



Torquay News

State School

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Date Claimers

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50
Torquay's Got Talent 1pm – Full School (Music Fundraiser)
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

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SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Breakfast Club 8-8.30am

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

Leadership Meeting 8.50-9.50am
3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

World Teachers Day

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50-11.30am
Yr 4-6 Swim Training 12.30-2.30pm

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MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

TSS Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER

Breakfast Club 8-8.30am

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

Urangan SHS ACE Open Day 12-1pm
P-2 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER

P-3 Swimming Lessons 9.15am-12.15pm

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50-11.30am
Yr 4-6 Swim Training 12.30-2.30pm

From the Principal

Excerpt from Why You Can't Be Your Child's Friend

www.empoweringparents.com/article/why-you-cant-be-your-childs-friend

By Janet Lehman, MSW

Here's the truth: if being your kids' friend was enough to raise them successfully, we would all probably parent that way. But our job is way more complicated than that. Children and teens really crave boundaries, limits and structure. At the same time, they also need some healthy separation from us as they go through adolescence and develop into adults. Our role as parents is really to teach, coach and give our kids consequences when they misbehave. If you slip into that friend role, however, it's virtually impossible to lay down the law and set limits on your child's inappropriate behavior.

I recently read the article above and found it very thought provoking. I hope you enjoy it too.

Parenting, along with teaching are probably two of the most challenging and yet at the same time rewarding jobs that exist. Both jobs have a critical role to play in how children develop into strong social citizens equipped with the necessary social, academic, communication skills and values required for successful futures.

I wonder how many of our parents today make the distinction between being a parent and being a friend. It is vital that parents are able to use the word "no" and to have the appropriate boundaries and expectations they put into place met by their children. It is important that parents establish structures and routines so children can learn how to become independent in their thinking and actions.

It is important to set time frames and to help your child meet them. Morning routines are an excellent example of this where children need to achieve all the required jobs, eg eating breakfast, getting dressed, brushing their hair and teeth, packing school bags etc in readiness for school, BEFORE any Tv watching or other leisure activity. Having the strong routines in place and followed will take away the stressful situations that find parents fighting with their child because they are not ready.

Over the school holidays, I encourage you to think about the routines you have in your home. How does your child know what you expect? What are the consequences for when your child both meets your expectations and for times when they don't? Does your child accept "No" for an answer or do they keep pushing the boundaries until your "no" turns to a "yes"?

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk



We are now in week 10 and it seems like the term has just flown by. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to a well earned break ready to recharge and refresh for the final 10 weeks of school in 2017. As the weather heats up our students will be involved in swimming (please ensure that you have a note and bring it back) beginning in week 1 of term 4 for years 4 – 6 and week 2 of term 4 for Prep - 3. The change in weather also means a lot more water to be consumed by all so that we do not dehydrate - keeping our cool is important for health and behaviour.

Attendance: Considering the 'flu' came to town and infiltrated the immune system of a lot of us (myself included), our attendance rate has remained above 90% (school target 95%). Our goal next term is to have 95% attendance across the school. Term 4 just like the others are extremely important especially as we reach the culmination of a year's worth of teaching for a year's worth of learning. All the skills and knowledge taught and learnt throughout the year is a building block for the next. Keep coming to school - unless you are really ill.

2017 Current Attendance To Date								95-100
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	92-95
90.48%	90.98%	90.18%	90.44%	91.89%	90.11%	90.45%	90.65%	90-92

Behaviour: We have seen the 'spike period' subside and now we seem to be seeing blue sky in regards to student behaviour. Does this mean we can relax our expectations? - NO WAY! We are still vigilant every day in ensuring that behaviour choices are of a positive nature. We currently have 21,520 raffle tickets that have been earned/given out to students across the whole school. This is phenomenal. Positive reinforcers are a great way to let students/adults know that they are doing well and that they are being noticed. When students receive a raffle ticket, thumbs up or a 'well done for' they swell with pride and this is a great motivator to continue striving to be the best that they can. This week and the first week back at school will have a focus on expectations and routines - it is imperative that we have your support from home. If the same message is being put forward then we have greater consistency and our students benefit.

Over the holiday period if you see anything suspicious happening on our school grounds please call 131 788 - School Watch. We are all looking forward to your continued support in term 4 and beyond (remember if there are any people you know moving to town why not send them this way and enquire about enrolling at Torquay SS 😊)

Yours in Education

Phil Theofanes – Deputy Principal



Admin News

Statements of Account

Unless you have a Centrepay Plan in place **ALL FEES (excluding excursions) shown on the statement sent home last fortnight are now overdue and should be paid immediately.** If fees remain outstanding after Friday 8 September your child **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO ACCESS RESOURCES FROM THE SRS PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEMESTER** and you will be required to purchase items from the booklist for your child's use.

If you have a credit on your account, shown as a negative value (-) and would like this applied to your fees please let us know. If you are suffering genuine financial hardship please contact the office to discuss a payment plan. **Thank you** to all families who have paid their fees to date.

2018 Prep Enrolments

Don't forget to let the office know if you have a child who turns 5 before 30 June 2018 as they are able to enrol in Prep now to start in 2018. Our prep enrolment program is already underway with our Open Day being held on 25 August. It was great to meet so many of our prospective students; as in previous years, most of them didn't want to leave at the end of the session! We are holding transition visits for our prep students in October and November so make sure you have booked a time for them to attend one of these.

Positions Vacant x 2

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Administrative Officer (AO2) AAEP Torquay State School

DURATION: 16 October 2017 to 29 March 2018 (unless otherwise advised)
CLOSING DATE: 29 September 2017

Expressions of interest are invited for a temporary, part-time (14.75 hours per week) Administrative Officer (AO2) position at Torquay State School, for the period 16 October 2017 to 29 March 2018 (unless otherwise advised) with the possibility of extension. The role of an Administrative Officer is to contribute to the effective and efficient administrative management of the school by providing relevant and timely administrative support to the Principal and Business Manager. The main responsibilities of the position are described in the AO2 Role Description.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/role-descriptions/docs/role-description-aaep.docx>

The ideal applicant will be someone who has the following key capabilities:

1. Supports strategic direction

Demonstrated knowledge, or ability to rapidly acquire knowledge, of departmental administrative policies, practices and procedures used in schools, particularly human resource and financial processes.

2. Achieves results

Performs under direction, with the capacity to develop, organisational skills and ability to manage multiple tasks, prioritise work demands and meet deadlines.

3. Supports productive working relationships

Capacity to coordinate office administration systems and contribute to the effective operation of a team providing quality school services.

4. Displays personal drive and integrity

Works with supervisor to review and develop systems and services to meet the needs of a changing organisational environment.

5. Communicates with influence

Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills (both written and oral) including the ability to communicate messages clearly and concisely, to deliver quality service outcomes for the school community.

Applicants are requested to submit a resume and a written summary of no more than two pages addressing each of the key capabilities together with the details of at least one referee. Further information can be obtained from Kim Brigg, Business Manager ☎ 07 41944 333 or email kbrig27@eq.edu.au Applications should be forwarded via email by COB on Friday 29 September 2017 to Kim Brigg, Business Manager at kbrig27@eq.edu.au All applications will remain valid for 12 months. Please note that suitable applicants may also be considered for casual employment and/or other short term temporary contracts.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Teacher Aide TA002 Torquay State School

DURATION: 16 October 2017 to 29 March 2018 (unless otherwise advised)
CLOSING DATE: 29 September 2017

Expressions of interest are invited for a temporary, part-time (14.5 hours per week) Teacher Aide (TA002) position at Torquay State School – Special Education Program, for the period 16 October 2017 to 29 March 2018 (unless otherwise advised) with the possibility of extension. The main responsibilities of the position are described in the TA002 Role Description. <http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/role-descriptions/docs/ta002-teacher-aide-generic.docx>

The ideal applicant will be someone who has the following key capabilities:

1. Supports strategic direction

Knowledge of or ability to learn quickly about classroom activities and procedures, use and maintenance of resources and school policies.

2. Achieves results

Willingness to undertake specific training to enhance student support as necessary.

3. Supports productive working relationships

Basic understanding of occupational health and safety, equal employment opportunity and anti-discriminatory practices and behaviour as applied in a work environment.

4. Displays personal drive and integrity

Knowledge, skills and ability to work as a teacher aide in a responsible way.

5. Communicates with influence

Demonstrated sound personal qualities of tact, reliability and an ability to work with others both individually and as a member of a team.

The role of a Teacher Aide is to contribute to the provision of a quality educational service by assisting and supporting teachers with the preparation and enhancement of learning materials and associated activities. Your primary responsibility will be working in classrooms with students (Prep to Year 6) under the direction of the class teacher and with small groups of students within the Special Education Program. The successful applicant will demonstrate strong skills across both literacy and numeracy and the ability to work independently with small groups of students. Applicants are requested to submit a resume and a written summary of no more than two pages addressing each of the key capabilities together with the details of at least one referee. Further information can be obtained from Kim Brigg, Business Manager ☎ 07 41944 333 or email kbrig27@eq.edu.au Applications should be forwarded via email by COB on Friday 29 September 2017 to Kim Brigg, Business Manager at kbrig27@eq.edu.au All applications will remain valid for 12 months. Please note that suitable applicants may also be considered for casual employment and/or other short term temporary contracts.

Are you a QParent yet?

As you may know we sent out emails to all of our parents on 27 July to invite you to become a QParent. Whilst we have had a great response and approximately 80 students profiles are active there are still a lot more to go! During the course of this week another email will be sent to families who have not registered to be a QParent yet. It would be great if you could take some time and activate this worthwhile application. You will also need the letter sent out at the beginning of the term which detailed your child's EQID (Education Qld Identification Number). If you no longer have this letter just give us a call and we will be able to provide you with this information; alternatively your child's EQID appears on their report cards, invoices and statements. If you have all your documentation ready and follow the step by step process, the registration should only take a maximum of ten minutes. If you don't have a total of 100 points, keep going with the application and we will be able to approve it as a low doc account. Unfortunately your registration cannot be saved part way so it is important to have everything ready before you begin. Remember you can only register on a desktop or laptop; when your account is active you can then use any mobile device to download the app. When you have registered your account we will receive a notification in the office, approve your account and 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).



P&C News

Hi Torquay Families from the P&C. Can you believe the end of term 3 is here already? 10 weeks just gone like that!



What an incredible term we have had with our very successful Spell-a-thon. Prizes went out last week so we hope the students are enjoying them after their great fundraising effort. We have made a profit of approx. \$7,915 which is going to be a very good contribution towards our next air conditioner. We have also had other successful fundraising this term with our Father's Day Stall profit of \$900 and catering for 50 teachers from the region for a Focus on Teaching Numeracy meeting profit of \$500. Without the support of all our home bakers and volunteers on these days we wouldn't be able to make the profit we do – so thanks.

You are probably asking when the next lot of air-conditioners are going in? I was speaking with Kim last week and the tender closed Friday 8/9/17 so we should have an idea of costs and when we can make the next lot happen very soon – we will keep you posted.

To thank our wonderful students and families for all your support throughout the year, we are now madly organising a Family Fun Night for term 4 on Friday 1 December 2017. The night will go from 5pm to 9pm with lots and lots to do. More information will be coming home this week with the students.

The P&C wishes you all a safe and enjoyable break and see you back for an even more exciting Term 4!!!!!!



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

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

Spare change Challenge

Don't forget this will be running all year and the tins are both in the Tuckshop & Library for all your unwanted change. Year 5's are in the lead so far.



Woolworths Earn and Learn 2017



Just a reminder 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 is giving out stickers when you shop until **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. If you only have stickers you can just send them in to school. Partially completed sheets can also be sent in. 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.

Torquay Phonics

Why do **roar**, **core**, **Boer** and **four** all have the same sound 'or' though they are all spelt differently? The words **fair**, **care**, **prayer** and **pear** all have the same sound 'air', but have different spelling. All of these words do have something in common...they all have an 'r' within the word. We call him **Rascally R** because he modifies the sounds of phonograms. There are just two sounds he will create when he is within a word i.e. 'or' and 'air'. **Rascally 'r' changes the sound 'oa' to 'or' and the sound 'ay' to 'air'**. Firstly, we take the phonograms which can say 'oa' (**oa, oe, ou, o-e**) when joined by rascally 'r', they change to the sound 'or'.

oa – roar, boar, soar, coarse, board;

oe – Boer;

ou – four, pour, your, mourn, court

o-e – core, shore, more, before, score, explore

Health News

Just a courtesy note to let you know we have had a case of Scarlet Fever in the school. Scarlet fever is a type of bacterial throat infection that also features a red (scarlet) rash. It is also known as 'scarlatina'. It usually affects school-aged children aged 5 to 15. Treatment with [antibiotics](#) means most people recover in about a week, but left untreated it can spread to other parts of the body and cause serious health problems. Children with scarlet fever should stay home while they are unwell, and for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics. For further information please see <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/scarlet-fever> and for exclusion times for scarlet fever and other communicable diseases please see:

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0022/426820/timeout_poster.pdf

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2017		FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	OCT 2	Public Holiday	
Wednesday	OCT 4	Claire	
Thursday	OCT 5	Sonia	
Friday	OCT 6	Sonia	
Monday	OCT 9	Sonia	
Wednesday	OCT 11	Claire	
Thursday	OCT 12	Sonia	
Friday	OCT 13	Sonia	
		HOME-BAKE	
Wednesday	OCT 4	Home-bake Needed	
Friday	OCT 6	Home-bake Needed	
Wednesday	OCT 11	Home-bake Needed	
Friday	OCT 13	Home-bake Needed	
		OCTOBER 4	
		Cheese Slices: Donations Needed	
		Eggs: Donations Needed	
		Fruit Salad: Donations Needed	
		OCTOBER 9	
		Cheese Slices: Donations Needed	
		Eggs: Donations Needed	
		Fruit Salad: Donations Needed	

Thank you to everyone who has helped us this term as you know your help is very much appreciated. We will continue to do Milo for 2 weeks in to term 4 so we can use up our supplies and start a new next year. Our menu will be staying the same for term 4, if you don't have a copy you can get one from the Tuck shop. Happy Holidays to everyone and see you back at Tuckshop on Wednesday October 4. Judy

Keys to Success

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Silver	Bronze	
Elora 4B	Cory 4B	Lokie 4B
Haidi 4B	Deontae 4B	Mackenzie 4B
Lachlan 4B	Dominic 4B	Mikayla 4B
Megan 4B	Gracie 4B	Orion-Leigh 4B
Patrick 4B	Hannah-Lee 4B	Peyton 4B
Thomas 4B	Izabel 4B	Taven 4B
Thomas 4B	Jocoba 4B	
Tyson 4B	Kailum 4B	



What's On

LITTLE ARTLINKERS WORKSHOP SERIES

Presented by Fraser Coast Artslink

Children's Workshop

Monday 18th Sept 2017



Featuring
**Painting Plaster Molds
and Tic Tac Toe Game**
with Carolyn

Time - 10am to 11.30pm
Cost - \$ 2.00 per person
Where - Fraser Coast Artslink Hall,
187 Bideford St, Torquay Q 4655
Contact - enquiriesfca@gmail.com



LITTLE ARTLINKERS WORKSHOP SERIES

Presented by Fraser Coast Artslink

Children's Workshop

Monday, 25 Sept 2017



Featuring
**Natural Mandalas and
Fluffy Pet Rocks**
with Annie & Jemima

Time - 10am to 11.30pm
Cost - \$ 2.00 per person
Where - Fraser Coast Artslink Hall,
187 Bideford St, Torquay Q 4655
Contact - enquiriesfca@gmail.com



2017 Fraser Coast Social Enterprise Expo

Wednesday 11th October 2017
Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre

Would you like to meet people who run successful, purpose-driven businesses generating social and environmental value?
Would you like to present your social enterprise to the public?
Breakfast & Setup with industry professionals **7:30am-9:00am**
Stallholders Networking: **9:00am-10:00am**
Expo and workshop presentations: **10:00am-12Noon**
Key note speaker: Tony Sharp, co-founder Independent Social Enterprise Network Logan



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Fraser Coast Lines in the Sand

Inspiration for Readers and Writers

15-17 SEPT 2017

Peter FitzSimons



The former Wallaby rugby union player has become one of the nation's most successful media & publishing gurus. He was named a Member of the Order of Australia for service to literature as a biographer, sports journalist & commentator, & to the community through contributions to conservation, disability care, social welfare & sport.

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER - Meet & Greet

6.30pm-8pm • Hervey Bay Community Centre •

SATURDAY 16 September - Keynote speaker

9.15am-10.15am • USC Fraser Coast B Block •

Don Watson



Don Watson is one of Australia's most distinguished writers. He wrote three books on Australian history before turning his hand to TV and the stage. For several years he combined writing political satire with political speeches for the Victorian Premier John Cain.

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER - Writing workshop

1.30pm-4pm • USC Fraser Coast Executive Suite C Block • \$10

Bookings essential

SATURDAY 16 September - Session 1 & 2

11am-12noon • USC Fraser Coast B Block • Free

2.00pm-3.00pm • USC Fraser Coast A Block • Free

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Social commentary - US Politics, Trump and the Global Economy

10am-11am • Hervey Bay Library • Free - Bookings essential

Dan Kelly

Dan Kelly is the General Manager of Boomerang Press, a commercial trade publisher that was established in 1976 to assist authors to get their stories told and published. Today they have published over 1,000 books and have over 370 books in print.

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Writing and Publishing Memoirs and Biographies

10am-11.30am • Hervey Bay Library • Free

One-on-One Sessions for Aspiring Authors

12.30pm-5pm • Hervey Bay Library • Free

Nicole Alexander



Nicole Alexander's book *An Uncommon Woman* is the ONE BIG READ selected for 2017. There are over 40 individual copies and 6 book club sets in circulation for library members to borrow. So pick up or reserve a copy now. We hope to have as many Fraser Coast Library members reading *An Uncommon Woman* as possible!

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER - Story crafting & research

9am-12noon • USC Fraser Coast Executive Suite C Block • \$10

SATURDAY 16 September - In conversation with ANNE DE LISLE

12noon-12.45pm • USC Fraser Coast B Block • Free

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER - One Big Read

8am-9.30am • The Waterfront Restaurant •

Meals at menu prices to be paid at the venue

Gabriella Salmon



Gabriella was raised in the tropics of far north Queensland, tumbled through extended jaunts to Victoria, New South Wales, Bali, and even Germany, and has emerged on the Sunshine Coast decently polished and telling a thousand stories. She's delighted to be sharing some love-soaked syllables and poetic adventures with the Fraser Coast.

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Poetry Writing - Because It Feels Good!

1pm-2.30pm • USC Fraser Coast Executive Suite C Block • \$10

Spoken Word Performance

3.00pm-4.30pm • USC Fraser Coast Executive Suite C Block • \$10

Meet & Greet

6.30pm-8pm • Hervey Bay Community Centre •

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER - Session 2

Poetry/spoken word presentation

1.45pm-2.00pm • USC Fraser Coast B Block • Free

Chaired panel discussion

2.00pm-3.00pm • USC Fraser Coast A Block • Free

Dine with our guest authors

Meals at menu prices to be paid at the venue

6.30pm-8.30pm • TBA

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL EVENTS.
PLEASE VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY BRANCH OR GO TO
WWW.FRASERCOAST.QLD.GOV.AU/LIBRARIES

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LIBRARIES
LEARN! PLAY! DISCOVER!



Life Choice Community Day

Pier Park, Hervey Bay

You'll have a Whale of a time

- Market stalls
- Food stalls
- Information stalls
- Best prize for best sea creature outfit
- Interactive Games
- Live entertainment
- Raffles
- Join in your community

Come and see Life Choice (Town & Country Community Options) at our Community Day

Pier Park, Urangan, Hervey Bay

12th October 2017 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

For more information contact: Life Choice 4123 6288 or 4125 4211