



Torquay News

State School

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

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Date Claimers

MONDAY 20 MARCH

Closing The Gap Day
Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

TUESDAY 21 MARCH

Icy Cup Day – Student Leader
Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH

Beginner Strings Workshop
3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

FRIDAY 24 MARCH

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am
Library

MONDAY 27 MARCH

Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH

P-2 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

FRIDAY 31 MARCH

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Free Dress Day – Student Leader
Fundraiser
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am
Library

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 17 APRIL

Easter Monday Public Holiday

TUESDAY 18 APRIL

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

UPCOMING

Tuesday 25 April -
Anzac Day Public Holiday

From the Principal

Our annual school camps have now been and gone with great benefit for our students and staff community. Having the Year 4 and Year 6 camps so early in the year enables the teachers to get to know their students really well and vice versa. We now have the rest of the year to capitalise upon the mutual respect and enhanced relationships.



Both camps were held at the Barambah Valley Environmental Education Centre (BEEC) in the hills behind Kilkivan. BEEC is a run by the Education department and has a principal, teachers, teacher aides and other staff just like a school. It is a stunning bush setting where children challenge themselves physically, socially and emotionally. All staff, including the Torquay teachers help the children to:

- develop greater self-confidence,
- communicate more effectively with each other, with a focus on the importance of listening,
- persevere when something is tough – especially the physical demands of the bush walking,
- form friendships with students they may not normally spend time with at school,
- reflect upon themselves and their own learning.

Of course, camps are all about learning and the camp curriculum builds upon key concepts within the national curriculum. Importantly however, the camps are about good old fashioned fun, playing and laughing together.

I'd like to thank our staff for organising the camps – they take a lot of extra work and management. Mr Tubb and Mrs Kingswell were instrumental in co-ordinating the details and making sure everything was well planned, from risk assessments to catering and organising the buses. Ms Kim in the office works tirelessly and efficiently behind the scenes to ensure that appropriate processes and protocols are followed. Finally thanks to all the staff who attended, came back as exhausted as the kids, but were exhilarated:

- Mr Tubb
- Mrs Whittaker
- Mrs Whitehead
- Ms Drent
- Mrs Kingswell
- Mr Sanders
- Mrs Lewis
- Auntie Paula (who attended both camps)



We are lucky enough to have had the support of some of our families who committed their time and efforts to assist on school camp. Thanks to:

- Mrs Fuss
- Misss Bradley
- Mr Hedges
- Mrs Baguley

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

We are now in week 8 with 3 weeks left of school before the break. This is not time to wind down. Every day is an opportunity to learn and each day is another to build upon the skills and knowledge acquired from the previous day. At Torquay, our expectations are high, we want our standards to be high for all of us. We support these expectations and standards through quality teaching and consistently implemented programs within a culture of collaboration and feedback. With this in mind, **please find attached** with this newsletter our matrix of expected behaviour at Torquay SS. It is a guide to enable all of us to know what the expectations are at our school. This matrix will be used to inform reporting on student's behaviour and for determining our Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

On another note, it has come to my attention that some Torquay SS parents/carers are approaching students before and after school in the school grounds to discuss behaviour that children may have been involved in with their own child. If there are any behavioural concerns that you have in relation to your child please direct this through the appropriate channels. Make the class teacher aware, Deputy/Principal and we will investigate what is happening. It is never appropriate to speak to other children about their behaviour at school.

Yours in Education

Phil Theofanes – A/Deputy Principal



Admin News

Lockdown procedures

Evacuation and Lockdown procedures are practised regularly while students are in their classrooms. However critical incidents can happen at any time – before school, playtime, lunch breaks and the school must ensure that the safety of all staff, students and visitors to the school is catered for in a timely, orderly manner. If you happen to arrive at school during a lockdown practice and find everything closed up and no one around, **don't panic**. We ask that you return to your car and wait there until the all clear is given and you see children back outside rooms.

Disabled Parking: Please note that disabled parking is ONLY to be used by parents and visitors to the school who have a legitimate Department of Transport Disability Parking Scheme Permit. Please be considerate in this matter to those in genuine need of closer parking.

Health News

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat where necessary. If head lice are found please advise the office or your child's teacher so that we can send treatment reminders out to the class. Education Queensland recognises that the occurrence of head lice is the most common insect infestation in humans throughout the world. Although head lice infestation may affect people of any age, nationality, gender or socio-economic status, in Queensland, infestation occurs mainly in children of primary school age. Parents have the prime responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice on their children. Schools take into account that the main route of transmission for head lice is head-to-head contact and promote general measures that help in the prevention of infestations. Students suspected of having live head lice or eggs present in their hair are not removed from class or school. Such students are provided with information to take home to their families and a letter requesting immediate treatment be commenced. More information on Head Lice and treatment options can be found at http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp.

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices. Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you are a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member. Download process: For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process. For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address. If you have trouble, please refer to the instructions on how to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to your personal home computers:

Click here for How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 on windows

<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/docs/office-2016-windows-download-and-install-instructions.pdf>

Click here for How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Mac

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P&C News



Annual General Meeting

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. We are 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. Nomination forms will be available from the office and also member applications as well. 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 that we will focus on making our classrooms cooler again for 2017. That's right we will be fundraising hard to get more classrooms air-conditioned. So please help where you are able and support our fundraising efforts this year so we can get those air-conditioners.



Family Movie Night

This Friday 17 March 2017 will be our Family Movie Night – flyers are done and should be home already. The movie will be Trolls and we are looking forward to seeing all our families for a great night out for our first P&C function for the year. We will have a sausage sizzle, drinks, lollies, popcorn and an awesome movie to watch. See you there!



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 that is clogging up your ash tray or that spot on the bench at home and it will go towards getting our classrooms air-con!!!! We will bank the money each month and let you know who is in the lead so keep an eye out on Facebook or the newsletter. All money tins are kept in the tuckshop and another set in the library this year for convenience.

Easter Raffle

This year we thought we would do something different – who doesn't love Easter and Chocolate Chocolate????? We are asking for any donations to go towards our raffle, it could be a bag of Eggs, a stuffed bunny, basically anything Easter (or not). THE MORE DONATIONS THE MORE PRIZES WE CAN OFFER. Our school photography for this year has kindly donated 5 x School Photo Packs so who wouldn't want to be in the draw to win. Tickets will be sold at \$1 each and each family will take home a book of 10 raffle tickets to sell. Extra book of 10 raffle tickets will be available from the office or the tuckshop. Raffle will be drawn last week of Term 1 so get your tickets in by Friday 24 March 2017 – please note all tickets must be returned whether they are sold or unsold.



P&C Voluntary Contribution

There is a lot of talk from families who would love to get all the classrooms air-conditioned in our school, so we have decided to offer the Voluntary Contribution to our families. Keep an eye out for a note coming home. We are kindly asking for those that are able a \$20 Voluntary Contribution per family. Torquay has done this a few years ago and was extremely successful. We have approx. 300 families so \$20 x 300 would be A WHOPPING \$6000. We will also be looking at Disco's 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.

LEMphonics News

The following list is the final group of phonograms. This makes 75 in total. So there are 75 phonograms which make 42 sounds. The group below are identified by their sounds. The sentence beside them is just a reminder of what sounds the phonograms make but are not used to 'identify' them. That is, the phonogram **ch** is identified as 'ch' 'k' 'sh' and **ew** is identified as the sounds 'oo' 'you'.

Multiple Phonograms with Multiple Sounds

- th – 2 sounds. Wear thongs in hot weather.
- ow – 2 sounds. The ow in the ow.
- ou – 4 sounds. Proud souls tour the country.
- ch – 3 sounds. These two children at school are chefs.
- au – 2 sounds. Put sauce on the sausage.
- oo – 2 sounds. Put the boot on your foot.
- ew – 2 sounds. The crew likes stew.
- ui – 2 sounds. The fruit fly is a nuisance.
- ea – 3 sounds. Eat bread and steak.
- ar – 2 sounds. The cart has warm food.
- ed – 3 sounds. Counted, raised and skipped. (ending for a past tense verb)
- ey – 2 sounds. The donkey is grey.
- ough – 6 sounds. Although he went through the rough trough, he fought with a bough.
- si – 2 sounds. A procession to mark the occasion.
- ie – 2 sounds. Piece of pie.
- ei – 2 sounds. The bride received her veil.
- augh – 2 sounds. The daughter laughed.
- gu – 2 sounds. The guilty penguin.

We underline the multiple phonograms in the words and then place a number above them to show which of its sounds it is saying. Remember the question... **What can I hear?** When finding phonograms in words, you have to listen to the sounds you can hear, not just the letters you see. Here are some examples. The word 'world', when *looking* at it has the phonogram **or ordinary or** in it, but when you **say** the word 'world', you can **hear** the sound 'wer'. (which is the phonogram **wor of worm**) Another example- 'visit' when you look at this word, you could underline the **si** as a phonogram (in the list above), but when you **say** the word, you can **hear** the **s** and the **i** as two separate sounds. So when spelling, you need to ask... **What do I hear?** Here are some words for you to try. Which sound are the underlined phonograms saying? Place a number above to show which sound you can hear.

Great new soup guard steady enough reign called taught roof health hoped obey language couple wood breathe
 Have you heard the Torquay 'Phonogram Rap'!! The RAP puts all of these phonograms to a beat which then makes them easier to remember.

Torquay Phonogram RAP

th ow ou ch
 au oo ew ui
 ea ar ed ey
 ough si ie ei
 augh gu

More next issue, Miss Miller

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2017			FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	MAR 20	Sonia	MARCH 20	Cheese Slices: Donations Needed
Wednesday	MAR 22	Sonia		Eggs: Donations Needed
Thursday	MAR 23	HELP NEEDED		Fruit Salad: Donations Needed
Friday	MAR 24	HELP NEEDED		
Monday	MAR 27	Sonia		MARCH 27
Wednesday	MAR 29	Sonia	Eggs: Donations Needed	
Thursday	MAR 30	Sonia	Fruit Salad: Donations Needed	
Friday	MAR 31	Sonia		
HOME-BAKE				
Wednesday	MAR 22	Home-bake Needed		
Friday	MAR 24	Home-bake Needed		
Wednesday	MAR 29	Home-bake Needed		
Friday	MAR 31	Home-bake Needed		




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. Thank You, Judy.

Positions Vacant


Community Education Counsellor - Urangan State High School



Applications are invited for a Community Education Counsellor - Permanent Part-Time 0.19 FTE (14 hours per fortnight) with an additional 41 hours per fortnight temporary until 12-01-18, with the possibility of extension - therefore a total of 55 hours per fortnight. Classification CEC1-3, Job ad reference QLD/NCR236519/17, Closing date 27-Mar-2017, Contact person Kacey Hannant, Contact details (07) 4197 0110. For a full list of the position responsibilities and mandatory requirements see:

https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobtools/jncustomsearch.viewFullSingle?in_organid=14904&in_jnCounter=221553717



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

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.



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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

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.

School Watch



131 788

What's On

Student Songwriters

Are you a school student in regional Queensland who loves to write and perform your own music? Queensland Music Festival wants to hear from you! On Song provides primary and secondary school songwriters in regional* areas of Queensland the opportunity to develop and showcase your talent and skills. Send us your best original song and you could win a unique songwriting experience to help you learn the ropes of the industry and find your voice as a singer-songwriter.

<http://qmf.org.au/on-song/>

Fraser Coast Magical Park

Dinosaurs, fairies and kittens are taking over the Seafront Oval in Pialba. Council, with GEO AR Games, has launched a Magical Park on the Fraser Coast as part of Parks Week. Using your smartphone or tablet, download the Magical Park app, head down to the Seafront Oval and let the kids enter an augmented reality world where they can run around searching for dinosaur eggs, freeing fairies and saving kittens and be active whilst having fun. For more information visit www.MagicalPark.net



THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO TOWN!!
UNITINGCARE COMMUNITY - CaSE PROGRAM
INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO

FREE EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY
WHEN: TUESDAY 11TH APRIL
WHERE: DAYMAN PARK (LOWER CAR PARK)
TIME: 10AM TO 2PM

BRING YOUR BLANKET/CHAIR AND SIT UNDER THE COOL SHADY TREES WITH THE FAMILY DOWN AT DAYMAN PARK FOR A DAY FULL OF FUN AND GAMES.

THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF THINGS TO DO FOR THE KIDS, FREE MERRY-GO-ROUND, JUMPING CASTLE AND FACE PAINTING.



FREE BBQ AND DRINKS
MUSIC BY MR JON VEA VEA
EASTER EGG HUNT



COME ALONG AND MAKE YOUR OWN EASTER BASKET
EASTER BONNET PARADE - FIRST PRIZE WINNER
AND THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE HOPPING IN FOR A VISIT
LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH INFORMATION



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Fraser Coast Artslink Presents

EASTER PARTY

Saturday 15th April 2017
SCARNESS PARK
Starts - 10 - 2 pm
(Markets start earlier @ 7am)

Kids come along and have a hopping good time.
Have fun with the FREE - Foam Cannon and Easter Crafts
Bonnet parade - All ages
Easter Bunny will hand out easter eggs to all children.

BBQ by Fraser Coast Artslink Market Stalls
Entertainment - Dancing and Music
Face Painting and Rides
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