



# Torquay News

## State School



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

### Issue 5 - 2018

#### Date Claimers

**THURSDAY 29 MARCH**  
LAST DAY OF TERM 1  
Free Dress Day

**FRIDAY 30 MARCH**  
GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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#### Autumn School Holidays

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**MONDAY 16 APRIL**  
STUDENT FREE DAY

**TUESDAY 17 APRIL**  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

**WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL**  
3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

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**MONDAY 23 APRIL**  
Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

**TUESDAY 24 APRIL**  
TSS Cross Country P-6

**WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL**  
ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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**UPCOMING**  
Mon 7 May Labour Day Public Holiday

#### From the Principal



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

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our first term of learning and growing together. There have been many highlights for the students and staff, and we acknowledge that many of the activities that our students remember most from their school days are those off site learning experiences or when we have guests to the school. A summary of events and exciting learning opportunities across the year levels including:

- Yr 4 and Yr 6 camps at Barambah
- Student Leadership Conference and Presentations
- Yr 5/6 Gala Interschool Sport Day
- National Day of Action Against Bullying
- Beginner Strings Workshop
- Yr 1 trip to the fire station and the Queensland fire fighters coming to school
- Yr 3 beach walk
- Yr 4 excursion to culturally significant sites
- Our two cyber safety presentations to Yr 5 and 6 students
- Some of the Little Brothers, little Sistas' group performing at the ten year anniversary of Galangoor Health Clinic.

#### Family Engagement

Quality partnerships require a reciprocal commitment from staff and parents to work together to improve student learning and wellbeing. Learning is not limited to the classroom. The beliefs, expectations and experience of parents are powerful determinants in students' achievement. Effective partnerships can help to raise parents' awareness of their ability to improve their children's learning and wellbeing. Understanding the school, home and community contribution to student learning helps cultivate a holistic learning environment.

We have been thrilled with the active partnerships forming with parents and our community's engagement with school this term. We believe that it is vital for parents and teachers to have a positive rapport with the ability to have honest and reflective conversations about their child and their learning. We have thoroughly appreciated those parents who made an appointment time with teachers, as it helps to ensure that the teacher can focus on your child, as well as being prepared for their teaching day.

It was terrific to see so many families taking the opportunity to come together and learn more strategies to help keep their kids safe on line. We are hoping to run another 'Think U Know' talk later in the year as we believe this is such an important and ever changing realm for families to be in front of.

It has been wonderful to see how many families have come to our aide with creating and making a whole school banks of spelling games and resources. Not only has this given more families the opportunity to help out, but it has saved the school literally hundreds of hours of teacher aide time – this of course is far more valuably spent supporting children in their learning. We have also appreciated the time that many parents have volunteered to:

- Help change home readers
- Attend and help supervise at excursions
- Support in learning programs such as sight words and one to one reading
- Help at the tuckshop
- Support the P&C

We'd like to thank our parents and carers too for your vigilance this term with ensuring your child meets our school dress code. It has been wonderful to see our children wearing their uniforms with such pride, as this also helps to create a positive and unified school culture and sense of identity.

### **School communicating with external agencies**

From time to time we have requests from families and external agencies – eg paediatricians, psychologists etc for information regarding a student. We will not provide any information to these agencies unless we have written parent permission. When we get a parent request to complete a report, we require a minimum of two weeks to complete the written report. We will not provide a verbal report to an external agency. Many external agencies want us to complete various assessments on top of the reports, which can be very time consuming, and we are limiting this to no more than three assessment items.

If you have a request from an external agency, please ensure this is handed in to the office by an adult. Please respect that these reports take time to write, as we collaborate with a range of staff to ensure that we are able to report accurately and we cannot complete these in less than a two week timeframe.

### **National Disability Insurance Scheme**

NDIS is rolling out in Maryborough and Hervey Bay commencing 1 July 2018. 6 months prior to the commencement date, the NDIA provides information sessions in the community for families; [NDIS Flyer](#)  
-Tuesday 17 April – Maryborough West State School, 149 North Street, Maryborough – 4.00pm – 6.00pm.  
-Wednesday 18 April – Hervey Bay Special School, 23 Frangipanni Avenue, Hervey Bay – 4:00pm – 6.00pm.

### **Safety Focus - No price is too high when it comes to safety**

Recently staff have spoken to a number of students at arrival and departure times for jumping the school fences rather than using the gates. Please encourage your children - like we do to take the safest option and that is to use the gates, even if it means taking a slightly longer time to get to where they are meeting you.

### **Bicycle Helmets**

Please be aware that children are required by law to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. If your child rides to school and does not have a helmet, we will contact you to arrange an alternative way for them to get home from school and will lock their bike away for safe keeping.

Kind regards

*Heidi Dallimore* – Principal



## **From the Deputy's Desk**

We should celebrate the achievements our students have had throughout this term. There have been many great moments, too many to pen. Greatness at Torquay SS is alive and well.

As we get ready to enter the first holiday period of the year please ensure that you remain safe at all times. We endeavour to promote safety every day at school - through our fortnightly behaviour focus, our expectations and general conversations with our students. To ensure your safety and that of your child please be responsible and walk to the specific gates to access the grounds as well as using the crossings to cross the roads - thank you for your attention with this.

Our school's aim for attendance is 95% across the term and school year. We understand illness can take days away from students and that rest and a GP visit are vital. Behaviour choices also play a part with attendance also as our expectations are very high. Over this break, take a breather and think back to how much time at school was missed and for what purpose. Can you make it to 95% or above.

2018 Current Attendance To Date								95-100
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	92-95
93.51%	90.25%	92.71%	92.66%	91.40%	91.92%	90.74%	91.88%	90-92

School watch - keep an eye out for our school over the break. Phone 131 788 if there is any suspicious activities taking place. To staff, students and families enjoy your break and the Commonwealth Games - Go Australia!

Yours in Education

*Phil Theofanes* – Deputy Principal

## Admin News

### Interruptions to classes during school hours

We have recently been experiencing a high volume of interruptions to classes during the school day. These include **phone calls** from parents to request that **messages** be given to their child regarding their departure from school at 3pm, ie change of travel mode, different person collecting etc.; **school lunches** being brought in late for the student to collect; and students going for **appointments** during school hours. Whilst we appreciate that there may be circumstances when there is an emergency and you need to communicate with your child, we would ask you to please:

- Ensure that your child is aware of how they are getting home in the afternoon PRIOR to them leaving home in the morning
- Organise school lunches the night before or in the morning before school
- Book appointments for outside school hours where possible

Thank you for your assistance.

## P&C News

The P&C's Annual General Meeting will be held **Wednesday 28 March 2018 at 2:30pm in the staffroom**. 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 and member applications will be available from the office. If you have any questions please come and see one of the friendly P&C members or ask the ladies at the office.

### 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, we will be sending home a letter next week regarding a Voluntary Contribution from our families. Please keep an eye out for the letter and if you can consider contributing \$20 (or as much as you can afford) per family it would be greatly appreciated. In past years our P&C has very successfully collected voluntary contributions from our community. We currently have approximately 300 families, so if each family donated \$20 that would be a WHOPPING \$6000 towards air conditioners.

## Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		VOLUNTEERS	HOME-BAKE	FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	Pupil Free Day	-	-	Cheese Slices	Needed
Wednesday	18 APRIL	Needed	Needed	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	19 APRIL	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad	Needed
Friday	20 APRIL	Needed	Needed		
Monday	23 APRIL	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices	Needed
Wednesday	Anzac Day	-	-	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	26 APRIL	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad	Needed
Friday	27 APRIL	Needed	Needed		



We have had a very slow start to tuck shop this year so I would like to ask our school community if there are any changes you would like to see in the tuck shop that would see you using our services more often. Is it pricing or choice maybe that keeps you away or other reasons? We would like to be able to keep the tuckshop running so please come and see me with any ideas you may have to boost our daily sales. Our Easter Treat Day was a great success so thank you, we hope your children were happy. Our next big thing for the tuckshop is our MOTHERS DAY STALL. This will be open in the tuck shop from MAY 9, 10 and 11. We will have lots of beautiful things for our lucky Mum's with prices starting

at \$2 up to \$8. We will also have some nice things for Grandparents as well, but remember to get in early to avoid disappointment and if possible bring a bag please. Enjoy the holidays and see you in Term 2, July.

## Keys to Success

Bronze Certificates					
Alex	4C	Jack	5C	Molli-Anne	3/4A
Alice	1B	Jacob	1C	Naomi	5C
Alice	6B	Jahlee	6B	Noah	6C
Amber	2B	Jaia	6B	Oliver	2B
Anais	4C	Jasmin	6C	Oliver	2C
Annabelle	4C	Jasmine	6C	Oliver	6B
Ava	1C	Jaxon	3C	Orion	2B
Ayla	1B	Jaydah	2C	Orsen	5C
Bailey	5C	Jenna	3/4A	Paige	2C
Braydon	5A	Jet	4C	Paige	6B
Briana	5B	Joei	1C	Patrick	5B
Brody	4C	Karley	5B	Phoebe	4C
Bryce	2B	Keeley	5C	Poppy	4C
Cade	1B	Kiera	2C	Rachael	6A
Caitlin	4C	Kirra	2C	Ravneet	1/2A
Chad	1C	Laqueisha	6C	Raymond	1C
Charlotte	5A	Lewis	1B	Remi	6C
Chelsea	1/2A	Liam	1B	Ruby	2C
Corey	2C	Lillian	3C	Ruby	5B
Corey	5B	Lilly	1B	Sahara	6A
Danika-Rose	6C	Lily	3/4A	Sally	6B
Dylan	1C	Maddilyn	4C	Sarah	4B
Elora	5A	Maddison	4B	Scarlett	1/2A
Eve	6C	Madison	1B	Shaylee	6C
Evie	5A	Madison	5C	Shelby	6A
Georgia	2B	Megan	5B	Sofia	1C
Georgia	6C	Meleah	2C	Storm	1C
Grace	6B	Memphis	5A	Taya	6C
Hannah	2C	Mia	3C	Taylor	6C
Harrison	2C	Mia	6A	Telisha	6B
Heidi	5C	Michaela	1B	Zoe	3/4A
Hunter	2C	Milla	2B	Zoey	6B
Isabella	6A				

## Positions Vacant

### Administration Officer (AAEP) Torquay State School

POSITION TYPE: Permanent Part Time 32.50 hours per week (0.90 FTE)  
CLOSING DATE: 01 April 2018  
Job Ad REF No (JAR): QLD/NCR271294/18

Applications are invited for a permanent, part-time (32.5 hours per week) Administration Officer (AAEP AO2) position at Torquay State School.

The main responsibilities of the position are described in the AAEP Role Description.  
<http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/role-descriptions/non-teaching-role-descriptions.html>

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 provide the following information:

- a brief resume including contact details for 2 referees (one of whom should be your current supervisor)
- a maximum 2 page written response outlining your suitability for the role referring to the key capabilities under "**How you will be assessed**".

All applications should be submitted via smart jobs by 01 April 2018

<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-NCR271294-18>

Further information can be obtained from Heidi Dallimore, Principal ☎ 07 41944 333 or email [hdall2@eq.edu.au](mailto:hdall2@eq.edu.au)

All applications will remain valid for 12 months from the closing date

## Health News

### School Sores & other staph infections

Staphylococcus aureus (often referred to as 'staph' or 'golden staph') is a common bacterium. About 30 percent of people carry it either on their skin or in their nose, mostly without it causing any problems. However, sometimes the bacteria get inside the body and cause infection. Staph most commonly causes skin infections such as **boils and impetigo (school sores)** but it also sometimes causes serious infections like septicaemia (blood poisoning) and pneumonia.

### Signs and Symptoms:

People with skin infections may have redness, swelling, pain, heat, and/or pus-filled lesions such as boils or abscesses. Symptoms of serious infection depend on where the infection is in the body, but may also include feeling generally unwell, high fever, uncontrollable shakes, and/or shortness of breath.

### Education Queensland Exclusion Times:

Exclude until appropriate **antibiotic treatment has been received for at least 24 hours**. Sores should be covered with a **watertight dressing** for at least 48 hours. Weeping or crusted sores should be covered with a watertight dressing at home before arriving at school.

### Transmission:

Staph is usually spread through direct contact with a person who has a skin infection or is carrying the bacteria on their skin or in their nose. This can occur in the community by close skin to skin contact, sharing items such as towels or clothes, or touching surfaces that someone else has touched. Household pets can sometimes carry strains of MRSA that can infect humans, especially if there is someone in the household already infected.

### Who is at risk?

Staph skin infections can affect anyone. Crowding and frequent skin to skin contact can increase the risk of infection, so outbreaks tend to happen in hospitals and other health care facilities, schools, dormitories, military barracks, households, jails, and childcare centres. People who have health problems such as diabetes or a poor immune system or who have broken skin (eg. due to cuts, insect bites, dermatitis, recent surgery or intravenous 'drips') are more likely to get an infection.

### Prevention:

Hand washing is the single most important way to prevent the spread of staph infections. Wash hands regularly with soap and running water for 15-30 seconds and dry thoroughly with a clean towel or disposable paper towels, especially:

- before and after touching/changing a dressing on an infected area
- after going to the toilet
- after blowing your nose
- before handling or eating food
- after touching animals, particularly domestic pets.

If running water is not immediately available hands can be cleaned with alcohol hand gel or wipes; however these will only be effective if hands are not visibly dirty. Cover boils, school sores or other skin infections with a waterproof dressing. Don't handle food that others might eat or be in contact with if you have skin infections or open wounds that cannot be kept covered. Don't share personal items such as clothes, towels or grooming items such as nail scissors, tweezers, razors and toothbrushes. If you share a bed with someone, keep sores or wounds covered overnight. Tell other people in your household if you have a staph infection and share this information sheet with them. They should see their doctor if any infections develop.

Please consult your doctor for diagnosis and treatment of any suspected infection. For more information see: <http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/33/132/Staphylococcus-aureus-infection>

## Uniforms

New uniforms are available from Signature Uniforms, Sauers and Lowes. Pre-Loved uniforms can be purchased from the school Uniform Shop. School hats are \$12 and are available from the school Uniform Shop and the Tuckshop. Please note eftpos is not available to purchase pre-loved uniforms. If you are having financial difficulty purchasing school uniforms, please contact the school office. If you have current school uniforms that you no longer need, donations for our 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop would also be greatly appreciated. This is a great way to recycle unwanted items as well as assisting other families in need.

## Helping Hands OSHC



### Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care Torquay



0475824340  [torquay@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au](mailto:torquay@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au) 

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!**

## 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**



## Like us 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>

## Absences - QParents / Ph 4194 4366 / SMS 0429 466 895

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. These are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. 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.



## What's On

Fraser Coast Artslink Presents Find us on 

## EASTER PARTY

### SCARNESS PARK

Sat 31st March

Kids come along and have a hopping good time.  
Have fun with the FREE - Activities and Easter Crafts & Face Painting

BBQ by Fraser Coast Artslink

Raffles - Market Stalls  
Entertainment - Dancing  
Music - Rides

[www.frasercoastartslink.com.au](http://www.frasercoastartslink.com.au)

