

The importance of manners

Last week we received an email from a lady within the Hervey bay community which I have copied below. Isn't it wonderful to see that our students demonstrate such high levels of respect for themselves and others....

Dear Principal, I was at the Hervey Bay Library yesterday afternoon and was going into the ladies toilet as one of your pupils was coming out, a young girl about 9 years old. She held the door open for me and when I said "thank you", she replied "you're welcome". I commented on it when I went back into the Family History Room. It is just so nice to see young people like this with good manners and it's a credit to her parents and the school.

The email was signed, but to preserve identity I have not included the author's name.

Spell-a-thon Update

It has been fabulous response to our first Spell-a-thon. Testing is now complete and children who are participating in the fundraising aspect of this event should have already brought home their blue forms for sponsorship collection. On the top of the page the teacher will have written the spell-a-thon score and students or P&C members will have calculated amounts to be collected. If your child did not bring home their blue form it means either:

- Your family informed us they are not included in the fundraising
- Your family has already collected and returned the entire amount of pledge
- Your child did not return the form to us.

Please start collecting the money that had been pledged and return it to school by Friday 18 August. The child who collects and returns most money by Friday 18 August will win the fantastic Day at King Fisher Bay Resort for their family. Please ensure that you record on the back of the blue Spell-a-thon sheet the prize your child wishes to have based on the amount they have collected and returned.

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk



Attendance: So far this year we have seen an increase in our 95% to 100% attendees. Our current percentage is 42.9% of our students have attended for a majority of the school year. This is a steady increase from 2015 - 32.8% and 2016 36.3%. Awesome results and continues to show the value placed on education at school. On the flip side we have seen an increase in our below 85% which has increased to 18.1%. Our goal is to have this result = 0% and our middle/upper tier increase. We understand that there are other commitments for our families but where possible we

want to see our students attend school - exceptions will be if behaviour choices are constant and the learning of others including your own child is going to be effected adversely because of the behaviour. Illness is another and if there is regular illness please see a GP and get assistance and a medical certificate if possible.

| 2017 Current Attendance To Date | | | | | | | | 95-100 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Prep | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Whole School | 92-95 |
| 91.75% | 91.72% | 91.27% | 90.94% | 91.75% | 89.97% | 91.08% | 91.21% | 90-92 |

Behaviour: This is the final week of looking at 'how to gain attention appropriately'. The next fortnight will have a focus on 'Being a responsible learner'. During this fortnight, students are shown a powerpoint and discussion had on how to be a responsible learner. Our behaviour data is viewed every 4 weeks and if foci need to change then we can alter our fortnightly focus to cater for this. Your support at home with our behaviour focus is always important as well. We thank you for your continued support with this.

General News and Views: Last week we had District Athletics whereby 35 athletes represented Torquay SS. They were all fantastic, running, jumping and putting (shot put) all day. We had a mixture of results with some First and Third places and loads of smiles on each child's face. Each student was a credit to the school, their families and of course themselves. We also received notification of Ebony in Year 6 representing the Wide Bay U12's Girls Football (soccer). Ebony represented, contested and the team came 2nd in the state and as just reward for effort and skill, Ebony was selected as a shadow player for the Queensland Team. Well Done! Did you catch our assembly last Wednesday? What a performance from our Kids Klub dancers performing to a song written by John Vea Vea about the plite of the Dingos on K'Gari. They were fantastic and a great way to wrap up our NAIDOC celebrations. Also, our TSS Band performed and had the crowd grooving and moving to their two numbers. The hours of practice and their commitment to before school practice is paying dividends and the Eisteddford is not far away. Phenomenal achievements abound at Torquay SS - Reading, Numeracy, STEM, Digital Technologies, Leadership programs, Optiminds the list could go on. It is all about having a go and giving it your best as that is one of the keys to success! Have a great fortnight.

Yours in Education

Phil Theofanes – Deputy Principal



QParents is here! Have you registered for your account yet?



Many of our parents have already accepted their QParents invitation (which was emailed to parents/carers last week) and are now actively using the QParents app. The feedback from these parents has been very positive; many are excited that they can now connect instantly with our school to access and manage their child's information. If you haven't registered your

account yet it's not too late, just check your inbox for the emailed invitation, collect your ID documents, the letter that was sent home during week 2 detailing your child's EQID (Identification Number) and off you go. The process should only take a maximum of ten minutes; just remember you cannot save an incomplete registration so make sure you have enough time to complete all screens to the end. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you have not received the letter and would like your child's EQID please contact the office. Help is also available via the QParents help line 13 74 68. For more information see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about> or <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help>.

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.

NCCD

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection. The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. **While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.** Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Phonics News

Read for Spelling, Read for Speaking

Sometimes the proper pronunciation of a word is lost in the rhythm of speech. There are two different ways we can pronounce words. One is for **spelling**, where we read the word as it is *spelled*. Students are more likely to remember the spelling when pronounced this way. Then the word is spoken as for reading or **speaking**, which shows how the word sounds in the rhythm of speech. Often, students aren't familiar with words they hear in spelling lists or in reading material. These words can then be analysed to find meaning and pronunciation. With a better understanding of the word, students will be more likely to use it in their writing and speaking. Being familiar with the words can only enhance the fluency of reading and speaking. Put simply, if you know the word, you are more likely to use it and recognise it when reading. Here are some steps to follow when reading words to remember the spelling:

1. Emphasise the break between syllables clearly (e.g. per-son-al, com-pu-ter, prob-ab-ly)
2. When a word has a syllable break between double consonants, (e.g. sum-mer, lit-tle, be-gin-ning), pronounce both consonants, one in each syllable.
3. Silent letters (except silent e) should be pronounced when **reading for spelling** (e.g. in lis-ten the **t** must be sounded, in calf the **l** is pronounced)
4. Some letters have a schwa sound (this is a neutral vowel sound which sounds like 'uh') In rhythm of speech, many words have this sound e.g. doctor, computer, measure. The final sound of these three words all sound like 'uh' so when **reading for spelling**, the 'uh' is pronounced as 'or' and 'er'.

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.

Keys to Success

| Keys to Success | | | |
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| Silver Certificates | Bronze Certificates | | |
| Danika 5C | Ashton Prep A | Kaspah 2/3A | Piper 2/3A |
| Jaiiah 5B | Bailey 3A | Kobi 2B | Rohan 3B |
| Jaydee 5B | Caitlyn 3B | Layah 2/3A | Savannah 3B |
| Mia 5C | Chloe 5B | Lucia 2/3A | Shae-Leigh 2/3A |
| Remi 5B | Corey 2/3A | Mackinlay 3B | Stanley 1A |
| Ruby Prep B | David 2C | Maddilyn 2/3A | Tyler 5B |
| Sahara 5B | Delilah 3B | Nick 2/3A | Zeke 2/3A |
| Sally 5C | Jaquan Prep B | Phoebe 3B | |
| Shelby 5B | Jessica 6C | | |
| Storm Prep B | | | |
| Taylor 5B | | | |
| Zoey 5B | | | |



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.

Uniform Shop

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

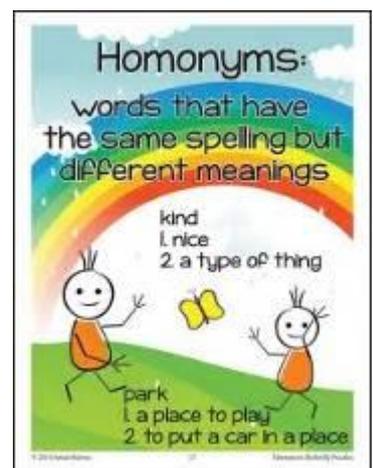
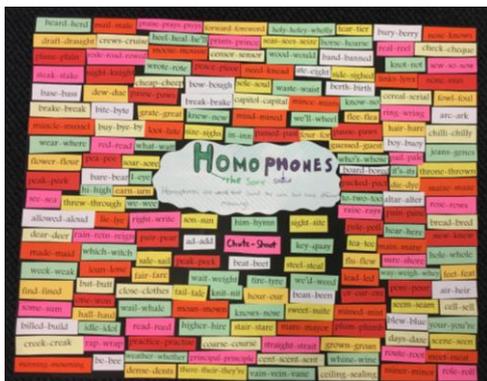
Position Vacant

Permanent Administration Officer Yarrilee State School

Applications are invited for the permanent full-time position of Administration Officer based at Yarrilee State School. **Hours:** 72.5 per fortnight **Closing Date:** 14 August, 2017. The ideal applicant will be someone who has demonstrated ability to: Use One School; Maintain student data and absences; Proficient in One School Receipting; Customer Service. Applications are requested to provide a resume based on the role accountabilities as addressed in the generic Administration Officer Role Description <http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/role-descriptions/non-teaching-role-descriptions.html> with two referees (one of whom should be your current supervisor). Further information can be obtained from Ann Ney, Business Services Manager phone 41977111. Applications should be forwarded by email to: Ann Ney Business Services Manager aney5@eg.edu.au

Vocabulary News

This fortnight, students from 3 – 6 are invited to design a poster on Homonyms (hand drawn, collaged or created on a computer) with the definition and as many homonyms as you can think of. Homonyms are words that have the same spelling but different meanings for example park. You can play at the park or park the car. 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 7th of August. Congratulations to Evie from 4A and Anastasia from 5B for your winning Posters on Homophones.



Tuckshop News

| TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2017 | | FOOD DONATIONS | |
|----------------------|--------|------------------|--|
| Monday | AUG 7 | Sonia | |
| Wednesday | AUG 9 | Claire | |
| Thursday | AUG 10 | Sonia | |
| Friday | AUG 11 | Sonia | |
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| Monday | AUG 14 | Sonia | |
| Wednesday | AUG 16 | Claire | |
| Thursday | AUG 17 | Sonia | |
| Friday | AUG 18 | Sonia | |
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| | | HOME-BAKE | |
| Wednesday | AUG 9 | Home-bake Needed | |
| Friday | AUG 11 | Home-bake Needed | |
| Wednesday | AUG 16 | Home-bake Needed | |
| Friday | AUG 18 | Home-bake Needed | |
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| | | AUGUST 7 | Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed MILO....DONATIONS NEEDED |
| | | AUGUST 14 | Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed MILO.....DONATIONS NEEDED |

Thank you to all our families that make donations to our school tuckshop. Your very generous donations make it possible for us to keep our prices down and give value for money. We will be having our annual FATHERS DAY STALL this year at the Tuckshop on WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30, THURSDAY 31 and FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1. Once again we have a great range of gifts for Dads, Grandfathers or the special male in the family. Our prices will range from \$2 to \$8. Don't forget to get in early and please bring a bag. We will also be seeking assistance from our helpers as we are catering for a school function on August 30 and would like some help with food preparation and some baking from home, Please come and see me if you would be able to help on this day. We would require help from 8am to approximately 11.30am. Thank you, Judy

Helping Hands OSHC



Helping Hands

Outside School Hours Care

Torquay



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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!

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

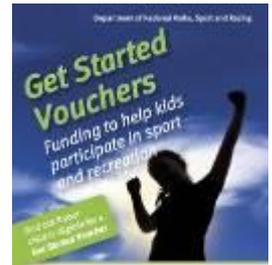
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 131 788. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, 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

Get Started Vouchers

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.**



The Salvation Army Hervey Bay

Community Fun Day!

Saturday 5th August,
9am - 2pm
11 Robertson Street
Urangan

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| SAT 12 Blessing of the Fleet Great Sandy Straits Marina 4pm to 8pm | SUN 13 Hervey Bay Seafood Festival Fishermen's Park, Urangan 10am to 4pm | SAT 19 Whale Parade and Concert Seafont Oval, Pialba 2pm to 8.30pm | SUN 20 Paddle Out for Whales Scarness Foreshore 8am to 2pm |
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- Market Stalls
- Whale Fleet Sail-by
- Kid's Activities
- Live Music
- FIREWORKS!
- Local Seafood
- Live Music
- Wine
- Celebrity Chefs
- Lucky Gate Prize
- Iconic Float Parade
- Live Music
- Carnival Rides
- Market Stalls
- FIREWORKS!
- Paddle Out at 8.30am
- Paddling Races
- Live Music
- Prizes to be Won!
- Pre-register Now

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