



Torquay News

State School

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From the A/Principal

Term 4 week 2

Welcome back to our final term for 2021! Term 4 is extremely busy and we want to pay particular attention to attendance. Every day counts! As we are wrapping up the school year, it is very important that all students attend school daily to ensure that they are taking every opportunity to complete set tasks. Our term calendar is filling up very quickly with end of year activities, transitions and planning sessions for 2022.

Year 5 students will be receiving nomination booklets for leadership positions next week as this process requires input from students, parents/carers and staff.

Earlier this week we held a Parent Information session which provided an information for parents and the opportunity for children to visit the classroom. We have one more 'open classroom' on Tuesday 26 October and one more 'Parent Information' session on Thursday 28 October. If you know of any children intending to join Torquay next year, please encourage those families to contact the office as soon as possible. Enrolment interviews are being conducted next week. Please contact the office if you haven't made your appointment yet.

Year 6 students have a number of transition days to high school this term. Communication regarding this will be sent home with students closer to the event.

This term we have implemented a new initiative - a classroom set up as a *Flexible learning area* for students who require a space to complete set tasks. *The learning space is divided into smaller task focused spaces that relate directly to the learning behaviours that students should display when working in each area.* If you have any questions regarding our new initiative please contact the office.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) continues throughout the whole year. Staff receive professional development regularly and work collaboratively with our PBL team to ensure we provide a safe, inclusive learning environment for all students. Students are explicitly taught and reminded of our expectations at a school wide level. As we continue through this journey we will be asking for input from parents and the wider school community to collaborate on future directions.

Please make an appointment if you would like to meet with any member of the leadership team. Our office staff are more than happy to assist you with this.

Yours in education, *Kay Rye* - Principal (Acting)

REMINDER P&C AGM
- 4.30PM, Thursday 14 October, Staff Room
- ALL WELCOME



From the Deputy Principal

Week 2 is nearly done and we only have 8 weeks to go - wow! We have been fortunate in Hervey Bay to have a full year onsite at school to give our students a full year's worth of learning.

It is great to see so many students putting in 100% effort each day at school. We expect students to attend school and try their best each and every day they walk into the school gate. Families, we would appreciate it if you could set the expectation with your child to be their best self each and every day.

The postie has finally delivered the Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN reports. Unfortunately, the reports took the long way to us! They were supposed to be delivered at the end of term 3, however, this was not the case and after numerous phone conversations with QCAA they have arrived. Your child will bring this home over the next couple of days. Please remember that this is a 'point in time' test and this year was the first time they used computers for Naplan (except for Year 3 handwriting). Any queries, please contact your child's teacher.

Report cards will be *emailed* to families at the end of semester 2. This is a more sustainable practice and also allows families to save these electronically and have them ready for high school enrolment. Should you not have an email address, please let your teacher know.

Year 6 transitions are occurring this term and it is essential that you have completed your enrolment with a high school (public or private).

Ask your child what the behaviour focus for the week is on Monday afternoons, or check out the electronic sign on Torquay Rd. Have a great week.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal



Term Planner

Thursday 14 October	P&C meeting 4.30pm in Staff room Student Leaders Meeting 10.50am
Friday 15 October	4-6 Parade 2.20pm
Monday 18 October	2022 Student Leader nominations open
Friday 22 October	P-3 Parade 2.20pm
Tuesday 26 October	Final Prep 2022 Open Classroom 9-10am
Friday 29 October	4-6 Parade 2.20pm World Teachers Day (QLD) 2022 Student Leader nominations close (no late applications accepted) Day for Daniel (wear red)
Monday 1 November	Milbi market trading week
Friday 5 November	P-3 Parade 2.20pm
Monday 8 November	Book Fair
Friday 12 November	4-6 Parade 2.20pm
Monday 15 November	Last day of Book Fair
Wednesday 17 November	Music Awards night
Friday 19 November	P-3 Parade 2.20pm
Friday 26 November	4-6 Parade 2.20pm
Friday 3 December	P-3 Parade 2.20pm
Monday 6 December	Milbi market trading week
Friday 10 December	Last day of school

Curriculum Corner

Welcome back to term 4. As always, we have some exciting things happening in our English units.

Our **Prep/1s** are studying procedures and using the Lighthouse Keepers Stories as inspiration. You may wish to support your child by following procedures at home. We don't only follow procedures for recipes, we also follow a sequence of steps to wash the car, get ready for bed or pack or riding a scooter. Encourage your child to come up with exciting verbs and adjectives - then add more detail when giving instructions. Eg. Carefully place your bright lunch box in your school bag.

Our 2/3s are studying poetry and looking at a variety of Australian Poems. Students need to be able to identify the title, identify the main character and setting, identifying rhyming words and alliteration. Some new vocabulary students will be learning include:

Alliteration – is the repetition of the same or similar kinds of sounds at the beginning of words within a sentence.

Onomatopoeia – is a word that sounds like the object or noise they are describing.

Stanza - - sentences within the poem, composed of lines that relate to a similar thought or topic—like a paragraph in prose or a verse in a song.

Our 4/5s are interpreting stories and novels with film adaptations and identifying the comparisons between the two. They will need to give a summary of the content. They need to identify similarities and differences between the plot events and the character's represented. Students need to state their preference for the film or novel and give their reason. Many of our loved children's stories have been portrayed in film. You may wish to compare the differences between text and film of:

The Lorax
Horton Hears a Who
Cat in the Hat
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Our 5/6s are completing an author study and panel discussion on Ahn Do. Ahn Do is not only an author, but is also a renowned comedian and artist. Our students are comparing his writing style from his picture book *The Little Refugee* to the novel *Weirdo*. Students need to present how Ahn Do's style of writing represents the characters, events and ideas. To help your child prepare for their oral presentation, you may wish to ask your child about the writing style of the author of their current book.

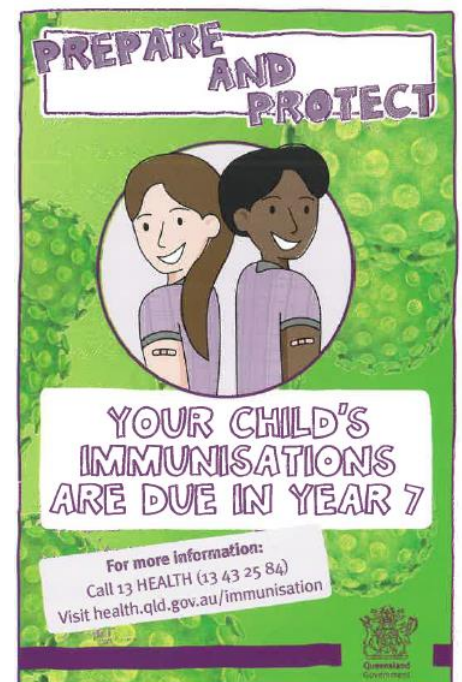
Yours in education, *Tanya Carmichael*, HOD- Curriculum

Year 7 immunisations

For our Year 6 families. Your child will be due for their next immunisation in Year 7. Flyers have been sent home.

You do NOT need to do anything at this stage. It is for information only.

Next year your child will bring permission forms home from High School together with further information.



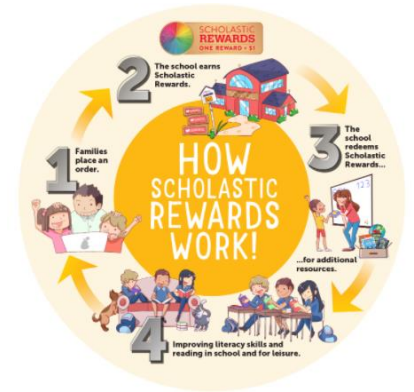
Book Club



Issue 7 - Due date: Friday 22 October 2021

Every time you place an order with Scholastic Book Club, Torquay State School will be rewarded. For example, for every Book Club order, Scholastic gives back 20% of the total order spent as Scholastic Rewards. We then use these rewards to purchase resources for the school.

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or you can send the order and payment to school with your child.



Instrumental Strings



Students in Year 2 this year or older who would like to learn a stringed instrument in 2022, please collect a note from the office.

Many of our instrumental string students participated in the Maryborough Eisteddfod. Students performed solos, duets, trios and two different ensemble groups. All competitors scored highly from the adjudicators and it was a close competition throughout each category.

Special mention goes to Jessica and Sharlize for placing second in the under 10 duets, as well as Ashleigh and Brooke for placing highly commended in the under 12 duets.

Congratulations to all competitors for their hard work and dedication.



Our school was treated to a performance by the strings students at a special assembly at the end of Term 3.

Kind regards, *Jenny Conlon*, String Instrumental Teacher

KindyLinQ

KindyLinQ is free flexible stay and play group. Come along when it is convenient for you and stay for as little or as long as you want. It is a **free** play-based early learning program for three year old children and their families in the year before they start kindergarten.

It is open every Monday and Tuesday from 8.45am to 11.45am. Siblings are welcome too.



Kind regards, *Karen Walker* - KindyLinQ Teacher

Library

Term 4 is going to be an exciting and fun term in the library.

We have Book Fair arriving in November. Keep an eye out for the catalogue which will be sent home soon. Students will be able to write a "wish list" when Book Fair arrives. The theme for this Book Fair is "Reading Oasis - a cool place to discover hot books". Miss Lea will start lunch time activities in the coming weeks to help decorate the library for Book Fair.

Book Fair is a fundraiser we offer twice a year. It is a great opportunity for students to engage in reading with new and interesting books available for purchase. The money raised allows our school to purchase new books for our library. Being close to the end of the year, this Book Fair is a great opportunity to purchase books for Christmas presents and end of year gifts.

More information about Book Fair will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Now the temperature is starting to rise, the library is a great spot to be for 1st break. We have computers, board games, craft activities, colouring in, and of course, books to read. All in the comfort of an air-conditioned room.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards, *Mrs Thomas and Miss Lea*

Breaky Club

This Thursday (14 October) the Breaky Club will be serving up freshly made smoothies. Arrive at school at 8.30am so you don't miss out! We will also be serving toast and fruit.

REASONS TO LOVE SMOOTHIES

- delicious
- easy to make – less than 5 minutes
- allergy-friendly
- great for breakfast, lunch or snack
- great for picky-eaters
- wholesome ingredients
- some have hidden-veggies

INGREDIENTS

- any fresh or frozen fruit and vegetable
- yoghurt or milk
- some honey or oats for extra flavour

HOW TO MAKE A SMOOTHIE

Add Ingredients: Place all of your ingredients into a blender.

Blend: Start on low speed and increase to high speed for 2-3 minutes. Do not under blend, you want all of the pieces of fruit and veggies completely smooth.

Add More: Add more milk or liquid if the smoothie is too thick.

Drink: Pour into a cup. Enjoy!



Uniforms

The TSS Uniform Shop is open for second hand school uniforms -

Tuesdays 8:30-9:00am
Thursdays 2:30-3:15pm.

New uniforms are available from Sauers Clothing Supplies, 1/5 Torquay Rd, Pialba.

School hats are \$12 and are available from the TSS Uniform Shop or the Office. Please note Queensland Education's "No Hat No Play" policy – if students do not have a hat they must remain under cover for play time.

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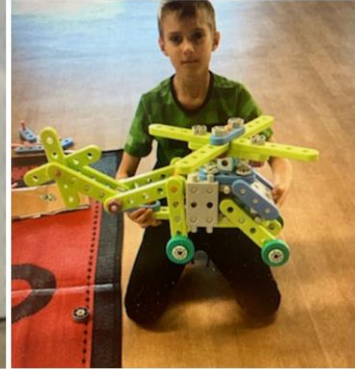


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Vacation Care from \$2.38 per day*

*Based on your income for 1 child in care per session after CCB and CCR

COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM!



Please report any absence

Absence Line 4194 4366 or QParents App

Absences (past, present and future) can be quickly and easily recorded through the QParents app! Alternatively, phone our absence line on 4194 4366. If you receive a text message, please reply as soon as possible. If you receive an absence letter, please enter a reason and return the letter so we can remove the unexplained absence from the student's record.

All late arrivals and early departures are required to be signed in & out by a parent/carer/guardian at the Office.

We say: Not now, not ever, together

The Queensland Government is committed to the elimination of domestic and family violence. The Government's [Third Action Plan](#) highlights that by taking action and working together, we can end domestic and family violence in our communities. Our school is committed to modelling and building relationships that are based on equality and respect, free from violence and abuse. You play a critical role in teaching *respect*.

More information and access to support services for domestic violence are available on the [Queensland Government website](#).



School Watch Number: 131 788