



Torquay News

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Term Planner

TERM 2

Fri 28 Jun No Parade
End of term REWARDS DAY
LAST DAY OF TERM 2

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TERM 3

Mon 15 Jul FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Year 4/5 Council Visit
Tue 16 Jul Year 4/5 Council Visit
Fri 19 Jul No Parade
Mon 22 Jul NAIDOC Week (all week)
Tue 23 Jul NAIDOC Week Flag Raising 9:20am
Fri 26 Jul P-3 **BRONZE** Parade - 2:20pm Hall
Tue 30 Jul Student Council pizza popper day
Wed 31 Jul P&C Meeting Staffroom 4:30pm
Fri 2 Aug 4-6 **BRONZE** Parade 2:20pm Hall
Mon 5 Aug M'boro Eisteddfod week (all week)
Thu 8 Aug School Photo Day
Fri 9 Aug P-3 **SILVER** Parade - 2:20pm Hall
Fri 15 Aug Tuckshop Pre-Order Lunch Day
Fri 16 Aug 4-6 **SILVER** Parade - 2:20pm Hall
Mon 19 Aug Book Week (all week)
Fri 23 Aug P-3 **GOLD** Parade - 2:20pm Hall
Mon 26 Aug School Support Staff Recognition Week
Fri 30 Aug 4-6 **GOLD** Parade - 2:20pm Hall
Thu 5 Sep Beginner Strings Workshop - KSS
Fri 6 Sep P-3 Parade - 2:20pm Hall
Fri 13 Sep 4-6 Parade 2:20pm Hall
Wed 18 Sep P&C Meeting 4:30pm Staffroom
Fri 20 Sep No Parade
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Prep Enrolments for 2020 are now open for children born 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

- Prep Open Classroom Sessions
- Wed 14 August from 9.00 – 10.20
 - Fri 30 August from 1.50 to 2.50
 - Mon 9 September 9.00 – 10.20

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TERM 4

Mon 7 Oct Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 8 Oct FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Prep Parent Information Sessions
• Mon 14 October from 9.00 to 10.20
• Thurs 17 October from 9.00 to 10.20
Fri 25 Oct World Teacher's Day

From the Principal



UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

High expectations Engaged community Guaranteed, vibrant curriculum
High quality teaching Engaged students Academic success

The importance of being involved...

Friday night's P&C disco was an incredibly powerful example of the importance of partnering with our parents and strengthening our school community. Communities are important because they allow people to interact with each other, share experiences, develop valued relationships and work toward a common goal. We know that our community support our efforts to unlock the potential in every child.

Yes, at the disco, we had fantastic support from those hard-working P&C parents who constantly give up their time and invest their energies into helping to improve our school for all of our students. Our appreciation for their constant efforts goes without saying. Our gratitude for the fruits of their labour – our air-conditioning is welcomed by all.

The disco was also a reminder about how important it is for all families to invest time into their child's school. Staying at the disco, dancing with your child, chatting with other parents and staff, watching what was going on is also incredibly important. When you come to school and spend time, you are showing your child that you value education and that you value their learning and development. When you connect with other parents and talk (appropriately) with other children, you are showing your child that school matters, that education is important and that you are keen to support their learning.

We know that our teachers strive for genuine parent engagement and try to create meaningful relationships with the shared goal of maximizing learning outcomes for students. We know that teacher and parents communicate in many ways and that we actively promote open and transparent communication. We also know that our families place a great deal of well-deserved trust into our teachers and staff. Trust that small incidents and issues will be managed, trust that academic progress is being monitored and appropriate differentiation provide. Just as our teachers place their trust in our families to talk positively about education and to support decisions that staff make.

This week the semester one school reports come home. Teachers have moderated their grades for academic learning and behaviour to ensure that we have a greater level of consistency. Teachers have spent hours crafting over all comments that are reflective of your child and their progress over the first semester. Please make an appointment to see your child's teacher to discuss this report or the content in further detail.

Over the holidays we hope that you enjoy some of the Facebook posts that Mrs Hobbs has generated to encourage quality family time. There are some fantastic ideas, and we'd love to hear any stories of what you found worked in your family. Additionally, our department has shared the following website with further parenting ideas...

<https://talkingfamilies.qld.gov.au/>

Term Three in advance

Goodness, term three is shaping up to be a very busy term, so please start planning ahead and checking the newsletter calendars and the weekly Facebook What's On messages. We have not included dates here as some are to be finalised, but get ready for:

- School photos
- NAIDOC Week learning and celebrations – Week 2
- The 2019 P&C Colour Run
- Gala Days for Yrs 3 to 6
- Council Visit to the Yr 4/5 classes with a focus on sustainability
- Yr 2/3 excursion to the Historical Museum
- Book Week
- Day for Daniel – focusing on student safety
- Prep Open classrooms for 2020 enrolments
- P&C Fathers' Day stall
- The Maryborough Eisteddfod
- Student Council Pizza and Popper Day
- Tuckshop pre-order day

Kind regards, *Heidi Dallimore* – Principal

From the Deputy's Desk

From myself and all of the staff at TSS, we hope that you have a safe and relaxing holiday period. It has been a big semester and now it is time to recharge, have some sleep-ins and fun with family and friends. Reminder that school restarts on Monday the 15th July 2019.



Please keep an eye on our school over the break and report any suspicious activity to School Watch on 131 788.



Enrolments for 2020 - we are now taking Prep enrolments for next year. We will operate a multi-age setting again in 2020 giving us a distinct advantage to learning over other schools. Spread the word and tell your friends and family that Torquay is open for enrolments - we are not bound by catchment zones.

For those families moving on for various reasons all the best in your future endeavours and thanks for being a part of the Torquay family. For those families joining us - welcome, and we look forward to assisting your child 'unlock their potential'.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal.

Admin



Messages to Students

We have recently been experiencing a high volume of calls from parents during the course of the day. These calls are mainly to request that a message be given to their student regarding their departure from school at 2.50pm, i.e. change of travel mode, different person collecting etc. In some circumstances we are not able to get these messages to the student as it is too late. Whilst we appreciate that there may sometimes always be circumstances when there is an emergency and you need to communicate with your child, we would ask you to ensure that your child is aware of how they are getting home in the afternoon PRIOR to them leaving home in the morning. Thank you for your assistance.

Winter Uniforms

Just a reminder that all students should be wearing school uniform at all times. Please assist your children to comply with the school uniform policy and ensure that any warmer items of clothing are blue or yellow/gold or plain dark colours.

Change of Details

Please advise the office if you have changed address, phone number/s or medical details as it is very important that the school has your child's up-to-date details. Please also ensure that emergency contacts are up-to-date so that they are contactable in the event of an emergency or illness. You can request a change of details form, contact the office on 4194 4333 or call in and see us.

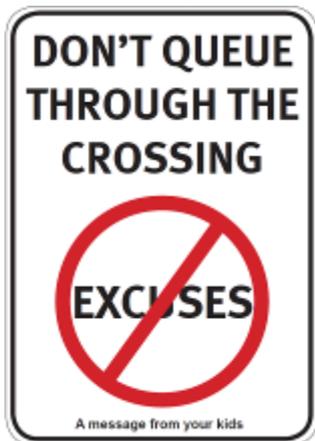
Instrumental Music

String students enjoyed themselves at their Intermediate and Advanced workshops this week. Many new instrumental skills were learnt as well as large orchestra etiquette and plenty of socialising.



Road Safety

Road Safety around school is crucial. Being safe on the roads around our school may take a bit of extra time, but our kids are worth it! Our children take notice of what you and other parents do. Please realise the important role model that you are to your own children as well as others.



Tuckshop

Thank you everyone who is helping out with the tuckshop whether it be donations or time. Speaking of donations, our **Milo** supplies are dangerously low so any contributions would be really appreciated and remember - your kids get a free Milo for the week!

We have started cooking Egg and Bacon Muffins on MONDAY and THURSDAY mornings and they are proving to be very popular. \$2.50 or \$3.00 with cheese and for parents and teachers \$5 00 with a coffee.

We have our travel mugs back this year as well so \$5.00 with a Milo and \$1.00 a refill or \$8.00 with a coffee and \$3.00 with refill.

Other donations we would like to receive would be our usual **Eggs, Cheese Slices & Butter** and we would also really appreciate **Bacon & Bread Muffins** as well. All these supplies help boost our tuck shop profits so that means more money for our school.

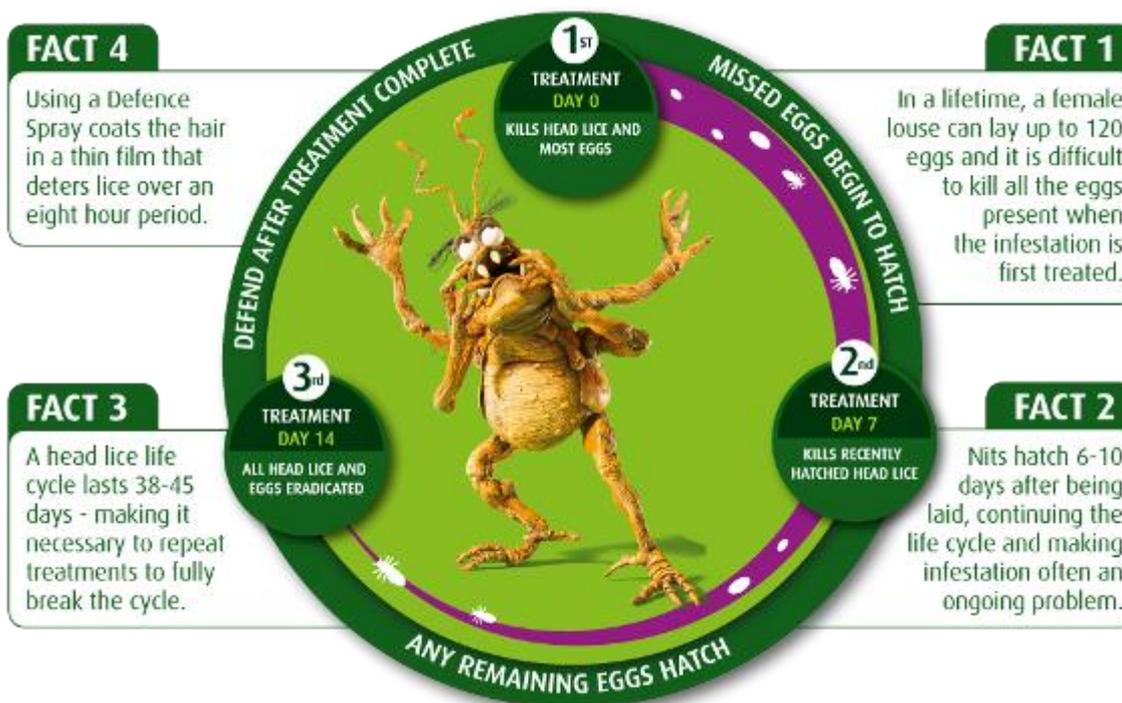
QParents Spotlight

Please [click here](#) for an informational video on how to access report cards and download report card PDFs in QParents.

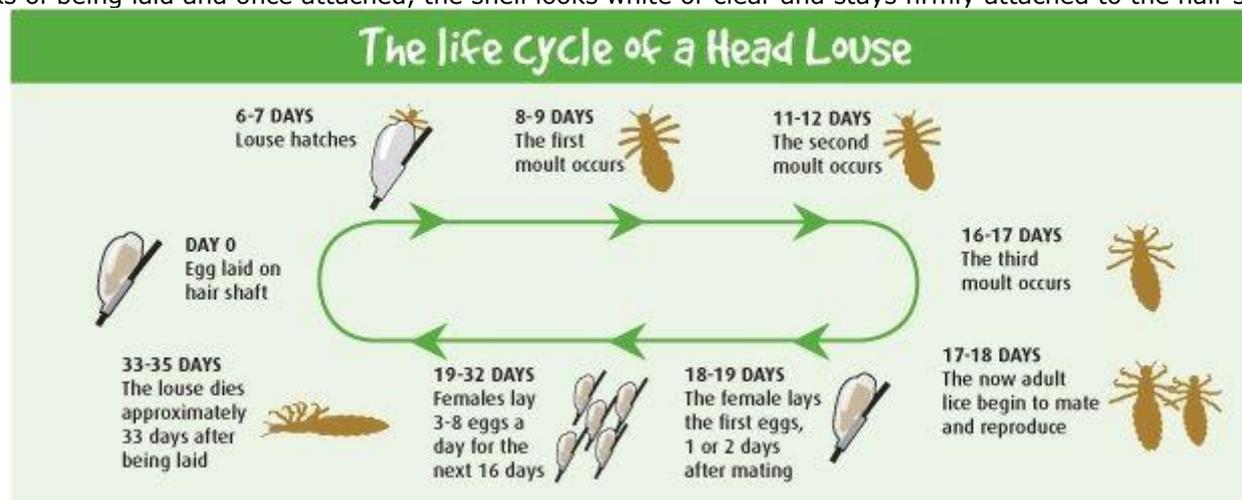


Health

Although headlice checks should be undertaken on a weekly basis throughout each term, **school holidays are also a great time to get on top of headlice infestations**. Treatments should be done on day zero, day 7 and day 14 per below.



Head lice can be challenging to eradicate. They only survive in human hair, need to feed from the scalp several times a day and can only survive up to two days off a person's head. Head lice are a common problem for children between the ages of 3 and 11. Head lice can crawl onto a scalp when your head touches the head of someone with head lice and can be transferred through a hair brush or hat. Lice eggs (nits) and are about the size of a small flake of dandruff, but cannot be easily shaken off or brushed out. Nits hatch within one to two weeks of being laid and once attached, the shell looks white or clear and stays firmly attached to the hair shaft.



It is important to be aware that the itching may not be immediate and in some cases, it can take weeks before your child starts to complain – hence the importance of checking on a weekly basis. Although very small, a single adult louse can be seen and is about the size of a sesame seed. A good method of checking your child's head is by parting the hair in small sections and checking for lice and nits with a fine-tooth comb close to the scalp, behind the ears, and around the nape of the neck. Good lighting and magnifying glass may help this process, If you are still unsure, and your child is constantly itching and complaining, speak to your health care provider or pharmacist.

For assistance families can contact their local public health nurses, child health clinics, pharmacists and family doctors. For more information, please see ref:

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/165/351/Head-Lice>

Absence Line 4194 4366 or enter via QParents App

Please notify the school of reasons for absence as soon as possible. Absences (past, present and future) can be quickly and easily recorded through the QParents app. Alternatively, please phone our absence line 4194 4366. If you receive a text message please reply to the SMS as soon as possible. If you receive an absence letter, please enter a reason and return the letter so we can remove the unexplained absence from the student's record. All late arrivals and early departures are to be signed in / signed out by students' parent/s or guardian/s at the Administration Office.



What's On

Hervey Bay Senior Citizens Christmas in July Craft Fair & Destash

Sat: July 27th 8am-1pm
Senior Citizens Club
28 Totness Street Torquay
For Information contact 0422812074

Mary Poppins Festival

29 June – 6 July Portside Precinct Maryborough, Queensland. The 12th annual Mary Poppins Festival launches with a Steamfesta and Timeless Mary's Tea and Tiffin Party in Maryborough's Queens Park on Saturday 29 June and concludes the following Saturday 6 July with the festival's feature event – a community Day in the Park. All events during the eight-day festival celebrate the life of the author of the Mary Poppins books, Pamela Lyndon Travers, who was born in Maryborough on 9 August 1899. On the Day in the Park, nannies will race each other, pushing prams in the Great Nanny Challenge; chimney sweeps compete in the Chimney Sweep Dash and Mary Poppins characters will come to life from the pages of books and mingle with the crowd. The entertainment includes professional street theatre performers, sidewalk artists, jugglers, roving performances, a grand costume parade, kite display, vintage cars, carnival rides and old fashioned games and workshops.

Hervey Bay Family Carnival

4 – 14 July 2019. Fraser Park Hervey Bay (Between the Library and the PCYC). Free entry.

Yarrilee State School P&C Fete

Saturday 17 August at 15 Scrub Road Dundowran. Stalls, art auction, show bags, games, food & drinks, children's craft, kids activities, tombola.

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MCPAI Maryborough City Progress Association Inc.

G & D Ross Bus Charters kids ride free on transport from Maryborough and Hervey Bay | Adults only \$2 return

*Armbands available on the day for unlimited rides *Pre-registration available for races

Sunday | 14th July 2019 | 10am - 3pm

Susan River Homestead Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road, SUSAN RIVER

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