



Torquay News

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Issue 7 - 2018

Date Claimers

MONDAY 14 MAY
Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

TUESDAY 15 MAY
NAPLAN Language C & Writing

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY
NAPLAN Reading
3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall
P & C meeting 4:30pm – Staffroom

THURSDAY 17 MAY
NAPLAN Numeracy

FRIDAY 18 MAY
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am 6B
Catch-up NAPLAN Testing

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MONDAY 21 MAY
Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

TUESDAY 22 MAY
Optiminds meeting
Instrumental Fanfare Kawungan SS

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY
P-2 Parade 2.30pm – Hall
Under 8's Day

THURSDAY 24 MAY
Girl Talk 11:30 – 1:30

FRIDAY 25 MAY
FC SHOW DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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UPCOMING
Week 7 Reconciliation Week
Thu 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

2018 NAPLAN PROGRAM

On the 15th, 16th and 17th of May our students in Years 3 and 5 participate in NAPLAN. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), is an annual assessment for all students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test, rather, it assesses the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Conducted in schools in the second full week of May each year, NAPLAN tests and numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Why should students participate in NAPLAN? NAPLAN tests are designed to assess how a student is progressing in their learning. They reflect important aspects of the Australian Curriculum and are used to assess education programs, what is working and what improvements should be made. Below is the schedule for the NAPLAN testing for our children in years 3 and 5 which occurs in week 5.

May 2018	Year 3	Year 5
Tuesday 15 th 9.00am Language Conventions	40 minutes	40 minutes
Tuesday 15 th 11.35am Writing	40 minutes	40 minutes
Wednesday 16 th 9.00am Reading	45 minutes	50 minutes
Thursday 17 th 9.00am Numeracy	45 minutes	50 minutes
Friday 18 th Catch Up	For any students who were absent over the previous days.	

It is important that our NAPLAN testing commences promptly and it is vital that children are not arriving late for their NAPLAN tests.

To ensure that every child has the chance to succeed please be sure that children have a good night's sleep and a fulfilling breakfast to fuel their brains and bodies. We have our regular breakfast club on Tuesday before school and on Wednesday and Thursday morning Year 3 and 5 students can have a free egg and bacon roll/sandwich served from the hall kitchen from 8.15 to 8.40.

2019 Prep enrolments

Enrolments for the 2019 Prep Year are now open. Students born between the 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014 are eligible for the Preparatory year of school in 2019. Parents are encouraged to collect a Prep Enrolment Pack from the school office and to share with friends and family that we are now accepting enrolments.

Teaching Spelling

Would you like to learn more about how we are teaching spelling? Our curriculum coach, Mrs Carmichael will be running spelling information sessions prior to the senior assembly in Week 5 and the junior assembly during week 6. Please meet Mrs Carmichael in the hall at 2pm if you are interested in these sessions.

Building resilience

Resilience is a word often used these days. The most common description of Resilience, is being able to bounce back from adversity, but what skills do students need to possess to be able to bounce back? Studies have shown that there are seven key skills, which are essential to develop in both students and ourselves, to be resilient. They are:



- Optimism and hope for the future – thinking positively when striving to achieve goals – develop through goal setting and growth mindsets
- Regulating emotions – controlling the intensity and duration of feelings – develop through wellbeing fitness challenges
- Impulse control – resisting the urge to react on feelings – develop through mindfulness activities
- Flexibility of thinking – changing thinking for different situations – develop through habits of mind and thinking tools
- Empathy – accepting the needs and feeling of others – develop through acts of kindness
- Self-belief – valuing yourself and your top strengths – develop through actioning character strengths
- Building social-connectedness – having a sense of belonging – develop through active positive responding.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) – Prep students

Between May and August this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. The census is conducted every three years with the results used to help improve the delivery of quality services for young children. This census involves teachers of children in their first year of schooling (Prep year) completing an information survey. Children are not involved with the survey in any way, teachers complete the census questions. Letters were sent home about the AEDC and both prep teachers have commenced the census process.

Urangan State High School transition day

On Thursday the 28th June our Year 6 students have been invited to spend a day as part of transition to high school at Urangan State High School. USHS have a strict policy that only students who have been enrolled at their school can attend the day. Our office has enrolment packs for both Urangan State High School and Hervey Bay State high School if you require them.

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

Parent Forums

On the 15th May and 23rd May, Torquay SS will be hosting two parent/carer forums to further discuss your views about improving behaviour at Torquay SS. Tuesday the 15th of May from 2pm to 3pm in the Library seminar room will be the first session and the second session will be held on Wednesday the 23rd of May from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the Library seminar room. If you intend to come please register your interest through the office or alternatively turn up. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Behaviour

We are again focussing on 'minimising disruption in class and on the oval. It is important when students come to school that they try their best, listen attentively and allow the teachers to teach and themselves and others learn. We focus on being safe, respectful and responsible. When disruption dissipates the amount of learning that can be achieved is phenomenal. You notice student and teacher disposition soar in a positive manner. We love teaching our students the skills and knowledge they require. With your assistance in reinforcing appropriate and expected behaviours at school, we can see marked change. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

Our goal at Torquay is to have 95% or more attendance at school. If you are unwell or have had a long time off school please provide a medical certificate especially if it is an ongoing illness. Reminder that school begins with students in class at 8:50 and finish time is 3:00pm. Late and early departures can affect the amount of learning time that students have. If you have medical appointments please endeavour to make these outside school hours. If you receive a letter or SMS for an unexplained absence, please reply as soon as possible or update via the QParents app so we can update the absence and subsequently all absences on your child's report card will be explained ones. Appropriate behaviour and keeping healthy is necessary to maintain high attendance at school as well.

Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days

2017 Current Attendance To Date									95-100
Term 2	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	92-95
Week 2	93.81%	89.60%	92.99%	92.16%	89.93%	91.71%	91.05%	91.61%	90-92
Week 4	93.74%	89.46%	92.75%	92.11%	90.97%	90.80%	90.67%	91.50%	

NAPLAN

It is that time of year again for our Year 3's and Year 5's, whereby they complete the 2018 NAPLAN exams which are held nationwide. This is another opportunity for us to see how much knowledge our students have. If you have any concerns, it is always best to communicate with your child's teacher.

Sports Carnival

Just a quick calendar note that we are hosting our 2018 Sports Day on Wednesday the 27th June. Shot Put, High Jump and Long Jump are held the day before on the 26th June and will be contested by students who have qualified. Everyone is encouraged to participate and you can even dress up in your house colours.

Keep being AWESOME Torquay!

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 will always 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.

Serious Allergies

Does your child have a serious allergy? Maybe nuts? Please give the office a call to discuss the process for a medical plan.

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.

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		VOLUNTEERS	HOME-BAKE	FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	14 MAY	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices	
Wednesday	16 MAY	Needed	Needed	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	17 MAY	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad	
Friday	18 MAY	Needed	Needed		
Monday	21 MAY	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices	
Wednesday	23 MAY		Needed	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	24 MAY		Needed	Fruit Salad	
Friday	SHOW DAY	CLOSED			



Our Mother's Day Stall is on until Friday if you're looking for a last minute gift. Our stall has been very successful so far. Thank you to everybody who has supported us.

We will start Milo on Wednesday May 23 and they will still be only \$1.00. We are happy to accept any donations of Milo from now on please.

P&C News

Don't forget the next P&C meeting is next Wednesday 16 May at 4.30pm. P&C Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 4:30pm in the Core Learning Centre (Library).

Uniforms

New uniforms are available from 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.

Cross Country News

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Hervey Bay District Cross Country. Results are as follows:

9yrs Boys - Jett 17th, Matthew and Wyatt also competed.

9yrs Girls - Shyla 14th, Mackinlay 29th, Charlee and Layla also competed.

10yrs Boys - Logan Cole 52nd, Allan Zhong 53rd

10yrs Girls - Karley 12th, Izzy 24th, Haidi 35th

11yrs Boys - Patrick 12th, Jacob 32nd, Asher 35th, Ryan 37th

11yrs Girls - Grace 6th (made it to zone), Sienna 36th, Heidi 37th, Anastasia 44th

12yrs Boys - Dominique 9th, Jordan 41st, Phoenix 38th, Noah 50th and Jett also competed.

12yrs Girls - Paige 18th, Nikkayla 24th, Sally 26th, Jasmine 28th.

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!

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



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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.

