



Torquay News

State School

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



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Date Claimers

MONDAY 3 DECEMBER
HBSH – Transition Visit

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER
Student Leader Dinner

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER
3-6 Honesty Parade 2.30pm – Hall
Christmas Treat Day - Tuckshop

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER
P - 3 Learn to Swim Program

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER
Y1 Dance performance

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MONDAY 10 DECEMBER
3-6 Academic Parade 9am – Hall

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER
Y6 Graduation ceremony 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER
P-2 Academic Parade 9am – Hall

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 4 & 2019
Colour Run FUN RUN Day
Full School parade (Y6 Farewell)

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UPCOMING
Tue 29 Jan '19 FIRST DAY OF TERM 1

From the Principal



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

We are excited to share with our community that we are moving to a multi-age class setting next year and beyond. Our teaching staff are very excited about the new opportunities for learning and social development that this will create in our school.

Research has highlighted the benefits for both teachers and children when learning and teaching in a multi-age classroom. Benefits include more holistic, child-responsive curriculum practices that consider the understandings, capabilities and dispositions that children need for future work, e.g. working in diverse environments that seek workers who are multi-skilled, literate, cooperative, creative, adaptable, independent and resourceful.

Children and teachers often have the opportunity to work together for more than one year, which enhances continuity of learning and the forming of positive relationships with teachers and children, and between children. Because of the mixed age group, the younger children benefit from the positive models of older children, often aspiring to their levels of capability. At the same time, the older children rise to the expectations of the younger children and teacher, being very responsible and having opportunities to lend and use their expertise.

Social constructivist and critical perspectives of learning and teaching affirm the use of a multi-age classroom approach. Strategies used in this approach include:

- recognising and building on children’s diverse backgrounds, understandings and experiences
- understanding how children learn
- building connectedness between learning experiences
- acknowledging children as unique individuals with diverse and complex identities
- recognising children as active “agents” of their own learning.

Multi-age classes differ considerably from composite classes. Multi-age classes and teaching is **not**:

- teachers spending half their time teaching one grade level and the other half teaching the other grade level, so students get half the teaching
- students separated by their grade throughout the entire day depending on the activity

- a model where there is always a bigger range of abilities than in a single grade classroom
- older students are responsible for doing all the teaching of the younger students
- two different sets of curriculum and teachers teaching them discreetly to each year level.

In a multi-age class, the teacher has the same unit of work for students and assesses according to the year level standards of the national curriculum.

2019 classes

We have started our preparations for arranging classes for 2019. When considering student placement we focus on a range of factors including:

- Academic progress
- Social development and friendships; reliability and independence
- Personalities and best fit
- Behaviour and effort

Our department provides staffing to the school based on the number of students who are enrolled on the 8th day of the school year (Thursday 7 Feb 2019). If we have more students than anticipated we gain an additional teacher, if we have less then we lose a teacher. If this occurs, changes are then made to classes to accommodate the fluctuation.

At this stage we intend to start the school year with 17 classes and are allocating the following teachers, however there are still a few staffing decisions which could impact and cause changes:

Class number	Class	Teacher
1	Prep/1 A	Mrs Patrice Jansson
2	Prep/1 B	Mrs Kylie Foord
3	Prep/1 C	Mrs Gina Keightley and Mrs Lesley Robinson
4	Prep/1 D	Miss Sarah Bishell and Mrs Chris hobbs
5	2/3 A	Mrs Kerri McDougall and Mrs Marnie Corcoran
6	2/3 B	Mrs Emily Dorsett
7	2/3 C	Mrs Sharlene Wood
8	2/3 D	Mrs Reidunn Lawford and Mrs Lesley Robinson
9	2/3 E	Mrs Kacey Magrin and Mrs Tanya Carmichael
10	4/5 A	Mrs Sharlene Walker
11	4/5 B	Mrs Jamie Hall
12	4/5 C	Mrs Karen Walker
13	4/5 D	Miss Sharney Spann
14	4/5 E	Mr Stephen Harris
15	6A	Mrs Lisa Kingswell
16	6B	To be advised
17	6C	Mr David Sanders

- Ms Samantha Powell will continue her teaching role for science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)
- Mrs Chris Hobbs and Mrs Tanya Carmichael have won the positions of pedagogy coaches and will be in these positions as well as teaching on class one day per week.
- Our SEP team will be staffed by Mrs Wendy Neilsen, Mrs Kristine Campbell, Miss Laura Collins and Mrs Bernadette Robinson.
- Mrs Kristen Wyllie joins our team as our new permanent HPE teacher.
- Mrs Royall is our class music teacher.
- Mrs Jenny Conlon is our strings teacher and Mr Kerrod Wemyss as our BWP teacher.
- Mrs Anne Hammond continues in her role of support teacher.
- Mr Jung Wa continues as LOTE teacher, Chinese.

We would like to congratulate Mr Shane Folker on being appointed as maths coach to both Tinana State School and Hervey Bay State High School. His expertise will be sorely missed. Miss Scarlett will be moving to the non-state system.

I invite parents to write to me with any specific requests for their child's class for 2018. I will guarantee that all requests will be considered, but will not guarantee that every request will be actioned. Written requests must be placed in a sealed envelope addressed "Confidential to the Principal" and must be received at the school. Email requests can be sent to principal@torquayss.eq.edu.au. All requests must be received by 3pm Wednesday 5 December 18 **Please note: late requests will not be accepted.**

When we send home school report cards on Thursday 13 December, we will include a letter sharing with your family and child who their teacher will be next year and where their classroom is located.

A few sad farewells....

- Mrs Leanne Whittaker is transferring to Albert SS in Maryborough, and Mr Fowler is transferring to Kurwongbah SS.
- As previously shared, Mrs Jennie Core our teacher librarian retires at the end of this year.
- Mr Tubb has become a permanent teacher and will be working as a relieving teacher in the Maryborough community.
- Mr Scott Fisher has also been made a permanent teacher and will be working in some of the Maryborough schools.
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Tavistock St and Torquay Terrace intersection upgrade.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council have advised that they are upgrading the busy intersection of Tavistock St and Torquay Terrace with an anticipated time for the works to take place between February and April of 2019. This is great news for our school as traffic lights and improved lighting will be installed. As part of this upgrade, the pedestrian crossing on Torquay Terrace will be removed, instead children and families will cross at the traffic lights using the pedestrian activated crossing points installed on all 4 legs of the traffic signals

Kind regards, *Heidi Dallimore* – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

As we enter the final few weeks of school we know that things start ramping up again with a myriad of events. We have just had the Music Awards night pass and now the focus is on honesty awards, academic awards, graduation for yr 6, transitions for high school, the last two swimming lessons and of course the final day colour run. This on top of the teaching and learning that will continue to happen right up until the last day of school.

Behaviour: We have finished the fortnightly focus of speaking respectfully to peers and adults. As each focus ends, it does not mean that it isn't a focus anymore. Behaviour is a curriculum - we teach it, reinforce it and report on it. Great behaviour is conducive to great learning and social connectedness. Fortnightly focus for the last two weeks of school is about displaying - safe practises - safe people; road safety; and knowing right from wrong etc.

Attendance: Every day counts - it is the catchcry of all schools and workplaces. Attending every day allows the opportunity to learn new things and then put the new learning into practice. Certificates of attendance are going to be generated and given out to students who have had exceptional attendance this year.

Communication: Communication is one key component for a prosperous partnership and alleviates any surprises. Let us know the good, bad and indifferent - we enjoy the open lines of communication with our community.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal

Admin

Enrolments and Leavers

Just a reminder to please advise the school on 4194 4333 as soon as possible if your child is leaving at the end of the 2018 school year and if you know of friends, family or siblings who will be enrolling for next year.

QParents Spotlight

View and Pay Invoices

Did you know: You can view and pay invoices quickly & easily through QParents as well as viewing payment history!

Student Leader News

Next Friday 7 December at 9:10am in the school hall, all 2019 Student Leader candidates will be presenting their speeches to the senior school. Parents and carers are invited to attend if they wish. Voting for leadership positions will immediately follow speeches.

P&C News

Are you sick of buying cheap bags for school, only to have them fall apart? Our P&C have been offered a one-time only opportunity To order a variety of colours to share with parents and carers - a school bag (or backpack for whatever purpose you'd like!) with a lifetime warranty for manufacturer faults (not excessive wear and tear). There is a sample to see at the Tuckshop. Order forms have been sent home and a spare is attached with this newsletter. Orders can be placed at the Tuckshop and you will need to pay for the bag at the time of order. Please join our friends of Torquay QLD State School Parent's Club Facebook Page to keep up to date and receive announcements.



Healthy Lunchbox

Here are some tips to keep lunchboxes nice and healthy even during the last 2 weeks of school!

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP **1-6!**

FRUIT 1	VEGETABLES 2	MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3	MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4	GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5	WATER 6
<p>FRESH FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple• Banana• Mandarin• Orange quarters• Passionfruit halves (with spoon)• Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks• Pineapple chunks• Grapes• Plums• Nectarines, peaches, Apricots• Strawberries• Cherries• Kiwifruit halves (with spoon)• Pear <p>MIXED FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruit salad• Fruit kebabs <p>DRIED FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes* <p>TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In natural juice (not syrup)	<p>FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corn cobs• Carrot sticks• Capsicum sticks• Green beans• Cucumber sticks• Celery sticks• Snow peas• Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes)• Mushroom pieces <p>Can serve with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hummus• Tomato salsa• Tzatziki• Beetroot dip• Natural yoghurt <p>SALADS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing)• Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad• Pesto pasta salad* <p>BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grilled or roasted vegetables• Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones• Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot)• Popcorn <p>SOUP (in small thermos)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pumpkin soup• Potato and leek soup• Chicken and corn soup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Milk• Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks• Yoghurt (frozen overnight)• Custard <p>Tip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheese cubes, sticks or slices• Cottage or ricotta cheese• Cream cheese• Tzatziki dip <p>Can serve with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruit• Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar• Vegetable sticks• Rice and corn cakes• Wholegrain wheat crackers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater• Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo)• Fokafel balls• Lean meat or chicken patties• Tinned tuna or salmon patties• Lentil patties• Lean deli meats (e.g. ham, silveride, chicken)• Boiled eggs• Baked beans (canned)• Tofu cubes• Hummus dip• Lean meat or chicken kebabs sticks• Peanut butter* <p>Can serve with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad• Rice and corn cakes• Wholegrain wheat crackers• Side salad <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vegetable fritata• Skillets chicken dumplings• Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots)• Homemade pizzas with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables <p>Can serve with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Side salad• Steamed or roasted vegetables	<p>MAINS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wraps• Sandwiches• Rolls• Toasted sandwiches <p>Tip: Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, whole fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, heta, naan, bagels, foccacias, ruff bread and English muffins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pasta dishes• Rice, quinoa or cous-cous dishes• Noodle dishes• Sushi <p>SAVORY BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Homemade pizzas- Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins)- Vegetable based muffins- Pasta or noodle bake <p>SWEET BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruit loaf• Wholemeal nut based muffins <p>SNACKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli)• English muffins• Crackers• Cereals• Rice cakes• Corn thins• Wholemeal scones• Pilelets• Crumpets• Hot cross buns (no icing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day) <p>Tip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes <p>Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.</p> <p>Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.</p>

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/>



*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.


For more information please see ref: <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>

Keys to Success


GOLD CERTIFICATES



Aaron	PA	Hannah	2C	Mia	3C
Abbey-Lee	3/4A	Harrison	2C	Mia	4B
Aidan	5B	Haylee	1/2A	Miranda	PA
Alexis	3C	Heidi	5C	Morgan	PA
Alice	1B	Herbert	1B	Myles	1C
Alyssa	1C	Holli	3B	Naomi	5C
Anarchi	1C	Indi	1/2A	Nate	1C
Angus	3C	India	1B	Nikkayla	6A
Annabelle	4C	Isabella	5A	Nina	1B
Antray	PA	Izabel	5C	Oliver	1/2A
Ariana	6A	Jack	6A	Oliver	2B
Asha	1B	Jack	5C	Orion	2B
Ashleigh	3/4A	Jacob	1C	Paige	2C
Ashley	2C	Jahlee	6B	Paige	6B
Ashli	6A	Jaia	6B	Patrick	5B
Ava	PA	Jasmine	6C	Peach	PA
Bethany	3/4A	Jaxon	3C	Poppy	4C
Bodhi	3B	Jaydah	2C	Remi	6C
Brayden	1/2A	Jaydee	6B	Riley	3B
Brielle	PB	Jessica	2B	Rohan	4C
Brooke	3/4A	Jessica	6A	Rosalena	4B
Caitlin	4C	Jet	4C	Ruby	2C
Callum	3/4A	Joei	1C	Ruby	5B
Charlee	3B	Jorja	4B	Sahara	6A
Chloe	5A	Kalden	1C	Sally	6B
Corey	5B	Karley	5B	Savanah	4B
Corey	2C	Katrina	1C	Savarnna	2B
Cruze	PA	Kaylee	PA	Seth	4C
Danika-Rose	6C	Kirra	2C	Shaylee	6C
Delilah	4C	Koby	PA	Shikaya	1C
Diva	PA	Lacey	5A	Sienna	4B
Dominic	6B	Layla	3B	Skylah	1C
Ebony	3/4A	Liam	2C	Sophie	1/2A
Emelia	PB	Liam	PA	Talei	3B
Emileigh	1C	Liam	1B	Taya	6C
Emma	1/2A	Lillian	3C	Taylor	6C
Eva	1C	Mackinlay	4B	Tayte	2B
Eve	6C	Madison	1/2A	Taytum	1/2A
Georgia	6C	Madison	5C	Telisha	6B
Georgia	2B	Matilda	PA	Zachery	4C
Grace	6B	Matilda	PB	Zoe	1/2A
Haidi	5A	Megan	5B	Zoey	6B
Hannah	PB	Memphis	5A		

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 please reply to the SMS as soon as possible. If you receive an absence letter, please enter a reason and return the letter so 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.



What's On

Carols in the Village

Carols in the Village 1 Dec 2018 - 5:00pm to 8:00pm Hervey Bay Historical Village 13 Zephyr Street Scarness
Email brianne@ultratune.com.au Phone 07 4124 6526 Alternate 0403 754 266 Website
www.herveybaymuseum.com.au Entry All Tickets \$2.00

Carols by Candle Light

Carols by Candle Light FREE 5:30pm 15 Dec 2018 Hervey Bay Sports Grounds 133-149 Tavistock St Hervey Bay, Queensland 4655 Email rsl.carolsbycandlelight@gmail.com Phone 0411 833 980 Alternate 0428 289 213
This year the pre-program will begin at 5:30pm with a very special visit from Santa Claus during this segment. The main program begins at 7:00pm and will finish with a spectacular fireworks display. An array of food stalls will be at the event. A new venue will host the event - Hervey Bay Sports Club.