Welcome: Last week we farewelled Mrs Zoe Henschke who has now commenced family leave. At assembly today we formally welcomed Miss Shay Smith who has taken over the year 3/4 class. Shay comes to us highly recommended from Warrnambool and is looking forward to sharing her skills and talents with us at Torquay College. We have also welcomed several new families to our school this term. We are holding a special morning coffee and chat at 8.30am today after school drop off time.

Spanish Teachers: Torquay College now has a sister school in Spain and one of our teachers will be travelling to visit the school and establish links with our students in years 5/6. At the beginning of term 3 we will be hosting two teachers from Spain at our school for 6 weeks. We are looking for families who would be willing to host them during their stay in Torquay. Please let us know if you would like to share your family life style with them during this time. It is a great opportunity for children to learn about another culture.

Congratulations: Last Wednesday I attended our school House Athletic sports at Landy Field in Geelong. It was a glorious day but the highlight for me was the outstanding behaviour and good sportsmanship shown by our students. Thanks go to our PE teachers and staff for their excellent organisation and to the parent and secondary student volunteers.

Curriculum Day on Friday: Teachers will be attending professional development sessions on literacy and will be developing a spelling continuum. They will also be doing students reports and some preparation for our Student Led Conferences on June 26th. There are no classes for students. We are offering OHSC for working parents who need full or part time childcare on Friday. Please make sure that you book a place for your child with Anna by later today.

Partners in Learning: It is important for families to become partners in their child’s education. We can suggest many positive ways that this can occur:

1. Share your child’s strengths, talents and interest with teachers. 2. Share expectations and set goals for your child with his or her teacher. 3. Make appointments as needed to discuss your child’s progress or concerns. 4. Attend family-teacher-student conferences with specific questions. 5. Understand and reinforce the school rules and expectations at home. 6. Read classroom and school newsletters with your child. 7. Know the names of your child’s teachers and provide them with positive feedback. (More suggestions next week)

Uniforms: Parents need to ensure that students are wearing correct uniform. Torquay College Council endorsed a compulsory uniform policy for all students. Correct school uniform should be worn to and from school, at school and on school excursions. Students seen outside the school in school uniform ought to behave in a manner that enhances the school’s reputation in the community. The approved list of school winter uniform items is listed in this newsletter.
Dear School Community Members,

Last week was a fantastic week for our school community. We celebrated Education Week and held Open Days for our families and prospective families. The intention of Open Days is to celebrate our school and the wonderful place it is to come every day to learn. We are proud of our school and last week provided us with the opportunity to showcase what our school offers our students.

We had over 75 prospective families visit Torquay College for our Open Days; we encourage our families to enrol their children as soon as possible so that we can begin strategically planning for next year.

National Reconciliation Week - ‘Let’s talk recognition’

Next week is National Reconciliation week, an opportunity for us as a community to celebrate the rich culture and history of Indigenous Australians.

Two dates are significant in the history of reconciliation. The 27th of May is the anniversary of the date of the 1967 Referendum, which successfully removed from the Constitution clauses that discriminated against Indigenous Australians. The 3rd of June is the anniversary of the High Court decision in the Eddie Mabo land rights case handed down in 1992. The theme of National Reconciliation Week for 2012 is ‘Let’s talk recognition’.

Our school will continue to fly the Aboriginal and Australian flag throughout the week, to symbolise National Reconciliation Week. We encourage our families to use this week as an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the wonderful traditions and customs our Indigenous Australians have.

Before and After School Parking

A reminder to all parents that parking in the bus parking area is strictly reserved for buses. Each of the buses must be parked in these designated areas for safety reasons. Recently buses have been held up due to cars being parked in these spaces. Thank you for your consideration.

Netbooks Computers

We have been advised that there have been a significant number of burglaries at schools recently targeting school netbook (portable) computers. We remind parents and students that have a netbook to be vigilant in ensuring your netbook is secured when travelling to and from school (out of sight).

We also remind parents and students to ensure netbooks are fully charged and ready for school use each day. This includes making sure the netbook is at school!

Thank you for supporting our school and have a great week.

Kind Regards,

Christian Smith and Nadia Tkaczuk

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**House Athletics**

On Wednesday 23rd May all grade 3-6 students ventured to the Landy Field Athletics track to participate in the House Athletics. Thankfully the weather was fine and a great day was had by all. Rotating through a range of track (100, 200 and hurdles) and field (long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus and high jump) events, the students demonstrated their outstanding athletic prowess while scoring points for their house teams.

****** Congratulations to INVERLOCHIE & CHARLEMONT ******

first time ever...exactly the same total points scored, joint 2012 House Athletics Champions!
Never Give Up

After the Second World War Winston Churchill was on his way to speak to a group of graduating army officers in London when he was caught in a terrible traffic jam that delayed him almost an hour. By the time he arrived at the venue he was so late he had only five minutes in which to speak. He stood at the podium before an expectant hush. “Never give up” he announced quietly. A few minutes of silence followed. “Never give up” he declared more loudly. “NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!” he thundered. As he stood down the crowd stood up and gave him a standing ovation.

There is enormous power in just keeping on. Ancient scriptures call it perseverance and are full of examples of historical figures who won out simply because they never gave up. One of my favorite modern examples is Steve Bradbury. There is something quintessentially Australian about this sporting hero. He won the gold medal in ice speed skating not just because he was the only one still upright as he crossed the line, but because he had trained for and competed in three Olympic games which meant he was the right person in the right place at the right time. In life the victory often goes not to the most talented, the most popular or the best presented, but to the one who just doesn’t quit.

It’s a great lesson for us as parents and mentors of young people. It’s a great lesson for our children. Practicing perseverance is a skill not a talent. It’s something we can all attain, and aspire to. It’s what wins footie matches, masters difficult tasks, produces talented surfers, skaters, readers, skippers, footie card swappers, dancers and basketballers. It’s what produces great love, great relationships, great friendships. It wins wars.

Marianne Messer

TORQUAY COLLEGE UNIFORM

Girls
Summer
- Green and white gingham check dress; or
- School green culottes or shorts with a gold or green polo shirt; or
- Green and white gingham check skorts with a gold or green polo shirt

Winter
- Green and gold kilt with a gold or green polo shirt or skivvy; or
- Green tracksuit pants with a gold or green polo shirt or skivvy

Boys
Summer
- School grey cord shorts with gold or green polo shirt; or
- School grey drill shorts with a gold or green polo shirt

Winter
- School grey cord pants with a gold or green polo shirt or skivvy; or
- School grey drill trousers with a gold or green polo shirt or skivvy

At all times girls can wear green and gold zipped jumper or green polo fleece hooded windcheater, grey or white socks or green stockings with appropriate footwear. Combinations of uniform (for example check dress with tracksuit pants) are not allowed. Tying long hair back is recommended.

Sports Uniforms
Bottle or gold polo shirt with bottle shorts
When representing the College senior students may wear the College black tracksuit pants and polo shirts.

EMA—Semester 2 Information for 2012

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. The EMA allowance provides an annual amount of $235 for primary students and is paid in two instalments ie: Semester 1 & 2

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:
- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent. Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card. The eligibility criteria for Semester 2 must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (16 July 2012).

If you have already applied for Semester 1, you do not need to reapply for Semester 2.

The EMA application for Semester 2 must be submitted to the school by 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

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* Application forms and more information are available at the school office or by phone 5261 2360.
OSHC News

Curriculum day Care.

After school care will have care available for the **1st June** from 7am till 6.15pm

You will need to book in for this as we do get booked out very quickly. Thank you, Anna

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Issue 4 orders need to be forwarded to me in a sealed and named envelope by Friday June 8. Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Australia. Geoff Cameron R32.

SOMERS CAMP

Due to schools submitting late data, children who expressed interest in gaining a place to Somers will not be informed of their ability/inability to attend until Friday June 8. Children who miss out have the opportunity to express interest in being an emergency. More details to follow. Geoff Cameron R32

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**Community News**

Torquay 24hr Tea Party is holding a fundraising movie night to raise money for Relay for Life.

**Movie:** What To Expect When You're Expecting

(Starring Cameron Diaz, JLo, Chance Crawford & more)

**Date:** June 6 @ 6.30pm, Readings Cinema Geelong

**Cost:** $15 (Tickets must be prepaid)

Call for Tickets: Linda Wylie 0429 772 122

Fantastic Raffle Prizes on the night

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**WANTED........**

Donation of Surfboard for 2012 Year 6 Students.

If you can help, please contact the office.

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**BOXING & FITNESS CLASSES**

*Respect *Confidence *Anger Management

*Fun

Torquay Coastal Boxing & Fitness Family Gym

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**Aussie Farmers Direct Fundraiser**

We are having a fruit and vegetable fundraiser through Aussie Farmers Direct.

For $36.00 you will receive a family pack of fruit and vegetables consisting of 10 regular items and 6-8 seasonal items delivered to your door on the 14th June between 2-7pm.

Forms are going home with students today or call into the office to collect a form and return it to the office by the 22nd June

If you are interested in permanent deliveries of fruit, veggies, milk, eggs etc you can go to www.aussiefarmers.com.au and register or pick up a registration form from the office.

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**Student Absences:**

If your child is absent from school for any reason, parents just need to send a note explaining their child’s absence to the classroom teacher on the day they return. There is no need to ring the office unless they will be absent for 3 days or more.