



Torquay News

State School

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Date Claimers

MONDAY 22 OCTOBER
STUDENT-FREE DAY

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER
3-6 Bronze Parade 2.30pm – Hall
Numeracy Cluster Day M'borough
Prep- Info Session 9.30 - 10.30am

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER
P - 3 Learn to Swim Program

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER
Student Leaders' Meeting 10.50am
*****DAY FOR DANIEL*****

**WEAR A RED TOP IF
DESIRED - OPTIONAL
GOLD COIN DONATION**

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WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER
P-2 Silver Parade 2.30pm – Hall

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER
Prep- Info Session 9.30 – 10.30am
P - 3 Learn to Swim Program

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER
Student Leaders' Meeting 10.50am

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UPCOMING

6 NOV Prep- Info Session 9.30 AM

From the Principal



High expectations Engaged community Guaranteed, vibrant curriculum
High quality teaching Engaged students Academic success

Our staff are always looking for ways to involve families in their child's school education. Whether it be invitation to watching a performance, participating in home reading or helping with homework, or volunteering at school, there are lots of ways that these partnerships can be strengthened leading to better learning outcomes for students.

Our early years teachers are always on the look-out for volunteers to assist with changing home readers as well as supporting our sight words program where we aim to have children engaging in activities that increase reading fluency. If you are able to spend half an hour or more some mornings or afternoons, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Hobbs.

If your children are anything like mine were when going through school, then often when I'd ask "What did you do at school today?" The response was a predictable "Nothing." It wasn't until I changed my question to an open ended question, one where the boys could not answer, yes, no or nothing that I started to learn more about their day... Questions I found helpful included:

- Who did you laugh with at school, and what was funny?
- When your teacher was reading aloud to you, what expression did they use for the different characters?
- How did your teacher help you to learn today?

If you come up with any great questions, please share them with us so we can all learn together. Attachments to this newsletter also share some other strategies for families to try.

Family law and schools

Family law related disputes should not happen at schools as they disrupt the good order and management of the school. Schools are meant to promote a safe, secure learning and teaching environment for students and staff. They are not the place to resolve matters that can more properly be resolved privately or in the Family Court. The 'Application for Student Enrolment Form' requires parents to give a copy of a relevant court order to the school.

This may include:

- Family court orders
- parenting plans registered with the Family court
- court orders concerning the welfare of a child that may affect the child while attending the state school (including Family Violence orders)
- agreed variations to the above documents.

These documents are not given for the school to enforce the orders or arrangements, but so that the school is fully informed of familial arrangements that may impact on the health, safety and welfare of the student, school staff and parents. We also ask that if there are changes in family circumstance after enrolment that families provide copies of the above documents.

It is not the role of the school to resolve disputes between parents, for example, disputes about the arrangements for the collection of children from school premises, or the contact or time a child has with a parent. Parents must resolve their disputes off school premises. Parents are encouraged to try and resolve their differences through a family relationship centre, a family law service, a family dispute resolution service or the Family court. [Click here](#) to read further about parent conflict and its effect on children, published by the Family Law Court of Australia.

Are your contact and custody details current?

It is very sad for families when there are separations and relationship break downs. One of the many factors which is often overlooked is updating contact and address details at the school level. It is vital that we have your latest details so we can contact you. It is very important too to ensure that the school has copies of any current custodial or legal documents relating to your child and their welfare.

Staffing Changes

Very late last term we received the bittersweet news that Mrs Carmichael had been offered the acting teaching principal position at Gunalda State School for term four. Mrs Carmichael has accepted this position and whilst she wanted to talk to the class and families to share the news, this wasn't possible due to the timing of her appointment. Mrs Thomas will teach 5C on Fridays with Mrs Magrin teaching the class for the rest of the week. Mrs Whittaker is now enjoying some long service leave and overseas travel. Mrs Allingham will teach the class for the first week or so and then Mrs McNeilly will teach the class for the remainder of Mr Whittaker's absence. Starting next week, Mrs Core will be on leave for 4 weeks for medical reasons and we will all be thinking of her and wishing a speedy recovery. Congratulations to Mr David Fowler who will be transferring to Kurwongbah SS and to Mrs Leanne Whittaker transferring to Albert State School. We will be welcoming Mrs Kirsten Wylie as our permanent HPE teacher in 2019.

Exclusive 2019 enrolment opportunities for TSS regardless of catchment from now to 22 Nov 2018

An exclusive opportunity is available for families residing at any address in the Hervey Bay region to submit enrolment applications for all year levels from now until 22 November 2018 for commencement in 2019. Please share with family and friends that may have wanted to enrol previously but were out of catchment who may wish to take advantage of this exclusive window of opportunity. Enrolments must be received by 22 November 2018 and can be obtained from the school office. Phone 41944333 for further information. If you have a child ready for Prep and have not yet contacted the school, please do so as soon as possible. If you are aware of a new family coming to Torquay in 2019 please ensure they have contacted the school. If you are leaving our school community at the end of the year, please notify the office.



Representative Sport

Good luck to Charlotte Hobbs who is competing in the Qld State Track and Field Championships this week.

Kind regards, *Heidi Dallimore* – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

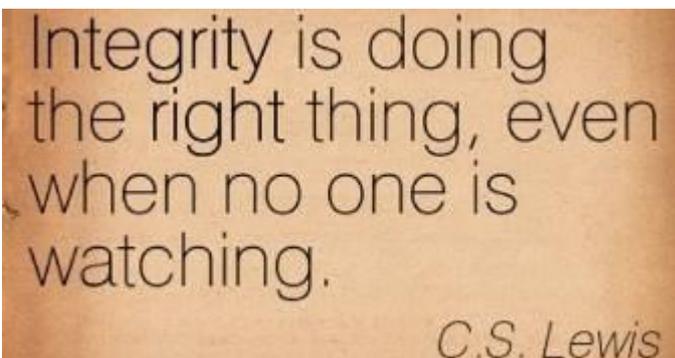
We are back at school for an awesome term 4. I am glad to see so many of our families return to us and sincerely welcome all our new families who have joined the Torquay community.

Attendance

Our aim as you know is 95% or above each and every day. In term 4 let us make it. It is important that students attend school every day. From time to time there will be absences due to illnesses and behaviour choices. Keep healthy and vibrant and speak about demonstrating appropriate behaviour at school each day.

Behaviour

We have over 20 000 tickets that have been given out over the course of the year. When we reach 25 000 we will be having a whole school reward. Every positive behaviour counts and we expect that students are being safe, respectful and responsible when in view and when not in view. Currently 31 gold keys have been earned by students. This number is likely to grow in this term. Later this term, we will give you a final update on how many bronze, silver and gold students we have had across the year. Each stage is an achievement which is commended.



Swimming

Learn to Swim is on again for our Prep to Year 3 cohort. This will begin in week 3 and run for 7 weeks. Please keep an eye out for the notes that your child should have brought home. Thursday is swimming day beginning week 3 on the 25th October. Year 3 and Year 2 are encouraged to come to school in their swimming clothes with their regular uniform over the top.

The Torquay SS 3 week swimming training for years 4-6 will not be occurring this year as it is under review. There is a district swimming carnival to be held later this term for any club swimmers or highly proficient swimmers who may be able to compete at the highest level – if you are one of those students please see Mr Fisher or Mr T to discuss.

Final Andrew Fuller article: Last piece of the article 'From can't do to can do'.

How to talk with them about successes

Kids want their parents' approval. The way you provide praise will shape their future efforts. Let them know you are proud of them. Try to include in your delight at their success a comment on the effort that went into their success. For example, "I am so proud of you for getting that A, I know how much work you put into that project." "You were great today. All that practice has really paid off. I'm proud of you". "Wow when you put your mind towards something you really work hard and get it. That's great"

Be exuberant

If you become the proud parent, kids will tell you that you are embarrassing them. Don't believe them. Maybe don't do it in front of other people but when you get them in private, let them know that you love them and think they are fantastic. They may pretend to you that they hate it but they all secretly lap it up.

Be the antidote to the drip feed of despair

Your kids will become upset at setbacks, will label themselves as "no good" or stupid if they don't get a good mark and compare themselves negatively to others. It is so tempting for parents to try to soothe kids out of this or even provide a salutary lesson, "well if you'd tried harder you would have done better". Don't do this!

Be determined to stay focused on effort and improvement. "I'm sorry you didn't do as well as you hoped and if you want to have another go, let's work out a way of getting better at it". At first changing your parenting language might feel a bit weird. Focusing on noticing, commenting on effort and emphasising the power of having a go are the most powerful ways parents can set kids up for success.

Yours in education,

Phil Theofanes - Deputy Principal

Admin

Towels Wanted

With the wet season approaching, we ask if families could please send any old or unwanted towels to the office please. They come in very handy over the rainy season. Thank you for your assistance.



Change of Details

Please find attached change of details form for use if you have any changes in phone numbers, address, emergency contacts or family situations. If you are unsure if you have updated details – please complete the form and we will check if everything is up-to-date.

Spare Clothing

If your child is in Prep OR occasionally has toilet accidents, please ensure they have spare clothing packed in their schoolbag each day and that the child knows they are there. This ensures a quick transition back into class should an accident occur.

Class Times

Reminder that class starts at 8:50am. Students should be at school at 8:45am at the latest ready to head to class. Supervision is provided from 8:15am.

QParents

Registering with QParents

You can register only by using a PC with the web version of QParents (not through the QParents app). However, once successfully registered, you may then use the QParents App on a phone or tablet etc to login and manage your account. Please contact the office if you need your QParents invitation re-sent.

Scheduled Maintenance

There will be a QParents outage on Thursday 18th October from 6pm - 10pm to perform scheduled maintenance. During the outage period users will be unable to access QParents.

Healthy Lunchbox

Teaching children to make their own sandwiches

Teaching children how to make their own sandwiches from a young age is an important life skill and helps to cultivate healthy eating habits. Healthy eating benefits children's growth and holistic development. Healthy eating, in turn, boosts children's immunity and prevents them from falling sick easily. Involve children in the sandwich making process with a view to them learning how to independently make their own. As well as teaching life skills, it is also a great bonding activity you can do with your kids.

What you need:

- Vessel: Bread, wraps, flatbread, pita-pocket or lettuce leaf etc
- Spreads: Cream cheese, avocado, nut butters or if necessary margarine or butter
- Fillings such as fruit (e.g. banana, apple) or vegetables (e.g. carrot, lettuce), cheese slices, chicken or cold cuts of meat such as ham, raisins or anything else nutritious, tasty and colourful.
- Other spreads if you're in a jam (pun intended) jam, peanut butter, vegemite, honey etc.

Steps:

- Allow children to choose their own vessel, spreads & fillings.
- Applying a spread – this can be a difficult task for children to master. Encourage them to keep the knife blade horizontal to the bread rather than pointing / digging it in to prevent mangled sandwiches.
- Decorate with fillings - you and your child can come up with special designs etc to make it fun.
- Cut into triangles, rectangles, squares or other shapes.
- Be creative.

Although it can take some time and patience initially to teach children to make their own sandwiches, it can be a greatly underestimated life skill achievement and can give them a great sense of pride and independence. Enjoy the process of making healthy sandwiches with your child and teaching them how to make their own! Adapted from 501 Activities for Kids (Hodges, 2000)



Tuckshop News

Please note: Tuckshop is open every day except Tuesday.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		VOLUNTEERS	HOME-BAKE	FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	OCT 22	STUDENT FREE DAY		Cheese Slices	
Wednesday	OCT 24	Needed	Needed	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	OCT 25	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad	
Friday	OCT 26		Needed	MILO	Needed
Monday	OCT 29	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices	
Wednesday	OCT 31	Needed	Needed	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	NOV 1	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad	
Friday	NOV 2	Needed	Needed	MILO	Needed

Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care



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!

Uniforms

New uniforms are available from Sauers and Lowes. Second-hand uniforms can be purchased from the school's Uniform Shop Mondays 8:30-9:00am and Fridays 2:30-3:15pm. School hats are \$12 and are available from the school Uniform Shop and the Tuckshop. If you have current school uniforms that you no longer need, donations for our second-hand uniform shop would also be greatly appreciated.

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.



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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>

Absences

Please notify the school of reasons for absence as soon as possible. **Absences (past, present and future) can now be quickly and easily recorded through the QParents app!** Alternatively, please phone our absence line 4194 4366. If you receive a text message for an unexplained absence, please reply to the SMS as soon as possible. If you receive a letter for an unexplained absence, please enter an absence reason and return the letter so that we can remove the unexplained absence from the student's record. All late arrivals and early departures are to be signed in / signed out by students' parent/s or guardian/s at the Administration Office.



Day for Daniel

Friday 26 October 2018

Join Australia's biggest child safety day

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Keeping kids safe!

KEEPING SAFE

Do you know the 3 R's?

Recognise Are you safe?
React What can you do?
Report Who can you tell?

You have the right to be safe and you can get help.

Talk to the 5 adults on your safety network until you get the help you need.



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Emergency 000

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YOU'RE INVITED

Fraser Coast Outriggers are offering 3 free "come and try" sessions for Juniors aged from 8 to 18 years of age to come and try this wonderful water sport.
at Fraser Coast Outrigger Canoe Club Compound, (opposite 371 Esplanade Scarness).



To participate you must be able to swim.
WHEN: Saturday October 13th, 20th, 27th
Arrive at 8-45am for 9am on water.
Bring a hat, water bottle, sun screen and please wear appropriate sun smart clothing.
For more information and to book your place please email the Secretary via email fcoc.secretary@gmail.com or phone/text Tracey on 0437 663 799
A parent must attend the session
If you sign up to be a club member at one of these "Come & Try" sessions you will receive a free club shirt & hat

