



Torquay News

State School

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



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Date Claimers

MONDAY 19 MARCH

Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH

3-6 Parade 2.30pm – Hall
Strings Beginner W/shop Kawungan SS

THURSDAY 22 MARCH

Richard Wyatt Vision Screening

FRIDAY 23 MARCH

Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am
Yr 5 & 6 Gala Day

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MONDAY 26 MARCH

Playgroup 9-10.30am – Hall

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

P-2 Parade 2.30pm – Hall
P & C AGM 2:30pm - Staffroom

THURSDAY 29 MARCH

Last Day of Term 1
Leadership Meeting 9-10.30am
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

UPCOMING

Wed 28 Mar P&C AGM
Wed 25 April Anzac Day Public Holiday
Mon 7 May Labour Day Public Holiday

From the Principal



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

Life experiences are crucial in developing a well-adjusted, broad minded, flexible thinking child. When children are given the gift of your time and a wide variety of experiences, they simply blossom. When you spend time with your child they realise how much you value them and it gives you the opportunity to model the types of values you wish to see your child develop. Some tips for sharing your time and developing experiences:

- Dedicate time each week to playing at home - this could be board games, card games, hide and seek, backyard games, building cubby houses
- Make the most of free activities; go to the beach and various parks, take a packed lunch and spend the day exploring. The Botanic Gardens provides endless hours of opportunity to explore, run around and learn
- Talk to your child about their experience, build a whole new vocabulary and help them to form opinions and view points
- Talk about what's going on in the world and in your community with your older children. Answer their questions, share your views and invite them to share theirs.
- Cook together and engage your child in everyday family chores such as setting the table or helping you to hang out the washing. These tasks might take longer initially, but the sense of achievement and independence that is gained is vital, along with the understanding that everyone is expected to help
- Instead of buying gifts and possessions, consider buying an experience, hiring a kayak or taking a holiday are examples of experiences rather than possessions, these build memories and provide opportunity to learn something new
- Allow your child to see you trying something new and that you might not get it right the first time, but through persistence, effort and with time, success can be achieved.

We all get caught up in the busyness of everyday life. It is however absolutely vital that we make time to reflect upon what we feel is important and then dedicate time to those areas of importance. How important is your child? How much time to you dedicate to spending time with them opposed to doing things for them?

Proud to be part of the National Day Against Bullying and Violence Friday 16 March 2018

On Friday, please wear **ORANGE** as part of our "free" free dress day to show your support for this national event. I found an interesting article from Professor Matt Sanders and have had permission to publish a precis with a link to the full article on his blog. I strongly encourage all families to follow the link and read on..... "Kids must be protected from bullying, but also need to learn to handle some difficult situations for themselves." Professor Matt Sanders, from the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, talks about bullying versus teasing and how to empower kids and help them to be resilient.

There's a great deal of conversation online about bullying, but not so much about where the line between teasing stops and bullying begins. The fact is, the social dynamics of the playground, the lunch area or the bus stop can provide fertile ground for both genuine light-hearted friendly banter and mean, hurtful words and actions. For parents and kids, learning to tell the difference and developing different strategies to deal with different situations is vital. It's not only about trying to help your child if they're being bullied; it's also about trying to help them to nip problems in the bud where possible (and to give parents some tips on how to prevent their child becoming the bully)...

You can [read Professor Sanders' full blog](#) on the Triple P website. As a Queensland parent or carer, you can access free Triple P programs, which have strategies to help you raise resilient, considerate children. More information is on the Triple P website.

Staffing Changes: It is a bittersweet moment for staff at Torquay as we farewell Kim Brigg at the end of this week. Kim has been our business manager since 2010 and does an amazing job each and every day. Her talents have been well spotted by Hervey Bay State High School and we are proud to announce that Kim has won a promotion and starts there on Monday. This will be a great loss to our school and a huge gain for Hervey Bay High. Chantelle Raspor - who is currently the business manager at Maryborough State High School is transferring to our school and will start here on Monday. I'm sure that you will join with me as we farewell Kim and welcome Chantelle.

Kind regards

Heidi Dallimore – Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

This fortnight we have been looking at aspects of bullying and harassment as part of our behaviour focus. As a commitment to help curb this action our school has proudly signed on as an NDA school to be a part of the National Day Against Bullying and Violence on Friday the 16 March. We are now a part of this for each subsequent year and it is recognised on the third Friday of March every year. This year's theme is 'IMAGINE' – this evokes a number of thoughts: Imagine a world free of bullying, imagine how great it is to have friends to play with, imagine when I speak nicely to someone how they respond in-kind. John Lennon's song 'Imagine' ties in nicely.

On Friday 16 March, we are encouraging all staff and students to wear **ORANGE** which is the support colour of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Wristbands and information cards have been ordered for all students and staff. Our staff have been working with students with a range of activities and we have links on our Facebook page as well as here in the newsletter <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/> have a look through.

Attendance: How is your attendance? Have you seen the GP to get a medical certificate and help you with illness? Have you been making fantastic behaviour choices as per our behaviour matrix? Have a look at your child's cohort – can they make a difference? Yes they can and with your support - you can too!

2018 Current Attendance To Date								95-100
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	92-95
92.57%	91.24%	93.14%	93.04%	90.62%	91.54%	90.46%	91.80%	90-92

The end of school term is always a busy one. How great was it to have our new student leadership team announced to the whole school and community. It was excellent and each student is very deserving. We also view all of our Year 6 cohort as leaders – they are the students who our younger grades look up to. Next term will see Year 6C take on extra responsibility during playtime whereby students will volunteer a lunch time or two to assist with our junior school students. Over the years this has been an enriching experience for our seniors.

Gala Day sports is upon us and our Year 5's and 6's will have completed training, returned notes and prepare to participate as a team against other schools. It is not a 'win at all costs' approach. Gala Days allow students to participate in sports of choice and build collegiality with each other.

Finally, there is a real sense of calm at the moment – you may have felt it permeating through the school. WE have unbelievable staff who put in huge amounts of time to make learning fun and engaging for your child. WE have phenomenal students who make coming to Torquay SS a real highlight!

Yours in Education

Phil Theofanes – Deputy Principal

Admin News



Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that our school can exchange for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear the school will receive. Start collecting today because the race is on! Vouchers can be placed in the Torquay State School box at Coles Pialba Place or at the Torquay State School Office.

Health News

Please Don't Bring GLASS Water Bottles to School

We have had 2 unfortunate incidents already this year with accidentally dropped and broken glass water bottles and subsequent injuries caused by the broken glass. For their safety, please ensure students do not bring glass water bottles to school. Students may bring water bottles made with any other materials such as:

- Plastic
- Aluminium
- Stainless Steel
- Bamboo
- Any other material that is unlikely to break or cause injury



Cyber Safety

On 21 March, the Cybersafety & Reputation Management team from the Department of Education will be visiting Torquay State School. Students in Years 5-6 will be receiving presentations about cybersafety and how to protect their 'digital footprints'.

To read a guide created by the Cybersafety team called online awareness: information for parents and caregivers please click the below link:

<http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/cybersafety/cyberbullying-cybersafetyprintfriendlyguide.pdf>

Some of the main topics covered by the team include:

- o Understanding digital footprints and responsible digital citizenship
- o How to protect personal information when creating online accounts
- o Cyberbullying and standing up for friends online
- o Account privacy and how to create a strong password
- o Responding to negative online content
- o How to handle yourself if you're having a difficult time online.

Age restrictions apply to certain games and sites, while others allow users to chat with other players in the game. To learn more about the technology they are using, visit eSafety's website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking>

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER		VOLUNTEERS	HOME-BAKE	FOOD DONATIONS	
Monday	19 March	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices	Needed
Wednesday	21 March	Needed	Needed	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	22 March	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad	Needed
Friday	23 March	Needed	Needed		
Monday	26 March	Needed	Needed	Cheese Slices	Needed
Wednesday	28 March	Needed	Needed	Eggs	Needed
Thursday	29 March	Needed	Needed	Fruit Salad	Needed
Friday	30 March	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLIDAY		



Don't forget our P&C AGM on Wednesday 28 March at 2.30pm in the staffroom. Please consider coming on board so we can continue our amazing fundraising to raise much needed funds to continue air-conditioning the rest of the classrooms and then we can move on to fundraising for a giant fan in our school hall. Without support from our families none of this will be possible. Judy.

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for Students & School Staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices. Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. Students who don't have a school login, school email account and password should contact their school's Managed Internet Service (MIS) administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their school login. Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network. Errors and conflicts will occur if Office 2016 is downloaded on departmental devices, as these devices already have a licenced copy of Microsoft Office. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you're a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member.

Download process

For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

If you have trouble, please refer to the instructions on how to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to your personal home computers:

- [How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Windows computer](#)
- [How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Mac computer](#)

For more information please go to: <http://education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/whats-happening/office2016.html>

Helping Hands OSHC



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!

Uniforms

New uniforms are available from Signature Uniforms, Sauers and Lowes. Pre-Loved uniforms can be purchased from the school Uniform Shop Tuesdays 8:45-9:15am and Fridays 2:30-3:15pm. School hats are \$12 and are available from the school Uniform Shop and the Tuckshop. 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.

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.



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

INVITATION TO TRIAL

You have been invited to participate in the Hervey Bay District School Sport Selection Trials for: U/10 Boys Rugby League team. **Students who ARE turning 10 are eligible to trial, including any talented 9 years. Any 9 years attending must be playing club Rugby League.**

VENUE: Stafford Park - Seagulls Rugby League Fields, cnr of Bideford, Hervey Bay.

DATE: Friday 16th of March, 2018.

TIME: 4.00pm - 5:30pm. Manager meets with selected players and parents, from 5.15 -5:30pm.

TRANSPORT: Transportation is the responsibility of individuals.

REQUIREMENTS: Mouth Guard, Football boots, any Protective clothing and a drink bottle.

Students are the responsibility of their parents / guardians, whilst at the trials, selectors and convenors are not responsible for the care of your child during this time. All parents MUST remain at fields for duration of trials. If your child is successful they MUST be available for all training sessions and be available for the game against Bundaberg on Sunday 13th May held in Hervey Bay. For more details contact: MANAGER: Tanya Armstrong 0400321426 COACH: Danny Grimsley Yarrilee State School.

INVITATION TO NOMINATE

You are invited to nominate to represent the Hervey Bay District at the May 3 and 4 2018 Wide Bay Tennis Championships in Hervey Bay. A tryout will be offered, should it be deemed necessary to select a squad, however students with official rankings will be given priority selection. The top 4 ranked Girls and top 4 ranked Boys who return nomination forms will be selected for the HBD Tennis Team to compete at the Winter Carnival (Wide Bay School Sport Tennis Trials on the 3 and 4th May). Please contact Mr Daniel Grimsley at Yarrilee State School, email dgrim7@eq.edu.au for more information. The form should be returned by Friday 23 March 2018.

INVITATION TO TRIAL

You have been invited to participate in the Hervey Bay District School Sport Selection Trials for: U/12 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE.

VENUE: Seagulls Rugby League Grounds, Hervey Bay.

DATE: Wednesday 14th March 2018.

TIME: 3:30PM – 5:00PM.

TRANSPORT: Transportation is the responsibility of individuals.

REQUIREMENTS: Drink bottle, sun smart hat, sunscreen, closed in shoes, ALL Playing Gear, MOUTHGUARD.

Students are the responsibility of their parents / guardians, whilst at the trials, selectors and convenors are not responsible for the care of your child during this time. Contact: Mr Bob Boon or Mr Michael Jones 4197 7111. If your child is successful they MUST be available for training sessions and the Wide Bay Trials to be held on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 May 2018, in Hervey Bay. If your child is NOT able to commit to this, please do not trial.



17 MARCH 2018 CAR BOOT FUNDRAISER AT HERVEY BAY SPECIAL SCHOOL

Is it time to declutter your home? Why not bring it down to our Car Boot Fundraiser to be held on the Hervey Bay Special School oval.

It's only \$10 per car....fill up your boot and come along. All funds raised will help to buy resources for our great school.

Supported by Hervey Bay Special School P and C

Set up at 7.00am

Gates open
8.00am-1.00pm

Cost:
\$10 per car

Sausage sizzle
and drinks
available for
purchase

Fun activities
available for the
kids

23 Frangipanni Avenue
Searness

To book your place call
(07)4197 1777. Bookings
close 14th March 2018

Enquiries Hervey Bay Special
School P and C Fundraiser
Committee 0428 454064

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EASTER PARTY SCARNESS PARK Sat 31st March



Easter
Bunny will
hand out
easter
eggs to all
children.

Kids come along
and have a hopping
good time.

Have fun with the
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and Easter Crafts &
Face Painting

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Artslink
Raffles - Market Stalls
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Music - Rides

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