



# TECOMA TIMES

## Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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20th November, 2025

### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL... DI DOUBLE

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **NOVEMBER**

##### **Friday 21st**

*Swimming  
Grades 3/4*

*Bike Ed - Grades 5/6*

##### **Monday 24th**

*Bike Ed - Grades 5/6*

##### **Tuesday 25th**

*Japanese Day!!*

##### **Wednesday 26th**

*Step into Prep  
Yard Familiarisation*

*Bike Ed - Grades 5/6*

##### **Thursday 27th**

*Kinder visits  
Grade 4  
11:30am - 12:15pm*

*Belgrave Bike Ride  
Grades 5/6*

*Book Fair!!  
3:40pm-6:00pm*

##### **Friday 28th**

*Knox Bike Ride  
Grade 5*

*Book Fair!!  
3:40pm-6:00pm*

#### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES**

As students move into Grade 6, opportunities exist for each child to take on a formal leadership role in the school.

##### **These leadership roles in 2026 will be:**

- ◆ School Captains
- ◆ Junior School Council/Student Action Team (SAT)
- ◆ Visual Arts
- ◆ Performing Arts
- ◆ Digi Tech
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ Japanese
- ◆ PLAY Wellbeing
- ◆ Sports Captains
- ◆ Junior Sports Captains.

Last Friday both Mrs. Faul and I had the opportunity to listen to a number of the Grade 5 students present their speeches, as to why they believe they should be voted in as School Captain for 2026. Once again, the standard of these presentations was outstanding. It was also lovely to hear many of them acknowledge the role of this year's School Captains; Noah, Hayley, Ned and Harry, who have all done an amazing job in the last 12 months.

The children then went through an extensive process to select the school Captains, with voting taking place via a ballot system, at the completion of the speeches.

I must say I was really impressed with the list of candidates, who all would have made excellent captains.

I was equally impressed with the way the children handled the announcement amongst their peers, running over in the classroom to congratulate our new school captains. Our new captains were humble in their success and the candidates who were not voted in were extremely gracious.

Life can be a roller coaster, as we don't always get what we want, but it's how we respond to the disappointment, bounce back and work towards the next challenge that shows our character and resilience.

##### **The Role of School Captain is set out as follows:**

- Represent Tecoma Primary School and its students with distinction.
- Lead and organise weekly assemblies.
- Respond to requests from Principal and teachers.
- Escort visitors around our school with confidence and good manners.

- Use initiative to catch up on lessons missed due to representing our school.
- Show responsibility to carry out specific jobs once learnt without having to be reminded
- Exhibit the confidence and maturity required to speak in front of a large audience at events. These may include assemblies, impromptu speeches for special visitors and special events.

I would like to congratulate the following Grade 5 students (in no particular order), who I know will represent our school admirably, as our 2026 School Captains:

- ⇒ Karah D
- ⇒ Lyla S
- ⇒ Sophie T
- ⇒ Hazel W

We now begin the process of allocating other leadership roles for next year's Grade 6 leaders. The cross-age tuition they are entering into develops them as leaders, as organisers, and as communicators.

### **OTHER THINGS HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL!**

We have been working through staffing appointments for 2026 since the beginning of this term. It can sometimes be a 4-week turnaround from the time the job is put on Recruitment Online to the final appointment and sign off.

We are hoping that all staffing is in place by Orientation Day, on Tuesday 9th December.

In other news, Mr Trevor Wilson is taking 12 months leave and Miss Kathy Perushyn is taking a further 12 months leave and won't be at Tecoma in 2026. All the best for your plans during this time Trevor and Kathy.

### **WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION**

This year, we have not run a transition week. We have found in previous years that it has been quite a disruption to the learning taking place and that students usually choose name they know anyway, within their cohort. Within their year level, the children have been asked for the names of others they would like to be in a class with next year. We can only guarantee one child on that list for 2026, as it is a very complicated process.

On Tuesday 9th of December, we will be having our whole school transition day, where the children will spend time in their new class with their class teacher for 2026. This date is also the state-wide transition day for Year 6 to Year 7. More details will be shared with our Year 6 families closer to the date.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS PICNIC**

Just a reminder that we will have our Christmas Carols Night on the oval on Thursday December 11 from 6:00pm. This concert each year is always a happy occasion, where we get together as a whole school community to share in the children's success, have a break after a very busy year, and hopefully see a friend or two who we haven't caught up with for a while.

Parents are invited to bring along picnic rugs, chairs and their picnic tea from 5:00pm.

A reminder that smoking and the consumption of alcohol on the school property is against the law and therefore not permitted.

### **DATES TO POP IN YOUR DIARY FOR 2026**

Over the last few weeks, we have also locked in some special dates for 2026:

- \* Whole School Photos Friday 6th March
- \* Grade 5 Camp will be held from Monday 30th March -Thursday 2nd April at Lakewood Park Camp
- \* Grade 6 Camp will be held from Monday 30th March -Thursday 2nd April (as well) at Coonawarra Farm Resort
- \* Grade 3/4 Camp will be held from Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th August at Forrest Edge Camp Neerim South.

For the list of school term dates until the end of 2030, refer to School term dates and holidays in Victoria.

Have a lovely week.

Di Double

**Acting Principal**

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE REST OF 2025

There is so much going on over the next few weeks. So that you do not miss anything, I have created a list for you:

Friday	21 November	Swimming - 3/4s Bike Ed – 5/6s
<b>WEEK 8</b>		
Monday	24 November	Bike Ed – 5/6s
Tuesday	25 November	<b>JAPANESE DAY</b>
Wednesday	26 November	Final Step into Prep – Yard Familiarisation Bike Ed – 5/6s
Thursday	27 November	Kinder visits - Year 4's (11:30 – 12:15) Belgrave Bike Ride 5/6s <b>BOOK FAIR BEGINS</b>
Friday	28 November	Swimming Years 3/4 Knox Bike Ride - Year 5s <b>BOOK FAIR</b>
<b>WEEK 9</b>		
Monday	1 December	Knox Bike Ride - Year 6s <b>BOOK FAIR</b>
Tuesday	2 December	<b>BOOK FAIR</b> <b>Prep 2026 Parent Information Evening - 7:00pm</b>
Wednesday	3 December	<b>BOOK FAIR CLOSES</b>
Friday	5 December	Final Swimming session for Years 3/4 <b>MORNING MUNCHIES</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b>		
Monday	8 December	Thankyou Parent Helpers morning tea
Tuesday	9 December	Orientation Day Buddies Picnic Lunch Grades to go home Final School Council Meeting
Wednesday	10 December	<b>SWIM TRIALS (interested Year 2-5 students) - BELGRAVE POOL</b>
Thursday	11 December	<b>Prep Graduation - 9:30 – 10:30am</b> <b>Carols evening – 5:00pm picnic tea – 6:00pm Carols begin</b>
Friday	12 December	<b>CURRICULUM DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY</b> Semester 2 Reports sent home to parents
<b>WEEK 11</b>		
Tuesday	16 December	<b>Year 6 Big Day Out - Bowling</b> Year 1 & 2s walking to The Cameo to watch Zootopia 2
Wednesday	17 December	<b>Year 6 Graduation – Burrinja</b>
Thursday	18 December	<b>Final assembly - 2:45 – 3:30pm</b> <b>SCHOOL FINISHES FOR STUDENTS FOR 2025!</b>
<b>Term 1 2026</b>		
Thursday	29 January	<b>School Resumes for Year 1- 6s</b>
Friday	30 January	Prep students commence for a ½ day at school



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Louis C	For making brilliant choices in the learning space. Louis always tries his best in every session and listens to feedback from the teachers. Fantastic Learning!
Prep B	Kailah M	For making improvements when remembering and working with the sounds and names of letters, and also words from the Tricky Words Train.
Prep B	Willow H	For always being a caring and understanding member of our class who looks out and helps others. Great job on continuing to do your Personal Best at all your learning, every single day, Willow!
1A	Astrid C	Astrid has returned to school after having her tonsils out with wonderful focus and readiness to learn. It has been fantastic to see her jump straight back into her learning. She has shown such resilience. Well done, Astrid!
1A	Eve R	Eve, you are always such a wonderfully respectful listener. You consistently listen carefully to whoever is talking and show genuine interest in what they have to say. It is such a fantastic trait to have!
1B	Nathan C	Nathan had a great week showing determination and enthusiasm in the classroom. He worked hard to stay on the task and maintain his focus. Well done and keep giving your best!
1B	Oliver G	Oliver impressed us with his calm approach and dedication to getting his tasks done and completed to a high standard. He always tries his best and sets a great example for others.
2A	Freddie K	Freddie showed amazing respect for the school and a great community spirit when cleaning up the yard this week. He picked up lots and lots of rubbish and did it with a fantastic attitude and a huge smile! Well done, Freddie!
2A	Billie L	Billie showed wonderful creativity and personal best when completing her division aliens this week. She was able to share the eyes amongst her aliens and write the matching division equation and even included a remainder! Well done, Bill!
2B	River M	For engaging so positively in our Division Alien activity. Your creative alien designs and your growing understanding with support were wonderful to see. Great job, River!
2B	Georgie T	For always engaging so enthusiastically in our lessons and being such an awesome participant, especially during our Storybook session on the book Turtle's Song. Georgie made personal connections, shared stories about her own pet, and even brought in photos the next day. I've absolutely loved having your positive energy in the classroom, Georgie!
2C	Patrick K	Patrick loved our division lesson using Play-doh and matchsticks to make Echidnas and learn how to divide big numbers by little numbers. He worked carefully and challenged himself with number sentences to include remainders. Great stuff, Patrick.
2C	Ella J	During our Digitech session we did not have quite enough Ozobots to go around for everyone. Ella happily offered to include another girl into her pair to make a group of 3. Thanks, Ella. That was a kind and respectful thing to do.



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3/4A	Luca S	Luca has put great effort into learning into Mathematics. When learning about number sequences he gave his all, identifying the pattern in the number sequence and what number would come next in the sequence.
3/4A	Griffin L	Griffin has given great care and effort into creating his name in block letters and then finding out the perimeter of his name during Mathematics. Awesome work, Griffin!
3/4B	Lily S	You have been a dedicated researcher and note taker when looking for information about the Spider Monkey during our writing lessons. I am loving your focus and commitment to ensure your information report will be fantastic. Keep up the great effort, Lily!
3/4B	June N	You have worked so hard this year in all learning areas. I have been most impressed with your dedication to drafting, editing and publishing your writing throughout the year. Well done, June! Keep up the great work!
3/4C	Fiona B	Fiona tackles all writing task with a can do attitude. She applies herself and her knowledge of different text structures in all of her writing tasks. From very imaginative narrative stories to well researched information reports. Well done, Fiona!
3/4C	Bodhi C	Bodhi is an InitialLit superstar. Contributing to class discussions and demonstrating his understanding of new spelling concepts. He applies himself and always gives the activities his best effort. Well done, Bodhi!
3/4D	Lenny K	Lenny is a polite and respectful member of the class. He speaks courteously to others and waits patiently to ensure all can participate equally. Thank you, Lenny for all of your kindness and the respect you show to both teachers and your peers.
3/4D	Billy G	Billy brings creative and critical thinking to all learning areas. He contributes insightful ideas and perspectives to class conversations. A passionate learner, Billy continues to build upon his own knowledge and skills and shares this learning with his classmates. Well done, Billy!
3/4D	Emilie G	Emilie, you put in a great effort during our learning about perimeter. You completed the perimeter name task creatively, adding your own flair while also showing your understanding of the concept. Great work!
3/4D	Angus A	Well done on your work during our exploration of perimeter. For our perimeter name task, you recorded your name clearly and worked hard on finding the perimeter for each letter. Keep up the great work!
5/6A	Sienna S	Sienna has truly gone above and beyond to help make the classroom feel welcoming this term. Her positive attitude and the way she brightens the space for her classmates (and her teacher) never goes unnoticed. Thank you, Sienna!





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GRADE	NAME	REASON
5/6A	Olive G	Olive has really demonstrated the personal best value through her reading. She's been improving so much, building confidence, and putting in fantastic effort. It's been wonderful to watch her take pride in her progress. Amazing work, Olive!
5/6B	Eve K	Eve should be super proud of the effort she is placing into her schoolwork. Her leadership speech was well prepared and engaging to listen to. Keep up the great effort, Eve!
5/6B	Kaspar N	Kaspar is such a dedicated and respectful learner. He is always organised and keen to learn; these are such positive attributes to have. You are very much valued in our class, Kaspar!
5/6C	Hazel W	For the amazing way you participated in the Big Sister session. You were respectful towards the presenters and tried your personal best throughout. You answered honestly and openly and supported those around you. Well done, Hazel!
5/6C	Lexi T	For your keen participation in the Big Sister session. You were respectful towards the presenters and put in your best effort throughout. You answered honestly and openly and shared your positive vibe with those around you. Great work, Lexi!
5/6C	Savannah M	Sav has been working really hard in class, aiming for her personal best and also using a variety of strategies to overcome any challenges she is faced with. You are maturing and showing so much resilience, Sav. We are very proud of you!
5/6D	Chris H	Chris did a wonderful job of presenting his 2026 leadership speech. Despite feeling a bit nervous, Chris spoke clearly and explained why he believes he would make a great Digi Tech captain. Good job, Chris!
5/6D	Liam F	Liam spoke clearly and confidently when presenting his leadership speech for 2026. He explained his reasons for wanting to be a Sports captain and his passion for it was clear. Good job Liam!
5/6D	Lakyn B	Lakyn has been working hard on his graduation speech. It's great to hear about his positive experiences and his passion for sport is evident. Well done, Lakyn!
5/6E	Hari S	For showing an improvement in your independent work habits in class. You always try hard and push yourself to try new challenges. Even when there is a setback, you keep up that positive attitude. Great job, Hari!
5/6E	Ivy C	For working hard on all your graduation tasks. You have put a lot of thought into your own work and have considerably helped out others to finish, too. Awesome, Ivy!

# SPORTS NEWS!!

## Congratulations to Jono and Charli!!

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to Jono and Charli on their outstanding achievements at the School Sports Victoria (SSV) State Track and Field Championships held on Thursday, 6th November.

Charli placed 10th in the whole of Victoria in the Girls 12/13 Years Hurdles and Jono placed 6th in the whole of Victoria in the 11 Boys High Jump. These results are remarkable and a true reflection of their hard work, dedication and commitment.

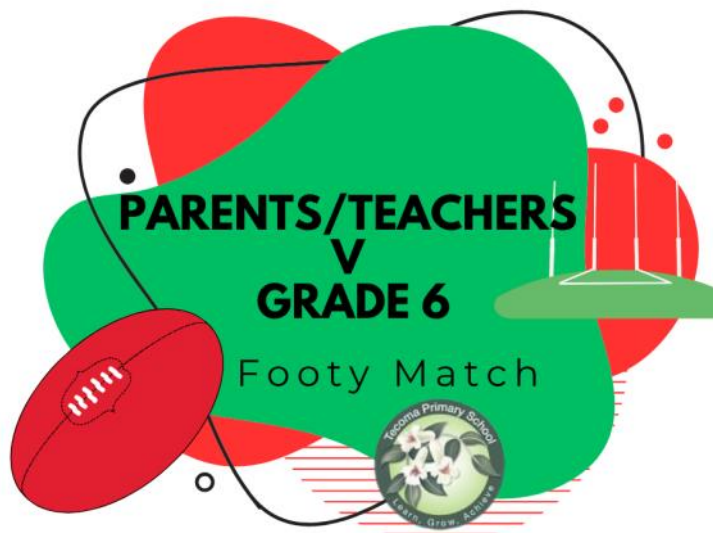
The championships brought together students from across Victoria, including competitors travelling from the border, down through to Geelong and beyond. To qualify for such a prestigious event is an achievement in itself and to perform at such a high level on the day is something both students should be incredibly proud of.

Jono and Charli represented Tecoma Primary School with pride, determination and wonderful sportsmanship. We are all extremely proud of their efforts and achievements.

Well done to both of you.







After being postponed on Footy Day because the oval resembled more of a mud bath than a playing field, our long awaited Teachers & Parents versus Grade 6 Students footy match finally went ahead on Friday, 14 November and it was well worth the wait.

It was fantastic to see so many parents of our Grade 6 students pulling on their sneakers, along with plenty more cheering enthusiastically from the sidelines. The atmosphere was brilliant, with the whole community getting behind the fun and friendly rivalry. Bragging rights were certainly on the line and this year the Grade 6s rose to the challenge, securing a hard fought 68 to 60 victory.

A special mention must go to Lakyn's mum, who impressively played the entire match in high heeled boots, a moment that definitely earned the admiration and applause of the students and adults watching from the boundary.

The match was full of laughter, cheering and great sportsmanship, perfectly capturing the spirit of our Tecoma community. Thank you to everyone who played, supported and helped make the day such an enjoyable tradition.





# BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

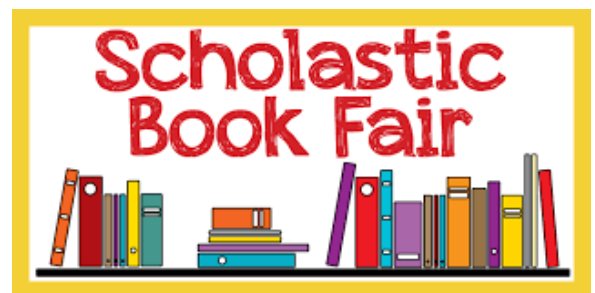
Get ready - our Book Fair opens next Thursday, 27th November, and will run after school each day until Wednesday, 4th December. It's a wonderful chance for families to discover new reads and share the excitement of books together.

Look out for your Book Fair invitation coming home early next week. Students will also create their own Wish Lists to bring to you - perfect conversation starters for budding readers. If you're unable to visit in person, online payment will be available, with all the details included in the take-home information.

This year we're aiming high with a \$5000 Book Fair goal. Every purchase helps grow our library collection, putting more books into the hands of our students. Thank you for helping us make reading a vibrant part of school life.

Kath Young

Library Coordinator

A vibrant advertisement for the Woolworths Cricket Blast. It shows a group of children in various colored cricket uniforms (orange, blue, yellow, green) celebrating on a grassy field. The text "FUN IS IN FULL SWING!" is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Above the text is a "Woolworths CRICKET BLAST" logo. Below the text is a "UPWEY TECOMA CRICKET CLUB" logo featuring a tiger. A QR code is visible in the bottom right corner. At the bottom, there is a "Join Woolworths Cricket Blast" section with contact information and session dates.

**FUN IS IN FULL SWING!**

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast  
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

UPWEY RECREATION RESERVE  
CHOSEN AVENUE, UPWEY  
CONTACT: JUNIOR CRICKET COORDINATOR  
BEC JEWELL  
0402 120 891  
juniors@upweycc.com.au  
OR SCAN QR CODE

SESSION DATES: 5.30-6.30pm  
- Friday 28 Nov 2025  
- Friday 5 Dec 2025  
- Friday 12 Dec 2025  
- Friday 30 Jan 2026  
- Friday 6 Feb 2026  
- Friday 13 Feb 2026  
- Friday 20 Feb 2026  
- Friday 27 Feb 2026

UPWEY TECOMA CRICKET CLUB  
TIGERS

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY  
Woolworths CRICKET AUSTRALIA

Play Cricket

A vibrant advertisement for nab AFL Auskick. It shows four children (two boys and two girls) in red and black Auskick uniforms, holding AFL balls and cheering. The text "GOOD CLEAN FUN" is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Above the text is a "nab AFL Auskick" logo. Below the text is a "PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK" button. At the bottom, there is a "BELGRAVE JFC AUSKICK" section with contact information and session dates. A QR code is visible in the bottom right corner.

**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

**BELGRAVE JFC AUSKICK**  
1A Reserve Road Belgrave

Friday nights at 5.30pm  
Starting in April 2026