



Torquay News

State School

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

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From the Principal

To parents and caregivers

As Term 1 ends we are already planning for Term 2, our teachers have joined Pialba SS to co plan our English units for term 2. This is a great opportunity to share knowledge and expertise and network with our like schools. Torquay SS is a part of the Fraser Coast cluster and we will be working in unison with schools across Hervey Bay to ensure consistency with our planning and assessing practices.

Staffing news

We farewell Mrs Keightley and Mrs Eastwood at the end of this term.

Mrs Eastwood has been a great asset to our year 1 class and has set them up for great success. Our year 1 classroom has worked extremely well and I thank Mrs Eastwood for taking on this class contract so promptly.

Unfortunately, Mrs Eastwood is committed elsewhere for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Sharlene Walker has extended her leave until the end of term 2. I want to thank Mrs E for all of her work and it has been great having her knowledge and experience as a part of the Torquay State School team. The teaching and learning cycle are very important to us and we have provided time for Mrs E to handover to our incoming teacher Mrs Sutherland, who has been contracted for the whole of term 2.

Mrs Sutherland has been working on classes across our school and very familiar with our planning process, expectations and our students. Our students are working extremely well and we will continue to engage support for our teachers and students.

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Hayden are continuing on the year 1 class to ensure a smooth transition.

Term 2, we will continue on our Positive Behaviour for Learning which is based on our expectations, explicitly teaching consistently across all year levels.

In term 2 teachers will be sending out times for parents and caregivers to attend parent teacher interviews. This provides parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet the teacher and ask any questions you may have. It provides teachers with the opportunity to showcase the work that students have been completing throughout the term. Please keep an eye out for this in Term 2.

I want to thank everyone for their continual support as we end Term 1 and wish you all a Happy Easter. Enjoy your break with family and friends and I look forward to connecting with you all in Term 2

Yours in education,

Kay Rye - Principal (Acting)



From the Deputy's Desk

What a term, everyone must be thinking this? Although, how lucky we have been to at least begin the term and now get ready for the first official break of the year. We thank you all for the support that you have given the school this term especially with the tighter rules around student health.

A couple of staff changes that are occurring for next term. We thank Mrs Gina Keightley for her wonderful years of service to the Torquay SS community. Gina is retiring and preparing herself for the next chapter of life beyond the classroom.

Mrs Lyndsey Eastwood is returning to her DRT role within Hervey Bay and we thank her for her time spent with our Year 1 class.

Mrs Sharlene Walker is remaining on family leave in term 2 and we welcome Mrs Melissa Sutherland who will be teaching Year 1 next term.

Miss Shellie Moller will continue as HOSES as Ms Mieka English extends her time at Urangan High.

Reminder of upcoming events –

- Cross Country first day back at school 19th April
- Parent/Carer-Teacher interviews to occur early in term 2
- NAPLAN online for our Year 3 and Year 5 students in mid-May
- School camp at the end of term 2

To any families moving on from Torquay, thank you for being a part of the education journey your child has been on with us and to any new families coming in - welcome and see you soon as your child's education begins/continues.



Thanks again and see you all in term 2.

Yours in education, *Phil Theofanes* - Deputy Principal



Absence Line 4194 4366 or via QParents App

Term Planner

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| Thursday 31 March | Easter Pizza Meal Deal – orders & payment <u>due Fri 25 March</u> |
| Friday 1 April | Last Day of Term Celebration Day |
| School Holidays | |
| Tuesday 19 April | Term 2 starts |
| Tuesday 19 April | Cross Country |

From the Library

A reminder that students must have a library bag in order to borrow. If you have any of the school library bags at home, please send them in to be used this year. We will be encouraging students to borrow with class rewards and individual rewards. Classes will come to the library each week, which gives students a chance to return and borrow a new book. Students can also return and borrow books during their lunch break Monday to Thursday.



Remember: No bag, no borrowing.

Uniforms

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

School hats are \$12 and are available from the Uniform Shop.

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

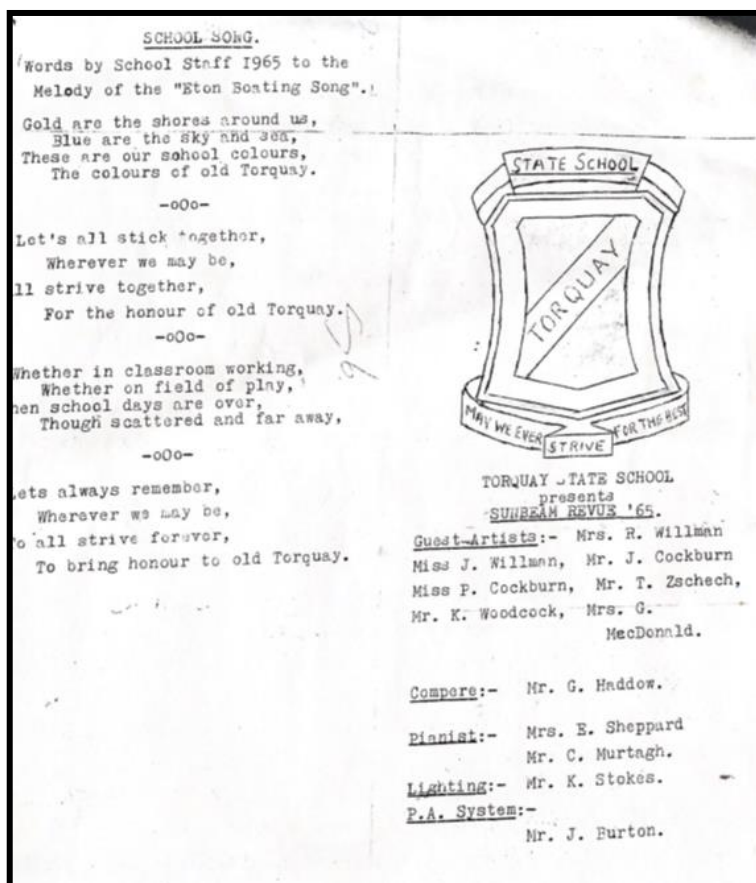
Please note Queensland Education's "No Hat No Play" policy – if students do not have a hat they must remain under cover for play time.



If you have uniforms that you no longer need, donations would also be greatly appreciated.

The Honour of Old Torquay

What a find! We recently found this song in the archives from the Music Room. It dates back to 1965, over half a century ago, and was written by the staff from that year. It explains why our school has the colours blue and gold.



What a great motto also, "May we ever strive for the Best."

We have now resurrected the song and made it our 'school song.' The tune may be different, none-the-less, we as a school, staff and students are all 'striving to do our best' for the honour of "old Torquay."

I recently spoke with my aunty who was a student at Torquay in the late 60's and she remembers singing this song. One of my uncles also appears as a guest artist at this 'Torquay Sunbeam Revue of '65.' (Mr T Zschech playing the piano accordion).

We are asking our Torquay community if anyone has friends, relatives or associates who may know of this song or may have even been a past teacher or student of our school. We would love to hear your stories of your 'old school days.'

Miss Miller

Facebook



Bringing our classrooms to the community via our school's Facebook page

Most families are already aware that Torquay State School is on Facebook. We use this social media to share with our community many of the everyday activities that occur within our school.

It also provides us with another form of communication with our parents, regularly posting information and photos about school happenings, reminders, updates and general information about things that have been happening in classroom.

By "liking" our school Facebook page you will then receive updates and postings regularly through your Facebook newsfeed. It is a great way of staying in touch with all that is happening in and around our school.

Visit us on visit and see what is new at <https://www.facebook.com/TorquayStateSchool>



Wellbeing groups



Chappy Beth has been working with Anglicare to run wellbeing groups. This week we discussed what a 'good friend' looks like.

Our students decided a good friend is someone who is kind, tells the truth, is fun to play with and helps you when you need it.



Then they made some friendship bracelets together.





School Watch Number: 131 788

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



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!



Torquay

Monday, 04th April to Friday, 15th April 2023

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EX CURSION

IN CURSION

Monday 04 April

APRIL FOOLS DAY

IN-SERVICE

Do you have any good tricks or jokes you can share today? Prepare yourself for a day of tricks and FUN!



Monday 11 April

COOKING GALORE

IN-SERVICE

The best thing about cooking is the all important taste test. Come along and cook up a storm with us today. Dietary needs will be taken into account.



Tuesday 05 April

FIRST AID FOR ALL

IN + \$20.00

INCURSION - BECOME A FIRST AIDER

This first aid for kids workshop teaches children how to be first aid superheroes & save a life!



Tuesday 12 April

GRAB THE MIC

IN + \$13.00

INCURSION - SELF GUIDED WOODEN EASTER EGG HOLDER

Hop into it with us today as we prepare for Easter by making and decorating your very own Bunny Easter egg holder.



Wednesday 06 April

GAME DAY

EX + \$38.00

EXCURSION - PHOENIX GYMNASTICS

Today we are going to be tumbling around and having some gymnastic fun with a professional gymnastics coach! Be sure you wear comfortable clothing. Are you ready to learn some new moves?



Arrive by 8.30am

Wednesday 13 April

CRAZY CONSTRUCTION

IN-SERVICE

There is so much more to construction than just building. Design, build and sculpt your day away! What will come of your designs?



Thursday 07 April

ART ATTACK

IN-SERVICE

It's time to get crafty and turn everyday items into masterpieces and let's create the biggest splash art canvas!



Thursday 14 April

PYJAMA PARTY

IN + \$20.00

INCURSION - DREAMTIME GAMES

Today we will learn about important Australian aboriginal cultural practices and try some indigenous games from a Yulunga trained facilitator.



Friday 08 April

BLOWING BUBBLES

IN-SERVICE

Bubbles bubbles in the air, bubbles, bubbles everywhere. So much fun to be had with our home made bubbles today.



Friday 16 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Mon - Fri 6:00am - 6:00pm
Torquay - 0475824340
Torquay State School Tavistock Street Torquay QLD 4655

Daily price: \$59.10 | Excursions and incursions are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

Book now at helpinghandsnetwork.com.au | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 612 462

Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**



What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- Helping Hands endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring lunch and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smart phones) at home.



Healthy Eating

Helping Hands follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with Helping Hands prior to booking via helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days of a Holiday Program session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 48 hours notice is required for cancellation of a Holiday Program booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 612 462 or by emailing accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit <https://www.education.gov.au/childcare-faq>

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/ her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0475824340 for staffing purposes.

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*** Community News ***

Go Glow!

THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!





\$10.00pp

FAMILY DEAL

1 x Game of Tenpin (for families with children/teens only)

\$18.00pp

DOUBLE YOUR FUN

A. Wild West shootout, Lasertag + \$5 Arcade credit or B. Jurassic Putt Putt + 30 mins Slide / playcentre + \$5 Arcade credit





\$22.00pp

TRIPLE YOUR FUN

1 x Game of Tenpin + Lasertag + choose ONE * Wild West Shootout * Dodgem Ride * 30 mins Slide

\$28.50pp

ULTIMATE FUN

1 x Game of Tenpin, Lasertag, Wild West, Dodgem Ride, Putt Putt, 30 mins Slide or Wild West + \$2 Arcade credit



Don't miss our **JUNIOR LOCK-IN**
Sat 16th April, 3pm to 6pm.
 Tickets **\$29pp** for 3 hours of FUN!
 Ages 13yrs and under. Tickets on SALE now.
www.bundybowl.com.au (under What's On)

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 19th APRIL 2022