



Torquay News

State School

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

Issue 3 - 2017

Date Claimers

MONDAY 6 MARCH

Book Fair
Yr 6 Camp departs
Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

TUESDAY 7 MARCH

Book Fair

WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH

Year 6 Camp Returns
Year 4 Camp Departs
*3-6 Parade Cancelled due to camps
Book Fair

THURSDAY 9 MARCH

Yr 4 Camp returns
Book Fair

FRIDAY 10 MARCH

Book Fair
Yr 5 & 6 Gala Sport Day
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am
Library

MONDAY 13 MARCH

Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH

P-2 Parade 2.30pm – Hall
P&C AGM 3.30pm – Library

FRIDAY 17 MARCH

P&C Movie Night

From the Principal

We have had some fantastic feedback from families indicating how much they are enjoying the mathematics challenge for Yrs 3 to 6 and the nursery rhyme challenges for P-2. We hope to see a growing number of families who show their value of education supporting this new idea. We have also been getting great feedback on the variety of our Facebook posts, with many parents and carers sharing that they enjoy seeing photos of their children in everyday learning activities. We are trying to ensure that all classes can celebrate and share their learning.

Safety at school is one of the most important aspects of our work. This week we have had a practice of our lock down procedures during learning time. In the coming weeks we will be enacting a lock down drill during a play break. Whilst this does cause some impact on our learning time, it is imperative that we all know and understand what to do in the event of an emergency. If you are at the school at the time of an evacuation or lock down, you will be expected to follow staff direction and procedures.

Student protection is another important safety aspect of our work and one which our staff take very seriously. Our department has a *Student Protection Procedure* which outlines the roles and responsibilities of employees and visitors to state schools when dealing with student protection concerns and responding when it is suspected that a student, or an unborn child, has been harmed or is at risk of harm. Employee responsibilities include:

- confer with the principal on all suspicions of harm or risk of harm to a student, or risk of harm to an unborn child, as a matter of urgency
- reporting student protection concerns, when required
- participating in student protection training as specified in the *Student Protection Guidelines*
- maintaining professional relationships with students and adhering to the *Code of Conduct for the Queensland Public Service*
- monitoring and supporting any student subjected to or at risk of harm, as appropriate
- maintaining appropriate records
- maintaining confidentiality of information to ensure compliance with legislation and student and employee safety and privacy (See the *Student Protection Guidelines* Part H).

If it is determined the staff member is fulfilling a mandatory reporting obligation, principals **must** immediately progress the report to QPS and/or Child Safety.

There is a range of research that shows that a well-planned fruit break time during class time helps children to sustain concentration and to develop healthy eating habits. The fruit break time is only supposed to be about five minutes and learning does not stop. Most teachers use this time to read aloud to students, in fact as the children move to the higher grades, some continue to work while they munch away. Please ensure that you are packing something appropriate for fruit break, we insist upon a fresh fruit or vegetable and do not allow the children to eat yoghurt, roll ups, sultanas or pre-packaged foods during this time. Please consider what is quick and least messy for your child to eat whilst learning; half pineapples and oranges that need peeling might well be delicious, but the time it takes to eat them and the juicy mess they cause actually detract from learning, and are better eaten during the break times.



We suggest:

- A small apple, pear or banana
- Easy to peel mandarin
- 1 small stone fruit
- A handful of grapes or strawberries

Eating seasonal fruits also helps your child to understand and appreciate variety and seasons.

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

Can you sense the excitement building as we get closer to next week? If you were not aware the Year 4 and 6 cohort are off to Barambah Environmental Education Centre for their annual camp. It is an exciting time as it is an opportunity for staff and students to bond and learn together in a new environment. There will be lots to do and no doubt a few tears, bumps, grazes and lots of teamwork. It is fantastic to have so many of our students going on camp so it will be the first time some students have spent time away from their families as well as seasoned campers who could show Bear Grylls' or the celebrities in the jungle a thing or two. Enjoy your time as it will be great. For those who are unable to attend, Barambah are going to come to our school later in the year and run some outdoor activities similar to the ones provided at Camp. This is something new for us this year and it is a commitment from Barambah to show how much they value our school and from a school perspective it allows all our students to be involved.

When I look at our attendance rate we are currently at 93% which I think is fantastic and definitely heading in the right direction. We have lots of students coming to school, engaging in our vibrant curriculum, learning with peers and forming partnerships with their teachers. We understand as a school that sometimes you cannot make it to school when you are unwell. We do ask that if you are unwell for a few days that you seek medical advice as we want you at school and your health and wellbeing is important to us. Also, if you find that you are unwell/sick a couple of days here one week and a couple of days another week then it would be an idea to seek medical advice. Our aim is 95% school attendance! We know we can make it. If you are absent please contact the school and let us know that your child is away. The school has an SMS system in place which will send messages if we have not heard that your child is away.



Behaviour - we are focussing on 'Whole Body Listening'. Whole body listening comprises of brain thinking, heart caring, ears listening, eyes watching, mouth quiet, body facing, hands still, feet still. Each of these attributes when enacted by our students and staff are powerful in assisting making 'good' choices. These elements are not only important to help with learning in the classroom but learning in the playground and social interaction. We want to see hands and feet still, except if you are kicking the soccer ball into the top corner of the goal, or if you helping someone up from the ground because they fell over etc. We want our brains thinking so that we can make decisions that will not affect others adversely. Whole body listening links well with our Safe, Respectful and Responsible expectations.

In the coming week, we will be posting a behaviour matrix for the school community to see what we are looking for in relation to behaviour. This guide will be used for reporting behaviour on the report card and also as a part of our Bronze, Silver and Gold process. We have high expectations at Torquay and we want and expect our staff and students to model this consistently. Keep your eyes out for this matrix in the next edition of the newsletter and hopefully on Facebook before then (if you don't see it - let me know when I am out and about).

Finally, congratulations to our student leaders who were inducted into the 2017 Hall of Fame on Friday last week. Each student who nominated and subsequently was voted in to take on specific roles within our school for our school community is extremely excited about the year to come. The level of leadership that has been displayed thus far is heartening and we believe that they will conduct themselves appropriately and in the manner that a leader should. A reminder to the remainder of our Year 6's - you are also leaders within our school and as such have the power to shape the next generation of leaders at Torquay SS. A big thank you to Mr Tubb as well for the mountain of work/time he has put in to making this happen and to the families for supporting your children through their learning journey.

Yours in Education

Phil Theofanes – A/Deputy Principal



LEMphonics News

Here are the remaining multiple phonograms which only have one sound. The description beside the phonogram is their 'identification.' The identification is what they are called, how they are known and learnt.

kn – 'n' two letter 'n' which is only used at the beginning of a base word
gn – 'n' two letter 'n' which is used at the beginning and the end of a base word
eigh – 'ay' four letter 'ay'
tch – 'ch' three letter 'ch'
dge – 'j' three letter 'j'
ph – 'f' two letter 'f'
ti – 'sh' of nation, ci – 'sh' of special
gh – 'g' two letter 'g' which is only used at the beginning of a base word
sc – 's' two letter 's'
eu – 'you'

A 'base word' is the word we begin with before a suffix or a prefix is added.

E.g. - The base word for **running** and **runs** is **run**;

-simplistic, simplify, simplified, the base word is **simple**.

This is important to know as some phonograms may only begin or end the base word.

Can you find the phonograms in these words – creation, scissors, ghastly, gherkin, eucalyptus, elephant, watch, gnome, knight, fudge, **eighteen, facial, official, bridge, exception, descend**.

More next issue, Miss Miller.

Admin News

2017 Student Resource Scheme

Statements have been sent home. Please note unless you have Centrepay in place, at least \$40 of the 2017 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) was due for payment on 3 February. To ensure your child can continue to access resources please bring your account up to date immediately. Payment can be made via BPoint (see bottom left hand corner of invoice); Cash/Cheque/Eftpos at the office; Direct Deposit to BSB 064 426 Account No 00090056 Reference – Student's Name or Centrepay (forms are available at the office). If you are suffering genuine financial hardship please contact the office to discuss this further.

Curriculum Corner

Tongue Twisters for a Laugh (I mean learning)...

Tongue Twisters can get us all in a fit of giggles. I challenge anyone to read the book Fox in Sox by Dr Seuss without it ending in laughter. Tongue twisters are not only fun, but they also develop language and speech skills, by strengthening the muscles necessary for proper speech while practicing the correct placement of your tongue, lips and teeth. When practicing tongue twisters, don't just mumble through them, focus on your articulation. Start slowly at first and as you feel more comfortable speed up. Watching yourself in the mirror or recording yourself on an iPad, tablet or phone adds to the humor but you also get to see the shape of your mouth and where you are placing your tongue.

Here are some of my favorite tongue twisters:

- Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?
- Sally sells sea shells by the sea shore. If she sells sea shells by the sea shore, where's the sea shells that she sells by the sea shore?
- I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!
- Say the following 3 times:
 - Six sticky skeletons
 - Rolling red wagons
 - Thin sticks, thick bricks
 - Red leather, yellow leather

Tanya Carmichael, Curriculum Co-ordinator

The world's hardest
tongue twister:
"The sixth sick sheik's
sixth sheep's sick."

Instrumental Music News

Violin, viola, cello and double bass lessons have started. Beginner Strings Workshop will be held at Kawungan School on the 22 March and notes will be sent home this week. Each class teacher has a copy of your child's music timetable and there is another copy on the instrumental music room door. Students who have had lessons before this year are invited to join the string ensemble band. Rehearsals for ensemble are held in the instrumental music room from 7:50 until 8:40. Kind Regards, Jenny Conlon Strings Instrumental Teacher.

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		2017	FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	MAR 6	Sonia	MARCH 6	Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed
Wednesday	MAR 8	Sonia		
Thursday	MAR 9	HELP NEEDED		
Friday	MAR 10	HELP NEEDED		
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Wednesday	MAR 15	Sonia		
Thursday	MAR 16	HELP NEEDED		
Friday	MAR 17	HELP NEEDED		
HOME-BAKE				
Wednesday	MAR 8	Home-bake Needed		
Friday	MAR 10	Home-bake Needed		
Wednesday	MAR 15	Home-bake Needed		
Friday	MAR 17	Home-bake Needed		



If you have been thinking about helping in the tuckshop, I am looking for helpers on Thursdays and Fridays. Please come and see me if you can help. First break is our main break so for all our students to enjoy a tuckshop order it doesn't have to be expensive as a snack can be packed from home for second break. I would like to keep the home bake going this year so if any of our families would like to do a bit of cooking to donate to the tuckshop please come and see me. If you are packing something from home that requires a spoon or a fork please pack one in the lunchbox. We sell them for 10c each. If purchasing something that requires a spoon it is included in the price. Our MOVIE NIGHT IS MARCH 17 and we will have a sausage sizzle and a variety of treats and sweets for sale on the night so put that in your diary and we hope to see you there. We will be looking for volunteers this year to help out when needed and we would love to have new families come along to our P&C meetings. Thank You, Judy.



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!

Hi to all the families of Torquay State school,

At Helping Hands, we are growing in numbers and we want your children to join in on all the fun. We run Before school, After school and Vacation care. You don't have to use us all the time, if you are running late from work, held up at an appointment or extending a long lunch ;) a quick text is all it takes to have your children in the session you need. Or you can book your children in on certain regular days. We are super flexible and always are here to help. We are Rated under the National Quality Standards and have been marked Exceeding the National Standard. We pride ourselves on creating quality relationships with the children at Torquay.

Please feel free to pop in and have a chat or send me an email, and I am happy to let you know your individual prices in relation to Child care benefits etc.

Sonia - Co-ordinator of Torquay Helping hands

P&C News

The P&C's Annual General Meeting will be held **Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 3:30pm in the Library**. All Executive Positions will be open and we ask for any interested people to please come forward. Please note a P&C cannot run without a Committee so if you can help we would love to hear from you. Nomination forms will be available from the office and also member applications as well. If you have any questions please come and see one of the friendly P&C members or ask the ladies at the office.

Fundraising for 2017

The P&C has decided at our last meeting that we will focus on making our classrooms cooler again for 2017 so we will be fundraising hard to get more classrooms air-conditioned. Please help where you are able and support our fundraising efforts this year so we can get those air-conditioners.

Items already discussed will be:-



Family Movie Night

Friday 17 March 2017 will be our Family Movie Night – keep an eye out for more information coming home soon.

Spare Change Challenge

Last year the 5c challenge was very successful so this year we are calling it the Spare Change Challenge. It will run for the whole year and there will be a prize for the most money raised for a year level. Last year the winning year level had a fully funded trip to Wetside and man did they have fun. This year who knows what it could be.....so bring any spare change from the car or that spot on the bench at home and it will go towards getting air-con in our classrooms!!!! We will bank the money each month and let you know who is in the lead so keep an eye out on Facebook and the Newsletter. Money tins will be kept in the tuckshop and in the library this year for convenience.

Easter Raffle

This year we thought we would do something different and rather than hold our Easter Treat Day as previously planned we would hold an Easter Raffle. Who doesn't love Easter and Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate????? We are asking for any donations from March onwards to go towards our raffle, it could be a bag of eggs, a stuffed bunny, basically anything Easter. THE MORE DONATIONS THE MORE PRIZES WE CAN OFFER. Tickets will be sold at \$1 each and each family is invited to take home a book of 10 raffle tickets to sell. Extra books of 10 raffle tickets will be available from the office so bring your \$10 in for more tickets and MORE CHANCES TO WIN WIN WIN!!!!

The raffle will be drawn during the last week of Term 1 so get your tickets in by Friday 24 March 2017.

P&C Voluntary Contribution

With this extremely hot weather, the topic of air conditioners in our classrooms is also a hot topic amongst our families. Wouldn't it be great if we could have all of our classrooms air-conditioned? In addition to our fundraising activities, a letter was sent home last week regarding a Voluntary Contribution from our families. If you can consider contributing \$20 (or as much as you can afford) per family it would be greatly appreciated. We currently have approximately 300 families, so if each family donated \$20 that would be a WHOPPING \$6000 towards air conditioners!

Other Fundraising Activities

We will also be looking at Discos which are always a hit, Mother's Day and Father's day stalls and maybe even a Spellathon – watch this space.

Uniform Shop

For pre loved Torquay State School uniforms the Uniform Shop is open Thursdays & Fridays from 8.45 to 9.15am

Absences

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 and update the absence reason. If you would prefer to call the absence line, please phone 4194 4366 to record details of the absence preferably before 9am on the day of the absence. This line is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. If you receive a letter for an unexplained absence, please enter an absence reason and return the letter as soon as possible so that we can update the absence reason thus removing 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 our page to get the LATEST NEWS 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>



Torquay School Out School Watch Number: 131 788

School Watch



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



Hervey Bay
Neighbourhood Centre
Family, Children & Youth Services

Bay Families

Family Support Service

Helping families to help themselves



Information & support for families
with children 0-18 with a focus on
children under 12

Phone: 4194 3050

bayfamilies@hbnc.com.au

8.30-4.30 Monday-Friday

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE !

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses ,and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It's fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you'd like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.

JUNIOR Book Club

for children ages 8 to 11

Join in the Fun • Read Great Books • Make New Friends

Want to read, share and talk books,
discuss your favourite authors and review the
latest movies and magazines?

Join Junior Book Club to swap and recommend
books, meet friends and play games.

Be the first to see the new books that have been
added to our collection.

Numbers are limited so contact your local library
to book your place.

Maryborough Library

2nd Wednesday
of the month
3:30-4:30 pm

Hervey Bay Library

2nd Thursday
of the month
3:30-4:30 pm

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