



Torquay News

State School



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

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Date Claimers

MONDAY 30 APRIL
Playgroup 9-10:30am – Hall

TUESDAY 1 MAY
Parent Teacher Interviews 4B

WEDNESDAY 2 MAY
Parent Teacher Interviews 4B
Hervey Bay District Cross Country
3-6 Parade 2:30pm Hall

THURSDAY 3 MAY
Crazy Hair Day - TBC

FRIDAY 4 MAY
Student Leaders Meeting – 6B

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MONDAY 7 MAY
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY
P-2 Parade 2:30pm
Mother's Day Stall

THURSDAY 10 MAY
Mother's Day Stall

FRIDAY 11 MAY
Student Leader's Meeting
Mother's Day Stall

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UPCOMING
Fri 25 May FC Show Day Holiday
Wed 23 May Under 8's Day
Thur 31 May Yr 5 Gympie Gold Mine Trip
Fri 22 Jun School Disco

From the Principal



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

Global citizenship

This week as we engage in a range of activities commemorating ANZAC Day and the ANZAC spirit, it makes me proud to help our children develop and understanding that they are global citizens with a social responsibility. Global citizens focus on sustainability, are culturally aware, understand the importance of communicating across cultures and take action on injustice. As adults we can help our children to develop awareness and skills by modelling good citizenship ourselves:

- Be a good role model at all times – Children learn from what they witness, especially from significant adults in their lives.
- Model a clear sense of right and wrong, by obeying laws and making thoughtful decisions.
- Be accountable for a mistake you make and show how to make amends.
- Show children you care about people by modelling friendships, lending a hand to help or volunteering your time.
- Practise sustainable practices like reusing, recycling and reducing waste as this shows environmental responsibility.
- Talk to your children about world issues, use factual statistics to prompt conversation and thinking.

Importantly, it is crucial that we teach our children to do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do, not just because someone is watching.

Contacting teaching staff

Working collaboratively with our families is very important to us. If you need to contact a teacher, please respect that teachers have limited time in the mornings as they are often busy preparing for the teaching day. As it draws closer to the start of teaching time, they will politely need to excuse themselves to commence their teaching duty. All teachers appreciate the opportunity to have an appointment with parents so they can be prepared to talk with you from an informed position. Shortly, many teachers will be letting families know of arrangements for parent teacher interviews. I urge you to make the time to meet with your child's teacher and to discuss their progress, as well as working on ways to support improvement.

Staffing update

Mrs Gina Keightley is on long service leave for the first 4 weeks of this term and is replaced by Mrs Lesley Robinson.

With Mrs Eadie, Mrs Brigg and Mrs Eason all gaining promotions within a period of 6 months, we have a golden opportunity to create our new administration team. We are proud to introduce our new administration team, Mrs Chantelle Raspor has commenced as our permanent business manager and we have just completed the employment process for the permanent admin officer with Mrs Chantal Kearns being appointed to the position. Mrs Janice Wootton remains as our student services officer.



Parentline 1300 30 1300

On Friday staff will be sending home a brochure about Parentline.

Parentline is similar to the Kids Help line and provides multiple opportunities for parent support. They have trained counsellors who can assist you to:

- Identify your immediate concerns as a parent
- Recognise your own skills and strengths
- Consider and develop strategies for making meaningful change
- Explore important aspects of your family (e.g. values and dynamics)
- Look at your own unique family relationships
- Identify your information needs and access relevant resources
- Access individually-paced over-the-phone parenting skills training

To find out more about how Parentline works, or how they can help, speak to one of the counsellors on 1300 30 1300, 7 days a week, between 8am and 10pm

There are also some fabulous resources and articles on their website.

<https://www.parentline.com.au>

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

Welcome back to term 2 and week 2. So far this term we have had our ANZAC day ceremony at school and in the community, cross country and of course begun learning. Keep an eye out for the upcoming term planner to see what is happening at our school (don't forget to check Facebook as well).

Behaviour is a topic that always comes up at school, in the workplace and even when you are out and about. It can be good, bad and indifferent. We will be posting a link on Facebook and for those not on Facebook via email whereby families can have 'their say' on a couple of questions about behaviour at Torquay SS. We are all about feedback again good, bad and indifferent and value what you our community have to offer. This year is the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan is up for review and we are looking at ways that we can engage families, students and staff with improving behaviour. It is also one of our Annual Implementation Plan foci. When you receive the link please take the time to have your say (it is anonymous) and give the honest truth, warts and all about what you are thinking. The questions have been approved by the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team and in week 4 of this term we will be hosting two parent forum sessions which allows another opportunity to offer your suggestions or commendations to the school. Students will have an opportunity to offer their feedback along with staff. All of the information will be collated, dissected and reviewed ready for actioning in 2019 and depending on suggestions possibly as early as semester 2 this year. Remember to promote our school expectations of being Safe, Respectful and Responsible!

Attendance is another facet of education that is extremely important. We have a myriad of programs that run through our school to enable your child, our students the best opportunity to learn and grow. Regular attendance is vital to gain access to the educational programmes at our school. It must be noted that positive behaviour choices assist markedly with attendance along with good health and we cannot control when either of these go the opposite way. If you're unwell please rest and see a GP, bringing a medical certificate to school is most welcomed and encouraged especially for long absences. Late arrivals and early departures impact school as well and we understand that some appointments can only be accessed during school time.

2018 Current Attendance To Date								95-100
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	92-95
93.81%	89.60%	92.99%	92.16%	89.93%	91.71%	91.05%	91.61%	90-92

Yours in Education

Phil Theofanes – Deputy Principal

Admin News

Student Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Parents are reminded that students arriving late for school must be brought into the office with a parent/caregiver and signed in. Alternatively, if students are departing early for the day, parents must notify the office and/or class teacher and must sign them out at the office prior to departure. This enables us to keep accurate absentee details and ensure student's safety during school hours. We thank you for your assistance with this process.

Change of Details

Please advise the office if you have changed address, phone number/s or medical details as it is very important that the school has your child's up-to-date details. Please also ensure that emergency contacts are up-to-date so that they are contactable in the event of an emergency or illness. You can request a change of details form, contact the office on 4194 4333 or call in and see us.

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		VOLUNTEERS	HOME-BAKE	FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	30 APRIL	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices	Needed
Wednesday	2 MAY	Needed	Needed	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	3 MAY	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad	Needed
Friday	4 MAY	Needed	Needed		
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Our MOTHERS DAY STALL will be open on May 9, 10 and 11 from 8am in the morning and at 1st and 2nd break. We have many beautiful gifts starting at \$2 to \$8. Please get in early to avoid disappointment and please bring a plastic bag with you for your purchase. As the mornings are getting cooler we can start our warm Milo in the next few weeks so the tuckshop is open now to donations of Milo please. We have spoons available for purchase for 10 cents so if your child needs a spoon for their lunch please pack it from home. Any food purchased at the tuckshop that requires a spoon it is included in the price of the item. If our usual helpers would like to come and see me about the Mother's Day Stall that would be great.

P&C News

P&C and Fundraising

It is very exciting to have all P&C executive positions filled and it is great to see our school families stepping up to take on responsibilities. The P&C continues to focus on fundraising for air-conditioning classrooms. Additionally, they are seeking a grant to install a large fan in the hall and upgrades to the projector, screen and speakers. Fundraising takes time and effort. The P&C is keen to see the Family Fun Night go ahead this year after we sadly had to cancel last year due to bad weather. Wednesday 19th September has been tentatively booked, however, the P&C will only progress their planning if they can access three more people to join the planning committee. If you can volunteer, please email pandc@torquayss.eq.edu.au by Wednesday 2nd May, the P&C can make a decision about whether to progress. Please mark the 22 June as our first P&C disco for the school year. More details closer to the date.

We are excited to introduce the new P&C executives.

President: Claire Nava

Hi everyone, my name is Claire Nava and I'm your P&C President. I've been a parent at TSS for over 6 years with 2 children currently at the school. I'm excited to have this opportunity to make a difference for all our children whilst they are at this great school. I hope to meet a lot more parents over the course of the year and can encourage you to help in any way you can to improve our school environment.



Vice president: Dee Seko

I am a Mum of 3 who enjoys the relaxed lifestyle that Hervey Bay has to offer especially the stunning beaches and friendly community. I have seen my son thrive at Torquay State School within our short two years of attending. Seeing him love school again with the amazing support has inspired me to want to give back and help out on the P&C.

It's been a very positive experience especially having no prior knowledge. There is a great team of parents with supporting staff members.

Secretary: Kirsty Mackay

My name is Kirsty and I'm the newly elected P&C committee Secretary. This is my second stint with the executive committee as I held the secretary position from 2012 to 2014. Our two head strong and tenacious daughters have attended Torquay since Prep, with one graduating last year and one in Year 6 this year. We are so incredibly proud that our girls have completed all of their primary schooling with Torquay and this is what motivated me to join the P&C. Life gets busy; I work full time, the girls are heavily involved in netball, I feel like I am constantly at the supermarket because they are always hungry, I am perpetually tired, but being a part of something where I can contribute as little or as much time as I like really appealed to me. Plus I'm pretty awesome at making sandwiches so Miss 11 tells me. I truly hope that some parents can come along and see what our P&C is all about by sticking your head in at our next meeting. We'd love to have you come along!



Treasurer: Allison Drummond Jones

My name is Alison Drummond Jones and I am the mother of grade one twin boys. My professional background is in administration, corporate Human Resources, Education and Training. I am currently acting in a voluntary capacity as Secretary for the Bundaberg Multiple Birth Association. It would be safe to say that I am stepping outside my comfort zone and into the world of finance! Whilst it is scary, I also feel that it is



vitaly important to retain the P and C at our school, so I will be positive, embrace the learning of new skills and endeavour to do my best in the role of Treasurer. I am passionate about the welfare and well-being of my children, as I'm sure we all are. The P and C will continue to focus on the air-conditioning project for all our classrooms. Additionally, I feel it is important to upgrade our hall, both in terms of comfort for our pupils, staff and visitors, but also for those children and staff in Vacation Care year round - especially during those really hot summer months. I would also like to make our food options more inclusive for healthier choices and the special dietary requirements of our children. I appreciate input and suggestions (and offers of help!) and hope that as parents, you all feel welcome to come to P and C meetings so that your voice and opinion is heard on what you feel is important for Torquay State School.

Health News – Influenza or “The Flu”

Description: Influenza or ‘the flu’ is a highly contagious disease infecting the upper airways and lungs but can also affect other parts of the body. In Australia, outbreaks of influenza of varying severity occur every year usually between **May and September**.

Symptoms: The symptoms of influenza can include: fever, dry cough, muscle and joint pain, tiredness/extreme exhaustion, headache, sore throat and stuffy nose. Most people recover within a week, although a cough and tiredness may persist.

Transmission: The virus that causes influenza is mainly spread from person to person by virus-containing droplets produced during coughing or sneezing. The droplets can be spread up to a metre through the air and enter the body through the nose and mouth. A person can also catch influenza if they shake hands with an infected person or touch a contaminated surface such as a door knob or telephone, and then touch their nose or mouth.

Prevention: To avoid becoming ill with influenza, the best way to protect yourself and others is to:

- Be vaccinated
- Stay home when you are sick
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel
- Wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Don't share items such as cigarettes, glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or anything which could be contaminated with infected secretions
- Maintain at least one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing
- Consult your doctor if you have a cough and high fever (38oc or more) and follow their instructions, including taking medicine as prescribed
- If attending a medical practice or emergency department, alert the receptionist of your symptoms so you can be seated away from others and possibly be given a surgical mask.

More information can be found at: <http://education.qld.gov.au/health/healthpromotion/influenza-flu-vaccinations.html>

Uniforms


New uniforms are available from Signature Uniforms, Sauers and Lowes. Pre-Loved uniforms can be purchased from the school Uniform Shop Mondays 8:30-9am and Fridays 3:30-3:15pm. 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 2nd 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 Outside School Hours Care



Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care Torquay



0475824340 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



HERVEY BAY NETBALL NET SET GO REGISTRATION

Net Set Go Netball for 5 – 6 year olds

Join NOW: Suncorp Net Set GO is Netball Australia's only junior entry netball program. It has been developed to provide children from 5 to 6 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation. Suncorp Net Set GO incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

Running for 10 weeks (starting late April).

Cost is \$100 and includes a NetSetGO T-shirt and netball

Register via our website: <http://www.herveybay.qld.netball.com.au/>



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Telephone: 0407 576 543

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