



# Torquay News

## State School

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

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## From the A/Principal

### Term 4 week 4

School has become an increasingly busy place as we move toward finalising assessments in preparation for reporting in term 4. Therefore, it is very important to please call the office should you require to meet with myself or Mr Theofanes (Deputy Principal). This week is State Education Week and the theme says it all – *Strong communities, successful students*. Collaboration and communication are vital to ensure that all of our students are given the opportunity to succeed.

*This year's theme, Strong communities, successful students, highlights that when we work together we can achieve our common goal of the best outcomes for students.*

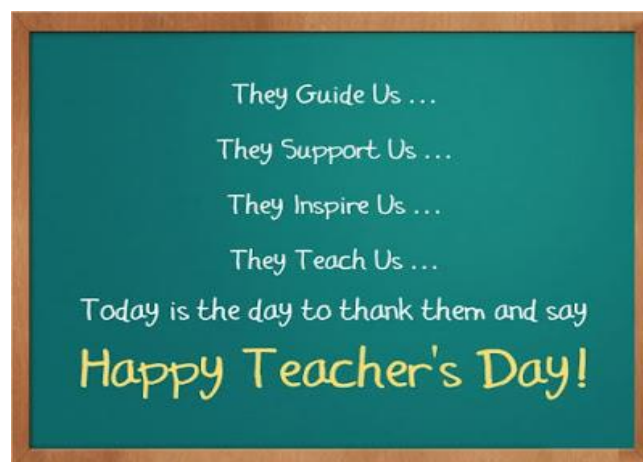
The leadership team at Torquay SS have been focussed on looking at our classroom set up for 2022. To ensure smooth transitions, it is vital to that we have as much information from parents regarding enrolments to make our planning applicable. This is also an opportune time to ensure that our office has the most updated contact details from you including phone number, address and emergency contacts.

### **Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 29 October 2021.**

Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It has reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families, and communities.

At Torquay SS, we are very lucky to have a staff of extremely talented teachers to each bring their individuality to presenting engaging lessons for all year levels. On behalf of the leadership team at Torquay SS – thank you to all of our wonderful teachers.

I want to personally thank all of our teaching staff for their dedication and continued support to ensuring that our students are receiving quality instruction to ensure success for all of our students.



Thank you to all who attended our recent P&C AGM. I would like to congratulate Melissa, Nikki, Kylie and Sarah who were successfully voted in for the executive positions. I look forward to working with you for the benefit of Torquay SS students. Everyone is welcome to attend our P&C meetings as many hands make light work.

I realise as each newsletter goes to print we are getting closer to the end of the year and before we know it we will be attending end of year ceremonies, celebrations and Christmas.

Looking forward to an exciting term.

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

## From the Deputy Principal

Hi everyone and welcome to week 4. Students are well ensconced in assessments as skills and knowledge of units learnt this term (and last) are marked ready to be entered into report cards. Please ensure that any concerns or queries you have about your child's learning is directed to the class teacher.

Mrs Rye and I have now conducted a number of enrolment meetings for our 2022 Prep students. It was lovely to meet the new families and connect with familiar ones. As always, we want more kids to come to TSS to enjoy 21st century learning in our early year's environment (other year levels enjoy this learning also). Welcome to our newest families and we hope you enjoy your time at Torquay.

An SMS message will be sent to all families this week to ask whether or not you intend to attend TSS in 2022. The end of the year in Hervey Bay usually sees a bit of movement in and out. So that we can best prepare for 2022 we request that you let us know your intentions. We don't get offended if you have to move, however obviously we like to keep our students at Torquay.

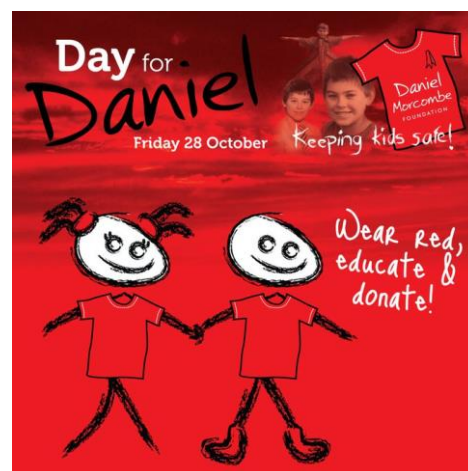
Please REPLY to the SMS this week.

We aim to finalise class structures for 2022 by the end of Week 8.

This Friday is Day for Daniel. Each year we commemorate this event by wearing something RED. We are not accepting donations this year, however if you would like to donate to the foundation please access their website <https://danielmorcombe.com.au/donate/>. Our students have been involved in protective behaviour chats with our Guidance Officer, PBL awareness of Recognise, React, Report as well as completing health units throughout the year based on being safe.

Finally, Happy Word Teacher's Day! on Friday - thank you to all of our wonderful teachers for continuing to educate the next generation. NB: Thank you to our support staff as well for your continued efforts in assisting all as well.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal



### **Donate - Daniel Morcombe Foundation**

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation's key role in the community is the education of all children about their personal safety. With the generosity of our supporters, we are able to develop and provide free child safety resources for parents and educators, as well as provide support and assistance to young victims of crime.

[danielmorcombe.com.au](http://danielmorcombe.com.au)

## Halloween

We hope if you participate in Halloween on Sunday that you have a good time. However, we ask that no lollies or loot be brought to school the following day. Thank you for your understanding.



## Term 4 Calendar

Friday 29 October	Tuckshop Pre-Order Lunch forms due today (no late orders) 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 in the Hall
Thursday 18 November	P&C meeting
Friday 19 November	P-3 Parade 2.20pm
Monday 22 November	4-6 Swimming
Friday 26 November	4-6 Parade 2.20pm
Friday 3 December	P-3 Parade 2.20pm Maleny Music Performance
Monday 6 December	Milbi market trading week
Thursday 9 December	Rewards Day
Friday 10 December	Last day of school for 2021

## Instrumental Strings & Band



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.

## Library

Book Fair is in Week 6 starting Monday 9 November. 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.

The catalogue 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".

Kind regards, *Mrs Thomas and Miss Lea*



## Curriculum Corner

Torquay uses the Sound Waves program to support the teaching of phonics, reading and spelling. There are a number of ways that you can support your child's learning at home by accessing the online resources at [www.soundwaveskids.com.au](http://www.soundwaveskids.com.au). Keep in mind that Sound Waves may use a different approach to learning to spell than you used at school.

1. Familiarise yourself with the sounds. There are 43 sounds (phonemes) in Australian English. In Sound Waves, each sound has an accompanying 'chant and action'. Watch the Animated Chants and Actions video to familiarise yourself with the 43 sounds. You will find this in Getting Started -Unit 1.

2. Read stories and discuss words. Reading and spelling go hand-in-hand. Don't underestimate the value of reading and discussing words with your child. When reading to younger children, identify words that contain the focus sound. When older children are reading to you, ask them to identify words containing the focus sound of the week. At Torquay the focus sound for the week is introduced on a Monday. The Phoneme (sound) for the week may be different for each cohort.

3. Boost your child's engagement by playing games. You may wish to access the online interactive games and activities or make some traditional games. Attached to the newsletter email are some blank game templates that you may wish to print. Paper copies are also available at the office. Go to [www.soundwaveskids.com.au](http://www.soundwaveskids.com.au)

Enter the student access code for the year level your student is working at. Your child's teacher will be able to give you this information.

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

## P&C

Hi families and friends of Torquay State school from the newly elected P&C! At the Annual General Meeting, the following were elected to positions of the P&C. Now that we are officially up and running, we are looking forward to getting things done and having some fun for the children.

President - Melissa Devlin  
Secretary - Kylie Wilkinson

Vice President - Nikki Hood  
Treasurer - Sarah Mears

P&C meetings are currently held on the third Thursday of the month. We are always open to changing the time of the meeting, according to people's availability. We invite you to join our Facebook page, where we publicise upcoming events and for parents or carers can post *suitable* discussion topics: Torquay (QLD) State School Parents' Club.

We are pleased to advise that the P&C have just purchased a new fridge for the tuckshop. A big Thankyou to the team at Betta Home Living in Torquay for fantastic customer service and for donating some vouchers. If any families are looking to make a purchase, we have some vouchers to share with our families. Please contact the office.

Our first Goal is to get the tuckshop up and running. If anyone can help out (even for an hour or 2) please get into contact with us. We will start with a small menu and hopefully get to a full menu by 2022. We will advertise an open date as soon as we can.

We are seeking for help on Wednesday 3 November for our Pre-order Lunch day. If you can help on the day please let us know asap (any help is always appreciated).

We are working on a number of exciting events as well, so stay tuned! We would love to see new families to help out in any way in the P and C. If you have, or know of a business that would kindly donate something towards our Christmas Raffle, again, we appreciate it. This raffle is planned for late November.



**School Watch Number: 131 788**



## KindyLinQ



We always have fun at KindyLinQ!!! 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 program for approximately three-year-old children and their families.

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

Kind regards, *Karen Walker* - KindyLinQ Teacher

## 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.



### **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.





## Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care Torquay



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**After School Care From \$4.59 per session\***

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

**COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM!**

### 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](#).



### Facebook



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