



# Torquay News

## State School

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

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### From the Principal

#### Term 1 week 4

What a busy first three weeks, with the spotlight shining strongly on learning.

It has been wonderful to see our students settling into their new classes, meeting new friends and learning the rules and routines necessary for learning. We believe that children learn best when they are actively engaged in learning experiences. The Australian Curriculum clearly defines what is to be taught, and our teachers use their knowledge of children's interests, strengths and capabilities to identify the most effective way to teach. At our school, teachers are supported to develop a deep knowledge of the curriculum and then focus on supporting each and every child to achieve their potential.

The teachers in our Prep/1 classes are using age appropriate strategies and a range of teaching approaches to maximise children's engagement and to enhance outcomes. These strategies include time for learning through play, being imaginative and creative. Last week we saw children pretending to be chickens and scrambling to collect, count and order their chicken feed (blocks). The excitement from the children was wonderful especially when they saw their teachers dressing up as grannies to introduce concepts about the past.

Our literacy blocks commence this week with teachers designing and planning to teach small groups supported by a team of teacher aides. Teachers are working collaboratively with their teaching partners to ensure that they maximise the learning potential for each child.

#### Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 teachers are very busy organising the school camp. We hold the school camp early in the school year as this provides a wonderful opportunity for teachers and students to form strong relationships and get to know each other well. This year we are travelling to Columboola Environmental Education Centre and camping in tents. Our focus will be on team building, leadership development and environmental sustainability.

#### Every day counts

Being at school every day counts. If your child is absent one day per week, this quickly adds up to two months of school missed in a year. Every day counts:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

Find out more about the [Every day counts](#) initiative from Education Queensland.

Kind regards, *Heidi Dallimore* – Principal

## From the Deputy's Desk

Our Behaviour focus for the last fortnight has been to be in the 'Right Place at the Right Time'. Next fortnight it will be to 'Follow staff instructions in all settings'. It would be great if you could reinforce this at home as well.

The Milbi Market opens next week for students who have been collecting 'Turtle Tokens' for great behaviour and a great attitude at school. This is their first chance to 'trade' their tokens for items.

This is a new concept and has replaced the old raffle ticket system. No raffle tickets will be drawn out during parade/assembly anymore.

We cannot wait to see what the students trade their tokens in for. If you are passing the Library, please go in and have a quick peek at what is on offer.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal

## Curriculum Corner

It is week 4 and we are right in the swing of our learning! This term, all English Units from prep to 6 have a Narrative focus – from reading stories and retelling the Beginning, Middle and End to writing our own stories for others to enjoy. Please find attached a copy of the **Curriculum Corner Term 1 Overview**. Here you will find listed all of the topics your child will be covering throughout the term.

This Friday we have author Gregg Dreise spending the day at Torquay with our students. Gregg writes and illustrates indigenous stories. Our 2/3s and 4/5s were so inspired by the illustrations in Gregg's books they have written visual art units to complement our student's learning. We can't wait to meet Gregg in person and share our love of his stories and artwork.

It was wonderful to have Math Consultant, Michael Ymer working with our teachers and students on our Math Skills. Look out in future newsletters for games and activities that you will be able to play with your child at home.

Yours in education, *Tanya Carmichael* - Pedagogy Coach

## Term Planner

Wednesday 19 February	P&C Meeting 6pm
Thursday 20 February	Richard Watt free vision screen Y1 & Y4
Friday 21 February	P-3 Parade 2.20pm Gregg Dreise – Author Presentation
Tuesday 25 February	Pancake Day
Wednesday 26 – 28 February	Year 6 Camp
Thursday 27 February	Richard Watt free vision screen Y1 & Y4
Friday 28 February	4-6 Parade 2.20pm
Friday 6 March	P-3 Parade 2.20pm
Friday 13 March	4-6 Parade 2.20pm Student Council Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday 17 March	Student Council Icy Cup Day
Friday 20 March	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

## KindyLinQ

We are excited that our KindyLinQ program starts next Monday 24 February in the old music classroom.

KindyLinQ is designed for young children. It enables them to explore, create, socialise and participate in different experiences. The activities and learning provided through KindyLinQ can be continued in the home.



## From the Library

- A reminder that all library bags must be returned before students can borrow any books.
- Books will not be borrowed if there is an overdue book at home.
- NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! Come and check out all of the new books we have in the library. They will be on display this week and available for borrowing next week.

We look forward to seeing you all at the library before school and at first break.

*Mrs Thomas & Mrs Folker*

## Facility upgrades

Over the coming months you will see some facility upgrades including the installation of ramps and a new walkway. Air-conditioning installation should also commence in the Prep/1 buildings, library and music room.

## P&C News

### PANCAKE TUESDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Break - Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

1 Pancake for 50cents or 3 for \$1

Toppings - butter, Jam, Lemon and sugar, Maple syrup



Bring your money on the day and enjoy yummy homemade style pancakes to help raise funds for our P&C.

### **Helpers on the day would be great, if you have spare time please let tuckshop know.**

Welcome to another school year! Your P and C are full of ideas and plans for activities this year. Please watch out for notes and the school Facebook page for events and activities coming up.

In other Tuckshop news, our fabulous Tuckshop Convenor, Judy Hodgkinson, is leaving. She has served our School faithfully for over 10 years. Judy embarks on a lifestyle change and we will be very sad to see her go. Judy, you will be sorely missed by parents, teachers, the P and C and most especially – the students! We wish you every happiness in the future and thank you for all your hard work and years of service.

We always need help – either in the Tuckshop, or at school events, so please do consider coming to the P and C meetings or volunteering for a day a week at the Tuckshop to help. All of the P and C Executive are working Mums, so we cannot always be accessible at school. Please feel free to express interest by speaking with Nicole at the Tuckshop – they will be pleased to discuss with you what help you are able to give.

We may be a small school, but we're filled with school spirit! The Tuckshop forms the heart of our school community and we are currently looking for a dedicated, hardworking and innovative individual who is interested in managing our Tuckshop. Our busy Tuckshop services approximately 370 students plus teachers and also

leads the way when it comes to catering for extra curricular events like Sports Days, Disco or Movie Nights. Watch out for ways to apply soon!

Our first P&C meeting for the year is Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm at school in the Staff Room.  
**Everyone is welcome!**

## Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open every day except Tuesdays.

Keep a look out for the expression of interest that the P&C will put out via Facebook to find a new tuckshop convenor and a fresh new menu coming soon.

## Office

All Queensland state school students and staff can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2016 suite to their personal home computers and mobile devices. You can choose to install Office 2016 or upgrade from Office 2013. The below installation method is only to be used on devices which do not have the Managed Operating Environment (MOE) build installed. Do not follow these directions to install Office on a MOE device.

Please note: If you currently have Office 2013 installed, you can update to Office 2016 by following the same process.

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for Windows  
Download and install instructions  
<http://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx>

**Facebook** Visit us to see what is new at <https://www.facebook.com/TorquayStateSchool>

**School Watch Number** 131 788

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



### Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care Torquay



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**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!**