



# TECOMA TIMES

## Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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

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

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Friday 7th**

*Swimming  
Grades 3/4*

*Big Sister Program  
Grade 5 girls*



**Tuesday 11th**

*Belgrave Library Visit  
Grade 1's*

**Wednesday 12th**

*Step Into Prep  
Japanese/Science  
9:00am*

**Friday 14th**

*Swimming  
Grades 3/4*

**Monday 17th**

*Belgrave CFA  
Incursion - Preps*



#### **SUBSTANTIVE PRINCIPAL FOR 2026**

Last Friday the Education Department began the process of advertising a Principal position for Tecoma Primary School, commencing in 2026. Even though we are saddened to hear that Rohan Thompson will not be returning to our school, it is very exciting to hear that we will have a substantive, rather than an acting Principal lead our school in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rohan, who took over the principal role of Tecoma PS in 2007, for everything that he has done to make our school such a great one during his time leading the school. I know Rohan will be missed by all of us. We wish Rohan all the best for the next chapter in his life.

Our school's Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), Kerrie Anderson, will be leading the interview process, with both staff and parent representatives making up the panel, as well as a principal from a nearby school.

Once the process is completed, which may take 3-5 weeks, I will look forward to introducing Tecoma's new Principal to our school community.

#### **'TECOMA STAFF DAY'**

On Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, it was World Teachers Day. Here at Tecoma, we celebrate it slightly differently, we celebrate it as Tecoma Staff Day. This is a day where we take the time to reflect on the job every member of staff does. Collectively, every person who works at Tecoma Primary School has an important role to play and no role is any more important than any other. I would like to publicly thank our wonderful staff for their continued efforts to help our school improve in all facets of our teaching and learning. The staff go to enormous lengths behind the scenes to ensure that we are catering to all our students' individual needs, academically, socially and emotionally. A significant part of this work is done after hours and at home, so it is not always seen by the public. I am very proud to be leading this dedicated and hardworking team, and if you do get the chance to drop them a line between now and the end of the year, I'm sure your thanks will go a long way to brightening their day.

#### **CLASS FORMULATION**

I would like to thank all the parents who took the time to share information with me recently, regarding their child's class/group placement for next year. We have now begun the process of allocating the children to classes. Our staff work hard to set up balanced, fair and productive classes across the whole school. As staff continue with the thorough process of allocating children to class groups, many meetings occur and all children will be placed into a class group for next year, with at least one friend of their choosing.

## **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 and drinks for a 5:00pm tea.



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

This year, **staff will not** be running a sausage sizzle nor selling icy-poles or drinks but will leave the catering to the food trucks which will be joining us on the night (more details to come closer to the date). Also remember, we have numerous places where you can purchase something to bring for a picnic dinner from our strip of shops across the road from the school. At 6:00pm we will commence our Christmas Carols. This will be a very low-key evening where we can all get together, enjoy each other's company and sing along to our favourite Christmas Carols. There will be strictly "no choreography," just a nice sing-along to celebrate the end of another huge year. We would love to see you all here.

Grandparents and extended family are very welcome as always. Let's hope the weather is kind to us again this year!

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM (INCLUDING HATS)**

There has been a significant increase in students attending school without the correct uniform over recent weeks. It is a requirement for all students to be in the correct school uniform, including the school hat. Our uniform shop has a full range of stock on hand you can purchase. Hopefully we can see a return to full uniform next week.

Finally, currently there is a significant amount of misplaced uniform items in the lost property containers, which are located just outside the staff room in the main building. We ask that all uniform items are named so that if we do pick them up, they can be returned quickly, and we encourage families to check the tubs to see if any of their lost items are there.

## **THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA**

During the months of October to December, areas of Victoria are particularly prone to bouts of combined pollen and weather conditions that can result in 'Thunderstorm Asthma' in children and adults. On days of high risk of Thunderstorm Asthma at school, staff carefully consider conditions, and may have some outdoor activities relocated indoors (such as PE) to limit the potential impact of conditions that could result in a student having Thunderstorm Asthma.

Families can monitor the potential for Thunderstorm Asthma through various websites and apps, including the following:

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/environmental-health/epidemic-thunderstorm-asthma-risk-forecast>

<https://www.melbournepollen.com.au/mobile-app/>

<https://support.emergency.vic.gov.au/hc/en-gb/categories/203637608-VicEmergency-app>

For students prone to asthma, hay fever or who take regular preventative medication, families are encouraged to monitor these sites (as does the school), and ensure children have their medication (named) at the school office, in case it is needed.

More information about Thunderstorm Asthma can also be found here:

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/environmental-health/epidemic-thunderstorm-asthma-frequently-asked-questions>



## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November students and staff will commemorate Remembrance Day which is a significant day in Australia. Remembrance Day commemorates the noble sacrifices of armed forces and civilians during times of war. At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, one minutes silence is observed across the country to mark the end of hostilities on the Western front during WW1 after four years of warfare.

Poppies are available from the office, with all proceeds going to the RSL.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Di Double

**Acting Principal**

# SPORTS NEWS!!

## **Eastern Metropolitan Regional Athletics Championships**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, 23 Tecoma Primary School students represented our school at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional (EMR) Track and Field Athletics Championships held at Tom Kelly Athletics Track in Doncaster. This event brings together some of the best young athletes from across the region and we are incredibly proud of the way our students competed and conducted themselves throughout the day.

All students showed outstanding sportsmanship, determination and team spirit, giving their best effort in every event. It was wonderful to see the encouragement they offered one another and the pride they took in representing Tecoma Primary School on such a big stage.

A special congratulations goes to Charli S and Jono G, who have both qualified for the State Championships, an amazing achievement and a testament to their dedication and hard work. We wish them all the best as they prepare to compete at the next level.

We are so proud of all our athletes for their effort, attitude and for being such fantastic ambassadors of our Tecoma school community.





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



| GRADE  | NAME      | REASON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Prep A | Felix N   | For making excellent choices with your learning and what helps you learn best. The way you show pride and kindness in our learning space inspires everyone in the class.                                                                                                              |
| Prep A | Eedie P   | Eedie, you represented our school very well during the Cosmodome incursion. You listened beautifully, asked thoughtful questions and shared your thoughts confidently. Well done!                                                                                                     |
| 1A     | Hunter M  | Hunter, it has been wonderful to see how hard you've worked lately. You've been completing all of your tasks to a great standard, and it's fantastic to see you so motivated to achieve your best. Keep it up!                                                                        |
| 1B     | Zachary B | Zac, you have shown great kindness and teamwork in class. You always make others feel included and valued. Well done, Zac.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1B     | Zahli C   | Zahli, you never give up, even when things get tricky - showing true determination. You always come to school ready to learn and to give your best effort every day. Well done, Zahli.                                                                                                |
| 2A     | Estella S | For the outstanding effort you put into your narrative, Estella. You've begun a fantastic story filled with wonderful language and imagination. Well done on your excellent work!                                                                                                     |
| 2A     | Austin M  | Austin, for the wonderful effort you put into your narrative writing. You came up with a plan for your characters and a problem and a solution and then wrote some great sentences. Well done.                                                                                        |
| 2B     | Billie F  | For showing fantastic growth in writing your own sentences independently during InitiaLit. Your confidence has really shone through this week, and it's been wonderful to see.                                                                                                        |
| 2B     | Lachlan H | For staying focused and completing your verbs activity within the set time. It was great to see you persevere and show what you can achieve when you put your mind to it. Keep it up, Lachlan!                                                                                        |
| 2C     | Flynn K   | Flynn is a quiet and humble achiever in 2C who just gets the job done, and has amazed everyone with his knowledge of Times Tables. He works hard and asks questions when he is unsure. He is friendly and respectful to all. You are a great role model for all our values, Flynn.    |
| 2C     | Hannah C  | Hannah has worked very hard at spelling this year and I can see a real improvement both in her work and assessments. She also does beautiful handwriting which makes it even more special. What a star!!!                                                                             |
| 3/4A   | Gili G    | Gili has given her absolute best in her poetry writing, quickly finishing her Otter Poetry Anthology to an excellent standard. Awesome work, Gili!                                                                                                                                    |
| 3/4A   | Hudson F  | Over the past few weeks, Hudson has given his Personal Best to his poetry writing. He has created some snappy poems based on his focus animal, the crocodile.                                                                                                                         |
| 3/4B   | Josie H   | During our spelling lessons on prefixes and suffixes you worked really hard to complete all of the tasks and contributed to our discussions. When writing a Cinquain Poem, you came up with some great ideas relating to Gibbons. Well done, and keep up the fantastic effort, Josie! |



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| 3/4B  | Harrison F | For the way you focused and completed all of your expanded notation during our Maths lesson. Fantastic work! Well done, Harrison.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3/4C  | Emmerson C | Emmerson is so dedicated to improving her maths skills. Her persistence to improving has shown in her work and her confidence is growing weekly. Well done, Emmerson!                                                                                                                               |
| 3/4C  | Vivi H     | Vivi always works really hard in class and produces amazing, high-quality work! She's always the first to help others, explaining tasks or helping classmates stay on track. A future teacher in the making. Well done, Vivi!                                                                       |
| 3/4C  | Imogen C   | You really demonstrated your adaptability when attending the kinder visits last week. You recognised it was a bit harder to connect than you anticipated but you continued to show resilience and found a friend to spend the rest of the session with. You should be so proud of yourself, Imogen! |
| 3/4D  | Daniel T   | It was wonderful seeing you interact in such a positive way with the kinder kids at our recent visit to Tecoma Kindergarten. You made some great connections with next year's buddies and really demonstrated your leadership skills. Well done!                                                    |
| 3/4D  | Zola S     | Zola, I love how much you are trying your Personal Best during Maths lessons. You are always focused, ready to learn and give every activity a go. Amazing effort, keep it up!                                                                                                                      |
| 3/4D  | Lydia H    | Lydia, I am so impressed with how you continue to try your best during swimming lessons and show resilience completing the different swimming activities. Great effort, you should be so proud of yourself!                                                                                         |
| 5/6A  | Isaac W    | Isaac has made great progress this term. He is taking pride in his work and engaging thoughtfully in the Grade 5 Adam Goodes unit. It's been amazing to hear Isaac's responses to questions, they are often profound and show great empathy.                                                        |
| 5/6A  | Grace K    | Grace is a shining example of our school values Respect and Personal Best in action. Her positivity, kindness and consistent effort brighten our classroom every day. She approaches every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Well done, Grace!                                           |
| 5/6B  | Miles H    | Miles has really improved his engagement in class and this is wonderful to see. Keep up your great approach to learning, Miles!                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5/6B  | Connor C   | Connor gives a 100% effort to his learning. He is efficient, enthusiastic and a delight to teach. You are simply amazing, Connor!                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5/6D  | Oakley W   | Oakley is a good friend to all in our classroom. She is kind and considerate, includes others and is willing to help out where needed. Well done Oakley, keep up the great work!                                                                                                                    |
| 5/6D  | Harper R   | Harper returned from her holiday and got straight back into work! She puts her personal best effort into her learning tasks each day and works well with her friends too. Well done, Harper!                                                                                                        |



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| GRADE                 | NAME      | REASON                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 5/6E                  | Alannah S | For always putting in 100% effort with your learning and taking care with your neatness. Also for being a kind and respectful friend to others.<br>Great job, Alannah!     |
| 5/6E                  | Diego M   | For displaying good persistence and work ethic on independent learning tasks. Your creativity shows through, especially in your writing. Keep it up, Diego!                |
| Japanese CLIL Science | Maxime R  | For his great effort and enthusiasm in speaking full Japanese sentences during roll-marking and creatively using Japanese writing in his volcano investigation on Mt Fuji. |
| Japanese CLIL Science | Felix F   | For demonstrating great eagerness to use many full Japanese sentences and incorporate newly learned vocabulary during roll-marking.                                        |

## Book Fair

### Dates

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Thursday 27th November:</b> | <b>3:40pm-6:00pm</b> |
| <b>Friday 28th November:</b>   | <b>3:40pm-6:00pm</b> |
| <b>Monday 1st December:</b>    | <b>3:40pm-5:30pm</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 2nd December:</b>   | <b>3:40pm-5:30pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday 3rd December:</b> | <b>3:40pm-5:30pm</b> |

This year's Book Fair will take place in our Library on the above dates, just in time for Christmas!  
Scholastic will be providing us with a huge catalogue of books from which to order.

All students will have the opportunity to browse through the available books at school and fill in a Wish List to bring home. All books can be purchased online this year, and your children will bring home information regarding this closer to the date.

We are setting a spending goal of \$5000 this year!

Remember, every purchase earns credits that will go towards new books for our library.

**Stay tuned for more exciting Book Fair news!**

**Kath Young**



# AGM

**Tuesday 11 Nov | 7 pm**

Tecoma Primary School BER Building



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



## 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Time:** 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**Cost:** Free to attend (bookings essential)

**Enquiries:** [sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)

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



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## SAVING ELECTRICITY



**TURN OFF LIGHTS WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN THE ROOM, OPEN CURTAINS TO LET IN NATURAL LIGHT, AND MAYBE EVEN CONSIDER SWITCHING TO LED LIGHTS TO SAVE ENERGY.**

**MAKE SURE YOU SET YOUR HEATING AND COOLING TO THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE, AND CLOSE DOORS TO KEEP THE HEAT IN THE ROOMS YOU USE MOST.**



**TO SAVE ENERGY WHILE COOKING, COOK WITH LIDS ON POTS, PREP EVERYTHING BEFORE TURNING ON THE STOVE; IT WASTES ENERGY. TRY USING A SLOW COOKER WHEN YOU CAN, A LOT LESS ENERGY OVER A LONGER TIME IS BETTER.**

**WHEN YOU'RE NOT USING DEVICES OR APPLIANCES, SWITCH THEM OFF AT THE WALL. UNPLUG THEM TO SAVE ELECTRICITY, BUT IT CAN ALSO MAKE THEM LAST LONGER.**

