



Torquay News

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Issue 8 - 2018

Date Claimers

REMINDER

Fri 25 May SHOW DAY
FRASER COAST PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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MONDAY 28 MAY

Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall
Reconciliation Week

TUESDAY 29 MAY

Reconciliation Week

WEDNESDAY 30 MAY

Reconciliation Week
3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

THURSDAY 31 MAY

Reconciliation Week
Year 5 Gympie Gold Mine Museum Trip

FRIDAY 1 JUNE

Reconciliation Week
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am 6B

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MONDAY 4 JUNE

Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE

P-2 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

Workplace Health & Safety Meeting 2pm
Instrumental Workshop B/W/P

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am 6B
Instrumental Workshop B/W/P

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UPCOMING

Tue 12 Jun Readers Cup Final
Fri 22 Jun School Disco

From the Principal



High expectations

Engaged community

Guaranteed, vibrant curriculum

High quality teaching

Engaged students

Academic success

Pre-Service Teachers – sharing and building our profession

Our school is proud to host a range of pre-service teachers across the school and at various times of the year. Our classroom teachers have a very important role to play in training the next generation of teachers. At university the students study the theory behind teaching, but it is not until they start on their practical rounds that they gain a real insight in putting that theory in practice. Our classroom teachers provide coaching and feedback, explicit modelling and correction to ensure that we are keeping our profession vibrant and filled with quality teachers.

The role of the pre-service teacher is to undertake professional experience with commitment, both as a key component of their initial teacher education program and as an opportunity to participate in and contribute to school life. When undertaking professional experience, preservice teachers learn about being a member of the teaching profession through the example set by supervising teachers as well as through the organised modelling and assessment that occurs through each placement. Central to the development of preservice teachers is their engagement with and demonstration of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers at the graduate career stage as they progress through their program.

Under Eights' Week

Right across Queensland there will be many activities occurring this week to celebrate Under Eight's Week. Our preps will be attending the local Hervey Bay event at St James on Wednesday.

Parentline 1300 301 300

Thanks to the families who have already provided me with feedback about how helpful the Parentline service has been for them. Parentline trained counsellors 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 we can help, speak to one of our counsellors on **1300 30 1300**, 7 days a week, between 8am and 10pm.

Early arrivals to school

Recently we have noted a significant increase in the number of students arriving at school prior to 8am. Please be aware that we do not offer formal supervision for students before 8.15am. If your child needs to arrive at school prior to this, please contact Helping Hands on 0475 824340 to talk with them about their before school care program. We have one bus that arrives before 8am and these students are expected to be waiting quietly inside the front gate, not playing, until the 8am bell goes when they can then move to the undercover area near the tuckshop. At 8.25am we have another bell that sounds and children can then move to their classrooms to put their bags away, prepare for the day and then have some playtime on the top oval, library or undercover area until 8.50am when the learning day commences.

Staffing changes

We have welcomed Mrs Alana Thomas as a teacher 2 days per week in our Special Education Program. Sadly, we will be farewelling Jessie Mordey who has been working as our CEC and teacher aide. Jessie will be starting a new position with the Girls' Academy at Urangan State High School. At the end of this term, we will welcome Mrs Kacey Magrin back on staff as she returns from maternity leave. She will teach 5C. Mr Luke Wardell will start teaching in term three at another local state school.

Cyber Safety – ThinkUKnow Top Tips

- Start the cyber safety conversation with your child and let them teach you about what they do online.
- Stay in the know – take an interest in how your child uses technology. Why not have a go and trial their apps for yourself?
- Speak with your child about respectful relationships.
- Know what your kids are doing online, who they are friends with and who they may be talking to.

Keep an eye out for the SOS Guide to Cyber Safety brochure coming home this week or see www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information.

How to help your child learn maths

Before the next two assemblies, starting at 2pm, Mr Folker will be in the back of the hall ready to share with families some strategies for how to help your child develop number sense. He will share some great ideas and some take home resources.

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

Hasn't the weather changed a bit in the mornings? The crisp cool air has set in and the days warm up to become magnificent. Our uniform shop has a lot of Royal Blue jumpers ready for sale at the amazing price of \$2. If you need a jumper why not see the P&C volunteers on Monday from 8:30 to 9am and on Friday from 2:30 to 3:15pm. Tell them Mr T sent you.

Are you above 93% with attendance? Our school focus is above 93% attendance across the board. Keep safe, make great behaviour decisions and enjoy the opportunities attending school every day can bring.

2018 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%	
Week 6	93.12%	89.09%	92.76%	92.05%	91.26%	90.62%	90.66%	91.37%	

Behaviour - our focus has been on limiting disruption in the classrooms. At the senior assembly it was heartening to see that every student and staff member wanted to be in a classroom and playground without disruption. Limiting disruption allows the teacher to teach in an inspiring and engaging way and for students to have the greatest opportunity to learn. We also discussed ways that peers can assist peers in making the right choices. We have our behaviour matrix which is used for report cards and also our Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. It has been published a few times over the past year and is attached for your viewing and can be used as a discussion starter at home - if we are all on the same page we can improve consistency.

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

Thank you to all of our families for completing the recent online survey and attending the behaviour forums the school has held. Feedback is important and is what we review to assist in decision making to benefit everyone at Torquay SS.

Our staff and students are fantastic. Staff are committed to keeping up-to-date with pedagogical practice across all key learning areas to ensure that they are providing opportunities to 'unlock student potential'. Torquay is a great place to be.

ENROL NOW FOR PREP IN 2019! Do you know of any families moving to Hervey Bay or have kids ready to begin Prep next year in 2019. We are taking enrolments now for 2019. Spread the word - Torquay is the place to be! Keep being AWESOME Torquay!

Yours in Education
Phil Theofanes – Deputy Principal

Admin News

Unexplained Absences

We have had an increasing number of unexplained absences recently. If your child is absent for any reason, please notify the school of reasons for absence as soon as possible. **Unexplained 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. Please note, unexplained absences will appear on your child's report card. All late arrivals and early departures are to be signed in / signed out by students' parent/s or guardian/s at the Administration Office.

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.

QParents

Have you registered for QParents? QParents is a handy app to assist with giving and receiving information to / from the school. With the QParents App you can:

- ✓ **See your child's report card early - as it is released** and be able to print/access it whenever required.
- ✓ Update contact details including phone numbers and address details
- ✓ Update unexplained, on-the-day and future absence records
- ✓ Check your account, make payments, view & print invoices
- ✓ Check if you have credits on your account that can be used for next year
- ✓ When your child heads off to High School, your QParent account will follow you there.



To register, you will need your child's EQID (Education QId Identification Number). Your child's EQID appears on their report cards, invoices and statements or give us a call if needed. If you have all your documentation ready and follow the step by step process, the registration should only take a **maximum of ten minutes**. If you don't have a total of 100 points, keep going with the application and we will be able to approve it as a low doc account. If you have lost your invitation to QParents please give us a call. Please note your registration cannot be saved part way so it is important to have everything ready before you begin. **Remember you can only register on a desktop or laptop; when your account is active you can then use any mobile device to download the app.** If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office or the QParents help line. Help and contact information: For more information see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about> For help, visit <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help> or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

P&C News

Don't forget the next P&C meeting is Wednesday 20 June at 4.30pm. P&C Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 4:30pm in the Core Learning Centre (Library).

Health News

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat where necessary. If head lice are found please advise the office or your child's teacher so that we can send treatment reminders out to the class. Education Queensland recognises that the occurrence of head lice is the most common insect infestation in humans throughout the world. Although head lice infestation may affect people of any age, nationality, gender or socio-economic status, in Queensland, infestation occurs mainly in children of primary school age. Parents have the prime responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice on their children. Schools take into account that the main route of transmission for head lice is head-to-head contact and promote general measures that help in the prevention of infestations. Students suspected of having live head lice or eggs present in their hair are not removed from class or school. Such students are provided with information to take home to their families and a letter requesting immediate treatment be commenced. More information on Head Lice and treatment options can be found at http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp.

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!

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		VOLUNTEERS	HOME-BAKE	FOOD DONATIONS
Monday	28 MAY	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices
Wednesday	30 MAY	Needed	Needed	Eggs
Thursday	31 MAY	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad
Friday	01 JUNE	Needed	Needed	
Monday	04 JUNE	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices
Wednesday	06 JUNE	Needed	Needed	Eggs
Thursday	07 JUNE	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad
Friday	08 JUNE	Needed		

Our Mother's Day Stall was a great success again this year and I would like to thank all our helpers Michelle, Adele, Claire, Claudia and Sonia who gave up their time each morning to help our students choose the best possible present. We hope we had many happy Mums and you enjoyed your day. Milo is back on the menu and it is still \$1.00 a cup and is available before school. I have decided this year to trial Milo at 1st break as well. Once again, if you donate a can of Milo your children will receive a FREE Milo each morning for the week. Our Tuckshop is in a bit of strife as we are not getting as many orders as we would like and our days are not busy enough to keep the doors open so if you are thinking you would like to get tuckshop for your child, now is the time to do so and remember, you don't have to get 1st and 2nd break you can order just one break and pack some snacks from home for the other break to keep the costs down. We hope to see many more orders coming in over the counter to help keep our tuckshop open.

School Watch



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.

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 2:30-3:15pm. 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.



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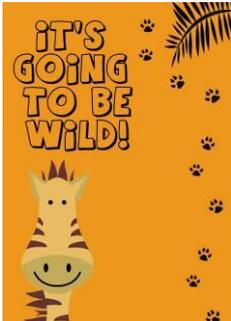
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Absences - QParents / Ph 4194 4366 / SMS 0429 466 895

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What's On



School P&C disco

Friday 22 June Jungle Safari theme 5 to 6.15pm Yrs P-3 (An adult must stay); 6.30 to 8pm Yrs 4-6.

Spelling Information Session

Wednesday 23 May 2.00pm Meet Mrs Carmichael in the hall to learn about how we are teaching spelling.



Scrapbooking

Can you help by sending in items for scrapbooking? As part of her leadership speech, Sahara promised to try to organise a lunch time club for students. She has now taken action, completed a written pitch to staff and both Mrs Carmichael and Mr Harris have offered to help. Along with her friend, Jessica, they are planning to host a scrapbooking club. If you can help them realise their idea, we are asking for donations of items that the children can use. If you have any of the following, please send them in. 30x30 scrapbooking sleeves, paper and card stock, double sided tape, acid free stickers, ink pads and embellishments, ribbons, brads, coloured staples, hot glue sticks.

**MATERIALS NEEDED
CAN YOU
HELP?**