



Torquay News

State School



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

Issue 1 - 2018

Date Claimers

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY
Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY
3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am
Library

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MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY
Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
P-2 Parade 2.30pm - Hall

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY
Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am
Library

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UPCOMING
19 Feb Year 4 Camp Departs
20 Feb Year 6 Camp Departs

From the Principal



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

Welcome back to what is promising to be a very exciting school year. In addition to the important business of academic learning, our students are looking forward to school camps – week 5 for Year 4 and 6 classes - gala sports days for Years 3 to 6, Under 8s day for preps, and excursions for each class. We believe that it is important myriad of contexts.

Our focus areas for the 2018 year will include:

- Academic success with a spotlight on improving:
 - Numeracy, including significant involvement in the numeracy cluster project funded to \$40 000
 - Spelling, using Soundwaves as a framework and Words their Way
 - Writing, introducing Seven Steps to Writing Success and a focus on sentence structure
 - Reading.
- Improving student behaviour.
- Embedding ICTs into everyday pedagogy and thinking.
- Raising staff expectations.

During the first two weeks of school, teachers have spent significant amounts of time teaching classroom processes and procedures. This ensures that students clearly understand the teacher’s expectations and school-wide rules and routines. In turn it means that much more time can be focussed on the important business of learning.

Teachers have also been completing assessments with each child in maths, spelling, writing and reading. This ensure we know where each individual child is positioned with their learning and teachers can differentiate their teaching to extend, remediate and meet each child’s learning needs.

Dogs on School Grounds

Please be aware that regardless of the size or breed of dog, whether they are on a lead or not, we ask families not to bring dogs onto the school grounds. We have a number of members of our school community who have a fear of dogs and we can support them by asking you to abide by this request. Please make an appointment with the principal to discuss this further if required.

Equality vs. Equity



EQUALITY=SAMENESS

GIVING EVERYONE THE SAME THING → It only works if everyone starts from the same place



EQUITY=FAIRNESS

ACCESS to SAME OPPORTUNITIES → We must first ensure equity before we can enjoy equality

Recently, whilst using a social media site I stumbled across this image and found that its powerful message resonated with what we believe at our school. The graphic tells us that being "fair" doesn't mean every child gets the same – it supports that "fair" is about getting what we need so we can all reach our potential and access opportunities. I'm sure you agree that every child deserves success!

As you are aware our department staffs our school based on the number of students enrolled on the 8th day of the school year. We currently have 437 enrolments which means that we will maintain 18 classes for 2018. Staffing changes may still occur as other schools have dropped entitlement to teachers and permanent teachers need to be transferred. We will keep our community informed of any changes.

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

Welcome to Torquay SS for 2018. It has been awesome seeing our returning families and great to have a number of new families joining us here. Week 2 and we are into what again promises to be an exciting year of learning and fun. You may have noticed our logo change this year. We brought it 'all together' last year and this year we are 'unlocking potential'. Our expectations are high, our teaching is of high quality, we want our community engaged, our students engaged and with that we want to see academic success along with success in a number of other areas. We know that children develop at different stages throughout school life. Our task is to ensure we are offering the best possible education we can and we believe that we are a premier school in Hervey Bay.

Communication between family and school is vital. Please let us know what we are doing well, what we are not and how you believe improvements could be made (not all solutions may be possible but let us know). Our staff are very welcoming and are genuinely interested in your child and giving them a great education. Attendance at school is vital for this also. A year's worth of work equates to a year's worth of growth and is important as the skills and knowledge from one year to the next are sequential. We do look at differentiating to cater for our learner's needs.

I am extremely excited as this year continues. Remember to attend every day, keep communicating with us and be an advocate for our safe, respectful and responsible ethos.

Yours in Education

Phil Theofanes – Deputy Principal

Admin News

School Hats have arrived!

School hats (\$12) have arrived and are available from the uniform shop Mondays 8:30-9am and Fridays 2:30-3:15pm or from the tuckshop which is open every day except Tuesdays.

Wanted: Second hand uniforms

Thanks to the wonderful Mum who has spoken with a local Rotary club and has found a use for all of our old yellow (previous uniform) school shirts. Rotary will collect the shirts and donate them to a school overseas that cannot afford uniforms. Please deliver any of the old uniform shirts to the office as soon as possible.

If you have current school uniforms that you no longer need, donations for our 2nd hand uniform shop would also be greatly appreciated. These are great ways to recycle unwanted items as well as assisting other families in need.

2018 Student Resource Scheme (SRS)

Please return your 2018 SRS Agreements to the office as soon as possible, even if you do not want to join the scheme, please return the form indicating that. Payment of \$125 can be made in full or in 3 payments of \$40 / \$40 / \$45 at the beginning of terms 1, 2 and 3. Payment of at least \$40 is due by this Friday 2 February 2018. If you would like more information on the SRS please contact the office. Centrepay forms are available from the office if you would like to set up a payment plan.

QParents

Have you registered for QParents? QParents is a handy app to assist with easy communication with the school. With the QParents App you can:

- ✓ See your child's report card as it is released and be able to print/access it whenever required. (Please note we will continue to send student's home with their Semester 2 report card this year but hope to move to electronic copies next semester)
- ✓ Update contact details including phone numbers and address details
- ✓ Update absence records
- ✓ Update unexplained absences
- ✓ Check your account, make payments, view & print invoices
- ✓ Check if you have credits on your account that can be used for next year
- ✓ See your year 6 child's timetable, which prepares them for High School and 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 Qld 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).


Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		2018	FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	FEB 5	Claudia	FEBRUARY 5	Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed
Wednesday	FEB 7	Sonia		
Thursday	FEB 8	Sonia		
Friday	FEB 9	Sonia		
Monday	FEB 12	Claudia	FEBRUARY 12	Cheese Slices: Donations Needed Eggs: Donations Needed Fruit Salad: Donations Needed
Wednesday	FEB 14	Judy		
Thursday	FEB 15	Judy		
Friday	FEB 16	Judy		
HOME-BAKE				
Wednesday	FEB 7	Home-bake Needed		
Friday	FEB 9	Home-bake Needed		
Wednesday	FEB 14	Home-bake Needed		
Friday	FEB 16	Home-bake Needed		


Welcome back to our families and welcome to Torquay State School for all our newcomers. Tuckshop menu is staying the same this year but if you do not have a copy please come and see me. We would like to keep our home bake going so if any cooks out there would like to make some sort of cakes, pikelets, biscuits or anything else to bring in for us to sell we would very much welcome it, please NO NUTS or nut products.


We sell spoons for 10c ea however if something is purchased that requires a spoon it is supplied free of charge. If your child needs a spoon for items bought from home they are 10c. If you would like to become a tuckshop volunteer come and see me at the tuckshop for a chat. As some parents would like to help but for perhaps work commitments can't donate time they are happy to donate home bake or food donations. You can see on here what is needed or pop by the tuckshop and I can let you know what is needed.
Thank you, Judy

Helping Hands OSHC



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



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

Round 11 of *Get Started Vouchers* opens on Wednesday 24 January 2018.

The program provides eligible children and young people aged 5 to 17 (inclusive) who can least afford to join a sport or recreation club with a voucher valued up to \$150 for membership and/or registration fees. It should be noted that vouchers are issued on a first come, first served basis; therefore there is no guarantee that an eligible child or young/person will obtain a voucher. Clubs can apply for registration for *Get Started Vouchers* at any time. Registration is valid for the entire program period so there is no need to register for each round.

Check out some of our great new videos on the *Get Started Vouchers* program. These are available via our website:

- Our Clubs [video](#) provides information on club eligibility, registration and redeeming vouchers
- Our How to apply [video](#) assist families with information on child eligibility and applying for a voucher
- Our [video](#) on how referral agents can help families with applying for a voucher.

You may also want to 'like' the [Queensland Sport and Recreation Facebook page](#) to keep up to date. We also have some great posts you can share with your affiliated clubs and associations. Promotional materials can be used to advertise involvement. This is available at

www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/promoting.

More information about the program is available at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.

Should you have any questions, please email getstarted@npsr.qld.gov.au.

Fraser Coast Sports+ Expo

Date: Sunday 4th February 2018

Time: 9.00am to 12.00pm

Venue: PCYC

Cost: FREE

Sporting organisations, teams and active leisure groups for all ages aimed at boosting and awareness of sport, recreation and health activities within the region from grass roots to masters.

Get Involved & Join the Fun PLAY HOCKEY

WALLAROO HOCKEY CLUB

2018 Junior Sign-On



STATION SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE

Saturday 3 & 10 February
9:00am – 12:00pm

Players of all ages and abilities welcome.

FREE! Club Registration for NEW U6 & U8 Players*

*Fee of \$25 payable with compulsory online registration with Hockey Qld.

FREE! Come & Try Days

- Friday 16 & 23 February
- Friday 2 March

5:00 – 6:30pm

Hockey Fields, Woodstock Street

- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Be part of a team
- ✓ Increase your fitness
- ✓ Challenge yourself

Join one of Maryborough's leading hockey clubs
and become part of the Roos Family in 2018!



For more information, please contact:

Jane Negus – 0409 765 988 or John Pedersen – 0419 711 626

Register to play hockey with Roos in 2018 for your chance to WIN a 2018 Mitsubishi Mirage!



For Terms & Conditions visit www.maryboroughhockey.asn.au

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UNITED WE PLAY

- Ages** Under 6 Boys & Girls
Up to Premiers Men & Women
- Sign on** ONLINE www.playfootball.com.au
AND REGISTER AS A UNITED WARRIORS
- Sign on at** **REBEL SPORTS**
BOAT HARBOUR DVE, PIALBA
SATURDAY 3RD & 10TH FEBRUARY
9AM - 1PM
- HERVEY BAY SPORTS CLUB**
TAVISTOCK ST, TORQUAY
THURSDAY 1ST & 8TH FEBRUARY
5.30PM - 7.30PM

ALL NEW PLAYERS, COACHES, MANAGERS WELCOME

United Warriors Football Club
www.unitedwarriorsfc.com.au

Email: sam@unitedwarriorsfc.com.au

Any questions phone Paul Crilly 0437 258 753

Play netball in QUEENSLAND

HAVE FUN. MAKE FRIENDS. GET ACTIVE.

Contact netballherveybay@gmail.com

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Hervey Bay Netball 2018 Sign On

Junior and Senior players wishing to join a club in 2018 are invited to our Sign On:

Where: Hervey Bay PCYC (O'Rourke St)
When: 9am – 12pm Saturday 10th Feb

NetSetGO registrations will also be taken at this time (players aged 5 to 7 years)

For further information – email Sandy:
netballherveybay@gmail.com