



Torquay News State School

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

Issue 11 - 2017

Date Claimers

MONDAY 24 JULY

TSS Playgroup - 9-10.30am – Hall
Spellathon testing starts –
finalised 1/8/17

TUESDAY 25 JULY

Breakfast Club 8-8.30am

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall -
NAIDOC Dancers

THURSDAY 27 JULY

District Athletics – 800m 2-3pm

FRIDAY 28 JULY

District Athletics Carnival
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50

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MONDAY 31 JULY

TSS Playgroup - 9-10.30am – Hall

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST

Breakfast Club 8-8.30am
Spell-a-thon testing to be
completed in class

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST

P-2 Parade 2.30pm - Hall

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50
Spell-a-thon forms go home for
collections

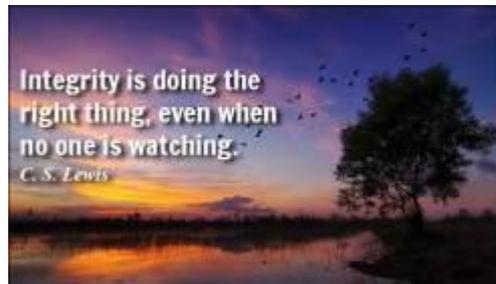
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UPCOMING

School Photos Tues 29 Aug

From the Principal

Integrity can be defined as “the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles”. It is a virtue that as parents and teachers we want to encourage in our children. The author of The Chronicles of Narnia, C S.Lewis said, “Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.”



At our school we are keen to ensure that our children learn the academic essentials as well as building strong moral characteristics. Teaching children to demonstrate integrity is important and there are many ways that we can all work together:

Explicitly modelling honesty and engendering trust is important. Following through with actions that were promised shows children that a person is trustworthy.

- Supporting our children to behave with kindness and respect is vital. For our senior students this can mean continual conversations about being true to themselves; not talking about other's behind their backs, stopping the rumours by saying to peers "It's not right to talk about him/her like that and I don't want to be involved" These statements are hard for children to say, but ultimately earn them greater respect from peers as well as a strong sense of integrity.
- There are four important elements to consider when modelling behaviours that lead to integrity:
 - What we say – being true to our work, and ensuring our actions meet our words
 - How we say it – speaking with respect and a positive tone is crucial,
 - What we do – again ensuring our actions meet our rhetoric – there is no point in admonishing a child for using technology at an inappropriate time if you as a parent then check you phone during a meal time or one to one time dedicated to your child
 - How we do it – making the right choices even when a short cut could have been easier, or less effort.

Marilyn Price-Mitchell PHD has recently written an article titled "Integrity: How Families Teach and Live their Values" and there is a section which I found very thought provoking:

"Whether responding to a stranger's Facebook post about a social issue or a friend's unkind comment about a public figure, quick, off-the-cuff, and nasty replies are the new normal for adults and kids. Many see it as a fun, entertaining game with few consequences. Similar face-to-face conversations play out in homes across the country. Unfortunately, the consequences of ignoring integrity are real, and the psychological damage can run deep, even for those who sit silently on the sidelines. Like second-hand smoke, the effects of disrespect and dishonesty often seep invisibly into the bodies and minds of children."

Her full article can be found at <http://www.rootsofaction.com/integrity/> and I highly recommend it.

Spell-a-thon

By now, all blue spell-a-thon forms should have been returned and teachers will start testing words very soon. This is a major fundraiser for the P&C and we are hoping to be able to raise enough to install air-conditioning to more classrooms. There are some awesome prizes available for students and that fabulous Kingfisher Bay Resort prize for the family of the child who raises the most funds.

Staffing news

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Groth who is teaching 1C for the remainder of the year as well as Mrs Rickert on 4B. Miss Spann is back teaching year 6. Already we've had fantastic feedback from both families and students about these three teachers. Mrs Magrin will be going on maternity leave at the end of week 5 and Miss Sarah Bishell will teach the class along with Mrs Hobbs for the remainder of the year.

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk



Welcome back to another fun filled semester of learning and celebration. This week we celebrated NAIDOC. Students have been involved in Butchulla Bingo at our pristine beach and participating in hunting activities during PE (lots of throwing and target practice). Our Kids Klub dance troupe have been practicing and performing various dances for us at school and also in the broader community. The feedback from students, staff and community has been fantastic.

Learning is always a focus at our school and this term is no different. Reports have been viewed and reviewed and now we continue to move forward and further develop our skills and knowledge to become successful learners. Reading and numeracy are two of our key school priorities and the passion and enthusiasm being displayed by our staff is second to none. Through this passion our staff are able to engage students who also display the passion and enthusiasm for learning – it is magical to see and hear.

Behaviour curriculum (Positive Behaviour for Learning) has had a focus this past fortnight on rules, routines and expectations. We like to start the beginning of each term this way so that we are all on the same page about 'what is expected from a Torquay SS student' and staff member. By laying this foundation we are able to 'buy back' our learning time as inappropriate behaviour decreases. The following fortnight focus will be on 'How to get attention appropriately' – this is all about the way we ask people for items or to play without hitting or bumping them to get attention or if in class, calling out and disrupting others.

Volunteers – we really enjoy engaging with community and seeing community involvement at Torquay SS. We have a number of literacy programs that we have implemented and our staff do a stellar job. Many hands make light work so if you can spare 30 mins, 1 hour or more regularly during the week (morning or afternoon) it would be greatly appreciated. We will provide training and support in the various programs we have running in our school – a nice way to connect with school and students. We understand people are busy but if you have time, come and see the friendly staff at Torquay to find out more.

Attendance "Every day counts" – Yes it does but it counts the most if you are healthy and well. If you are not well please see a doctor (medical certificates provided to school for multiple absences through illness is highly recommended) and/or rest up and come back strong ready to learn and have fun. Our attendance rate has dropped significantly for a myriad of reasons but an 'I don't want to go to school' excuse is not an acceptable reason for being away. If there is something that is a concern please contact your child's teacher to discuss. Currently, I am going through data and will be sending out letters for students whom have had a large number of absences for various reasons. We are discerning with this but want to make sure that our students are okay (as you do).

2017 Current Attendance To Date								95-100
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	92-95
91.81%	91.60%	91.21%	91.90%	91.73%	89.62%	90.92%	91.26%	90-92

Zumba at first break on Monday's. Peta Whitney is a registered Kids Zumba instructor and has volunteered her time on Monday to conduct Zumba with our students. It was a fun and fabulous time in the hall and the excitement and engagement displayed by the participating students was undeniable. Zumba at Torquay = FUN!
Have a great fortnight everyone!

Yours in Education

Phil Theofanes – Deputy Principal



Admin News

Parent & Visitor Use of School Toilets

Please note parents and visitors are asked to only use the staff toilets located in the junior and senior toilet blocks before, during and after school. In addition, as you would be aware, Helping Hands operate a before and after school care service at our school in the hall. The Helping Hands staff place high priority on student safety particularly around supervision of the toilet area. In order to assist this, we ask that all parents and/or visitors to the school please be aware of the service operating and again, if you need to use the toilet facilities, the junior or senior toilet block staff toilets should be accessed rather than the hall. Thank you for assisting us with this important process in keeping our students safe.

Travel safely on buses – respect your peers, the driver and community

Ensuring the safety of our children is of paramount importance. The [Queensland Bus Industry Council](#) has released a [video about safe bus travel](#) to make children aware of the dangers and encourage them to be respectful and safety conscious when travelling on school or local buses.



Literacy News

Who is a Torquay Word Wizard?

Each fortnight Mrs Carmichael is asking students to design a poster around a different Vocabulary concepts. This fortnight we are looking at Homophones. Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelt differently eg bear, bare. Students are asked to design a poster (hand drawn, collaged or created on a computer) with as many homophones that they can. The winning design/s will be displayed in our school and receive an exciting prize for their whole family to enjoy with all entries going into the draw for a mega prize at the end of the semester. Entries are to be placed in the box in the library by Monday 24 July. Have fun, Mrs Carmichael.

P&C News



Our P&C Meetings are held every 3rd 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.

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.



Uniform Shop

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

LEMphonics News

Welcome back to term 3. With the Spell-a-thon being held at the end of the term, I will introduce some spelling rules to explain why some words are spelt as they are. These rules can help us choose which phonograms to use where. Remember, when we are trying to spell a word, we have to ask the question...**What do I hear?** Firstly, we have to be able to hear the **sounds** within the word and then choose which phonogram to use for that sound. As students become more efficient in reading, spelling will also become easier and the students will be able to just say the letter names instead of identifying sounds.

Here are a few spelling rules to try-

- Vowels usually say their second sound at the end of a syllable.**
a-cross, e-ven, no, ti-ger, se-cret, fla-vour, cry, qui-et, No-venber, ti-ny, be-long.
- l*, *f* and *s* are doubled at the end of a one-syllable word, if a single vowel precedes them.**
doll, bill, full, ball, spell, fluff, sniff, off, class, chess, hiss, cross
- ay is mostly used to say 'a' at the end of a word.**
Stay, Monday, may, tray, play.
(Other phonograms saying 'ay' at the end of a word- o-bey, they, weigh)
- i* and *o* may say their second sounds before two consonants.**
Find, kind, behind, wild, child, sign, most, hold, both, comb, roll,
- all* is written with one *l* when added to another word as a prefix.**
Always, altogether, although, almost.
- Here are some words in which the underlined phonograms have a sound other than their given sound.**
Friend, any, should, would, could, pretty, poor, blood, sew, woman, heart, aunty, said.

More next issue
Miss Miller

Stockland Hervey Bay School Rewards



To celebrate the opening of JB HiFi at Stockland Hervey Bay we are giving local schools the opportunity to update their Audio/Visual equipment by winning JB HiFi gift cards via our 'School Rewards' program.

Customers who shop at Stockland Hervey Bay from Thursday 27th July to Thursday 7th September can allocate every dollar they spend as points towards their nominated participating school.

The prizes up for grabs:

First prize: **\$5,000 JB HiFi Gift Card**

Second Prize: **\$2,500 JB HiFi Gift Card**

Third prize: **\$1,000 JB HiFi Gift Card**

**PLUS there will be 6 weekly customer draws giving them
the chance to win \$100 JB HiFi Gift Cards!**

How it Works:

School Rewards will be heavily advertised on Hit FM, through In Centre Signage and via the centre's social media channels. Customers are encouraged to sign up and can either present their receipts at our Customer Care Desk or upload them to the campaign website. They can then allocate their points to the registered school of their choice. Each dollar spent equals 1 'School Rewards' point.

The rankings will be determined by the school's overall participation in the promotion (the total number of points earned will be divided by the number of pupils enrolled at the school to establish a participation percentage). In the event that two schools have earned the same participation percentage the prize pool will be added together and divided between the two (2) schools.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2017



We are excited to announce we will once again participate in this amazing community program in 2017. Your child should have already come home with a sticker sheet; if not don't worry as you can obtain one from the office/student services or library. If during the program you fill one sheet and need another just pop in and collect one. Woolworths will be giving out stickers when you shop from **26 July to 19 September**. All you need to do is put the stickers on the sheet and when it is full write your child's name on and put it in one of the collection boxes in the library or student services. Our school will also have a box at each of the Woolworth stores in Hervey Bay (Urangan, Pialba & Eli Waters)

so sticker strips and/or completed sheets can be placed in there too. We will keep you updated on our progress throughout the program. If we work together we might be able to make this the best year yet for the number of stickers we collect. At the end of the program we are able to go online and choose some great resources for our school.

QParents is coming in Term 3!

By now you should have received your QParents introduction letter sent home with your child on Monday 17 July. This letter provides you with your child's EQID (Education Qld Identification Number) which you will need to register for QParents. Please ensure you keep this letter in a safe place. At the end of next week, between Wednesday 26 July and Friday 28 July don't forget to check your email inbox for your invitation to register. If you have all your documentation ready and follow the step by step process, the registration should only take a maximum of ten minutes. Unfortunately your registration cannot be saved part way so it is important to have everything ready before you begin. When registered you will be able to connect instantly with our school to access and manage your child's information. Please see the attached information to assist you with the process. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office or the QParents help line. **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

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Silver Certificates	Bronze Certificates		
Charlotte 1C	Amelia 6C	Kaspah 2/3A	Sarah 6C
Isabella 5A	Caitlin 6C	Levi 2C	Sebastian 6A
Jasmin 5A	Corey 2/3A	Leyah 2/3A	Seth 2C
Jessica 1C	Courtney 6C	Lochlan 6C	Shae-Leigh 2/3A
Liam 5A	Elhiza 6C	Lucia 2/3A	Stanley 1A
Locklyn 5A	Emmaliese 6C	Maddilyn 2/3A	Tomas 2C
Orion 1A	Hayley 6C	Nick 2/3A	Tyler 6C
Ruby Prep B	Jacob 6C	Olivia 6C	Zeke 2/3A
Shaylee 5A	Jaquan Prep B	Piper 2/3A	
Storm Prep B			
Xanda 5A			



Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2017		FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	JULY 24	Sonia	JULY 24 Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed MILO DONATIONS PLEASE
Wednesday	JULY 26	Claire	
Thursday	JULY 27	Sonia	
Friday	JULY 28	Sonia	
Monday	JULY 31	Sonia	JULY 31 Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed MILO DONATIONS PLEASE
Wednesday	AUG 2	Claire	
Thursday	AUG 3	Sonia	
Friday	AUG 4	Sonia	
		HOME-BAKE	
Wednesday	JULY 26	Home-bake Needed	
Friday	JULY 28	Home-bake Needed	
Wednesday	AUG 2	Home-bake Needed	
Friday	AUG 4	Home-bake Needed	



Welcome back to term 3 to all our families. Our Milo supplies are running low so if anyone would like to donate a tin that would be great and remember your children will get a FREE Milo for the week. These donations help us to keep our price at \$1.00 for a milo. We are also getting low on Cheese Slices and Vegemite. Our Menu is staying the same for this year as well. Thanks, Judy.

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.



Helping Hands OSHC



Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care Torquay



0475824340  torquay@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au 

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

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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

Get Started Vouchers

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Get in the Game
Get Started



Funding to help kids participate

Do you have a child aged 5-17 who lives in Queensland?

Would your child like to participate in a sport?

Are you a Health Card Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder?

You can apply for up to **\$150 for your child's sport or active recreation participation**. Visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/ and follow the link 'For parents and kids' or call **1300 656 191** to find out more. *Get Started Vouchers* are part of the Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative. **Round opens 12 July 2017.**

AN ACTIVITY OF THE HERVEY BAY BIBLE CHURCH



BUILDING TIME WITH LEGO



WHERE - URANGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ELIZABETH STREET, URANGAN

WHEN - EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

TIME - 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

COST - FREE

AGE RANGE - We accept children between the ages of 6 - 12 years.

WHAT WE DO???

- USE YOUR IMAGINATION TO BUILD WITH OUR LEGO
- COMPETE IN SMALL LEGO CHALLENGES
- CHRISTIAN FOCUS STORY TIME
- AFTERNOON TEA IS SUPPLIED

For more details please call Troy on 0421 922 906

Or Barbara and Peter on 0402 320 688



HERVEY BAY ATHLETICS CLUB

Home of Hervey Bay Little Athletics



Our not-for-profit organisation aims to deliver safe, enjoyable and organised athletic sessions in a family-friendly atmosphere. We value, and instil in our athletes, essential life skills such as:

- persistence
- resilience
- self-responsibility
- striving for improvement

Competition: Friday nights
from 4:30pm

Extra coaching sessions are offered free to club members and delivered by qualified athletics coaches

New season commences 21st July

Athletes from age 3

SIGN ON FOR
2017-2018 SEASON FROM
4:00pm-5:30pm
Thursday 13th and 20th July
at Dundowran Athletics Oval.
Family discounts apply.
Get Started Vouchers apply.



Family Fun and Fitness

Email: herveybayla@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook (Hervey Bay Little Athletics)



Condy Park's Annual Community Event. Teddy Bear's Picnic

Sunday 6th August 2017 9am-1pm

Venue

City Park - Beside Discovery Sphere/Art Gallery -

Cnr Old Maryborough Rd & Charles St Pialba.

Come along for a great family fun day.

Major Raffles, Face painting, Jumping Castles, Rides, Stalls,
Petting Zoo, Food, Drinks, Rex the Dinosaur & lots of Entertainment.

2 Local Authors Kris Sheather & Row Kerr

will be reading along this year.

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YOUTH WRITING COMPETITION

Short Story - 2000 words max.

Topic for story - Winter

Age Catagories

6yrs to 9yrs - 1st Prize \$30 2nd Prize \$ 20

10yrs to 13yrs - 1st Prize \$50 2nd Prize \$ 30

14 yrs to 17yrs - 1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$ 75

3rd Prize \$ 50

Stories should be sent to -

Fraser Coast Artslink Inc

PO Box 474, Pialba Qld 4655

Entry submitted by COB 5 pm, Friday 11th August 2017

Contact Josie - 0408827917

enquiriesfca@gmail.com or

www.frasercoastartslink.com.au for

more information.