



# Torquay News

## State School

A community that values clever, skilled, creative and aspiring learners.

### Issue 1 - 2022



## From the Principal

Welcome to 2022 and a very different start to our school year. Thank you for your co operation as we continue our learning journey at Torquay State School.

We will continue to keep you updated with the latest Education Qld directives regarding COVID throughout the term. Additional cleaning is continuing prioritising frequently used areas with extra attention on high-touch point surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, desks, toilets taps and sinks. Please keep students at home if they are unwell and we contact you if a student becomes unwell whilst at school.

Following the Back to School plan, we are rescheduling our planned presentations including our student leaders badge presentation and our Year 6 GRIP excursion. Our camp to Barambah scheduled for week 5 of term one will now be held in term 2 towards the end of the term.

At this time, we are limiting the number of people onsite up until 4 March. Keeping our students healthy and safe is our priority. Masks and sanitiser are available throughout the classrooms.

As we begin the new year we have a number of staffing updates to share with you:

- Ms English has taken an acting Deputy Principal position at USHS and is backfilled by Mrs Richelle Moller in the HOSES position
- Ms Sharlene Walker is on leave for term 1 and we welcome Mrs Lyndsey Eastwood to our junior school
- Mrs Kacey Magrin has a new position at another school in Hervey Bay
- Welcome to Ms Sandy Hatch who is replacing Mrs Royal while she is on leave

It has been great to receive positive feedback from Relief teachers over the past week or so regarding our students and their behaviour. We are continuing our PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning and our staff and students are implementing great strategies across the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns and one of our friendly office staff will arrange a time for you to meet with myself or Mr T.

Thank you.

Yours in education, *Kay Rye* – Principal (Acting)



**Absence Line 4194 4366 or via QParents App**

## From the Deputy's Desk

Welcome to Torquay SS for 2022. Isn't it great to be back at school and seeing the teaching and learning re-start for this year even though we have a few blockers that still affect our day to day.

Last week we had a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) lesson which focussed on developing routines and expectations and this week we have begun our journey into the zones of regulation which forms part of the social emotional aspect of learning. We aim to alternate our lessons with a behaviour specific focus and then a social/emotional focus - sometimes they will lend themselves to a blend of both.

This term we welcome some new faces to the Torquay team. Welcome to Mrs Lyndsey Eastwood in Year 1 (term 1) and Ms Shellie Moller as HOSES who are both experienced educators. Ms Mieka English has embarked on a new career journey as a DP of Inclusion at Urangan High and we wish her all the best.

Swimming starts next week for classes 2WR, 3SK, 3/4DR, 4H, 5CT, 5/6S, 6T and 6J - \$43 for 6 x 45min sessions at Elders Swim Centre inclusive of transport.

Keep an eye out for the departmental ICT agreement which has a list of some websites/apps that students use at school. The agreement requests consent for usage (a lot of these programs have been used for many many years not only at Torquay SS eg. class dojo). Please complete the form and tick the box for Consent or Do not Consent (list which sites do not have your consent) and return these with your child to your child's teacher.

As you are aware COVID is well and truly in Hervey Bay and surrounds. If you/your child becomes positive please notify the school and follow the health directives. If a child tests positive a note is sent out via email to the families of that class.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility and understanding during these times.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal



## Term Planner

Tuesday 22 February	KindyLinQ starts
Thursday 24 February	Swimming – Classes 2WR, 3SK, 3/4DR, 4H, 5CT, 5/6S, 6T, 6J
Tuesday 1 March	HBD Sport Cluster 1 Trials
Thursday 3 March	Swimming – Classes 2WR, 3SK, 3/4DR, 4H, 5CT, 5/6S, 6T, 6J
Friday 4 March	School Clean Up day
Thursday 10 March	Swimming – Classes 2WR, 3SK, 3/4DR, 4H, 5CT, 5/6S, 6T, 6J
Friday 11 March	P-3 Parade
Thursday 17 March	Swimming – Classes 2WR, 3SK, 3/4DR, 4H, 5CT, 5/6S, 6T, 6J
Friday 18 March	4-6 Parade
Wednesday 23 March	TSS Cross Country
Thursday 24 March	Swimming – Classes 2WR, 3SK, 3/4DR, 4H, 5CT, 5/6S, 6T, 6J
Friday 25 March	5/6 Gala Day Whole school parade
Monday 28 March	Milbi Market Trading week

Please be advised that some of these events may be changed due to health directives.

# WHAT'S ON

## KindyLinQ 2022

KindyLinQ is a **free** flexible stay and play group. Come along when it is convenient for you and stay for as little or as long as you want.

We will be running this program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's from 8.45am to 10.45am. Starting in week 5 – that's Tuesday 22 February.

Mrs Karen Walker is the KindyLinQ teacher supported by Mrs Jodie Bryce as the support officer.

It is a play-based early learning program for children around three years old children and their families.



## From the Library

Welcome back for 2022!

A reminder that students must have a library bag in order to borrow. If you have any of the school library bags at home, please send them in to be used this year. We will be encouraging students to borrow with class rewards and individual rewards. Classes will come to the library each week, which gives students a chance to return and borrow a new book. Students can also return and borrow books during their lunch break Monday to Thursday. Remember: No bag, no borrowing.

We look forward to seeing you all in the library soon.



## Uniforms

**NEWSFLASH – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the TSS uniform shop will not be open Thurs 17 Feb or Tues 22 Feb. We apologies for any inconvenience.**

Our Uniform Shop is open for second hand school uniforms - Tuesday 8:30-9:00am  
Thursday 2:30-3:15pm.

School hats are \$12 and are available from the Uniform Shop.

New uniforms are available from Sauers Clothing Supplies, 1/5 Torquay Rd, Pialba.

Please note Queensland Education's "No Hat No Play" policy – if students do not have a hat they must remain under cover for play time.

If you have uniforms that you no longer need, donations would also be greatly appreciated.

## Facebook

### Bringing our classrooms to the community via our school's Facebook page

Most families are already aware that Torquay State School is on Facebook. We use this social media to share with our community many of the everyday activities that occur within our school.

It also provides us with another form of communication with our parents, regularly posting information and photos about school happenings, reminders, updates and general information about things that have been happening in classroom.

By "liking" our school Facebook page you will then receive updates and postings regularly through your Facebook newsfeed. It is a great way of staying in touch with all that is happening in and around our school.

Visit us on visit and see what is new at <https://www.facebook.com/TorquayStateSchool>



**School Watch Number: 131 788**

### We say: Not now, not ever, together

The Queensland Government is committed to the elimination of domestic and family violence.

The Government's [Third Action Plan](#) - 'Not now, Not ever, together' highlights that by taking action and working together, we can end domestic and family violence in our communities.

Our school is committed to modelling and building relationships that are based on equality and respect, free from violence and abuse. You play a critical role in teaching respect.

More information and access to support services for domestic violence are available on the [Queensland Government website](#).





## Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care Torquay



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**Before School Care from \$3.50 per session\***

**After School Care From \$4.59 per session\***

**Vacation Care from \$2.38 per day\***

\* Based on your income for 1 child in care per session after CCB and CCR

**COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM!**

### \*\*\* Community News \*\*\*

## FOOTBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



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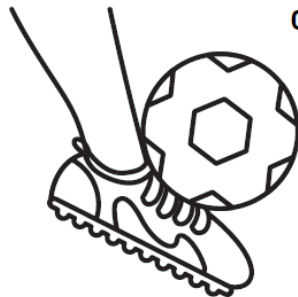
All Players turning 5 to under 12s!

Games Start March 18th

All registrations are completed online at:  
[www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

Registrations are open until February 17th, if we  
are not full before.

For more information find us on Facebook and  
send a message or phone Karen  
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Become a Warrior  
TODAY!