!
2A	Austin M	Austin, you have been doing a wonderful job during our Initialit lessons. Well done on all your efforts it is really paying off!
2B	Cleo S	For your positive contributions in all our class discussions this term. Cleo, I have loved seeing your confidence grow in speaking in front of the class. Keep up the great work!
2B	Georgie T	For demonstrating wonderful dedication and energy throughout the production rehearsals. Georgie, you perform with great confidence, and it is a delight to see you shine on stage!
2C	Violet W	Welcome to Tecoma PS Violet. You have already shown us what a respectful and hardworking girl you are; and your creative drawing and handwriting are already being admired by your new friends. It's lovely to meet you, Violet.
3/4A	Emma B	Emma has spared no effort in preparing for the production and always has a beaming smile when practising her singing and dancing during rehearsals. Great effort, Emma!
3/4A	Ocean L	Ocean gives her all in her learning. This week she has especially put her best effort into her spelling, finishing her work with brilliant presentation.
3/4B	Anthony N	I was so impressed during our quiet reading time when I asked you to listen to another student read, you did this with an amazing attitude. I was really impressed when you did this again in the next quiet reading time. You demonstrated caring and consideration to a fellow classmate and I am so proud of you. Well done, Anthony!



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4B	Jeremy W	During our SEL lessons on Bullying and Consent, you have been an excellent class member with contributing to class discussions and by showing respect throughout these lessons. Well done, Jeremy!
3/4D	Ada G	Ada, you have shown great Resilience since breaking your arm. You haven't let it hold you back as you confidently complete all tasks and continue to join in with all our classroom activities. Well done!
3/4D	Aaron C	Aaron, you have done a great job with our camp mapping lessons. You added grid references and were able to follow the directions to find different locations. You are now a Phillip Island Camp expert! Great work!
5/6A	Chloe B	Thank you, Chloe for always looking out for your classmates. It was awesome to hear that you stopped working on your STEAM project to lend a helping hand to a fellow student. Congratulations, Chloe.
5/6A	Taj H	Thank you, Taj for always looking out for your mates. It was awesome to hear that you stopped what you were doing and took the time to lend a helping hand to a mate. Your cool calm manner is most appreciated and a wonderful quality to have. Congratulations, Taj.
5/6B	Lincoln L	Lincoln's respect towards his teachers and classmates is commendable. He is kind and thoughtful, and he is always open to learning valuable lessons from different life encounters. You are an amazing student, Lincoln!
5/6B	Oli H	Oli has been working hard creating a BMX track for his STEAM project. He has used recyclable materials to create a unique design and has been super productive during class time. Well done, Oli!
5/6C	Danil S	Danil has been working hard creating his STEAM project. Being super creative using recyclable materials to build a unique design, trialling various ways to tackle each challenge he faces and been very productive in all lessons. He has also ensured he safely used all equipment and cleaned up after himself and others. Highly commendable. Well done, Danil!
5/6D	Lyla S	Lyla put so much effort into the creation and decoration of her STEAM project. The artwork on the outside of her project was fantastic!
5/6D	Jono G	Jono has put a lot of thought into the creation of his STEAM project and how each section will work. I can't wait to see the finished product!
5/6E	Pepper H	For always trying your best with your learning. You consistently show all our school values and are a super role-model for others. Great job, Pepper!
5/6E	James R	For putting in a huge effort with your Inquiry project. You have a positive attitude and are using good problem-solving skills while creating your design. Keep up the great work, James!

JUNIOR BASEBALL
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 5-6:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
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- Sessions available at the **Tecoma** studio during both weeks of the September holidays!
- Catch us at the Tesselar Tulip Festival (Sept 22-25, 11am-2pm).
- K-Pop with Meagan** – Dynamic 3-hour workshops packed full of energy and style.
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