



Tecoma Preschool

Newsletter 1, 2022

Term 2 Key Dates:

- **Tuesday 26th April:**
First Day of Term 2
- **Monday 25th April:**
ANZAC DAY (Kinder closed)
- **Monday 2nd May:**
Committee Meeting
- **Sunday 8th May:**
Mother's Day
- **Sunday 22nd – Saturday 28th May:**
Education Week
- **Saturday 28th May:**
Open Day
- **Monday 6th June:**
Committee Meeting
- **Monday 13th June:**
Queen's Birthday (Kinder closed)
- **Friday 24th June:**
Last day of Term 2



President's Report

From Kym Cinel

A very warm welcome to you all for our first newsletter of 2022! What a wonderful start to a year it has been so far given the past 2 years we have experienced. It has been great to have minimal disruption and very exciting to see all the little faces making friends and settling in so well. I hope everyone has managed to meet some new people and feel settled in their new routine.

We were lucky enough to have our yearly Welcome BBQ's without delay, it was lovely to have so many from our kinder community come together. A very big thank you to all the staff, committee and volunteers that put up a hand to help with organising, cooking, cleaning etc. to get the years fundraising events off to a great start. A special thank you to Dance Empire (Tecoma) and Flowers by Ward & Wylie (Upwey) for their very generous donations for our raffle prizes! Congratulations to all our winners of both the Jelly Bean guessing and Raffle!

We wish Sami all the best in her placement next term and a warm welcome to Sarah who will be stepping into Sami's role while she is away.

We would love any feedback from the community about ideas they would like to see at the kinder, eg; a sensory wall. If you could please take a few minutes of your time and send any ideas to executive.tecoma@gmail.com would be greatly appreciated.

Also, for those who will be attending a future 3 year old program whether it be with us or else where we would love some feedback about what hours/days/times for sessions you would like to see with the new government funded program. If you could please take a few minutes of your time and fill in this online form would be much appreciated. <https://forms.gle/zoolL5HfDqVN75pb88>

I look forward to welcoming you all back next term for more events and fun!

Kym Cinel
2022 President of Committee

On behalf of the Committee and Educators, Wishing you all a wonderful and safe Easter and happy holidays.

GAWA Happenings So Far...

From Sami and Alina

What a great first term!

The children have done so well settling into kinder for their first term, it's all very new and exciting and it can be a little daunting at times. Sometimes our emotions are on a rollercoaster throughout the first term which is completely normal, understanding that kinder is a weekly happening can be a little overwhelming at times.

The children have adapted well to all the new routines and kinder expectations and beginning to involve themselves in play with other friends. Usually at the beginning of term there is a lot of parallel play and not too much interaction. However, it's lovely to see some friendships starting to blossom and grow.

The first term is all about getting to know one another and feeling safe and secure in our surroundings at kinder. Every group time session we stand in a circle and sing our 'Acknowledgement of Country', this now very familiar to the children, with many joining in with singing and actions.

To familiarize the children with their friends names we spend lots of time engaging in name songs, each session a child will get the opportunity to sit with Sami or Alina after group time and call out friends to go and play. We hope the friend list has come in handy at home and created some conversation about who they play with.

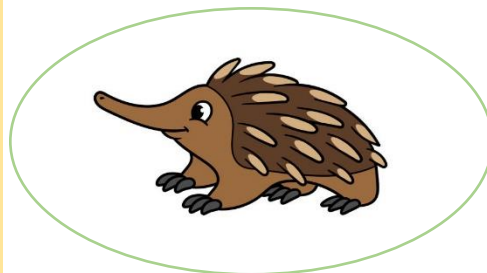
Tiny Tim our turtle kinder puppet has been welcomed with open arms and makes a regular appearance at group time, he can be used to settle children and provide that comfort when needed.

Outside there is always lots of water play and sand, making special food creations for friends or Sami and Alina to try or building castles, moats, swamps, and potions.

The firefighter dress ups have been very popular, with the children engaging in imaginative play with friends. The tools have also been out most sessions, with the car or cubby getting fixed.

The children have also loved having a big swing, we are working on using our legs to keep ourselves moving on the swing.

3-year-old report



Inside, painting has been very popular, along with the different craft experiences we have done this term. Some of these you'll find decorating the kinder.

Some topics that we have touched on so far include, Chinese New Year, sun smart, crocodiles, practice fire evacuation, colours, sharing with friends and Easter celebrations. We have also loved celebrating many birthdays this term!!

Next term we will continue to establish our friendships and acknowledge our emotions.

It has been lovely getting to meet your children this term and we look forward to the year ahead and creating special memories as a group together.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to come & make a time for a chat. As you can appreciate during the session it is a bit difficult to do this, but I can make a time with you for after the session has finished.

Have a lovely Easter break with your families and friends!

Thanks
Sami & Alina



HAVE YOU ENROLED YOUR CHILD FOR 2023?

3 YEAR OLD & 4 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Please enrol online through our website.

<http://www.tecomapreschool.vic.edu.au/enrolments/how-to-enrol/>

4-year-old report

Bullen Bullen, Bunjil, Mirram, Wareen and Gurrborra

From Lauren, Jo, Noeleen, Sami and Alina

Term 1 has been a very settled and fun term. What a lovely and respectful group of children. What have we been up to? 😊

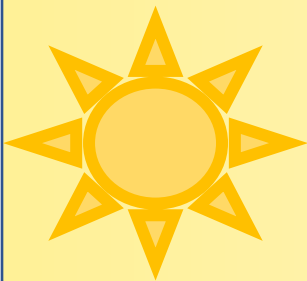
STORYPARK



The educators hope that all the families

are enjoying using the Storypark app and reading about their children's learning. Please send us a message if you have any questions about your child's development or to simply ask a question.

ST PATRICKS DAY – The teachers enjoyed wearing silly green hats and bow ties and many of the children enjoyed wearing some green clothes for the day. We enjoyed making a beautiful GREEN poster full of leaves we collected from the playground. We hope some good luck came to you all on this day.



SUNSMART - Being SunSmart is something we like to explore in Term 1. Please encourage your child to be aware of the 5 S's. (Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide). Lauren also found a few great songs on the iPad that everyone enjoyed bopping along to. We will be wearing our hats until the end of April to continue this exploration. Everyone is doing a wonderful job in looking for shade in the playground and also developing their independence if we need to reapply our sunscreen.



- LUNAR NEW YEAR** - allowed us to explore one of the many celebrations we recognise in our multicultural society. We made dancing dragons, lanterns and really enjoyed learning about the Animals of the Chinese Zodiac. It was so lovely to see that children took this learning home and even asked family members about it. A phone call was even made to Japan to ask family members living over there!



- CHICKENS** - Our successful chicken hatching program from 2021 that resulted in us having 5 cute little chicks, has hit a road block..... as they have ALL turned into ROOSTERS!! Although we love roosters, our aim was to watch our chicks grow into hens that could lay some eggs for us to sell to the kinder community. Unfortunately, our plan has hit a slight speed hump but we are in the process of rehoming our roosters to a lovely family and are on the lookout for some replacements.

- FRONT GARDEN** - We have visited our front garden on a few occasions now and have enjoyed the quiet space. We have noticed that our strawberry plant is flourishing with many strawberries. We have also watered our veggies and looked after our Worm Towers. Those that were interested helped Lauren to add new worms to the towers to ensure our fruit/vegetable scraps are enjoyed. It was great to discuss the items that worms DO and DO NOT enjoy eating to ensure we keep those hungry worms happy.



We look forward to finishing the term exploring Easter.



4 YEAR OLD INTERVIEWS

Lauren will put some time aside at the beginning of Term 2 to chat to each family about their child's development and learning at kinder. Please find the time table on the decking in early Term 2 to lock in a spot to chat.



GIRLS DAY - March 3rd is GIRLS DAY - A special celebration that has originated in Japan. *"This is a day in which families all over Japan and the world wish for the health and prosperity of their young girls"*. We enjoyed making origami, drawing pictures and discussing if there was a Boy's Day. Thank-you to Leona's mum for sending through the date = May 5th. We look forward to celebrating this date also.



HOLI - A popular ancient Hindu festival, also known as the Indian "festival of spring", the "festival of colours", and the "festival of love". We enjoyed recognising this day and made a beautiful canvas full of colour that is proudly hanging up at kinder.

Fundraising

BBQ



The **Welcome BBQ** raised over \$200 for our kinder.

The **Easter Raffle** will be drawn this *Wednesday 6th of April*. Be sure to get your tickets back!

Hot Cross Buns managed to raise us \$120. They will be ready for pick up this *Wednesday 6th April*.

Happy Easter!



WORKING BEE – Thank you to the families who came to the Working Bee on Saturday 2nd April despite the wet weather. We really appreciate it! Just a friendly reminder if you attend 2 Working Bees your maintenance levy will be paid back to you.






JOIN THE FUN!

BELGRAVE JFC AUSKICK CENTRE

STARTS: FRIDAY MARCH 25TH

**LOCATION: BELGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL
OVAL - 1A RESERVE RD, BELGRAVE VIC 3160**

TIME: FRIDAY NIGHTS 5:30PM

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Belgrave Hub
1624 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave

Ph: Belinda on 0490 371 788
Email: bcoleclough@playgroup.org.au

MyTime is for parents and carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, neurodivergent or chronic medical condition.



Morning Tea and Coffee/Tea
Provided
Free service



Enrolments for Tecoma Primary School for Prep 2023 are now open.

Please contact the school office on 97542354 or email us at tecoma.ps@education.vic.gov.au to arrange a tour with our Principal Rohan Thompson.

