



# Torquay News

## State School



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

### Issue 8 - 2019

## Term Planner

### TERM 2

Fri 31 May	P-3 SILVER Parade 2.20pm – Hall
Mon 3 Jun	Beginners Band W'shop - SSSS
Tue 4 Jun	Advanced Band W'shop - SSSS
Wed 5 Jun	Beginners Band W'shop - SSSS
Thu 6 Jun	Tuckshop pre-order lunch day
Fri 7 Jun	4-6 SILVER Parade 2.20pm – Hall Advanced Band W'shop – SSSS HBSHS Yr 7 enrolment due Yr 6 Girl talk – Mrs Kingswell, Mrs Junker, Ms Dallimore
Mon 10 Jun	Beginners Band W'shop- SSSS Advanced Band W'shop- SSSS Readers Cup – Xavier CC
Fri 14 Jun	P-3 Parade 2.20pm – Hall
Tue 18 Jun	Intermediate Strings W'shop – KSS
Wed 19 Jun	Advance Strings W'shop – KSS P & C meeting 4.30pm -Staffroom
Fri 21 Jun	4-6 Parade 2.20pm – Hall P&C Disco or Movie night
Fri 28 Jun	No Parade LAST DAY OF TERM 2

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### TERM 3

Mon 15 Jul FIRST 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 – 1.20
- Fri 30 August from 1.50 to 2.50
- Mon 9 September 9.00 – 10.20

### TERM 4

#### Prep Parent Information Sessions

- Mon 14 October from 9.00 to 10.20
- Thurs 17 October from 9.00 to 10.20

## From the Principal



UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

High expectations

Engaged community

Guaranteed, vibrant curriculum

High quality teaching

Engaged students

Academic success

### The Importance of Family – Precious Times

Many of our school families may remember that a couple of years ago my father was critically ill. I am happy to share that last week, whilst I was on leave, I spent the week with my dad, step-mother and partner at the Broadbeach Blues Festival. I am absolutely thrilled to report that Dad's health is so much improved and even more thrilled to share, that he now, at the age of 81, has a new interest and wants to go to more music festivals.

"So what?" I may hear you muse, and my response is that this time away with family has only served to cement in my mind the preciousness of family. It has made me wonder what you do in your family to share with each other how precious you all are and how critical the time spent together can and should be. What do you do to make time, in our ever busy world, to devote time just to your kids?

- Do you read to them each day using expressive voices to make the characters come alive?
- Do you dedicate time where your child knows they are more important than your mobile phone? Do you ignore it when you are having specific family time?
- Do you have dinner at the dinner table away from the TV where you can talk together and teach your child the art of conversation – sharing stories, actively listening, responding to and contributing to the rich conversation?
- Do you take advantage of the amazing parks we have in our community and simply play with your child – kick a ball, climb a tree, play on the swing? Go on, let your child have a turn of pushing you on the swings and see the joy it brings.
- Do you include your child in cooking? Yep, it can be messy, but they can then learn about the importance of cleaning up!
- Do you play games which now may be considered old fashioned? Eye Spy on car journeys, card games, board games – they are all ways to spend time with your child teaching them important skills such as turn taking, strategic thinking, how to win and how to lose.

In the busyness of modern day life, we can often feel too tired, too stressed or too time-poor to make time for the things that really matter – family and family time. What do you do to make sure you don't find yourself making excuses to do what really matters most?

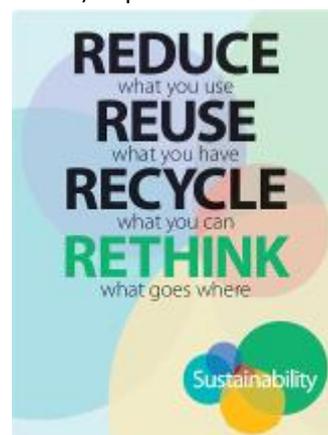
"At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, a parent." Barbara Bush

### **Little things matter - our sustainability journey**

We are realising that it is the little things that each of us can do that have the potential to make a huge impact on our environment. It doesn't sound like much but as a school we have now stopped nearly 1000 bread tags from becoming landfill. The reality is, this is HUGE as we have influenced the thousand times that someone at home thought about not throwing the tag into the bin, but have changed their behaviour and have sent it to school to be recycled. This is the type of influence that we are thrilled to be having within our school community.

My heart sang on Monday at first break when I heard a child reminding her friend that the Containers for Change bin was only for recyclable containers and not the chip packet that she was about to throw into it. Her friend thanked her for the reminder and changed her actions – again, it's the little things that are making the difference.

As a family, you can help support your child's efforts to think about the future of our environment and how their actions can make a positive difference especially when combined with the actions of others. Thanks to those families who have already indicated that they are interested in joining with me in the **Beach clean-up** - a community event on Saturday June 8. Please meet Ms Dallimore at the Urangan Pier at 9am. Bring gloves, enclosed shoes, water and sun protection. Old clothes and a rain jacket/poncho is also recommended. Extra water will be available so don't forget your reusable water bottle. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun, however those under 18 will need to be accompanied by an adult, so you will need to remain with your child. Please encourage family and friends to join with us.



### **Semester One Reports**

Teachers are now busy starting to compile the end of semester one school reports for each child in their class. These reports provide you with information about how your child is working towards achieving the end of year curriculum standard and uses a five point rating scale. We have developed a comprehensive series of report comments for each key learning area that reflects your child's progress against the National Curriculum Achievement Standards. Report card will be placed into a sealed envelope addressed to the parent/carer and given to your child on the last Thursday of this term – June 27. Your child will be given clear instructions not to open it, but to hand it directly to you, as it is addressed to you. Please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange a parent teacher interview should you wish to discuss the report or your child's progress.



### **Uniform Reminder**

With this cold snap upon us we are encouraging our families to ensure their children are wearing the correct school uniform. We have a school jacket or a plain royal blue jumper as winter options. Fortunately the second hand uniform shop has quite a good supply of both at the moment. Why not pop in and grab a couple when the uniform shop is open Monday mornings 8:30 to 9am and Friday afternoons 2:30 to 3:15pm. Of course if you have found that your child has out grown theirs from last year, we would love you to donate it so another family can make use of it. This also is a great way to recycle!

### **Our New Traffic Lights**

Thanks to those families who have spent important time with their children teaching them how to use the traffic light crossings safely. Our crossing supervisors are also doing a great job.

It saddens me greatly to hear reports from the crossing supervisors and other families of the few parents who are not prepared to wait patiently for the correct times to cross and who are putting their children's lives and lives of motorists in danger by crossing against the lights. Please consider the dangerous message that this sends to your children and what they may do when you are not with them. Safety always come first, but is often the last consideration when people are in a hurry, which significantly increases the potential of a tragic accident.

Kind regards, *Heidi Dallimore* – Principal

## From the Deputy's Desk

Wow what a fortnight we have had! NAPLAN and then our annual Athletics Carnival on top of the regular teaching and learning occurring each day. I truly commend the efforts of one and all for their commitment over this busy period.



### Athletics Carnival

How good was our Athletics Carnival? Mrs Wyllie did a fantastic job in organising the day and Mr Schiffke had the oval looking top notch (the rain did try and put a dampener on things but stayed away). Our P&C volunteers worked tirelessly in the kitchen to provide snacks for the hungry spectators, athletes and staff.

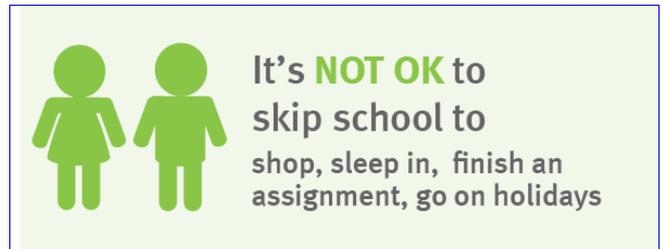
Well done to all of our students for making the day tremendous. It is an awesome sight seeing our school on the oval participating in a variety of events, it had a real village feel to it. Happiness and joy reigned supreme. Congratulations to our age champions and to Henderson House for their stirring victory.

### Behaviour

Next fortnight will see the behaviour focus turning to how students resolve friendship/conflict issues respectfully and encourage others' to do the same. We take behaviour seriously at school and we expect our staff, students and community to be safe, respectful and responsible. We encourage families to discuss the behaviour focus when at home and before coming to school. We all play a role in developing our youth for the future.

**Attendance:** Every day counts, is the mantra of Education Queensland and our school. It is what we want of our students. 95% is our school based target and I'll let you know that it is one of the highest expectations across the state (especially Hervey Bay).

Why not have high expectations, after all it is a part of unlocking potential. We require medical certificates for continued and sustained absences to assist with the enforcement of attendance process.



Reminder for all if there is anything you want to discuss please arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

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

## Open now for Prep 2020 enrolment



We are happy to share that 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 14<sup>th</sup> August from 9.00 – 1.20
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 1.50 to 2.50
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 – 10.20

We have parent information sessions where children are welcome to stay in one of the current prep one 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 41944333 or email [the.principal@torquayss.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@torquayss.eq.edu.au)

## Admin

**Account Statements** - This week you should receive an account statement for your child/children with details of any outstanding fees for the Student Resource Scheme, curriculum activities, camps and excursions as of the date they are printed. If you do not receive a statement, you may not have any outstanding fees, please feel free to check with the office. Information regarding your students account and invoices is also available on QParents.

Many have already made payment, or have a plan in place, thank you to those who have been able to make these contributions. The school relies on payment of these fees so that we can offer our students various activities, excursions and the convenience of the Student Resource Scheme.

If you wish to join QParents, set up CentrePay deductions or a payment plan, are suffering genuine financial hardship, or wish to discuss any of the details on your statement please contact the office, 4194 4333

## P&C

The 2019 P&C Disco will be on Friday 21 June. It will be 80's disco theme so pull out your denim and fluoros! Times and more details will be in a note coming home soon – all children attending will need to return this note on the night. If you would like to volunteer for the night or some of the night, please see the Tuckshop as soon as possible. Prep to Year 3 students need to have an adult with them from the 5pm to 6.15 timeslot, where the Yrs 4-6 students can be dropped off and collected by an adult. Keep your eye out for more exciting P&C fundraising activities to come.



## Tuckshop

Our EFTPOS is up and running now so we are hoping the convenience of this will help boost our sales.

We have had some home baking coming in and the kids have loved the home made goodies so if anyone would like to donate some baking that would be great. Any day of the week is fine. Any donations of Milo would be greatly appreciated also and remember every tin of Milo donated gives your children a FREE MILO for the week. Please don't forget the spoons in lunches as we are handing out way to many. If you have excess disposable spoons at home you would like to donate for this purpose they would be greatly appreciated.



## Road Safety

Road Safety around school is crucial. Being safe around 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.

## Instrumental Music

The Intermediate and Advanced string workshops are being held this term at Kawungan State School. The Intermediate workshop is being held on the 18th June and the Advanced workshop is being held on the 19th June. Permission forms are now overdue and must be returned urgently.



## Uniforms

**We have second-hand winter jumpers from as little as \$2** so please come into the Uniform Shop Mondays 8:30-9:00am and Fridays 2:30-3:15pm. 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 the "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.

## Healthy Lunchbox



Making your child's lunch each day isn't an easy task! The same old vegemite or chicken sandwich can get a little humdrum. It's a good idea to offer variety in your child's lunch box. Not only will it help with boredom, but it ensures they're being offered a variety of healthy nutrients from various food sources.

Using leftover meals is a great way to keep to a budget, prevent waste and provide nutritious meals. If you are worried about meats staying fresh – you can freeze a sandwich the night before or place a frozen popper in with their lunch. Click [here](#) (ref) to see lunch box ideas and links to recipes from various sources including rice, pasta, meatballs and chicken. Give them a try and see how your kids like them!

## School Watch



131 788

## 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.



## Like us on Facebook

Get the latest news by joining the official Torquay State School Facebook page under "**Torquay State School**". This page is used as a regular communication tool to update parents and the school community on school activities, events, information and messages. <https://www.facebook.com/TorquayStateSchool>

## 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 \$3.50per 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!**

## Absences – QParents or Ph 4194 4366

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

*Cool Country Social Music Club*  
**INDIGENOUS DAY**  
PRESENTING GUEST ARTIST:  
**JON VEA VEA**

Date: 9th June  
Entry \$5

Refreshments available

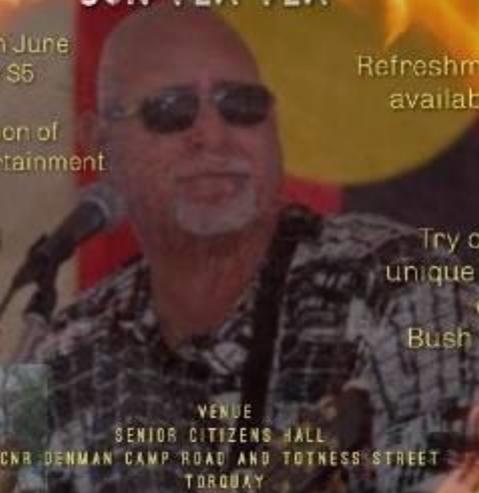
Afternoon of Great Entertainment

DOORS OPEN  
**10.30AM**  
FOR  
**11AM START**

Try out the unique flavours of Bush Tucker

VENUE  
SENIOR CITIZENS HALL  
CNR DENMAN CAMP ROAD AND TOTNESS STREET  
TORQUAY

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE  
FROM THE BUTCHULLA DANCERS



**MAY 31** Regional Disability Expo - Hervey Bay  
Public - Hosted by Disability Expo Sunshine Coast

Friday, 31 May 2019 from 09:30-16:00 UTC+10  
11-19°C Partly cloudy

PCYC Hervey Bay  
O'Rourke St, Hervey Bay, Queensland 4655

Free  
[www.disabilityexposc.com.au](http://www.disabilityexposc.com.au)

 **Stitches & Threads**  
Social Sewing Group



Venue: Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre, 22 Charles St, Pialba.

Time: Every Sunday from 1 pm to 3 pm.

For further information regarding the Stitches & Threads group please contact Rossy at the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre. Email: [RLloyd@hbnc.com.au](mailto:RLloyd@hbnc.com.au) Phone: 0438137948

Meet new Friends



