



# Torquay News

## State School

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### Issue 6 - 2019

#### Term Planner

\*Please note time change for parades to 2:20pm due to our new school finishing time of 2:50pm

##### TERM 2

- Fri 3 May** Student Leaders' Meeting 10.40am  
P-3 **BRONZE** Parade 2.20pm – Hall
- Mon 6 May** Public Holiday – Labour Day
- Tue 7 May** Athletics - 800m finals 9-13 yrs  
**Mother's Day raffle tickets Due**
- Wed 8 May** Athletics - High Jump finals 9-13 yrs  
Mother's Day stall – Tuckshop
- Thu 9 May** Yr 6 Enrichment Day (ACE) - USHS  
**Mother's Day Raffle Drawn**  
Mother's Day stall – Tuckshop
- Fri 10 May** Student Leaders' Meeting 10.40am  
4-6 **BRONZE** Parade 2.20pm – Hall  
Yr 6 Girl talk – Ms Kingswell  
Mother's Day stall - Tuckshop
- Tue 14 May** NAPLAN Yr 3&5 – Writing/Language
- Wed 15 May** NAPLAN Yr 3&5 - Reading  
P & C meeting 4.30pm –Staff room
- Thu 16 May** NAPLAN Yr 3&5 – Numeracy
- Tue 21 May** Pizza & Popper Day – Tuckshop  
Zone X-Country 9-13yrs St JCC
- Wed 22 May** Athletics Field events 8:50-10:40am
- Thu 23 May** Athletics Track & Field Carnival
- Fri 24 May** Fraser Coast Show - Public Holiday
- Mon 27 May** Reconciliation Week commences
- Thu 30 May** Under 8's Day activities - TSS
- 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 request due
- 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 - TBC
- Fri 28 Jun** No Parade  
Last day of term 2

#### From the Principal



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

##### The importance and benefits of being kind

There is a certain "feel good feeling" that we get from being kind; being kind makes us genuinely happy; it gives us a warm glow. To my way of thinking, it is this sense of happiness and well-being that should be the inspiration for us all to be kind as frequently as possible in as many different circumstances and situations as we can. Kindness is not about doing something to get something back, it is about genuinely caring for others and wanting the best for everyone.

There are some simple and highly effective ways to be kind:

- Contagious smiling – being kind is likely to make someone smile and we know that smiling, like yawning is contagious,
- Be aware and act, notice when someone is lonely, make that phone call, notice when someone is in a hurry at the supermarket and only has a few items and offer them your place in the queue,
- Pay heartfelt compliments,
- Say thank you and show genuine appreciation,
- Share what you can, whether this is a tangible share of items or whether it is the capacity to share your time or experience,
- Spreading negativity drags people down, instead of complaining, look for the cloud with the silver lining. Challenge yourself to not complain for a whole week – notice the effort that it takes.



How have you been kind and how can you teach this and model for your children?

##### The busy term ahead

We certainly have a busy term planned for our students with many exciting events. Our athletics date is scheduled for Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> May with families welcome to attend. Keep an eye out on Facebook for more information as well as the program that will be published in the week 4 newsletter. In the lead up to the event, during PE lessons, Mrs Wyllie will be teaching the many skills associated with the various track and field events. The middle and senior students will then be involved in further training and

rotations to consolidate these skills and generate selections for various events.



In week 5, Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, NAPLAN testing occurs for 2019. All students in years 3 and 5 are involved in this national testing program. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers have already been ensuring that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns about NAPLAN testing.

Our P&C is continuing their mother's day fundraising efforts with the mother's day raffle taking place - tickets due back next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of May. They will also be using the athletics carnival as a fundraiser through the tuck-shop in addition to mother's day stall and a couple of special order lunch days.

Please make a note on your calendars for under 8s day activities which we will celebrate on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> May. Our junior year's teachers are planning for many hands-on activities which celebrates the wonderful time that is early childhood!

Our instrumental music students are going to be busy in weeks 7, 8 or 9 with work-shops for the band children and stings students. Participation in these intensive programs and the experience of playing with a broader range of children really enhances their skill.

### **Term Two staffing**

We welcome Mrs Jeanese Eden who is teaching 2/3D with Mrs Lesley Robinson this term whilst Mrs Salter is on leave. We also welcome back Mrs Sue McNeilly who is teaching Miss Dorsett's 2/3B class for the next two weeks. Mrs McNeilly already knows many of the children in the class and is thrilled to be back.

I am also going to be taking 6 days of long service leave this term during the latter part of week 4 and all of week 5. Many of you know that a couple of years ago my father was critically unwell. He has made an incredible recovery and I am going to take the time to treat him to the delights of the Broadbeach Jazz and Blues Festival. During my absence, Mr Theofanes will be the acting principal and Mrs Hobbs will be the acting deputy.

### **Intersection upgrade for Tavistock St and Torquay Terrace**

Thanks to families for your ongoing patience with the road works. We believe that the work will be finished soon, however have been made aware that sometime within the next week, the entire intersection will be completely closed whilst the asphalt is applied.

### **Indigenous Health Checks**

Galangoor Duwalami Primary Health Care Services have written to us to share that the Health Check service for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander students, that have proven so valuable for our Indigenous students and their families, are no longer able to take place at school.

Children are still able to access this service at Galangoor Duwalami Clinic, but regrettably not at school this year. We urge our families to make an appointment so their children can still access this annual health check.

Kind regards, *Heidi Dallimore* – Principal

## **From the Deputy's Desk**

Welcome back to term 2. Keep an eye on the student planner as there is a lot happening at our school.

Behaviour, attendance and learning are all important and go cap in hand. This means that regular attendance and great behaviour give opportunities for learning to occur and grow.

### **SPORTS**

This is the season for sport. We have zone cross country coming up on the 21st May and invited students have already received their notes.

Our school Athletics is coming up soon and this year due to the timing of the National Athletics in Darwin, all carnivals have been brought forward. On Tuesday 7th May, students will run the championship 800m in the morning from 8:55am. This is a self-nominated process to participate in this event. On Wednesday 8th May,



nominated 9-13 year old students will participate in their championship High Jump event. Mrs Wyllie has been conducting trials during PE and students will know who has been nominated on Friday this week.

Week 5 on Wednesday 23rd May will be the championship events of Long Jump and Shot Put for 9-13 year olds. On the 24th May it will be the whole school carnival - please note Prep, Yr1 and Yr 2 students participate in the middle session of school time. A program of events will come out in the near future.

If students aged 9-13 years of age come 1st or 2nd at our championship events they will be invited to participate in the Zone Athletics Carnival in week 6. They will travel by bus to the event and there will be a cost involved. Please be mindful that there is a tight timeline for the return of these forms after the Athletics day.

Any queries please contact myself or Mrs Wyllie.

Have a great fortnight.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal

## Admin

### Notes & Forms

We have been re-issuing a large number of notes and forms lately where the original has been lost causing unnecessary paper usage / waste. To assist us in reducing this – please take due care to place notes in a safe place and return original forms to the school as soon as possible after receiving them.

**For year 6's** – please also ensure NAPLAN results and report cards are put in a safe place when received throughout the year as they are often requested during high school enrolment processes.

### Leaving

If you are leaving the school, please come to the office to complete a leaver's form. Please also consider donating uniforms to our 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop for those in need before leaving the area.

### School Fees

Please note the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of \$40 for the SRS is due by the end of week 2 term 2 which is this Friday 3 May unless you have already paid the full \$125 or have a Centrepay Plan in place. If you are suffering genuine financial hardship please contact the office. **Thank you** to all families who have paid their fees to date.

## News from the library

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who supported our Book Fair in term 1. Because of your support, we were able to purchase many new books for our students. Books about Lego, Minecraft, gaming, animals, dinosaurs and unicorns. Also new chapter books for our senior students. Please come down to the library to see our new books on display. These will be available to borrow next week.

Our library has had a small make over with the furniture and book shelves moved around. We now have the lounge near the Junior Fiction area so students can sit and read quietly. Students also have access to the games, puzzles and card games at their own leisure before school and at first break.



This term we have lots of fun events planned for the library. Throughout all of May, students can register and participate in 'National Family Reading Month'. Students read a story each day for the month of May and by doing so, can enter a draw to win a prize. All information is available at <http://scholastic.com.au/nfrm>. In week 3 we will be celebrating Mother's Day by having a display of books all about mums and other important women in our lives. We will also have some art and craft activities students can make to take home for their caregivers.

In week 4 we have the National Simultaneous Storytime where we will read the book- 'Alpacas with Maracas'. This is a nationwide event where all children around Australia will be reading the same story at the same time. More details will be shared closer to the date.

In week 6 we will acknowledge Reconciliation Week with a display of Australian indigenous books. We will also have some art and craft activities available for students to participate in.

Please continue returning books on a weekly basis. This allows students to be able to borrow each week and reduces the chance of books being lost.

Book Club is due May 7- please place orders in the big blue box located in the library.

We look forward to seeing you in the library soon. - Mrs Thomas and Mrs Folker.



## Persuasive Writing

Last term we looked at Narrative writing and how to engage the audience through writing using the Seven Steps.

This term our 2/3s, 4/5s and 6s will be focusing on Persuasive Writing. Below are some steps that you can use to support your child with this at home:

1. Have children listen to or read examples of persuasive writing. Together, listen and look for words, phrases and techniques that helped the writer persuade the listener.
2. Brainstorm something that is important to your child. Is it extra play time, more dessert, or another story, where the next holiday should be or a new toy/pet? The more authentic the topic, the more passionately your child will write or perform.
3. Once chosen, have your child start to list reasons why they should be allowed this. "Just because," and "because I like it" should not be considered valid reasons.
4. Have your child research to gather facts or examples that support their reasons.
5. Finally have your child summarize their position.

Some great persuasive books for the early years are:

- Eat Your Peas – By Kes Gray.
- I Wanna Iguana – By Karen Kaufman and David Catrow.
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus – By Mo Willems.
- Hey, Little Ant – By Phillip and Hannah Hoose.
- I Wanna New Room – By Karen Kaufman and David Catrow
- The Perfect Pet – By Margie Palatini and Bruce Whatley
- What Pet Should I Get? – By Dr. Seuss
- Green Eggs and Ham – By Dr. Seuss

More topics to write or discuss about:

1. Students should have less homework.
2. Neat handwriting is important.
3. Short hair is better than long hair.
4. We should all grow our own vegetables.
5. Children should be paid for doing chores.
6. Dogs make better pets than cats.

Happy reading and writing! - Tanya Carmichael - Pedagogy Coach

## Health

### Influenza or 'the flu'

**Description:** Influenza or 'the flu' is a highly contagious disease infecting the upper airways and lungs but can also affect other parts of the body. In Australia, outbreaks of influenza of varying severity occur every year usually between **May and September**.

**Symptoms:** The symptoms of influenza can include: fever, dry cough, muscle and joint pain, tiredness/extreme exhaustion, headache, sore throat and stuffy nose. Most people recover within a week, although a cough and tiredness may persist.

**Transmission:** The virus that causes influenza is mainly spread from person to person by virus-containing droplets produced during coughing or sneezing. The droplets can be spread up to a metre through the air and enter the body through the nose and mouth. A person can also catch influenza if they shake hands with an infected person or touch a contaminated surface such as a door knob or telephone, and then touch their nose or mouth.

**Prevention:** To avoid becoming ill with influenza, the best way to protect yourself and others is to:

- Be vaccinated
- Stay home when you are sick
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel
- Wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Don't share items such as cigarettes, glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or anything which could be contaminated with infected secretions
- Maintain at least one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing
- Consult your doctor if you have a cough and high fever (38c or more) and follow their instructions, including taking medicine as prescribed
- If attending a medical practice or emergency department, alert the receptionist of your symptoms so you can be seated away from others and possibly be given a surgical mask.

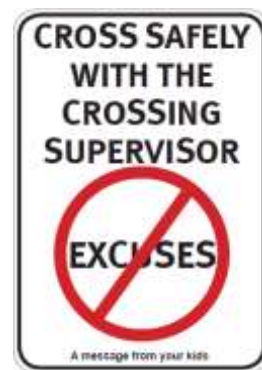
More information can be found at:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/health/healthpromotion/influenza-flu-vaccinations.html>



## 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.



## Tuckshop

OUR MOTHERS DAY STALL will be held on WEDNESDAY MAY 8, THURSDAY MAY 9 AND FRIDAY MAY 10. We have lots of gifts ranging from \$2.00 to \$8.00. Please bring a bag for your purchase and get in early to avoid disappointment. We will be starting our Hot Milo from May 13. It is still \$1.00 and we will be offering Egg and Bacon Muffins for \$3.00 or \$4.00 with a Milo so any donations are greatly appreciated. I am also looking for helpers to serve in the morning from 8.00 till 8.45. I get quite busy with Milo and muffins and need the extra help. I am looking for helpers each morning. If you can help please come and see me at the Tuckshop. Thanks, Judy.

## 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



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\* Based on your income for 1 child in care per session after CCB and CCR

**COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM!**

## Uniforms

New uniforms are available from Sauers and Lowes. Second-hand uniforms can be purchased from the school's 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. 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.

## 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



This 3-week course for parenting children 2-12 years, will give you useful tools and strategies for the challenges that parenting brings. This program focuses on how we respond to our children's behaviour when they don't behave as we would like them to. This course will show you how to manage your child's behaviour.

**When:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm  
**Where:** Yarrilee State School  
**Contact:** Yarrilee State School office 41977111  
**Cost :** Yarrilee Parents/Carers – Free      Non Yarrilee Parents/Carers - \$15

**Bookings and Payments prior to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May Essential**