



Torquay News

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Term Planner

- TERM 3**
- Fri 9 Aug P-3 **SILVER** Parade – 2:20pm Hall
 - Tue 13 Aug Yr 2/3 Historical Museum Visit
 - Wed 14 Aug Prep 2020 – Open Classroom 9.00am
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 - Thur 15 Aug Tuckshop Pre-order lunch day
P&C Meeting 3:30pm Staffroom
 - Fri 16 Aug 4-6 **SILVER** Parade – 2:20pm Hall
 - Mon 19 Aug Book Week Dress Up Day
Book Week (all week)
 - Fri 23 Aug P-3 **GOLD** Parade – 2:20pm Hall
 - Mon 26 Aug School Support Staff Recognition Wk
 - 28-30 Aug Tuckshop Father's Day Stall
 - 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
Yr 3/4 Gala Day
 - Fri 13 Sep 4-6 Parade 2:20pm Hall
P&C Colour Run
Yr 3/4 Gala Day
 - Mon 16 Sep P&C Colour Run Money Return (all wk)
 - Wed 18 Sep Jump Rope For Heart
Free Dress Day – Gold coin donation
Colour Run Orders Cut Off
 - Thu 19 Sep P&C Meeting 3:30pm Staffroom
 - Fri 20 Sep No Parade
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

- Prep Enrolments for 2020 for children born 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. 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

Thanks to the many families who have read through their child's end of **semester one report** and have discussed it with their child. It has been wonderful listening to students talking about the goals they have set to help them to improve. Many children have indicated that reading daily is an action that can help them to achieve. Our teachers regularly work with our students providing one to one feedback on how they can improve their skills and capabilities. When students set their own goals, this helps them to become accountable for their own learning and successes.

There's still plenty of time to get busy raising funds for this year's **Colour Run**. So far less than a fifth of our families have registered and we hope that you are going to jump on board and get started as soon as possible.

Attached to this newsletter is a feature called **Curriculum Corner**. It is well worth a read as it provides a snapshot of what each cohort is focussing on for this term. This will help you to have more in depth conversations with your child about their school day. Instead of asking "What did you do today?" You can now ask more targeted questions like "Tell me about the migratory birds that come to Hervey Bay and where can we go to see them?" (Yr 4/5 science).

Parents at school

We value the partnerships that we have with our parents and see this as a crucial element to assisting every child to achieve their potential. We are really happy to have a number of parents who come to school 20 minutes earlier in the afternoon prior to collecting children and to volunteer their time. Please be aware that if you are arriving before 2.30pm for any reason, you should be signing in as visitor to the school, and then signing out at the end of the school day.

We understand that some parents get together for a chat, however, in recent weeks this has impacted upon student learning as some of our children are being distracted by the laughter and in some cases inappropriate language that they have been hearing. This is especially the case in the Yr 4/5 areas.

Please ensure that when you are on our school grounds that you understand the importance of the role models you are for our students.

Using Consequences

It can be hard helping kids get the hang of behavioural boundaries. Luckily, neither you nor your kids are alone in figuring out what might help! Rules and boundary setting are natural parts of life. Kids usually need some extra support in learning what is acceptable and what is unacceptable behaviour. Setting clear boundaries and consistently reinforcing them plays a big role in helping our kids learn. One way to support kids in understanding the outcomes of certain behaviours is the use of 'consequences'. Consequences don't have to be negative. It is important to remember that consequence is just another word for outcome. It can be either positive or negative.

- Consequences usually happen after a behaviour
- Every family has different rules and may have different consequences
- Before using a consequence, kids usually need to be reminded of what's appropriate behaviour so they have a chance to correct it
- Consequences come in handy when kids have not stuck to the rules or boundaries

What consequence to use: The situation, your child's age and child's needs will help you choose which consequence might be most appropriate for which behaviour. Here are a few types of consequences to consider:
Natural consequences: Every action naturally has an outcome. Sometimes letting your kids experience natural consequences is the best learning tool. For example, if your child won't eat when they are asked, as a consequence they may feel hungry until the next meal time.

Related/logical consequences: These are things that you, the parent, will need to do and are related to the behaviour you want to change. For example, if your child ignores your request to stop running and then knocks something over you may ask them to clean it up as a consequence.

Unrelated consequences: These give kids an opportunity to think about what they've done. They can include 'time out' or 'loss of privilege' suitable for their age and in proportion to their behaviour. For example, if your 8 year old child hits your 6 year old child, you may put them in time out as a consequence.

Tips for using consequences effectively: Here are some things to think about when using consequences

- Focus on the behaviour and not the child themselves
- Be clear and communicate about consequences
- Be consistent in carrying out consequences
- Make consequences appropriate to your child's age
- Consequences need to be in proportion to the behaviour
- 'Harsh' consequences can feel unfair and lead to resistance

What you can do as a parent: If you have questions about using consequences with your child you may like to check out these sources of support:

- Talk to a counsellor for emotional support and to discuss strategies
- Reach out to a friend or family member for advice
- Contact your GP if your child's behaviour is persistent or concerning you
- Try parenting programs like Triple P - Positive Parenting Program



This article has been shared with permission from <https://parentline.com.au/> there are a stack of very positive and helpful articles that are just a click away!

Kind regards, *Heidi Dallimore* - Principal

Admin

School Opinion Survey

The annual suite of *School Opinion Surveys* will be conducted from 29 July to 23 August 2019. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well, and how we can improve. Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home with students next week. The survey can be completed via computers, tablets or smart phones with internet connection. Parents/caregivers who do not have access to the internet at home are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers/tablets will be available by appointment. Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to telephone 07 4194 4333 or email principal@torquayss.eq.edu.au.

P&C

2019 P&C Colour Run



By now you should have received the school colour run sponsorship form. It is really easy to follow the instructions in the form to register your child and share their fundraising efforts. The sponsorship form also has the prizes that students can choose as they are raising funds which all go towards our fundraising efforts. Prizes need to be ordered between Monday 16th September and Wednesday 18th September. All cash collections must be returned by the last day of term 3. Prizes

should be received back at school by the end of the first week of term 4. We will send further details relating to the actual Colour Run closer to the date. Last year's event was a huge success with lots of fun for students and volunteers as well as being a terrific fundraiser.

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



Monday and Thursday mornings of each week is Muffin days, Egg and Bacon muffins cooked fresh each day. \$2.50 a Muffin, \$3.00 with Cheese and for grown-ups \$5.00 with a coffee. We are also serving our Warm Milo @ \$1.00 or they can purchase a travel mug for \$5.00 with a Milo then \$1.00 a refill.

If your kids need a spoon with food brought from home can you please send one with them, some days I might give away 20 spoons.

Our annual FATHERS DAY STALL will be held in the Tuck shop on Wednesday August 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th - it's only a few weeks away. Gifts will range from \$2.00 to \$8.00 with a wide variety of items to choose from.

We are in need of some donations...Eggs, Butter, Fruit Salad, Cheese Slices and Milo would be much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who donates, it helps keep our prices down and profits up which means more money for the school and air conditioners.

Open now for Prep 2020 enrolments



We are open for 2020 prep enrolments from any address in Hervey Bay for children born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015. We have open classroom sessions which we expect parents to attend with their children on one of the three dates:

- Wednesday 14th August from 9.00 – 10.20
- Friday 30th August from 1.50 to 2.50
- Monday 9th September 9.00 – 10.20

We have parent information sessions where children are welcome to stay in one of the current prep/1 classrooms while we share important information with families. It is expected that parents attend at least one of the following sessions.

- Monday 14 October from 9.00 to 10.20
- Thursday 17 October from 9.00 to 10.20

Please contact the administration staff to collect enrolment packs and to register your attendance for the enrolment sessions. Phone 4194 4333 or email the.principal@torquayss.eq.edu.au

School Watch



School Watch Number: 131 788

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 131 788. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keys to Success

BRONZE CERTIFICATES

Abby	2/3A	Herbert	2/3D	Nemira	4/5B
Aleisiah	4/5B	Huani	2/3E	Nicki	4/5B
Alyssa	2/3B	Indi	2/3D	Nicky	4/5C
Angel	2/3B	Jameila	Prep/1A	Nicola	4/5B
Annabelle	4/5C	Jaquan	2/3D	Nina	2/3B
April	2/3B	Jasiah	4/5E	Oliver	2/3D
Araya	2/3A	Jason	2/3E	Owen	Prep/1D
Archer	2/3B	Jaxx	2/3A	Phoenix	4/5E
Arkadian	Prep/1C	Jerome	6A	Piper	4/5C
Auora	2/3D	Jessie	Prep/1C	Riley	4/5B
Aurora	4/5C	Joei	2/3E	Scarlett	2/3D
Axel	4/5A	Kalisah	2/3E	Shar-Leah	Prep/1A
Azaria	Prep/1D	Katrina	2/3A	Sharnee	2/3A
Bailey	4/5C	Keeley	Prep/1B	Shikaya	2/3D
Bailey	4/5D	Kobi	Prep/1A	Sienna	2/3E
Blake-Jay	4/5B	Leo	2/3D	Sinead	4/5D
Braxton	Prep/1B	Liam	2/3D	Stanley	2/3B
Brayden	2/3A	Lilly	2/3D	Stella	Prep/1C
Bryce	2/3B	Logan	4/5E	Tahlia	Prep/1D
Caleb	2/3E	Lola	2/3A	Te Lia Aria	Prep/1A
Cassius	2/3C	Lucia	4/5C	T'Kira	6A
Coen	2/3A	Maddilyn	4/5C	Tyler	4/5D
Cooper	2/3A	Madison	2/3A	Tyrone	4/5B
Damien	4/5C	Mathew	4/5C	Tyson	2/3D
Eden	2/3B	Matilda	2/3E	Wayne	6B
Ella-Kate	2/3B	Matthew	4/5A	Xander	Prep/1B
Ethan	6A	Maxwell	Prep/1A	Zyllen	4/5C
Genevieve	Prep/1C	Milla	2/3D		
Harper	Prep/1C	Myles	2/3B		
Haylee	2/3D	Narkindji	Prep/1C		
Henry	2/3B	Nate	2/3B		
Henry	2/3D	Neiko	Prep/1B		

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Uniforms

We have second-hand winter jumpers and tracksuit pants for as little as \$2 so please come into the Uniform Shop Mondays 8:30-9:00am and Fridays 2:30-3:00pm to snap up a bargain. School hats are \$12 and are available from the school Uniform Shop and the Tuckshop. New uniforms are available from Sauers and Lowes.

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 school uniforms that you no longer need, donations to our second-hand uniform shop would also be greatly appreciated.



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.

Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care



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!

Library News

Book Week

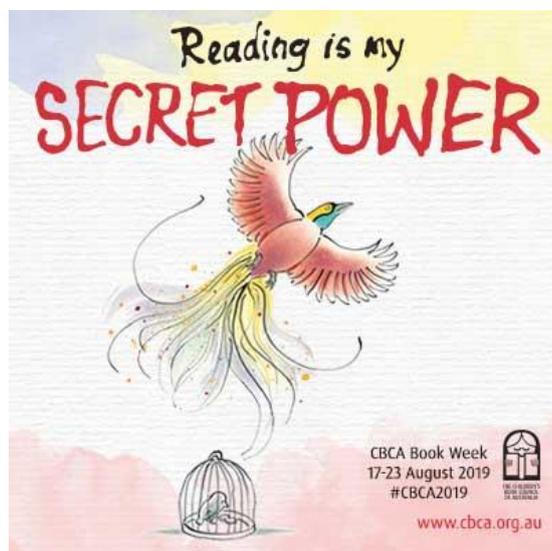
The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) is a not for profit, volunteer run organisation which aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians. The CBCA presents annual awards to books of literary merit, for outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature.

Each year, across Australia, the CBCA brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week. Throughout the year, the CBCA works in partnership with authors, illustrators, publishers, booksellers and other organisations in the children's book world to bring words, images and stories into the hearts and minds of children and adults.

The theme for this year's Book Week is: Reading is my Secret Power.

Book Week will commence Monday 19 August with a **free dress day**. The theme will be 'Super Heros'. Students may choose to dress up as a super hero, villain, or character from their favourite Super Hero book. **Or they can create their own character with 'Secret Powers'.**

More information will be announced closer to the date.



What's On

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.