



Torquay News State School

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From the A/Principal

Term 4 week 8

Proposed Teacher Staffing and classes for 2021

Over the previous two weeks the leadership team in consultation with teachers have begun to structure our classes for 2022. We have anticipated a reduction in our total enrolments and are looking at a majority of straight year levels next year. A number of factors are taken into consideration when we are looking at classroom makeup and this is subject to change depending on our enrolments next year.

We are starting the new year with 11 classes. Education QLD provides staffing based on the number of students who are enrolled and present at school on the 8th day of the school year. If we have more students than anticipated we gain an additional teacher and if we have less we lose a teacher. If this occurs, changes are made to class groupings.

At this stage we are allocating the following class teachers, however there are still a few staffing decisions which could impact and cause changes:

Class	Teacher
Prep	Miss Sarah Bishell/ Karen Walker
1	Mrs Sharlene Walker / Lesley Robinson
1/2	Ms Kylie Foord
2	Mrs Sharlene Woods/ Lesley Robinson
3	Mrs Kacey Magrin and Mrs Gina Keightley
3/4	Mrs Emily Dorsett / Lesley Robinson
4	Mr Stephen Harris
5	Mrs Marnie Corcoran and Mrs Alana Thomas
5/6	Mrs Sharney Schmalkuche
6	Mrs Patrice Jansson
6	Mrs Lisa Tubb

- Ms Samantha Powell will continue her teaching role for Science/ Design Tech/ Digital Tech.
- Our inclusion team will be staffed by Mieka English, Ms Kristine Campbell, and Miss Laura Collins working across the classes.
- Mrs Kristen Wyllie is our HPE teacher.
- Mrs Royall is our Music teacher.
- Mrs Jenny Conlon is our Strings teacher and Mrs Suzanne Richardson as our Brass, Woodwind and Percussion teacher.
- LOTE for 2022 is to be advised.
- Mr Dave Sanders will work across the school in various classrooms.

- Mrs Karen Walker will operate KindyLinQ and intensive support P-2.
- Mrs Carmichael continue in HOD Curriculum two days per week.
- Mrs Keightley will teach Health across the P-3 grades.
- We continue to work on teacher aide placements across the school.

We will notify you of student class placements in a separate letter at the end of the term.

Congratulations to Mrs Carmichael who has secured a position of Head of Department Curriculum with Central State School working 3 days per week and will continue here at Torquay State School for 2 days a week.

This year we farewell Mrs Hall as she is transferring to Brisbane and Mrs Junker who is currently on contract.

Mrs Hall – Thank you for all of your hard work over your time at Torquay State School, not only for your awesome classroom practices, but for your much-appreciated work that you put into ensuring we have a great leadership program for our upcoming leaders. Thank you for your contribution and I wish you all the best in your new position in Brisbane.

I want to thank Mrs Julie Junker for her valuable contribution to our school and the education of all of our students. Mrs Junker will be greatly missed and if the opportunity arises to continue Mrs Junker as a part of our Torquay teaching team we most certainly will.

I am looking forward to our upcoming events including Graduation, Leadership speeches and Year 6 celebration day to mention a few. Please return permission forms and attendance indication so we can finalise our numbers.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office should you require any further information.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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

From the Deputy Principal

Welcome to the final couple of weeks of Term 4. The next few weeks are always hectic. We have a number of events coming up including Rewards day, Milbi Market, Student Leader speeches, another concert visit, cleaning up, moving items and taking things home. Lots of fun things to look forward to.

Please ensure that you are reminding your child/ren of the expectations at school - as we do each day. If you have a concern or query, please talk with your child's teacher to see what can be done to help resolve your concerns. We listen to all feedback - good, bad and indifferent. We work tirelessly supporting students throughout the school day and year and we are always looking at ways to improve.

A reminder to families and for students. Toys should not be brought to school. This includes Pokémon or trading cards. These can be lost or damaged which causes a lot of distress for the student and it can cause distractions and arguments with other students. We appreciate your assistance with this.

Our last few PBL lessons this year will be around being responsible and safe.

Reporting is currently being finalised by our teaching staff and will be emailed to families at the end of the term.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* – Deputy Principal



School Watch Number: 131 788



Look for [Torquay State School](#) and like us today to see all the amazing things happening at our school.

Term 4 Calendar

Monday 29 November	High School transition day – USHS & HBSHS
Thursday 2 December	Year 6 2021 Student Leaders dinner 5pm
Friday 3 December	P-3 Parade 2.20pm Maleny State High School Music Performance Year 6 End of Year celebrations – Seafront oval/wetside
Monday 6 December	2022 Student Leaders Speeches/votes 9.15am Milbi Market trading week
Tuesday 7 December	Year 6 Graduation 5.30pm
Wednesday 8 December	Academic Awards / Farewell Y6 – Whole school Parade – 9am
Thursday 9 December	Rewards Day Turtle Reading Rewards Report cards emailed home
Friday 10 December	Last day of school for 2021

School Holidays

Monday 24 January	Return to school - Term 1 of 2022
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P&C

The tuckshop will be open on Rewards Day all day!! Thursday 9 December 2021.

Sausage sizzle, Pizza, Chicken Finger & Dim. sims - \$2.50

We would really appreciate some help in the tuckshop on Rewards Day. If you could spare an hour (or 2) we would appreciate it. Please get in contact with one of the committee members, or see the office who can get you in contact with us.

A reminder that all sold (and unsold) Christmas Raffle tickets are due back next Friday 3rd December.

The P&C are happy to announce that ALL NEW enrolments for 2022 will receive a new TTS school hat.

Kind regards, *Melissa Devlin* – President P&C

Curriculum Corner

Getting children involved in cooking from a young age is an important life skill and helps to cultivate healthy eating habits. Healthy eating benefits children's growth and holistic development. It also boosts children's immunity and prevents them from falling sick easily.

Currently the Prep/1 students are looking at procedures and writing clear and detailed instructions.

You might wish to start involving your child in the daily sandwich making process with a view to learning how to independently make their own. As well as teaching life skills, it is a great bonding activity that you can do together.

Ingredients:

Bread, wraps, flat bread, pita-pocket, lettuce leaf etc.

Spreads – butter, avocado, nut butter, cream cheese or mayonnaise

Filling – Fruit (banana, sultanas), vegetables, cheese slices, cold meats – Anything nutritious and colourful

Steps/Method:

1. Allow children to choose their own vessel, spreads and fillings.
2. Apply a spread – This can be a difficult task for children to master. Encourage them to keep the knife blade horizontal to the bread rather than pointing/digging it in to prevent mangled sandwiches.

3. Decorate with fillings – You and your child can come up with special designs to make it fun.
4. Cut into triangles, rectangles, squares or other shapes.
5. Be creative

Adapted from 501 Activities for Kids (Hodges, 2000).

Although it can take some time and patience initially to teach children to make their own sandwiches, it can be a greatly underestimated life skill achievement and can give them a sense of pride and independence. Enjoy the process of making healthy sandwiches or any much-loved recipe with your child.

Yours in education, *Tanya Carmichael*, HOD- Curriculum

Library

A huge thank you to our wonderful community, staff and students who supported our final Book Fair for 2021. With your support, we were able to get all of these books for FREE!!

We have picked out some great picture books as well as some fantastic new fiction novels and non-fiction books for our year 4-6 students. We now have the complete set of WeirDo and Dog Man, and some awesome new Minecraft, Pokémon and animal fact books.



Keep an eye out for these new books available for borrowing in 2022. This wouldn't have been possible without your support. Thank you!

Also, a reminder to please return all Library books as soon as possible.

Kind regards, *Mrs Thomas and Miss Lea*



TSS Uniform Shop

The TSS uniform shop will be open the week before school starts for 2022. It will be open on Wednesday 19 January & Friday 21 January 2022 from 9am - 10:30am. Keep an eye on Facebook for further details.

Music Awards Evening

Last Wednesday night we held our annual Music Awards Night. Instrumental students from both string and band groups performed for their parents. There were solos, duets, trios and ensembles of different instruments to be heard. It really was a great night showcasing the wonderful musical talent that we have at our school.



Term 4 – Rewards Day

Torquay State School
Thu 9th Dec



KindyLinQ

We would like to thank all of the families who have attended KindyLinQ this year. It has been lovely watching the children have fun and develop as the year has progressed.

Some of our KindyLinQ kids are moving on to Kindergarten next year. How exciting! If you have time, we would love you to stop by at some stage next year as we enjoy hearing how much fun they are having at Kindy. We look forward to seeing a few families return next year and meeting some new families too.

We are a **free** play-based program for approximately three-year-old children and their families. Come when it is convenient for you and stay for as little or as long as you want. If you are interested, please come along next year and have a look, no commitment needed. Siblings are welcome too.

Ask at the office if you have any questions.

Kind regards, *Karen Walker* - KindyLinQ Teacher



Helping Hand – Vacation Care



Torquay

Monday, 13th December to Friday, 21st January 2022

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free.



Monday 13 December

CREATIVITY CHALLENGE

IN-SERVICE

Ready, set, go! Grab your mystery box and put your creative cap on to make something out of nothing as we explore the world of creativity.



Monday 20 December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

IN-SERVICE

It's party time! Join in the holiday celebrations with a day of party games, music, dancing and fun!



Tuesday 14 December

COOKING UP A STORM

IN-SERVICE

A storm is coming... a cooking storm that is. Get creative in the kitchen and cook up some delicious goodies to share with your friends!



Tuesday 21 December

+ \$16.00

LET'S GET CREATIVE

INCURSION - SELF GUIDED CERAMIC ELF MONEY BOX

Christmas is coming, and the elves are hiding in service. Search high and low for your very own porcelain elf on the shelf to paint and decorate ready for Christmas.



Wednesday 15 December

+ \$38.00

A BLAST OF FUN

EXCURSION - SKATELAND GYMPIE

Today we are off to enjoy rollerskating at Skateland Gympie!



Wednesday 22 December

CHRISTMAS GAMES

IN-SERVICE

Today we will play some fun and exciting Christmas games, ready to get you into the Christmas spirit and full of ideas for the festivities!



Arrive by 8.30am

Thursday 16 December

GAME ON

IN-SERVICE

Be sure to bring your A-game! It is game on as we team up and challenge each other in different activities.



Thursday 23 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

IN-SERVICE

Tis' was just before christmas when all through OSHC our little elves are busy with jam packed Christmas fun.



Friday 17 December

+ \$16.00

CHRISTMAS SPICE

INCURSION - SHAKE UP CHRISTMAS

Learn great routines to your favourite songs, play Christmas dance games and freestyle dance under the disco lights.



Friday 24 December

NO PROGRAM DAY

NO HOLIDAY PROGRAM TODAY



Mon - Fri 6:00am - 6:00pm
Torquay - 0475824340
Torquay State School Tavistock Street Torquay QLD 4655

Daily price: \$57.00 | Excursions and incursions are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

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Customer Service 1300 612 462

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](#) 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](#).

