



# TECOMA TIMES

## Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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4th December, 2025

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL... DI DOUBLE

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

WEEK 9		
Friday	5 December	Final Swimming session for Years 3/4 - Safety Day! Knox Bike Ride - Year 6s <b>MORNING MUNCHIES</b>
WEEK 10		
Monday	8 December	Thankyou Parent Helpers morning tea 11:00am
Tuesday	9 December	Orientation Day - 11:30am till 1:00pm Buddies Picnic Lunch - 12:20pm till 1:00pm 2026 Grade lists to go home Final School Council Meeting
Wednesday	10 December	<b>SWIM TRIALS (interested Year 2-5 students)</b> <b>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
WEEK 11		
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 – Burringa</b>
Thursday	18 December	<b>Final assembly - 2:45 – 3:30pm</b> <b>SCHOOL FINISHES FOR STUDENTS FOR 2025!</b>
Term 1 2026		
Thursday	29 January	<b>School Resumes for Year 1- 6s</b>
Friday	30 January	Prep students commence for a ½ day at school

## **NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED FOR TECOMA PS**

I am sure you all saw the Compass message last Friday from our school Council President, Lisa Dell, announcing our new Principal, Katrina Ellis, who will be starting at Tecoma PS in 2026.

I was fortunate to meet Katrina last week, at a Principal function, and I know she is extremely excited to be joining us next year.

## **REPORTS**

On Friday, 12th December, student reports will go 'live' on COMPASS. The Prep-2 children will bring home a reflection sheet, whereas this is embedded in the report for grades 3-6.

The Mathematics and English components of the reports will be based on teachers making judgments of student progress using the Victorian Curriculum in Mathematics and English based on a range of assessment approaches. Your child's teacher has reported against the relevant curriculum area achievement standards based on assessments undertaken and evidence collected.

All reports will contain an overview of what the students have been taught in each subject area, which is then followed by a box which shows where each child's knowledge and skills sit, at the time of the reports being written. Each child's effort and behaviour is also shown for each subject area.

We acknowledge that growth in learning looks different for each child. There are times in their schooling when your child may make more than 12 months of learning growth in any one year, whilst at other times they may make 6 months of learning growth for the same period or even plateau. Any concerns or questions you have about your child's learning should be emailed to your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you again for the ongoing support that you have provided your child and the teachers this semester.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLS PICNIC**

Just a reminder that we will have our Christmas Carols Night on the oval next Thursday 11th December, with carols commencing at 6:00pm. Each year, this concert 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 for a 5:00pm start. Food vans will be available on the evening and please remember we also have many food outlets close to the school who have been advised that they may be busy that night.



*Banh Mi is offering that pre-orders can be made on the day (see the advert for their contact details) and are donating 10% of all purchases to the school!!*

Please remember that smoking and the consumption of alcohol on school grounds is against the law and therefore not permitted.

At 6:00pm, we will commence our Christmas Carols evening here at the school. 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.

## **ACKNOWLEDGING PARENTAL SUPPORT**

On Monday, 8th December, the staff are organising a morning tea to say thank you to all our parent helpers for 2025. We wish to acknowledge their ongoing efforts to support the school in so many ways. As a school we appreciate and understand the importance of having a supportive parent group, which is a hallmark of the most successful schools. Some of the ways that our parents have helped in 2025 include: the fantastic support we get in supporting classroom learning, the Reading Room, attending excursions and camps, fundraising, working bees and just generally being on hand to lend a hand. It is really appreciated and supports our school to deliver high standards of learning and lots of fun for all! If it's your final year at Tecoma Primary, we hope you leave knowing you have been able to make a difference for all children at the school through your generous support!

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL – THANK YOU**

While we are handing out thank you's, our final School Council meeting for 2025 will be held next Tuesday night. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our School Council members for their commitment to our school. The time and effort dedicated to this role often goes unrecognised and whilst rewarding, can also be challenging. At Tecoma, we are fortunate to have an outstanding group of people led superbly by our School Council President, Mrs. Lisa Dell.



Each of our councillors has performed a very important role to support our School purpose and in doing so has made an extremely valuable contribution to the educational outcomes of each of our students.

The broad scope of work by School Council this year has included:

- communicating the broad direction and vision of the school within our community
- approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- acquiring feedback from the school community to inform decision making
- developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- overseeing the maintenance of the school's grounds and facilities
- reporting annually to the school community and to the Department
- creating interest in our school in the wider community
- enhancing communication within our school community
- overseeing the running of Out of School Hours Care
- working through policies and ensuring we are strictly adhering to their principles

Thank you to our 2025 School Councillors:

**Lisa Dell, Kym Cinel, Kelly Sullivan, Tamba Sumana, Tara Walton, Lisa Hoskins-Faul, Deb Langford, and minute taker Karin Hartnell.**

Thank you also to **Dave Bushell** and **Ellie McSheedy** who were also on SC each for a part of this year. Looking forward to 2026, I ask all parents to consider how they are contributing to the Tecoma Community. Maybe membership of the 2026 School Council is a role that you would like to take on? Watch out early next year as the election process begins.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY/TRANSITION DAY**

**TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER**

On Tuesday 9th December, our Year 6 students attending Government schools in 2026 will be having their Orientation Day at their new schools. We wish them all the very best for this very exciting day! Our Prep to Year 5 students, together with new students starting next year at TPS, will meet their new classes and teachers for 2026 on the same day.

## **END OF GRADE 6 ASSEMBLY**

The final assembly will be on **Thursday December 18 at 2:45pm on the School Oval.**

This will be the final farewell for the graduating class of 2025. The Grade 6 children will have had their graduation the night before and we will be able to announce all of the award winners to the rest of our school community. We will also be able to have the traditional buddy song. At the end of the assembly, the Grade 6 children will head up to the office, with their teachers, for the traditional ringing of the school bell to signify the end of their primary school time at Tecoma Primary School.

**Please remember next Friday 12th and the following Friday 19th December are both pupil free days, due to curriculum days taking place.**

Have a lovely last two weeks of school.

Di Double  
**Acting Principal**



# SWPBS 2025

# Achievements



We have continued to make great progress on our SWPBS journey this year. Some of our key highlights include:

- Whole-school rewards: Collectively students earned exciting rewards such as a movie session, computer free time, and extended lunch breaks.
- Learning walks: We conducted Learning Walks to observe and strengthen teacher practice, and we also hosted staff from other schools who visited to see our progress in action.
- Hat expectations success: Our pom-pom rewards for wearing hats proved to be a fun and effective way to encourage students to follow our SunSmart expectations.
- Staff training: All teaching staff have now completed training in our Positive Classroom Management Systems (PCMS).
- Weekly Focus Lessons: Our weekly lessons helped students learn and practise our focus skills throughout the year. These lessons culminated in this term's Values Challenge.
- Behaviour data: We continue to strengthen our behaviour data processes by using our Chronicle system consistently and reviewing information regularly.

We are proud of the progress we have made and look forward to building on these achievements next year.



All of those positive behaviours are adding up! Well done TPS.



Students from 56D showing the correct way to line up

Yesterday, our choir sang at the Sherbrooke Childcare Centre in Upwey. We sang three songs to them and then three songs with them. It was the first performance for many of our Grade 1 members and they sang beautifully. We had a great time with the younger children and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Mrs. Connell and the choir...



## THANK YOU!!!

I would like to thank everyone who purchased books from our Book Fair over the last week.

Our sales totalled \$4730.12!

With our commission I have been able to purchase over 50 new books from the Book Fair for the library, and I still have over \$800 of credit to spend next year on more resources.

So, thank you everyone for your amazing support and for helping your children find joy in a book.

Kath Young  
Library Coordinator

Parent  
Contributions  
for 2026  
Classes are  
now on  
Compass for  
your reference.  
Thank you to  
those who  
have already  
made their  
contributions  
for next year.





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep A	Eva I	Eva has grown in confidence over the past few weeks and has been very brave when facing new challenges in the classroom. It is wonderful to see you have a go and become more independent, Eva!
Prep B	All of Prep B!	For being such a wonderful group of students who have shown me Respect, Resilience, Creativity and Personal Best throughout your first year in school. You are all amazing people who have taught me so much this year, too!
1A	Georgia B	Georgia, you always show respect in class and it is wonderful to watch your awesome listening skills each day. Keep up the great work!
1A	Indie O	Indie's confidence has grown in leaps and bounds over the year and it has been fantastic to watch. Indie, I love how you share with the class confidently while always being respectful!
1B	Ollie F	Ollie has had a fantastic year in Grade 1 and has always displayed his personal best, giving everything a go, even if it was difficult. What a fantastic attitude, Ollie!
2B	All of 2B!	Thank you for all the laughter and special moments we've shared this year. I've loved getting to know you all, and it has truly been a joy to learn and grow together. This year has been something I'll always cherish.
2C	Kiki C	Kiki has been working calmly and carefully to complete her work to a high standard. She has been trying her hardest and setting a great example for others. Thanks, Kiki.
2C	Declan E	Deccy enjoyed the Lolly Jar maths project. He worked carefully and checked his calculations with me. The tally marks, graphing and drawings were all completed very neatly. Fabulous work, Deccy.
3/4A	Aurelia B	Aurelia displayed great respect when visiting the Kindergarten students last week. She gave her all to playing games they enjoyed including doing an obstacle course and playing hide and seek. Thank you, Aurelia!
3/4A	Ruby T	Ruby danced brilliantly during 'Tecoma's Got Talent' on Japanese day! Leading up to this performance she has shown great work ethic and persistence by spending hours of lunch times to practise. Thank you for your huge effort, Ruby!
3/4A	Ben J	When visiting Tecoma Preschool, Ben showed great consideration and care when playing with different kindergarten students. He made sure to choose an activity that suited them such as tag or a quiet activity like drawing. Ben will be a brilliant buddy next year!
3/4A	Charles G	Charles has a great enthusiasm for learning to sing and do the actions for his Christmas Carol 'Last Christmas'. Nominated by Jess as someone who was showing his Personal Best when practising. Great work, Charles!
3/4A	Hanzo M	During this year, Hanzo has put in great effort into all his learning. It has been fantastic to see him put his best into playing sports, as well as writing and learning! Thank you for being an awesome member of 3/4A!



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4B	Myla C	Myla has continuously demonstrated respect by listening to her teachers and working collaboratively with her peers. Throughout the entire year, Myla has given her personal best in all work she completes. Well done, Myla!
3/4B	Raphy E	Raphy has always shown great interest in our Digital Technology lessons throughout the year, but even more so when creating codes and making mazes for the Spheros this term. Well done, Raphy!
3/4B	Owen	During our weekly swimming lessons, Owen has shown his personal best by participating with enthusiasm and positivity in every lesson. Well done, Owen!
3/4B	Calvin W	Calvin has been in his element when engaging in our Digital Technology lessons. He has worked collaboratively with his peers in creating codes and playing games with the Spheros.
3/4C	Ronya S	Ronya constantly shows respect to her fellow classmates and teachers. During our recent writing lesson she worked exceptionally hard and finished her work. As soon as she was finished all she wanted to do was help her peers finish, too. Thank you for showing such kindness, Ronya!
3/4C	Will H	Will has been an incredible student all term and this week has shown respect and personal best once again! He shows amazing respect to his teachers and peers and attempts all tasks with persistence and always try his best. What a superstar!
3/4C	Scarlett C	Scarlett has had a fantastic week of learning. We are so proud of the effort she has put into her work and the confidence that continues to shine through! Well done, Scarlett!
3/4D	Felix R	For patiently waiting to make his fruit sandwich on Japanese day and then showing flexibility when we needed to go and find additional ingredients. Well done, Felix!
3/4D	Ash B	Ash worked independently on his information report about Capybaras, including information on all of the listed topics. He demonstrated creativity when developing his published piece, including colourful headings which he patiently created himself. Wonderful effort, Ash!
3/4D	Ben Y	Ben is a considerate and respectful member of class who treats others kindly and fairly. Ben, thank you for the way you have diligently and independently gone about your work while I have been teaching your class over recent weeks.
3/4D	Evie L	Evie, it has been great to see your creativity when we've been practising our carol for the Christmas concert. You're doing an amazing job, keep it up!
3/4D	Lorna H	Lorna, you showed great resilience when trying to type up your information report on the computer. It kept doing funny things like putting boxes on the page, but you managed to get it to work. Well done!
5/6A	Neave H	Neave demonstrates the Respect value through her courteous behaviour and gentle manner. She interacts positively with her peers, and her thoughtful actions make her a positive role-model in the classroom.



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
5/6A	Hunter D	Hunter approaches his learning with steady effort and a positive attitude that reflects the Personal Best value. He consistently completes tasks and contributes meaningfully in the classroom. It's been a pleasure getting to know you this term, Hunter!
5/6B	Georgia W	Thank you, Georgia for all of the help you have given me this year. You are the perfect 2IC – second in charge. I'm going to miss you incredibly next year!
5/6B	Dante M	Thank you, Dante for helping with Bike Ed. Your knowledge of bikes and their mechanisms is so impressive. It is much appreciated!
5/6C	Hamish W	Hamish has overcome many challenges this year in Grade 5. He has conducted himself with style and remained true to himself all year. Well done, Hamish.
5/6C	Scarlett C	Scarlett participated in the Belgrave Bike Ride to her very personal best standard, overcoming concerns and giving it a go. We are so proud of you, Scarlett.
5/6C	Zara A	Zara works hard to apply herself to every lesson and give her personal best to every task. Your commitment to personal best is admirable. Congratulations, Zara!
5/6C	Harry P	The mutual respect Harry has given to everyone in 5/6C has contributed greatly to the kind and compassionate classroom we have established this year. Thank you, Harry for always setting the high standard.
5/6D	Sonny P	Sonny worked hard to complete his maths work this week. He took on board feedback, used his personal best effort and did a great job! Well done, Sonny.
5/6D	Felicia W	Felicia, well done for the work you've put into your multi-genre writing project so far. You've used your creativity and personal best effort to complete a great collection of writing pieces.
5/6D	Stazi I	Stazi has been working hard on her multi-genre writing project. I can't wait to see the completed project and see how she presents it all. Well done, Stazi!
5/6E	Ava C	For always being a kind, respectful and loyal friend to others. You have a positive attitude, consistently looking out for and thinking of others. Thank you, Ava!
5/6E	Eli E	For consistently displaying all the school values, trying hard with all your learning and taking pride in what you do. You are a wonderful role model for others!
5/6E	Grace C	For consistently displaying all the school values, managing yourself effectively in the classroom and completing work to a high standard. You are an excellent role model for others!



We have the following to give away for a small donation to the school:

- 3 x upright fridge/freezers
- a chest freezer
- and a mini bar fridge.

If you could use one at home, please pop in to have a look or contact the office.

**PAID CLEANER WANTED**

**2HRS/WEEK**

**FRIDAY NIGHT OR ANYTIME  
SATURDAY TO MOP THE HALL.**

Contact Karin in the office for full details.

**A HUGE THANK!**  
From Banhmi Joint



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Xmas Carol Evening  
11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

- 10% of all food & drink purchases on the afternoon of 11/12/2025 donated to the school!
- Parents can pre-order food & drinks!
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**Banhmi Joint**



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## Free public transport

From Thursday 1 January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services.

This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services.

Previously people aged 5 to 18 years could use a child myki card and buy a concession fare.

To access free travel from January, they must use a new youth myki card and tap the card on and off each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free.

