



Torquay News

State School

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

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From the Principal

Term 1 week 6

Relationships are crucial to every aspect of school life. The relationships we have with our students are fundamental to their success. The relationships we form with our families are supportive of that success. Every day our teachers and staff work hard to create an environment where children are supported to reach their potential.

Last week we had our Year 6 camp which was full of amazing successes. Not only did we all have a lot of fun, but new relationships and friendships were also formed. We had some incredible student successes with many personal achievements. Mrs Kingswell, Mrs Schmalkuche, Mrs Junker and I were all proud to share in those moments of success, whether it was students working successfully in teams to complete the bush orienteering, to create and float their raft, or the individual accomplishments of the high ropes course.



We look forward to welcoming our families and children to the first P&C movie night for the year. The movie nights are always well attended and provide an opportunity for you to meet other families and to support our school community. Please BYO bean bags or mattress /rug to make yourselves comfortable. Doors open 5.30pm with the Movie Wonder Park starting at 6.15pm. Sausage Sizzle \$2, Drinks from \$1, Chips and Lollies from 50c to \$2, bag of popcorn \$2. EFTPOS available for food sales. Gold coin entry at the door gives each person the opportunity to win the movie at the end of the night. Children must be supervised by an adult who stays with them for the evening to enjoy the movie.

Kind regards, *Heidi Dallimore* – Principal

From the Deputy's Desk

Welcome to Autumn! Summer is now behind us (although it doesn't feel like it) and we now start looking at all of the exciting events coming up. This Friday is the P&C Movie Night an annual fundraiser for our school but it is also a time for the school community to come together and have a nice social outing.

Our Year 6 campers have returned and they had a blast, now the attention turns to the Year 5/6 Gala Day in week 9. Keep an eye out for the letter about this. Any students not participating will be expected at school and alternative activities will be hosted. Cross country is also not far away and that will occur on the Monday of week 10. Our PBL (behaviour) rewards session will be on the last Friday of school. Students need to be a 'C' standard of behaviour or above to be invited.

Next fortnight will see us move into our next celebration for the National Day of Action against Bullying. This day is on Friday 20 March and we encourage everyone to wear something ORANGE on this day (it can be a little or a lot).

Towards ZERO is where we want to be for unexplained absences. Some families will be receiving unexplained absence letters home. It is important that you fill these in and send them back. If left unexplained it will appear as that on the report card. The school is required to follow this up with Education Queensland letters outlining your responsibility as a parent/carer to getting your child to school. We understand the trials and tribulations that some families experience and we are here to work with you.

Our current PBL focus is 'follow staff instructions'. This is important as it teaches students the art of being responsible and safe. We are sure that you employ the same mantra at home in that your child will follow your instructions.

Remember to keep the lines of communication between home and school open as we love to hear about all of the great things that you and your children are doing. We also appreciate feedback.

Until next time, have a fantastic fortnight families.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal

Term Planner

Friday 6 March	P&C Movie Night P-3 Parade 2.20pm
Monday 9 March	P&C Easter raffle tickets distributed
Friday 13 March	Crazy Hair Day (Student Council) 4-6 Parade 2.20pm
Tuesday 17 March	Icy Cup Day (Student Council)
Wednesday 18 March	P&C Annual General Meeting 6pm
Thursday 19 March	Closing the Gap Day
Friday 20 March	National Day of Action against Bullying P-3 Parade 2.20pm
Monday 23 March	Y6 Woolworths Fresh Food Tour
Wednesday 25 March	P&C Easter raffle tickets to be returned
Thursday 26 March	Beginner Strings Workshop
Friday 27 March	Y5/6 Gala Day 4-6 Parade 2.20pm
Tuesday 31 March	Cross Country P&C Sausage Sizzle

KindyLinQ

KindylinQ started last week with lots of fun and learning for three year olds and their families. Mrs Walker and Miss Baker provided lots of opportunities for children to play, sing, dance, bounce, read, and be active thinkers. It was wonderful to see so many families coming along to our program.

If you know anyone in the community who has a three year old child, please talk to them about coming to our school for KindyLinQ.



Music News

If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in singing, please remind them that Choir practice is on in the Music room every Wednesday at first break.

Kind regards, *Shiree Royall* – Music Teacher

The Beginner Strings Workshop is on Thursday 26 March. Could participating students please meet at the Kawungan School hall at 8.30am.

Kind regards, *Jenny Conlon* - Instrumental Strings Teacher

Student Accounts

Account statements will be sent home in the coming days. Thank you to those who have been able to make payments or have payment plans or CentrePay deductions in place. Please refer to your current account statement for details of outstanding fees.

We have split payments for Student Resource Scheme to ease the initial outlay of funds. The due dates were/are:

\$50 due Friday 21 February

\$40 due Friday 15 May

\$40 due Friday 7 August.

A number of payment methods are available:

Cash / EFTpos

CentrePay (set up at the office)

BPoint

Direct Deposit to: **Torquay State School (CBA)**

BSB 064-426

Account 0009 0056

Reference '*Student name, Activity/Invoice*'

The school relies on payment of these fees so that we can continue to offer our students various activities, excursions and the convenience of the Student Resource Scheme.

If you have a credit on your account, shown as a negative value (-0.00) this may be a refund for a missed activity or an advanced payment/credit to your student/s account. These funds can be used for future activities & excursions, please make a note of this on the Activity Consent forms as they are sent home.

We encourage you to make contact with our office staff to sign up for Q Parents, set up CentrePay deductions or a payment plan. If you are suffering genuine financial hardship or wish to discuss any of the details on your statement please contact Chantelle Raspor, Business Manager, 4194 4333 or accounts@torquayss.eq.edu.au.

Facebook

Visit us on Facebook to see what is new - <https://www.facebook.com/TorquayStateSchool>

From the Library

- NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS available for borrowing.
- A reminder to bring in library bags so students can borrow books.
- Borrowing won't be allowed if there is an overdue book at home.

Happy reading!

Mrs Thomas & Mrs Folker

Uniforms

Our Uniform Shop is open for second hand school uniforms - Mondays 8:30-9:00am
Fridays 2:30-3:15pm.

School hats are \$12 and are available from the Tuckshop and our Uniform Shop. New uniforms are available from Sauers Clothing Supplies, 1/5 Torquay Rd, Pialba.

P&C News

Our first P&C meeting for the year is Wednesday 19 February from 6pm at school in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome!

We also look forward to seeing you at our Movie Night **this Friday!!!**



Our P&C invites you to this year's first night-time fundraiser with all funds raised going towards paying for the balance of costs associated with Yr 2/3 air-conditioning.



Friday 6th March 2020

Doors open 5.30pm with the Movie starting at 6.15pm

Sausage Sizzle \$2, Drinks from \$1, Chips and Lollies from 50c to \$2, bag of popcorn \$2.
EFTPOS Available for food sales

Gold coin entry at the door gives each person the opportunity to win the movie at the end of the night. Bring your own pillow, blanket or bean bag.

Children must be supervised by an adult who stays with them for the evening to enjoy the movie.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open every day except Tuesdays.

This weeks specials are:

- Wednesday – Mince Tacos with salsa & salad \$2.50ea
- Thursday – Vegetarian frittata & salad \$6.00ea



Absence Line 4194 4366 or QParents App

Please notify the school of reasons for absence as soon as possible. Absences can be quickly and easily recorded through the QParents app. Alternatively, phone the absence line on 4194 4366 and leave a message.

If you receive a text message please reply to the SMS 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 to be signed in / signed out by students' parent/s or guardian/s at the Office.

Schools Officer, Grounds and Facilities Urangan State High School

Are you a Ms or Mr Fix It?

Do you want approximately 8 weeks paid holidays per year?

If so, you could be Urangan State High School's newest Schools Officer.

As the Schools Officer, Grounds and Facilities you will contribute to the efficient and effective operation and environment of the school by providing a high level of grounds and facilities to the Principal, Business Manager or nominated delegate. You will perform a range of activities to ensure that the school is maintained to a high standard follow set instructions and have independence to perform a variety of day to day services that are routine in nature. However, the role receives regular supervision when undertaking duties that are non-routine in nature. As the Schools Officer, Grounds and Facilities you will not be required to perform any task or repairs that would normally require the services of a qualified tradesperson.

To Apply visit - <https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-NCR339263-20T>

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](#) - 'Not now, Not ever, together' 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](#).



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!



School Watch Number: 131 788