



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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23rd October, 2025

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL... DI DOUBLE

DATES TO REMEMBER:

OCTOBER

Friday 24th

*Swimming
Grades 3/4*

*Morning Munchies
Ice Creams*



Tuesday 28th

*Kinder Visits
11:30am - 12:15pm
Grade 4's*



Wednesday 29th

*Step Into Prep
PE - 9:00am*

*Wildlife Xposure
Incursion Grades 3/4*



APPOINTMENT OF ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As I mentioned in the last email, at the beginning of the term we called for an internal Expression of Interest for a staff member to take over the Assistant Principal role, whilst I am Acting Principal. I am very happy to share with you all that Lisa Hoskins-Faul was the successful candidate and will be the Acting Assistant Principal for the rest of this term. We will both be working closely together to ensure the school runs as smoothly as it can. Congratulations on your appointment Lisa.

In other staffing news we wish Mrs. Cassie Venten well as she heads off on maternity leave next Monday. All the best Cassie on the impending arrival of your second bundle of joy. We are very pleased to also let you know that Mrs. Catherine Shipley (who some of you may remember as Catherine Holt), has seamlessly stepped into the Prep room, to work with Prep A and Mrs. Shelley Smith for the remainder of 2025.

CLASS PLACEMENT 2026

Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to write to me regarding information they may have over their child's class placement for 2026. A reminder, the final date to send a letter to me on this issue is **up until 4pm tomorrow, Friday 24th October**. As we are commencing the process of class placements for next year earlier than in previous years, we will not be able to look at any requests past this date.

Please refer to the guidelines I sent out in the last newsletter regarding what requests will be taken into account. Also remember that requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

With fire season fast approaching it is a good time to remind our families to ensure that all your details are up to date at the school. If you have changed address, got a new phone number or have a new alternative contact please contact the office to give us the details so that we are able to contact you if required.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION

Preparations have begun for our Grade 6 Graduation on Wednesday 17th December. Once again, we will be holding the graduation ceremony at Burrinja. Information will be sent home on a regular basis, and your children will be kept informed of developments as they occur. The Grade 6 students are also preparing for the next phase of their education. It is an exciting time for them with many changes occurring as they progress through to Secondary College. Discuss the transition with your child in a positive way to ensure that the transition is a smooth one. Should you have any concerns please speak to your child's teacher at the school.

SPORTS NEWS!!



Division Volleyball Champions! 🏐

We are incredibly proud to share that both our Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams were undefeated at the Division Volleyball Championships! Their hard work, determination, and teamwork paid off, earning them a well deserved place at Regionals.

Throughout the day, our students displayed outstanding sportsmanship - supporting their teammates, showing respect to other schools, thanking our staff who attended and keeping their heads held high in every match. It was wonderful to see their weeks of training and dedication shine through on the court.

Congratulations to all players on this fantastic achievement! We can't wait to cheer them on at Regionals! 🏐



Art News!!

Our Talented Students Shine at This Year's Upwey Archies!

We're thrilled to share that some of our talented students have entered this year's Upwey Archies, a local portrait art event inspired by the prestigious Archibald Prize. The Upwey Archies is an annual community portrait event organised by Upwey Community Group, in partnership with Burrinja Cultural Centre and funded through Yarra Ranges Council.

The Archies is a sensational opportunity for artists and aspiring artists of all ages and artistic abilities to create an original artwork featuring a local person that feels significant to them or the Hills community.

The stunning artworks are currently on display in the shop windows around Upwey, showcasing the creativity and skill of our young artists.

We encourage everyone to take a stroll through town and support our students by viewing their amazing portraits. Congratulations to all who participated - you've made us proud!



Upwey Archies Important Dates:

Wednesday 15th October to Thursday 6th November: Artworks are displayed in Upwey township shop windows. Now is the time to vote for *'The Community Favourite Awards'*.

Friday 8th of November to Sunday 16th of November: Burrinja gallery exhibition of artworks.

6pm- 8pm Thursday 13th November: Award presentation ceremony at Burrinja. All Welcome.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Indie S	Indie showed great focus when doing some subtraction equations in Maths. She used unifix to help her get the correct answer. Well done, Indie on doing your best!
Prep A	Chloe C	Chloe showed wonderful concentration when doing subtraction equations in Maths. She worked out the correct answers by drawing pictures to help her. Fantastic work, Chloe!
Prep B	Everly P	Everly, you were very creative when writing about the beach, doing your personal best to include interesting words when you wrote, 'Splish, splash, splosh!'. Great work!
Prep B	Billie M	Billie, I have been very impressed by your continued hard work when reading and writing and you are making wonderful progress! Well done!
1A	Aiden D	Aiden, it has been great to see you be so immersed in our new Inquiry Unit about Space. I love hearing your facts and the enthusiasm you bring to our classroom!
1A	Sadie D	Sadie, you try so hard with every learning opportunity. It is great to see your confidence growing and the pride you take in your learning. Keep it up!
2B	Katalaya B	For making amazing progress in phonics and showing so much growth. It has been so wonderful to see you believe in yourself and shine in your learning. Keep up the fantastic work Katalaya!
2B	Blake K	For your growing confidence with arrays and being able to represent and write them clearly. It was fun playing 10 rolls to Victory with you, Blake.
2B	Aishwarya S	For showing confidence and enthusiasm in Digi Tech this week! Ashy has loved learning about Ozobots and coding, she even made her Ozobot dance around the track! Go Ashy!
2C	Desmond M	Des has been challenged to improve his handwriting this term. He has taken this challenge and says he can handle it. So far so good Des. Thanks for doing your Personal Best.
2C	Madeline W	Maddie has been challenged to improve her handwriting this term. Her goal is to make sure her 'stick letters' do have sticks!! You are going well, Maddie. Thanks for doing your Personal Best.
3/4A	Alby Y	Alby has done a fantastic job with his reading this week and he put all his effort into his reading group book! Thank you, Alby for doing your Personal Best.
3/4A	Pippa P	Pippa has put her effort into giving everything a go this week. During every class discussion she always has her hand up and is ready to contribute. Fantastic effort, Pippa!
3/4B	Jack N	Jack, I was most impressed by your perseverance and resilience during our writing lessons when you created acrostic and rhyming poems about the Blue Ringed Octopus. Keep up the terrific work!
3/4B	Ethan M	Well done, Ethan on writing your holiday recount. I was most impressed with your use of capital letters and punctuation throughout your writing. Keep up the great effort!



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4C	Oliver S	Oli, you worked really hard on creating a very detailed holiday recount. You continue to impress us with your determination to improve your writing. Keep up the amazing work!
3/4C	Jensen T	Jensen, your persuasive writing piece about learning to cook was amazing. Your argument about cooking being a useful life skill that can inspire creativity was fantastic. You demonstrated a great understanding of persuasive text structure. Well done, Jensen!
3/4D	Archer H	For the detailed diagram you drew as part of the coral reefs and oceans lesson in our Habitats unit. You included great illustrations and labels as well as some interesting facts about the Great Barrier Reef. Well done!
3/4D	Arik D	For the detailed diagram you drew as part of the coral reefs and oceans lesson in our Habitats unit. You included great illustrations and labels as well as some interesting facts about the Great Barrier Reef. Well done!
3/4D	Riley C	For the amazing way you participated in the PLAY Kindness session last week. You were respectful towards the presenters and tried your personal best when learning all the games. You have demonstrated some wonderful leadership skills! Well done!
3/4D	Zoe R	For the amazing way you participated in the PLAY Kindness session last week. You were respectful towards the presenters and tried your personal best when learning all the games. You have demonstrated some wonderful leadership skills! Well done!
5/6A	Felix F	Fantastic to see the creativity value from Felix through his coding on the laptops. His projects reflect thoughtful problem-solving and a growing proficiency in digital design and programming.
5/6A	Emily B	Congratulations, Emily on making such a positive start to Term 4. I'm impressed with the way you have focused and tackled your work throughout this week. Keep it up!
5/6B	Jeremy D	Jeremy is a respectful, kind and thoughtful friend. He is always willing to help out or offer support to those in need. You have a great attitude towards learning Jeremy, and we just love having you in our class!
5/6B	Charli S	Charli's approach to learning is just wonderful. She displays the school values in all that she undertakes, and her commitment to sports is just outstanding. Keep up the fantastic attitude, Charli!
5/6C	Marlie L	Marlie has shown resilience during writing over the past few weeks. She has worked hard at creating well written pieces from the heart and drafting her work with detail. She is committed to handwriting her pieces to produce a creative and personalized writing piece. Love your dedication, Marlie!
5/6C	Jack D	Jack has been committed to writing his leadership speech. His writing showed a strong understanding of what it means to be a leader, with clear ideas, persuasive language, and a genuine voice throughout. Jack took great care in planning, drafting, and refining his speech, demonstrating excellent writing skills and a real commitment to doing his best work. We look forward hearing you present your speech. Well done, Jack!



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
5/6D	Lucas H	Lucas wrote an incredible persuasive piece about why people should learn to cook. His arguments were varied, his language was convincing and the entire piece was well thought out. Amazing work Lucas, keep it up!
5/6D	Ruby N	Ruby has been working hard during our maths lessons over the last week. She's asked questions, clarified her understanding and put in her best effort, Well done, Ruby!
5/6D	Ned O	Ned put in an excellent effort with his persuasive writing this week. He had well thought out arguments for why everyone should learn to cook. He made sure to include persuasive techniques such as, emotive language and groups of three. Awesome work. Keep it up, Ned!
5/6E	Sookie A	For independently managing yourself in the classroom and giving your best with all your learning tasks. Great job, Sookie!
5/6E	Ari K	For displaying creativity in the classroom and giving your best with your learning activities. Keep it up, Ari!



ENROLMENTS OPEN

REGISTER FOR YOUR
COMPLIMENTARY GROUP LESSON!



Learn Tennis With Us!



Gather your friends and
join us on court...

New players register here...



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Dads Chat – Term 4, 2025

A strengths-based series of four workshops that focus on connecting with other local dads and dives deep into your role as a dad or male carer.

For dads, grandfathers, step-dads and male carers with children aged 0 to 8 years.

Share ideas and get hands on with tools and techniques that make you feel more connected to your children and other dads. The workshops are designed and delivered by Tony Vallance from *Building Better Brains*; and will cover topics such as; parenting styles, communication, the power of play, understanding the developing brain and supporting emotions.

Dates: Mondays, 20, 27 October and 10, 17 November

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Location: Croydon Community Hub, 7 Civic Square, Croydon.

Cost: Free. Bookings essential.

Find out more and book



Scan the QR code or visit www.maroonah.vic.gov.au/dads-chat-term4-2025

For more information contact Cathie Wills, Children's Services Project Officer.
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Building Better Behaviour

A 3-week program for parents of children aged 2 to 7 years

This 3-week program covers:

Week 1: Explore why young children behave as they do, and share ideas to manage challenging behaviour

Week 2: Learn communication strategies that encourage positive behaviour in young children

Week 3: Discover how to deal with children's feelings of fear, frustration and grief to become an emotionally intelligent parent

When: Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th October 2025

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free to attend (bookings essential)

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Bookings: [Click here](#) or QR code below



PARENTZONE



Setting Boundaries in the Early Years

A 3-week online program for parents of children aged 2 to 7 years

This parenting program will cover:

Week 1: Explore why boundaries are important in the early years to support your child's learning and development

Week 2: Discover the difference between discipline and punishment and how to set positive rules with your child

Week 3: Introduce consequences that are logical to support your child's wellbeing and build resilience

When: Thursday 13th, 20th and 27th November

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free to attend (bookings essential)

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PARENTZONE



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Thrive, Grow and Shine

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire young people as they **learn to sing**, **dance** and **perform**.

Join us at our
NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Children blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. They develop confidence and presentation skills, resilience and a genuine sense of belonging.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Kylie Minogue and have performed at dazzling events including the Australian Open, Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the iconic 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns for 27 years.

Now accepting 2026 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Mentone, Ringwood and Yarraville.



JOIN US AT OUR **NOVEMBER OPEN DAY**

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 03 9859 6499



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





POP UP BREAKFAST CLUB

Join us for our Term 4 pop up School Breakfast Club. Parents & Carers welcome and students must be with Parents/Carers till 8:45am.

**When: 8:30am on Thursday 30th October
& Thursday 20th November**

**Where: BER Kitchenette (Grade 1 & 2
Building)**

**SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
CLUBS**



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