



Torquay News State School

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

Issue 2 - 2022



From the Principal

As we navigate our way through the term we have overcome many obstacles. We have had many COVID updates and I am happy to say that restrictions are easing as this Friday. The latest changes to restrictions are:

From 6pm Friday 4 March 2022:

- **Masks will no longer be required indoors, except in hospitals, residential aged care, disability accommodation, prisons, public transport, taxis and rideshare, airports and on planes.**
- **Masks will no longer be required in schools, including for staff, students and visitors.**
- **Masks will still be recommended whenever you can't social distance.**
- **There will be no limit on the number of visitors you can have in your home at one time.**
- **Venues and events will no longer have capacity limits.**

On 12 March at 9am we will be holding our student leaders badge ceremony. Invitations will be sent home later this week. We held our first student leaders meeting this week and I am delighted at the enthusiasm and pride that each student has displayed. I look forward to working with our leaders throughout 2022.

This year we are rolling out a co-teaching plan where our support staff teachers will be working alongside the classroom teachers to provide support to ensure that we are meeting every student learning needs. Our model will initially be rolled out as a trial, implementing only one of the six teaching models; One teach, one assist. This is to allow maximum student support with limited number of support staff. Ms Moller, Head of Special Education Services, has been collaborating with support teachers and classroom teachers to ensure consistency across the school.



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

P&C News

We would like to start with a massive THANK YOU to all our wonderful families for their support last year!! Even though we couldn't get the tuckshop fully up & running we were still able to hold Pre order days, zooper dooper days & our Christmas raffle, not to mention our Mother's Day & Father's Day stalls.

We were also able to give our 2021 year 6 students a gift (key ring) to remind them of their time at Torquay.

With the start of 2022 we respected the school wish to not hold anything in the tuckshop until restrictions changed, now the day has come we are finally able to have an Easter Pre-order on 31 March - order forms will be coming out in the next few days. We also have our Mother's Day Stall next term. The P&C also had the honour to purchase the Milbi market rewards for this year.

Our P&C AGM is approaching and we welcome all new families to come along. At Torquay we have an active P&C and are always looking for new members.

AGM Thursday 10 March at 5pm - School Library

From the Deputy's Desk

What a week it has been, firstly our thoughts are with those experiencing the flooding and we hope that mother nature can turn on the sunshine and help out our friends in the south.

Thank you to families for your continued efforts and respect towards school staff in particular our wonderful administration team. As you are aware we have government directives to follow and when a student presents as 'sick' we take the necessary measures that are required before calling home. Reminder that if there are any symptoms then students will be requested to be collected. We do not determine if a child is faking as we take our role very seriously and it is not our intention to disrupt your day. There is a myriad of viruses around again, however as mentioned we are governed by policy and procedure and calls will be made home. Students symptomatic at school receive a RAT test to take home and the expectation is that the RAT is completed, again the advice given to schools by the government. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to offer RATS to families if your child/ren have symptoms at home only symptomatic at school.

Swimming began last week and continues on over the next few weeks. Students have swimming caps which we keep at school (just in case it goes missing) and at the conclusion of swimming the caps go home. Reminder for the first groups that the bus leaves at 9am sharp. There is no time to wait for forgotten swimmers or late arrivals. If you are in Year 2WR and 3SK please be on time.

PBL - you will see an excerpt in the newsletter about PBL. We have spoken of this for many years now and we will continue to focus on the behaviour of students at Torquay and we constantly work on ways to improve behaviour. Behaviour is not just a Torquay thing. Our focus this week has been on the Blue and Green Zone of regulation. Have a chat with you child/ren about them. Next week will be a behaviour specific focus and then back to the zones.

Have a great week everyone.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal

Term Planner

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.



Absence Line 4194 4366 or via QParents App

KindyLinQ 2022

It has been lovely to see so many families join us at KindyLinQ this year. Some familiar and some new. Somehow, we manage to pack a lot of fun into a few hours each day. We play inside, outside, have snack time, read a story, sing some songs and even a little yoga. Here are a few photos of what we have been up to in the first few days.

We look forward to welcoming you as well!



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 are open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's from 8.45am to 10.45am. 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

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

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>



PBL Corner



Did you know that PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is a whole school framework that supports student behaviour. PBL supports positive behaviour choices, our students are rewarded with turtle tokens from staff – this year the tokens are gold. The turtle tokens can be saved and traded for rewards at different points during the term. The items for trading are on display in the Library.



Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club.

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!



Our Value Books for this Issue

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Each issue we offer quality VALUE BOOKS because we believe every child deserves the chance to take home a great book and experience independent reading for pleasure.

Issue 2 is out now and has some great titles at fantastic prices.

To view the current issue, go to: https://scholastic.com.au/media/6789/bc222_web.pdf or get a copy from the office.

Every time you place an order with Scholastic Book Club, Torquay State School will be rewarded. For example, for every Book Club order, Scholastic gives back 20% of the total order spent as Scholastic Rewards. We then use these rewards to purchase resources for the school.

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or you can send the order and payment to school with your child.



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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WE PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA EVERYDAY AS WELL AS FANTASTIC ART, CRAFT, SPORT AND COOKING EXPERIENCES THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE!

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 ***

Salvos Kids in the Kitchen

A hands-on Cooking Program
for kids in Years 3-6
run by The Salvation Army



Places limited each Term!

Day: Thursday's

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Location: 11 Robertson St

Urangan, QLD 46554

Kids will learn to cook:
(* depending on weeks in school term)

✕ Bacon, Eggs & Toast

✕ Sausage & Vegie Rolls

✕ Mini Pizzas

✕ Chicken Noodle Stir Fry

✕ Macaroni Cheese

✕ Sausages & Vegies

✕ Chicken & Corn Soup

✕ Spaghetti Bolognaise

✕ Hamburgers

✕ Fried Rice

For more information or to register phone

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