Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Year 3 Newsletter. We hope that everyone had a nice and relaxing break over the holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead! We have had a great start to the year, getting classrooms set up and getting to know each other. The children are learning the routines of Year 3 and what is expected of them.

We have a busy year ahead with lots in the curriculum to cover, the Olympics in Term 3, swimming, incursions, excursions as well as camp in Term 4 currently being organised.

Please speak to your child’s teacher about the best way to communicate during the Meet and Greet next week.

Year 3 Team

What a wonderful start to the year. Welcome all families to Torquay College for 2015. I look forward to working with you and your children in providing your child with an education that allows her/him to reach their full potential.

Please feel free to approach me at any time if you have any matters you would like to discuss or seek clarification. By working together as a co-operative team, your child’s learning will benefit immensely from the school home partnership.

We look forward to working with you to provide your child with an enjoyable and challenging year of schooling.

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Assistant Principal

Year 3 Teaching and Learning Team

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Useful Apps

Mathletics
Torquay College
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Learning Potential
Dice
Quick
Classroom routine:
Our classrooms are open at 8.15am each morning. Arriving at this time allows your child to complete their morning jobs as well as enjoy a short play with their friends before we commencing lessons at 8.30am.

Inquiry Unit:
This Term’s Inquiry Unit is called ‘Let’s Celebrate’ and looks at celebrations and remembrance days that occur around the world. Children will investigate when, where, how and why these celebrations take place and compare there similarities and differences.

Timetables:
Our classrooms timetables are beginning to settle and hopefully a routine will begin to take place. The Year 3 students will be attending Art, P.E, Music and Indonesian with the specialist teachers as well as ICT, Library and the Environmental Centre with their classroom teachers. Each student requires a Library bag, and an Art Smock.

Diaries:
Every student should have school diary that they bring home each night. The diaries are a great way to communicate about daily matters between home and teachers. Teachers will endeavour to sign the diaries each week. These diaries will also be used as a log for nightly reading.

Homework:
There is an expectation that students in the middle area complete homework activities at least 4 nights per week. At Torquay College we expect the Year 3 students to be attending Art, P.E, Music and Indonesian with the specialist teachers as well as ICT, Library and the Environmental Centre with their classroom teachers. Each student requires a Library bag, and an Art Smock.

Books and Equipment:
The students have been busy naming and preparing their books and supplies for the year. We realise some parents are waiting on supplies that are on back order. If they could be brought in to school as soon as they arrive we will be able to begin our full program.

Absence:
If your child arrives at school after 8.30am, they will need to be signed in at the office. If your child is absent, it is a requirement for parents to inform the school. The easiest way to do this is on the school mobile phone application.

Meet and Greet:
We will be holding Meet and Greet session next week on the 23rd and 24th of February. Online bookings are now open. These sessions go for 10 minutes and gives you a chance to meet and have a quick conversation with your child’s teacher, any issues needing further discussion will require another time to be made with the classroom teacher.

Year 3 Team - Tim, Bronwen, Lynne, Adrian, Jenny, Tracey, Rohan and Ross.