



Torquay News

State School

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

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Date Claimers

MONDAY 21 AUGUST

TSS Playgroup - 9-10.30am – Hall
Book Week

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST

Breakfast Club 8-8.30am
Pizza and Popper Day

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST

3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

Yr 3&4 Sports Gala Day
2018 Prep Open Day 9.30-10.30am
& 12-1pm
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50-11.30am

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MONDAY 28 AUGUST

TSS Playgroup - 9-10.30am – Hall

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST

Breakfast Club 8-8.30am
SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST

P-2 Parade 2.30pm – Hall
Fathers Day Stall at Tuckshop

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST

Fathers Day Stall at Tuckshop

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Fathers Day Stall at Tuckshop
Teacher Aide Day
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50-11.30am

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UPCOMING

Sports Gala Day Yr 5&6

From the Principal

Week 6

The Provision of Opportunity

At our school we are committed to providing students with a range of opportunities which complement the traditional key learning areas of English, Maths and Science. We believe that by offering these opportunities we are helping to expose our children to a wide range of experiences which help them to develop a balanced view of themselves and our World. At our school we value spending a little extra time on events and activities such as:

- Music – for example offering the choir and both the string and band options for students. Every second year we promote Torquay's Got Talent and just this week we hosted a band from Aspley State high School to perform for our whole school
- Multiple sports and physical activities such as gala days, athletics days and interschool sporting activities. We also enable sports development officers to provide lunch time programs when they visit our school
- Play opportunities, such as dress ups, construction, lunch time games and Zumba. Our library, science lab and technology lab are open most lunchtimes adding to the choice that children have
- Cultural programs inclusive of our Little Brothers, Little Sista's program.
- Optiminds and inclusion in the Reader's Cup are activities which are highly sought after and promote higher order thinking
- School camps and excursions which provide real life opportunities to learn and to apply learning.

Whilst we are aware of an annual calendar and can spread out these activities across the year, there are some experiences that just "pop up" which are too good to refuse – for example the Aspley State High School's performance at Monday's parade. As a conversation starter, try asking your child which part they enjoyed the most – for many of our students it was the percussion or vocal performances to which they felt most connected.

We encourage our families to provide their children with a broad range of experiences, playing together at parks, catching a bus or train in bigger cities and all the time talking about the World around them.

NAPLAN 2017

We have had the preliminary NAPLAN results come through to the school. We have already started analysing the results and can see some clear areas of growth as well as clear areas that are identified as a future focus.

We are celebrating many of our results, such as an improvement in our average scores in numeracy for both Years 3 and 5 as well as 50% of our year 3 children achieving results that place them in the highest two bands for reading.

For Yr 3 and Yr 5 families, please look out on Friday for your child's individual NAPLAN reports. If you have any queries about these reports, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher.



Staffing

We have farewelled Mrs Magrin who has commenced her maternity leave and we welcome Miss Sarah Bishell to 1A who will teach the class for the remainder of the year.

Currently we are experiencing a very high level of staff absenteeism due to ill health or a close family member being unwell. I am sure that you will extend your understanding to those teachers during this time. Where possible we book the same relief staff to maintain continuity for classes, however this is not always possible. Additionally, we have had a significant number of staff attending professional learning opportunities to further develop skills and knowledge.

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

Where does the time go, week 6 and just over half way through the term. Can you believe that there are only 14 school weeks left in 2017? We talk about every day counts, looking after yourself, trying your best and getting along with others. These are all important aspects of school life which we value. We also value learning - a year's worth of growth of your skills and knowledge from a year's worth of teaching - we teach the Australian Curriculum in an engaging manner and value all of our student's contributions.

Attendance: Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- **they learn better**
- **they make friends**
- **they are happier**
- **they have a brighter future.**

(excerpt from www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts)

Behaviour: This week our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is 'Be a Responsible Learner'. Students continue to work on, being on time to class · Whole body listening · Being prepared and ready to learn · Completing set tasks · Hands/feet and objects to self · Follow teacher directions · Be an active learner · Keep workspace and belongings tidy · Set goals and do your best to achieve them · Ask for help when needed.

Our focus is fortnightly and next fortnight we will be working on identifying different forms of bullying/harassment both verbal and physical. Parent/carer support is always valued and if you have not done so already please visit our website and check out the behaviour matrix for reporting. Behaviour choices impact both negatively and positively - Choose the right behaviours every time - Be Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

We have seen a myriad of students receive their recent certificates for Bronze and Silver (soon it will be Gold) - keep up the fantastic work Torquay. Each level is an achievement and you should all be extremely proud of yourselves.

General: From time to time families will have appointments with a General Practitioner, Paediatrician, Psychologist etc. and each of these professionals may ask for a report to be provided by the school. We take all referrals seriously and always have the students and family's needs at the forefront of our minds when writing the reports. The Principal and Head of Special Education Services sign each report and they along with the Deputy Principal and Class Teacher each contribute their anecdotal observations to the reports. They do take time to write and as such if you require a report for a medical professional we ask that a minimum of 2 weeks' notice is provided.

A big shout out to all of our parents/carers and students for being awesome and also for being at the most awesome school in the Bay - Torquay!

Have a fabulous 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

Student Resource Scheme Fees

Thank you to those who have paid their Student Resource Scheme fees in full. All fees for this year (and previous years) were due for payment by 21 July 2017, unless a Centrepay arrangement is in place. Please note any overdue SRS fees need to be settled as soon as possible in order for students to continue to access the resources for the remainder of this year. You may make payment via cash or eftpos at the office, via Centrepay arrangement (form available at the office), via BPoint (see front of invoice/statement) or via Direct Deposit (BSB 064 426 Account 00090056 Reference = students name).

Phonics News

Sound Families- these are groups of phonograms which make the same sound. This week we will look at the sound 'sh'. There are 5 phonograms in the 'sh' family. **Sh ti ci si** and **ch**(3rd sound, which is a French sound eg chef, chiffon, machete)

There are some simple rules to help decide which one to use when we are spelling. Firstly, let's look at the phonogram **sh**.

Sh is used in just 3 places- at the beginning of a word, at the end of a syllable and in words ending in **ship**.

<u>Beginning of word</u>	<u>end of a syllable</u>	<u>words ending with ship</u>
Shame	wash	worship
Shoot	mesh	mateship
Shopping	afresh	courtship
Shape	squash	partnership
Shallow	garnish	cadetship
Short	ambush	township

Ti ci and **si** are used to begin a syllable in the middle of a word and they will be followed by a vowel in that same syllable.

ation	etion	<u>otion</u>	<u>ution</u>	ction	ption	<u>ition</u>	<u>ntion</u>
creation	deletion	motion	pollution	action	option	position	retention
federation	completion	devotion	evolution	fiction	reception	ignition	attention

When the base word ends in 'ic' or 'ce'(with a vowel before it), we will use **ci** to say 'sh' when building words.

music - musician	physic - physician	politic - politician	electric - electrician
grace - gracious	face - facial	office - official	

When the base word ends with mit, ss or se, we use **si** to say 'sh' when building words.

admit - admission	permit - permission	submit - submission
discuss - discussion	impress - impression	manse - mansion

These are just the basic positions and rules for using these phonograms. Of course there are always those words which are not covered by any rule - session, ascension, social, special, intention, and mention.

Miss Miller

Numeracy News

A very exciting event is coming up in the world of Numeracy. Torquay State School is hosting the Hervey Bay / Maryborough Numeracy cluster for a workshop on Wednesday, Week 8, the 30th of August. These workshops occur 3 times per term as various locations around our area.

Approximately 50 teachers from schools around Hervey Bay and Maryborough will converge on Torquay for a day of workshops based on the latest research and developments on the teaching of maths and numeracy. These workshops are led by our regional expert named Rob Proffit-White, who visits from the sunshine coast. These workshops ensure our teachers are providing the best possible instruction for the students at our school. During the day there will be classroom visits where rob will model lesson types. You will be notified if these visits will be occurring in your child's class.

Our tuckshop has been asked to cater for the day as posted recently on the TSS Facebook page. Showing off our generous wider community will be a great showcase for the supportive environment of our school. Please contact Judy at the tuckshop if you are able to give assistance.



Woolworths Earn and Learn 2017



We are once again participating 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

Silver Certificates	Bronze Certificates	
Madison Prep C	Matthew 2C	Billy 6B
Dylan Prep C	Herbert Prep B	Sam 6B
Bobee-Jay Prep C	Maya 4C	Maddison 3C
Nicholas Prep B	Jerome 4C	Chevy 2B
Rachael 5A	Bailey 4C	Axel 2B
Jasmine 5A	Isabella 4C	Alex 2B
Jahlee 5A	Brayden 4C	Unique 2C
Brian 5A	Ruby 4C	Tina 2C
Lillian 2C	Jackson 4C	Corbin 2C
Jaxon 2C	Sienna 4C	Tamanna 2C
Sobek 2C	Kaylob 4C	Lacey 2C
Brooke 2C	Mark 5A	Shauna 2C
Alexis 2C	Henry Prep A	Jake Prep B
Keona 2C	Myles Prep A	
Bodhi 2C	Tenaya Prep A	
	Ciara 6B	

P&C News



Hi Torquay Families from The P&C,

What an exciting Term 3 we have had already with our Spell-a-thon. The whole P&C is just gobsmacked with the support you all keep giving to raise funds to Air-Condition our kids classrooms. With the last week for forms to be returned and monies counted we can't wait to give you a final total \$\$\$ raised – already we have banked \$7,100 so WELL-DONE TORQUAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Kim in the office is busy getting quotes for our next lot of classrooms to get Air-Conditioners which will be the

Year 4 Block. So keep an eye out for more information in the Newsletter or Facebook.

The P&C are also already planning our Term 4 fundraiser which we are all very excited about our - Family Fun Night so read on below for more details.

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.



Spell-A-Thon

Don't forget Friday is the last day to get your form, money and prize selected in so we can get started on purchasing all your prize goodies and give a final \$\$\$ raised. It has been a huge success for The P&C fundraising but also so great to see how excited the kids got when they saw their final spelling results. We hope you all had fun with this and we would love to hear your feedback.

***SAVE THE DATE –
FRIDAY 1ST
DECEMBER 2017 –
5PM TO 9PM***



We are going to end the year with a BANG for our Family Fun Night – there will be Stalls, Games, Rides, Slides & MORE. Watch this space for more details coming home soon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Spare change Challenge

Don't forgot this will be running all year and the tins are both in the Tuckshop & Library for all your unwanted change.



Uniform Shop

The preloved uniform shop is currently open Mondays 8.30-9am and Fridays 2.30-3.15pm. The uniform shop is also in need of donations of coat hangers with clips.

An unexpected fundraising opportunity has come our way !

On Wednesday 30 August, Torquay State School will be hosting a professional development event for around 50 local teachers and we have been asked to cater for this event.

We are keen to see if there are any families who could help out by doing some home bake. We are after biscuits, slices, cakes and savoury treats. This will help to keep our costs down as well as offering a more wholesome option for our visiting staff. Please call Judy (tuckshop convenor) on her mobile if you can help. Judy 0438 820 159.



Tuckshop News

Our **FATHERS DAY STALL** will be held at the tuckshop on **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30, THURSDAY AUGUST 31 and SEPTEMBER 1**. We will have a great range of gifts for DAD starting from \$2.00 to \$8.00. Please bring a bag for your purchase. We are in need of helpers for the morning of Wednesday August 30 for the Father's Day Stall.

We are also doing some in school catering so I am looking for about 10 helpers from 8am till about 11.30am. If you can help, please come and see me in the tuckshop ASAP so I can get my list started. Thank you to ladies I have already spoken to. If you are unable to help on the day but could make some cakes/slices/biscuits for us to serve could you also come and see me. We need about 8 to 10 bakers to help with that also (that is for Wednesday August 30).

Thank you,
Judy
Tuckshop Convenor



TUCKSHOP ROSTER		2017
Monday	AUG 21	Sonia
Wednesday	AUG 23	Claire
Thursday	AUG 24	Sonia
Friday	AUG 25	Sonia
Monday	AUG 28	Sonia
Wednesday	AUG 30	FATHERS DAY STALL
Thursday	AUG 31	FATHERS DAY STALL
Friday	SEPT 1	FATHERS DAY STALL
HOME-BAKE		
Wednesday	AUG 23	Home-bake Needed
Friday	AUG 25	Home-bake Needed
Wednesday	AUG 31	Home-bake Needed
Friday	SEPT 1	Home-bake Needed

FOOD DONATIONS	
AUGUST 21	Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed MILO....DONATIONS NEEDED
AUGUST 28	Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed MILO.....DONATIONS 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!

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 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.**



Stockland School Rewards - Leader board as at 14th August 2017 + DOUBLE points for FRESH FOOD

Info for parents & friends:

DOUBLE points for FRESH FOOD – until Wednesday (16th) customers can earn DOUBLE points simply by making a purchase at Coles, Lenards or Bakers Delight. Simply present your receipts at our Customer Care Desk or online at www.herveybayschoolrewards.com.au and they will automatically receive double points!!

LEADER BOARD

1st Bayside Christian College	7th Sandy Strait State School
2nd Kawungan State School	8th Yarrilee State School
3rd Hervey Bay Special School	9th Torquay State School
4th Urangan Point State School	10th Xavier Catholic College
5th Star of the Sea Catholic School	11th Fraser Coast Anglican College
6th St James Lutheran College	



Hervey Bay Oztag 2017 Senior & Junior Summer Season Sign On

OZTAG is a **non-tackling game** with limited contact and the rules are designed to encourage this. Passing, catching, tagging, evasive and kicking are the skills utilised in OZTAG.

Season Information

When: Senior Summer season starts Wednesday 6th September and Thursday 7^h September. Juniors start Wednesday 13th September and Thursday 14th September
Who: Senior Men, Mixed and Ladies divisions for teams and individuals and juniors from 5 -15. If you don't have a team, we will find an appropriate one for your skill level. Juniors can play with friends in the same team!
Cost: Seniors -\$100 season registration per player, \$25 oztag shorts. Juniors \$85 registration + \$25 Oztag shorts. No extra game fees
Where: Fraser Coast Mariners Rugby Union Club, Walkers Rd Urangan
Sign on: You can sign up online via the link on our web page www.herveybayoztag.com or come along to sign on day on the 30th August
Info: www.herveybayoztag.com or call Glenn on 0414893840
Come and join one of the fastest growing sports in Qld, 150 000 registered Australian players can't be wrong!
"GET TAGGED, YOU'LL LOVE IT"

Torbanlea State School



- Rides and Slides
- Pony Rides
- Annual Art Auction
- Food Stalls & BBQ, Slushies, Drinks, Coffee, Scones & Slices
- Show Bags
- Entertainment
- Side Show Alley - Chocolate Toss
- Lots of Stalls - Jam, Cake, Plant
- 100 Wheel & Raffles
- Star Wars Characters – Razorback Squad - 501st Garrison – Photo Opportunity



**Pre-purchase wristbands for unlimited rides*
and slides for \$25 from the tuckshop**

* Please note: Pre-purchase tickets DO NOT include Pony Rides

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND -
10AM TO 2PM**