Quaynotes
living & learning by the sea

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DATES TO REMEMBER:  Wednesday 9th May 2012  No. 12

Wednesday 9th May  School Council - 7pm
Thursday 10th May  Yr 3 & 4 Incursion - Professor Bunsen
                    Pie Orders due
Friday 11th May    Yr 3-6 District Cross Country
Tuesday 15th - 17th May  NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5
Tuesday 15th May  MCG & Sports Museum Excursion - Yr 1 & 2
Monday 21st - 26th May  Education Week
Monday 21st May    Torquay College Open Day  9.15am—10.30am
Tuesday 22nd May  Collect Pie Orders - 3pm from Canteen
Wednesday 23rd May Year 3 - 6 Athletics - Landy Field
Thursday 24th May  Torquay College Open Day  Parents afternoon-Details to follow
Monday 21st - 31st May  Swimming Program Yr 1 & 2
Friday 1st June    Curriculum Day - No students at School
Monday 4th - 15th June  Swimming Program Yr 5 & 6
Monday 11th June  Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 13th June School Council - 7pm
Tuesday 19th June  Prep Incursion - Responsible Pet Ownership Program
Thursday 21st June Yr 5 & 6 Winter Lightning Premiership
Friday 22nd June  Student Reports Distributed
Tuesday 26th June  Student Led Conferences
Friday 29th June  Last Day Term 2
Wednesday 15th Aug Arthur Reed School Photos
Thursday 16th Aug  Arthur Reed School Photos

Principal’s News:
School Council: I would like to thank the many parents who have offered to join our 2012 sub-committees. There is still time to join one of our committees. Please notify the office or one of the following committee chairs: Management Committee - Sean O’Brien, Physical Resources & Financial Resources - Gavin Nelson, Learning Environment - Christian Smith, Curriculum - Nadia Tkaczuk.

Intercultural studies: Our school participates in many activities to support our students to become global citizens. Last week our Indonesian teacher, Kylie Nam took some of our students to the Timor Leste day hosted by St Joseph’ College in Geelong. They were involved in many of the traditional East Timorese activities including crafts, dances and singing. We look forward to them sharing some of their experiences with their classes this week.

School Review: We had the first visit from our reviewer, Leslie Tulloch this week. She will be spending several days at our school in coming weeks. There will be an opportunity for parents to come to meet with her to discuss the future directions that our school should take in developing our new Strategic Plan. Please let me know if you would like to join one of the panels.

Access to school stadium: Parents are reminded that after 4pm parking is available in the car park. Please do not come through the front entrance to the school. All children and siblings participating in programs must be supervised on the playground equipment and not be left alone to play in other areas of the school yard. We had a serious incident last week when children were found at risk whilst wandering around the site. NO person should access the stage area as we store many valued performing arts props. Torquay College parents are requested to remind families from other schools of these requirements.

Supervision: Parents are reminded that teachers are on yard supervision duty from 8.15am until 3.15pm. If you are delayed unexpectedly, please phone the school and we will call your child to the office area to wait. Children must not be left in the playgrounds without supervision after 3.15pm. Our OHSC operates to support parents who are working and we offer generous government subsidies that are available to most families.

Happy Mother’s Day: Our sincere thanks to Kylie Willingham and the parents who organised a wonderful stall for your children to purchase a small gift for Mother’s Day next Sunday. I wish all of our mothers a very happy day with a big hug from your children and time to enjoy your families. I am certainly looking forward to catching up with my six children and their families. I believe that being a mum is a special privilege that should not be taken for granted.

Pam Kinsman
Principal
Assistant Principal Team:

Open Days
During Education Week (Monday, 21st May – Friday, 25th May), we will welcome prospective and current parents (and families) to our school with two Open Days. These Open Days is another chance we have to celebrate our wonderful school and an opportunity for our community to witness firsthand the outstanding opportunities Torquay College offers. The following is an outline of the two days:

Monday, 21st May 9.00am – 10.30am
Open classrooms: parents are welcome to visit their child’s classroom to observe and partake in classroom activities.

Thursday, 24th May 1.00pm – 3.00pm
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Picnic lunch: parents and families are invited to bring along a picnic lunch to share with their children (meet in child’s classroom)

1.20pm – 2.00pm
Arts concert (stadium): parents and families are welcome to watch our many talented arts students perform in the stadium. This includes our bands, circus troupe, dance groups and choirs.

2.00pm – 3.00pm
Preps: come and see the preps learn about ‘life and living’. Students will be working on classifying animals based on their appearance and habitat

Yr 1/2: As the majority of Yr 1/2 students will be engaged in their swimming program on this day, a modified Yr 1/2 program will be offered

Yr 3/4: Science is alive – come and see the students engage in various science experiments

Yr 5/6: Clubs (JSC, blue earth games, minor games, meditation, chess, dancing/singing/performing)

Uniform
Students are generally wearing the school uniform well and we thank parents for their support in this area. We still have some Yr 5/6 students wearing the black track pants throughout the week. These black track pants are optional for Yr 5/6 students each Friday (sport session), any interschool sport day or when representing the school. We ask Yr 5/6 parents to support the school in ensuring students are in correct uniform.

Junior School Council (JSC)
Our Junior School Council is a group of 18 students from the Yr 5/6 classes that represent the student body in issues of importance to the children of our school. The role of the Junior School Council is to:

- be a positive role model for other students in the school
- provide a voice for students regarding matters that affect them
- attend regular meetings and implement initiatives
- manage social service activities

We would like to acknowledge the outstanding enthusiasm, energy and genuine effort they have made “in making our school even greater”. These councillors have consulted all classes about ideas and suggestions to be tabled at JSC meetings. We can assure all students that the JSC have some fantastic activities planned – stay tuned.

Mothers Day
We wish all mums for a special day on Sunday. We look forward to hearing about the special efforts children and dads go to in spoiling their mums.

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

Viqueque Friendship Day
Last Thursday year 5/6 students; Erin McKnight, Jessica Spry, Abbie Crocker, Lachie Quirk, Shanay Duse-Ryan, Amber Rushworth, Ashley O’Brien, Amee Clark and Kai Purcell attended the Viqueque Friendship Day (Viqueque is the district in Timor Leste where our sister school is). The students represented the school beautifully and learned about Timor Leste and some fun activities that people do there.

“We went to St Joseph’s College to the Viqueque Friendship Day, we learned some Timorese Language and Culture, cooking, weaving and singing and dancing. They were all really fun and interesting and I met lots of new people.” Erin McKnight D18.

We had a great time and look forward to participating again next year.

Kylie Nam  (Indonesian teacher)
Note from the Chaplain - Marianne Messer

Every morning for three weeks last month I watched in amazement as the children from the hill slums of Peru walked over dirt and rocks on unmade roads on their way to the school bus stop. Their navy and white uniforms were crisp, ironed and startling clean. With shining faces and starched white collars, I wondered how their parents got them looking so perfectly groomed and all without running water, or electricity. I have seen inside their houses: cardboard, plastic constructions where often three or more sleep across one single bed. In a country without a welfare system families who fall on hard times can easily find themselves with no option other than living in unsupported make shift accommodation outside Lima. The parents, many of them single mums, work as street sweepers or domestic help in town to put rice and beans on the table. Each cardboard home boasts a rice cooker, hooked up illegally (and dangerously) into the electrical grid that powers the street lights. With this simple implement and a weekly 40 gallon drum of water trucked up to each household from the town below, the parents feed, wash and clothe their families. It’s remarkable how well they manage. It is also remarkable how beautifully the school children are prepared each day, and how happy they seem to be heading off to school.

While our Australian children might take their schooling more for granted, (and clean uniforms, a varied diet and their own bed to sleep in), their needs from us as parents are exactly the same. Children need to feel safe, valued and loved. They need to have hope for their future and security for their present. The children of the slums of Peru believe that school is essential to their future, that education is their way out of poverty. They know their parents are making great sacrifices to get them to school, and the crispness of their uniforms underscores the hidden message: that they are valued and loved, that their parents believe in them and will do whatever it takes to give them a better life. William Faulkner wrote “I believe man will not merely endure,...He will prevail because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance.”

Recent research has shown that it doesn’t matter what your parenting style is: authoritarian or collaborative, or what material comforts you are able to give your children, the important thing is that you have a style! That is that you are consistent and reliable, faithful and committed. In other words, that you communicate with spoken and unspoken messages how much you value and believe in your children. Whether you are living in Peru or Torquay, that’s how to be a good parent.

Marianne Messer

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**TORQUAY COLLEGE FUNDRAISER**

**PIE DRIVE**

**ROUTLEY’S BAKERY**

Our fundraising for 2nd Term is a Pie Drive. Order forms have been sent home and must be returned with payment to the office by Thursday 10th May. More order forms are available from the Office. Orders can be collected from the Canteen from 3pm onwards on Tuesday 22nd May.

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**Surf Coast Secondary College**

**Open Night**

Some students may have received incorrect start times for the Open Night to be held at Surf Coat Secondary College on Monday 14th May. The evening will commence at 6.30pm.
Thank you to the families who have recently paid their ASC accounts. We still have quite a large number of accounts outstanding. If you have more than two weeks owing we would appreciate payment ASAP.

Thank you, Anna Fryar

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**Canteen Roster**

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SURF COAST SECONDARY COLLEGE invites you to attend our OPEN NIGHT

Monday, 14th May 2012 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Information session in the Presentation Room followed by tours of the College and presentations from staff & students.

If you are unable to attend our Open Night, tours can be arranged by contacting the College on 5261 6633.

- Shop at Woolworths from 9th May onwards
- Collect Earn & Learn Stickers - one sticker for every $10 spent
- Place on Sticker Card sent home from school
- Sticker Cards can be placed in the collection box at school

PROMOTIONAL OFFER

$60 FOR GLAMOUR SET OF EYELASH EXTENSIONS

CALL TODAY! OFFER ENDS 18TH MAY

Grom-Art art lessons for kids

CLASSES START TUESDAY 15th MAY
3.15pm - 4.15pm (in the old art room)

NOW available for Children in Grade 3 & Grade 6

6 week program
Includes all materials
Limited places available

enrol or for information on the classes
contact Jess Nowson 0407 648 629
e-mail jess@whitespacegraphics.com.au

Be Creative  Be Inspired  Be Happy

Australian Mobile Recycling

Do you have old Mobile phones lying around?
The school will receive $3 for every mobile that we recycle - just bring them in to the Office

Fun With Words – Half Hearted
Sunday May 20 matinee at 2:00pm
May 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 at 8:00pm
Tickets from Surf Sight Optical, or phone Marie on 5261 9035
16 Price Street, Torquay
Adult $19  Conc $15

RABBIT HOLE
www.ttt.org.au

Parenting Support in the 21st Century
Are you a parent? Do you use social media?
If so we want you!
The researchers at The University of Queensland are interested in finding out parents’ preferences for parenting information and support, and their use of different information sources including online support and social media like Facebook and Twitter. The survey is part of a research project designed to find ways to improve information and advice services for parents. Participation will be anonymous and data will only be accessed by the research team.
If you are a parent who is willing to share your thoughts we’d love to you to participate in this study! For more information or to participate go to http://psy.uq.edu.au/21c

1st Torquay Scout Group
Are you 6 or 7 years old?
"Come Try Joey Scouts"
Wednesday 16 May at 4:45-5:45
Come along and join us for a fun night of activities, including crafts and games, as part of our term 2 theme “Care and Share”.
Activities may include: crafts, cooking activities, out of hall excursions, games, and guests.
All Scout sections welcome girls and boys, and all meet weekly.
The Scout Hall is located in Spring Creek Reserve.
All enquiries please contact Desley McKnight (Group Leader) on 5261 6076/0411 986779

Aussie Farmers Direct
We are having a fruit and vegetable fundraiser though 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 of June between 2-7pm.
To participate please collect a form from the office and return it to the office by the 31st of May. 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.

An event not to miss!
Bell St Fiesta is all about great food, wine, local art, galleries and live music suitable for all ages. The street will be filled with activities. Including: wine tasting, Waiters’ Race, Chef Cook Off, fitness & health demonstrations, shopping, kids activities and a lot more.
Note: Bell Street will be closed to traffic from Rudd St to Munday St during this event.