

From the Principal

What a fantastic fortnight we have had at Torquay State School despite the wet weather. Our student leaders presented at the Hervey Bay Highschool leaders' breakfast and all spoke very well. Their presentation was how the student leaders collaborated on organising the 2022 Torquay State School Tea Towel fundraiser. I was very impressed with the great leadership skills the students displayed and how well received their idea was by fellow school leaders from various primary schools in Hervey Bay.

A huge thank you to Miss Bishell and her team for organising our Under 8's morning last Thursday. It was wonderful to see many parents and carers join us for this event and participate in activities. Thank you also to some of our year 5 and 6 students who were helping with students and activities on the day. Under 8's day is an annual celebration and I am already looking forward to next year's event.

This week is Chappy Week and Guidance Officer week, we are very lucky to have Chappy Beth at our school every Tuesday and Wednesday. Chappy Beth works across our school, providing support, care and guidance to all students. She also runs an awesome dance club and does wonders in the tuckshop with our breakfast club. School chaplains are active in promoting student wellbeing, particularly through the provision of pastoral care. Chappy is an integral part of our team and we are very thankful for all that she does.

Miss Lizzy is our Guidance Officer who works on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Torquay SS. Miss Lizzie works across all classes providing care and support for students and their families. She wears a number of different hats and is the master of many tasks. She runs our wellbeing programs at school for students and staff. Lizzie is our first point of call for student support and provides guidance and counselling for students when needed. Report writing, liaising with external agencies, guidance, complex case management and staff and student wellbeing are only a few of the many tasks that Lizzie completes. Lizzie is a very valued member of our leadership team and we are very thankful for her skills, knowledge and time she gives at Torquay.

I want to congratulate our Year 3 and Year 5 students on participating in the recent NAPLAN testing. Using technology can be a challenge in any setting and our students under the guidance of Mr T (thank you for organising and delivering NAPLAN testing sessions) and Mrs Manderson (technical guru) our students completed testing without too many glitches.

Welcome back to Aunty Paula, who will be working across P-6 classes. Aunty Paula will be running specific programs for students and supporting students in classes also.

As we near the end of term, teachers and students are focussed on reporting. It is imperative that students are attending as much as possible when feeling well. Please keep students at home if they are unwell and contact our friendly office staff to report an absence.

Thank you to our P&C who have been actively involved in organising a Mother's Day Stall and a very successful bake sale. If you wish to be a part of our awesome P&C please contact the office.

"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." Alexandra K. Trenfor

Yours in education, Kay Rye - Principal (Acting)

From the Deputy's Desk

*Rain, rain, go away......*I love the rain but unfortunately due to having so much of it our ovals again are so sodden they have become a quagmire. This means that we need sunshine to dry it up so that we can get our track marked and ready for athletics day on Tuesday 14 June. Our fingers and toes are crossed.

Big shout out to Miss Bishell and the Torquay team for the wonderful Under 8's morning last Thursday! And to the P&C and generous family bakers (+Damo on the sausages) for an awesome and delicious bake sale. The excitement of all the kids was stunning. I am sure they will look to emulate this again in the near future.

Reminder that we do have a number of students with allergies to various food types such as NUTS, SEAFOOD, MANGO, EGG, GLUTEN, etc. and it can be a challenge to navigate and decide what will go in the lunchbox. This is a reminder that we need to take care with our lunches but also remind your child (as we do also) about keeping their food for themselves and to keep up their hygiene as we do not want any unintended anaphylactic episodes.

Co-operation has been the behaviour focus of the week and we will look at resilience next week.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed NAPLAN over the past two weeks. It will be interesting to see how students performed as the majority of the tests were online. Students behaved immaculately and concentrated well during this time.

Prep vision screening is back. This is a free vision screen offered to all students in Prep. Families need to provide consent so that their child can access this wonderfully important program. The health practitioners come to our school to screen the kids. Even if you have been to an optometrist recently it is ideal to participate. Links to come shortly. Screening day will be the Thursday 23 June (last week of school in term 2).

Report cards will come out in the last week of school via email. Please ensure that the office have your most recent up-to-date details so that we can send them out. If you have changed any of your contact details (address, phone number, email address, emergency contacts) please provide an update to the office.

Welcome back - Paula Chalmers or Aunty Paula as those with children in the upper years would remember. Aunty Paula has been working on projects in secondary school for the past 4 years and is returning to Torquay (just like Milbi). Aunty Paula will be working in classes and co-ordinating a range of programs over the next few terms to support our indigenous students and non-indigenous as well as the wider community. Paula has the blessing of our proud Butchulla matriarch Aunty Jan Williams.

Torquay have a lot of great things happening and we hope that you embrace the goodness as we are.

Yours in education, Phil Theofanes - Deputy Principal

School Photo Day

School Photo Day, Wednesday, 1 June Have you placed your order online. Envelopes to be presented to photographer by students on photo shoot day. Sibling envelopes available at school office. Online orders are accepted until midnight on photo day. Cash orders are to be presented to photographer with correct money, no change given on photo shoot day.



Capturing School Moments

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE, 2022

TO ORDER:

Follow the Order online instructions and use the personalised Shoot Key noted on your child's MSP envelope. On Photo shoot day, 1 June, children are to bring the MSP envelope ticked – ordered only to the photographer. Online orders are accepted online until midnight of photo day. Preferred method of payment is via online. However, if wishing to purchase with Cash – children are to bring envelope, with enclosed cash to the photographer on photo shoot day, 1 June, 2022.

SIBLING PHOTO ENVELOPE: Are available from the school office upon request – please contact on 4194 4333.

Term Planner

Monday 23-27 May	Chappy Week
Thursday 26 May	National Sorry Day Colouring competition due
Friday 27 May	3-6 Parade - 2.20pm National Reconciliation Week 27/5 to 3/6
Wednesday 1 June	MSP School Photos
Thursday 2 June	Crazy Sock day (gold coin donation)
Friday 3 June	Whole school Parade
Monday 6 June	P&C Pre-order lunch – Chicken fingers & Popper
Friday 10 June	Beginners Strings Workshop at Kawungan SS – own transport P-2 Parade - 2.20pm
Tuesday 114 June	TSS Athletics Carnival
Friday 17 June	Celebration Day 3-6 Parade - 2.20pm
Monday 20 June	Year 6 Camp Milbi Market trading week
Wednesday 22 June	Year 4 Camp
Thursday 23 June	Year 5 Camp
Friday 24 June	Whole school Parade Last day of Term

Year 6 Parents/Carers

It is time to start getting enrolments in for secondary school as there can be waiting lists (especially if you are out-of-catchment). Please find information by visiting the website of your preferred High School.



Absence Line 4194 4366 or via QParents App



Prep 2023 – Enrol Now!

Enrolment packs, open classrooms & information session available now!

Pre-Prep Open Classroom Parent & child to attend

9.00 - 10.00 am

Tuesday 26th July Thursday 18th August Tuesday 20th September Parent / Carer Information Session Book Enrolment Interviews

9.00 - 10.15 am

Tuesday 25th October



Contact admin today! **Ph:** 07 **4194 4333** Children born between the 1st July 2017 and the 30th June 2018

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open for second hand school uniforms - Tu

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.

Chappy Week - 5c Challenge for Chappy!

This week (week 6), as a part of our school-wide wellbeing initiative, we are celebrating Chappy Week. This is an opportunity to appreciate Chappy Beth, and everything she does for our school community!

As a part of this we are holding a 5c challenge. From Thursday 12 May until Thursday 26 May students will be encouraged to bring in as many 5c pieces as they can find... lying around the house, in the car, between the seats in the lounge, on the sidewalk etc. (with parent/caregiver permission of course). The class with the most amount of 5c pieces at the end of this time will win a prize – to be presented at the assembly on the Friday of Week 6.

All monies raised will go to support the work Chappy Beth does in our school.

KindyLinQ

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday From 8.45am to 10.45am.

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.



Music News

Beginner Strings Workshop - 10 June 2022 - Beginning instrumental students who play a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello), have received an excursion note. Please return the permission note and \$20.00 to the office as soon as possible.



The instrumental workshops are a great day where students gain new skills on their instruments and also see other students across all of Hervey Bay who are also at the same level. Their first performance will be at 2.30pm at the workshop. ***Please note that there is no bus - students are to be dropped off and collected from the Kawungan primary school hall by families/carers.

Yours in music, Mrs Hatch



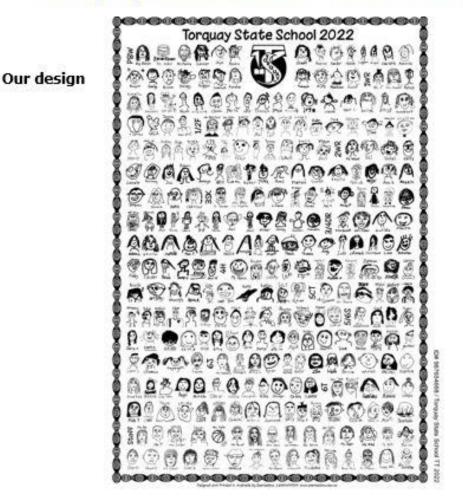
Student Council Fundraising







Torquay State School - Tea Towels!



Our limited-edition Tea Towel design is made up of self-portraits drawn by all our children and staff.

The pictures and names are arranged all together as a commemorative design for Torquay State School and screen printed in Blue onto premium White 100% cotton tea towels.

Don't forget to order a few extras for family members and your keepsake box. Tea towels can be ordered by completing the form available from the office.

Thank you for your continued support!

Lisa Tubb - Year 6 Teacher

Creating Lasting Memories!

Only \$15 each

Orders due 31 May 2022



The Honour of Old Torquay

Over a century ago, education and the rules for teaching and teachers were governed by the districts. There were rules for how the teachers were to conduct themselves. We found the following rules from **1879** in our Torquay School Centenary book.

Did you know:

- Teachers had to fill lamps and clean chimneys before work each day.
- After ten hours in school, you may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
- Women teachers who marry, or engage in unseemly conduct may be dismissed.
- Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a piece of coal.

And for Women!

- You will not marry during the time of you contract.
- You may not ride in a carriage or car with any man unless it is your family.
- You may not dress in bright colours or dye your hair.
- You may not smoke cigarettes.
- You must wear two petticoats under you dresses and it may not be shorter than two inches above your ankles.
- You must keep the classroom clean. This includes sweeping and cleaning the blackboard daily and scrubbing the floor with hot soapy water every week.
- You must be home between the hours of 8pm and 6am unless you are at a school function.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Researched by Miss 1,2 and 3 from Year 6.



Issue 4 Due date: 7 June 2022

Issue 4 is out now and has some great titles at fantastic prices. To view the current issue, go to: <u>https://scholastic.com.au/media/7123/aus-bc4-final-web.pdf</u> 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.

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

We say: Not now, not ever, together

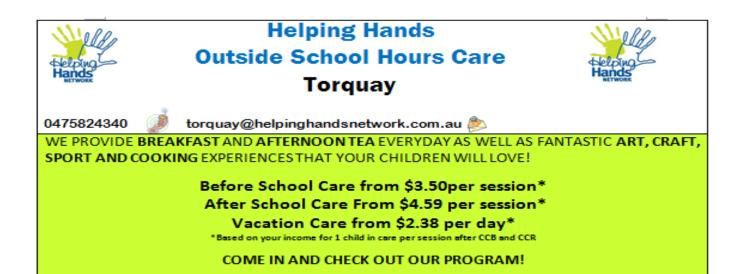
The Queensland Government is committed to the elimination of domestic and family violence.

The Government's <u>Third Action Plan</u> - '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 <u>Queensland Government website</u>.





***** Community News *****

