



# Torquay News

## State School

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

### Issue 10 - 2017

#### Date Claimers

##### THURSDAY 22 JUNE

Report Cards

##### FRIDAY 23 JUNE

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Free Dress - Gold Coin Donation  
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am

REMEMBER EVERY DAY COUNTS!

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##### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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##### MONDAY 10 JULY

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

TSS Playgroup - 9-10.30am - Hall

##### TUESDAY 11 JULY

Breakfast Club 8-8.30am

##### WEDNESDAY 12 JULY

3-6 Parade 2.30pm - Hall

##### FRIDAY 14 JULY

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am

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##### MONDAY 17 JULY

TSS Playgroup - 9-10.30am - Hall

##### TUESDAY 18 JULY

Breakfast Club 8-8.30am

Deadline for returning Spell-a-thon forms to school

##### WEDNESDAY 19 JULY

P-2 Parade 2.30pm - Hall

##### FRIDAY 21 JULY

NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am

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##### UPCOMING

School Photos Tues 29 Aug

#### From the Principal

The school holidays are an ideal time to build shared and lasting memories with your children. Think back to your childhood and reflect on the times that you remember fondly. Many of these times will no doubt have been going somewhere special with your family, a holiday, camping or a long trip to visit family. Equally so will be times when you just had the opportunity to play with your parents. Perhaps it was monopoly, a card game, hide and go seek, cricket at the beach, wrestling in the back yard, fishing from a pier, or baking a cake and licking the batter out of the bowl afterwards ending up with a sticky mess everywhere. When you spend time playing with your child, it shows him or her they are loved and valued.

There are lots of free (or almost free) things to do right here in Hervey Bay:

- Visit the botanic gardens
- Play at the beach
- Organise a play date at a local park with some school friends and turn it into a picnic - bake some treats and make sandwiches with your child before hand
- Cook together
- Play cards and board games
- Build a cubby house out of boxes
- Listen to music and sing along loudly
- Play out doors, throw, kick, catch balls, skip, hop and play follow the leader
- Visit the town library
- Build and construct using lego, or if available some timber and nails
- Make some playdough and join in the fun (see the recipe later in the newsletter)
- Make a puppet show using old socks as puppets....



Most importantly, laugh, giggle, model good manners, how to win and how to lose.

Play is one of the most important needs your child has.

- It is one of the ways children learn about and practise living in their world and their culture.
- It helps children to manage their feelings and to cope with upsetting things that happen in their lives.
- Play helps build relationships.
- And play is relaxation and fun!

Children crave time with their parents, because it makes them feel special. What will you do these holidays to strengthen the bond between you and your child and to build those important memories?

#### Staffing news

We'd like to thank both Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Lewis for teaching at Torquay in semester one. Mrs Spann returns from maternity leave to start semester two with 6A, whilst Mrs Jo Rickert will teach 4B for the remainder of the year. Miss Coleman will be taking leave for the first two weeks of term three and Mrs Kay Cheesman will teach the class for this time. Mrs Anita Eason will be on leave for the first couple of weeks and both Mrs Janice Wootton and Mrs Lynda Eadie will increase their hours to ensure the office continues to run smoothly.



### Approaching Children and other Parents

From time to time, parents will feel frustrated with children other than their own at our school. If this is the case then it is NOT acceptable for the parents to approach that child; the only appropriate course of action is to report the concerns to your child's class teacher and they will take the necessary action. This is the same with approaching another child's parent whilst at school. Again, these are matters to refer to the teacher. Children have the right to feel safe and supported at school by all adults and when approached by a frustrated or cranky parent, they feel scared and anxious.

### Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home with students this Thursday 22 June. Students attending the USHS Open Day will receive their report card when they get off the bus at 2.45pm. The reports will be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to you as parent/carer and students will have been told explicitly NOT to open the envelope but to pass it straight to their parent/carer. Teachers will have signed across the sealed section of the envelope. Any report cards that are not taken home on Thursday will be kept at the office for parents/carers to collect before 3.30pm on Friday 23 June or at the start of next term. **Report cards are no longer posted home unless we receive a parent/carer request due to the student being away on holiday. If copy report cards are required for non-residential parents or due to shared care arrangements please let the office know by midday Thursday 22 June.**

Kind regards

*Heidi Dallimore* – Principal



### From the Deputy's Desk

Wow, what a term. We have had some ups and some downs but all in all we have had another great term. This is a fantastic school, one where the community spirit is high and everyone looks out for each other. I am very proud to be a part of this school and I want to acknowledge our staff, students and families for their continued support and effort throughout this semester.

Our attendance rate has dipped this term and unfortunately it has decreased when compared to 2016. We are in the process of sending out letters highlighting high absences. Some absences are due to poor behaviour choice and some through illness. I was recently advised that where there are multiple absences through illness then we can request medical certificates to verify. At Torquay, we want to know that your child is okay and where possible want to assist in our students attending every day. Our goal is 95% and we start fresh in semester 2. Let's get there Torquay!



Thank you to the staff who have been with us this semester and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Finally, on behalf of the school we trust that you will all have a wonderful holiday and a much enjoyed break to spend time with friends and family. Remember to be safe and if you see any suspicious activity at our school please contact school watch on 131 788. See you next semester.

Yours in Education

*Phil Theofanes* – Deputy Principal



### Admin News

#### 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.

#### Lockdown procedures

Evacuation and Lockdown procedures are practised regularly while students are in their classrooms. However critical incidents can happen at any time – before school, playtime, lunch breaks and the school must ensure that the safety of all staff, students and visitors to the school is catered for in a timely, orderly manner. If you happen to arrive at school during a lockdown practice and find everything closed up and no one around, **don't panic**. We ask that you return to your car and wait there until the all clear is given and you see children back outside rooms.

#### 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 in royal or dark blue or gold.



## Holiday Craft

### Stretchy Play Dough

Use any measure which will make as much as you want, such as a cup, lid, spoon, container.

Ingredients:

- 2 measures of self raising flour
- 1 measure of cold water

- Mix this together until it is a stretchy dough.
- Add more flour if needed.
- It can be coloured using food colouring
- Spices can be added for smell.



## P&C News



Thanks again everyone for your support and helping reach our goal towards air conditioners for all our classrooms. Our P&C Meetings will now be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm in the Staff Room – which is behind the office. We always welcome new people to our meeting and we promise we won't give you a job as that's not how we work, we would just love to hear your new ideas or suggestions.

### Spare change Challenge

Have you bought in your spare change for this Term to help your year level totals below. We will be counting the tins again at end of term and letting you know what year level is the one to beat for next term – Year 5 are the ones to beat so far. Keep your spare coins coming in. Tins are in the Library and at the Tuckshop.



### P&C Voluntary Contribution

We are kindly asking for those that are able to please give a \$20 Voluntary Contribution per family. We have approx. 300 families so \$20 x 300 is would be A WHOPPING \$6000. If you are unable to give \$20 – any contribution would be greatly appreciated. We have already had contributions of \$595 already so THANK YOU!!!

### Family Fun Night – Term 4

We are hoping to organise a Family Fun Night to end our year with a BANG. To make this event bigger and better we are asking any parents or carers who might be able to assist us in organising this event. We will then put out a helper list of jobs which people can assist with.



### Uniform Shop

The preloved uniform shop is currently open Mondays 8.30-9am and Fridays 2.30-3.15pm.

## QParents is coming in Term 3!

### Registering for QParents

During the beginning of term 3 you will receive an invitation letter from us, sent home via your child, containing your child's EQID number and details of how to register. During the following weeks you will receive your unique invitation code. Simply follow the instructions to complete the QParents account registration process. If you want another parent to be the QPAO, you can advise us and we will send them an invitation email or letter with their own unique invitation code. To ensure this process goes smoothly please ensure we have your correct email address prior to the start of term 3.

### Identity verification

When registering as a QPAO, you will need to verify 100 points of identity documents online. The 100 points can be made up of documents in the following list:

Australian Passport	50 pts	Australian Marriage Certificate	40 pts
Australian Driver Licence	50 pts	Australian Citizenship Certificate	40 pts
Australian Birth Certificate	50 pts	Change of Name Certificate	40 pts
Medicare Card	20 pts	Australian Visa (foreign passports)	20 pts

If you only have 60-90 points of the above ID documents you can still register for QParents, but you will need to attend the school for an additional check after you have registered online.

If you don't have sufficient documents, you might like to nominate another parent as the QPAO.

For more information on the online identity verification process, see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help>

### Help and contact information

For more information see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

For help, visit <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help> or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)



## Keys to Success

Keys to Success				
Bronze Certificates				
Abby 1A	Cooper 4C	Jason Prep A	Lucas 3C	Savannah 2B
Allen 4C	Danni 5C	Kanisha 4C	Madison 4C	Shanita 2B
Amarli 5C	David 2C	Karley 4C	Memphis 4C	Sophie Prep A
Anarchi Prep A	Faith 5C	Kasiah 4C	Nadia 4C	Tyler 2B
Ariana 5C	Holly 4C	Keeley 4C	Nate Prep A	Wyatt 3C
Ashton Prep A	Izak 4C	Kobi 2B	Nicki 3C	Yasmin 3C
Blake 3C	Jack 4C	Lacey 4C	Oliver 1B	Zackery 3C
Coen Prep A	Jaiden 5C	Liam 1A	Patrick 3C	Zoe 1B
				Zylen 3C



## LEMphonics News

The half way mark of 2017 ... and the final article for this term. When we are teaching spelling, we introduce ways to make it easier. We divide the words into syllables and spell the word one syllable at a time. Again, it is what we **hear** when we are spelling and not what we **see**. To see the words as a list becomes a reading activity not a spelling one. There are some basic rules when dividing words into syllables.

1. Never divide a one-syllable word. (good, friend)
2. Divide compound words between the words. (sun-set, lunch-box)
3. Divide suffixes from the base word. (add-ed, love-ly)
4. Divide prefixes from the base word. ( mis-place, un-well)
5. When two or more consonants come together, divide between the first and the second consonant. (tur-tle, cen-tre)
6. When the vowel makes a short sound (first sound), divide the word after the next consonant. (or-ange, trac-tor)
7. When the vowel makes a long sound (second sound), divide the word straight after the vowel. (ba-by, mu-sic )
8. When a vowel is sounded alone in a word, it becomes a syllable. (a-lone, doc-u-ment)
9. When two vowels come together in a word and are sounded separately, divide between the two vowels. (i-de-a, ri-ot)
10. When a word ends in 'le', divide the word before the previous consonant. (bub-ble, ca-ble) Exception 'ckle' (buck-le, tick-le)

The philosophy of the LEMphonics program is to build the learner in all areas, mentally, spiritually and physically. These three aspects are designed to work together for optimum learning and healthy development. This creates the 'whole' learner. The program encourages the students to do their best work through setting a high, but realistic expectation. It's a multisensory program. The more senses used in learning, the better the understanding and retention of knowledge. LEMphonics gives meaning and purpose to sounds and letters and then these are built upon to make words for spelling and reading. The student's knowledge is then consolidated through regular testing and revision. LEMphonics also challenges the students to think analytically. This process keeps the brain sharp and alert, making connections and the ability to solve problems. Until next term...have a great break and see you in Term 3.  
Miss Miller

## Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		2017		FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	JULY 10	Sonia		July 10	Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed
Wednesday	JULY 12	Claire			
Thursday	JULY 13	Sonia			
Friday	JULY 14	Sonia			
Monday	JULY 17	Sonia		July 17	Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed
Wednesday	JULY 19	Claire			
Thursday	JULY 20	Sonia			
Friday	JULY 21	Sonia			
<b>HOME-BAKE</b>					
Wednesday	JULY 12	Home-bake Needed			
Friday	JULY 14	Home-bake Needed			
Wednesday	JULY 19	Home-bake Needed			
Friday	JULY 21	Home-bake Needed			

## Helping Hands OSHC



### 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!**

## Positions Vacant

### Permanent Part-Time Cleaner Sandy Strait State School

Applications are invited for the position of PERMANENT PART-TIME CLEANER- SANDY STRAIT STATE SCHOOL. 15 hours per week- Monday – Friday (Afternoon shift only 3.00-6.00 pm). ADO's (Accumulated Days Off) will be worked in addition to these hours. Application Packages including Selection Criteria and Role Description can be collected from SSSS Administration between 8.30am -3pm or emailed. Application Packages will not be faxed or sent out by post.

All prospective employees must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period. APPLICATIONS MUST ADDRESS THE SELECTION CRITERIA IN WRITING – NO MORE THAN 2 PAGES ('How you will be Assessed' section) Applications close Friday, 21 July at 3pm. (Include a Resume in your application with at least 2 current referees) LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED Applications will remain active for a period of 12 months.

Please forward your application to: Business Services Manager, Sandy Strait State School 134 Robert Street, Urangan QLD 4655 or drop into the front office between 9.00am-3pm or email to [bsm@sandstrass.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@sandstrass.eq.edu.au)

## Absence Line 4194 4366 / Absence SMS 0429 466 895

Please phone 4194 4366 to record details of an absence preferably before 9am on the day of an absence or send an SMS text message to 0429 466 895 so that we can and update the absence reason. This available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. If you receive a text message for an unexplained current day absence, please reply to the SMS as soon as possible so that we can ensure the safety of your child. If you receive a letter for an unexplained absence, please enter an absence reason and return the letter as soon as possible contact the above numbers so that we can remove the unexplained absence from the student's record. In accordance with our OneSchool system, all late arrivals and early departures are to be signed in and signed out by students' parent/s or guardian/s at the Administration Office.



## Like us on Facebook

Get the latest news by joining our 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/Torquay-State-School-145941882156551>



## 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.

## What's On

### Renowned Children's Author Mem Fox is coming to Wide Bay

This month's Mary Poppins Festival will be sprinkled with Possum Magic, with acclaimed children's author and educationalist, Mem Fox, attending the annual celebration on the Fraser Coast. Mem will attend the Where is the Green Sheep party at the Maryborough Library from 10am to 11am on Monday June 26. For children aged 3-6, the party costs \$2.70 per child with bookings at the library essential. The beloved author will also host a number of free Storytime with Mem Fox sessions on Thursday June 29 and Friday June 30. Book via the Broлга Theatre for sessions including 9-9.30am for children 0-4, 10.30-11.15am for children 5-8 and 1-2pm for children 9-11. Bookings via <http://www.ourfrasercoast.com.au/Mary-Poppins-Festival/Mem-Fox>



### School Holiday Fun at Fraser Coast Libraries

There are several activities and events happening at Fraser Coast Libraries over the holidays. For more information go to: <http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/library-upcoming-events#> Fraser Coast Wildlife Preservation Society will also be holding a Mammal Display over the holidays at Hervey Bay Library.

### University of the Sunshine Coast Open Day

USC Open Day Fraser Coast Campus Saturday 8 July 2017 10am - 1pm All welcome

### A Day Made Better Teaching Awards

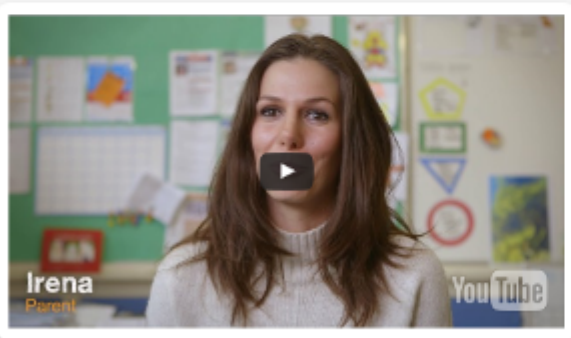
Nominate your teacher for A Day Made Better Teaching Awards. If your teacher is already nominated, you can increase their chances of winning this wonderful prize by nominating them again. Nominations close this Friday 23 June <http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au/school/torquay-state-school-torquay-qld>

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TEACHING AWARDS

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# ABOUT A DAY MADE BETTER



A Day Made Better rewards and recognises exceptional primary and secondary school teachers across the country. We invite parents, students, fellow staff members, or anyone who has ever known an exceptional teacher to show their appreciation by giving them the recognition they deserve.

Exceptional teachers do more than just teach – they inspire, nurture and encourage students to build knowledge, confidence and life-skills.

This year, ten exceptional teachers will be rewarded for their inspirational work with a surprise event including prizes valued over \$6,000 and an Apple iPad for their school.

If you know of a primary or secondary school teacher that has made an impact and should be celebrated, show your support and nominate them for the A Day Made Better Teaching Awards.

