Principal: Pam Kinsman  
Assistant Principal: Christian Smith  
Assistant Principal: Nadia Tkaczuk  
Council President: Sean O’Brien  
Chaplain: Marianne Messer  
Business Manager: Vicki Perry

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
Wednesday 27th June 2012  
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- **Thursday 28th June**
  - GSODA “Dick Whittington” performance Yr 5 & 6
- **Friday 29th June**
  - Last Day Term 2. Early dismissal at 2.00pm
- **Monday 16th July**
  - School resumes 8.30am
- **Friday 22nd July**
  - Excursion to China
- **31st July-2nd Aug**
  - Aquarium Excursion Yr 3 & 4
- **Friday 3rd August**
  - Olympic Day
- **Monday 6th August**
  - Chess Tournament Yr 5 & 6
- **Tuesday 7th August**
  - Book Week presenter Leigh Hobbs - whole school incursion
- **Wednesday 15th August**
  - Arthur Reed School Photos
- **Thursday 16th August**
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- **Friday 17th August**
  - Literacy Week Dress Up Parade
- **Wednesday 22nd August**
  - Australian Youth Choir Visit
- **28th August**
  - Somer’s Camp

**LAST DAY** - Friday 29th June - Torquay College will be dismissing at 2.00pm  
Surf Coast Secondary College will also be dismissing at 2.00pm  
Red, Blue & Green busses departing shortly after 2.00pm

**Principal’s news:**

**Student Led Conferences:** Thank you to all families who attended our Student Led Conference day. I hope that you all spent really worthwhile time with your child/children and have a better understanding about their learning progress. If you would like to meet for a personal interview with your child’s teacher, please book one for early next term.

**Accident Waiting to Happen?** : On Monday a parent alerted me to a really dangerous situation in our school car park. A parent stopped in the teachers section of the car park instead of driving through to the end gate. Other cars had to drive around the vehicle blocking the driveway and one parent talking on a mobile phone did this with students crossing from the road.

Please DO NOT stop to drop off children in the teacher’s end of the car park.

**Parent Volunteering:** Torquay College welcomes all volunteers to help the school in many different capacities. Parents are encouraged to be involved at our school as it has been proven that your children benefit from having you engaged with their school.

Ways to connect:  
- Respond to school surveys regarding your talents, skills and interests. Let school staff know of your availability to volunteer (days, times and how often). Assist your child's teachers in the classrooms or on excursions when you are available. Assist school in recruiting families and community volunteers. Assist school staff in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for families. Learn to uphold school discipline, confidentiality and other policies as a volunteer. Set a time to talk with school staff and teachers with whom you are working. Help at or organise small working bees or beautification projects.

**CISV:** We wish the children going to the USA, Italy and Japan to represent Australia at an International Village, a very happy and educationally rewarding time.

**Gate News:** We are planning to put a new gate at the very end of our south boundary to allow our students to leave through the park to the housing estates to the south of our school. It will be a pedestrian gate to the east of the double locked gate. I encourage all families to consider allowing students to walk at least part of the way to school to take traffic congestion off Grossman’s Road.

**Planning Days:** During the first week of term three, teaching teams will each have a planning day and students will have all of their specialist teachers on their allocated day. Year 5/6 on Monday, Year 3/4 on Tuesday, Year 1/2 on Wednesday, Prep on Thursday and specialists on Friday.

**Lost Property.** Each student block has very full baskets of “Lost Property”. Please check all blocks if you are missing items. All items without names left at the end of term will be recycled into our cupboard and sold next term.

**End of Term and Happy Holidays:** We will be dismissing students at 2pm from classrooms to fit in with the bus departure times. St Therese finish at 12 and Surf Coast Secondary finish at 2pm and all buses will leave shortly after. I wish all families a very happy and safe school holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back on July 16th.

Pam Kinsman, Principal
Assistant Principal Team:

Dear School Community Members,
Welcome to the final week of the school term – it is hard to imagine that we are half way through the school year. We have certainly had a busy term with many extracurricular activities – cross country, NAPLAN, Open Days, Year 3 – 6 athletics, Year 5 - 6 Winter Lightning Premiership, Education Week, and numerous buildings and grounds projects completed.

**Student Report Cards**
Student report cards have been sent home and we trust you have taken this opportunity to celebrate your child’s learning and achievements. Please take the opportunity to read them carefully and discuss with your child/children their progress at school. We thoroughly enjoyed reading all the reports and reading about our wonderful students. The importance of feedback is highlighted in the article: “What did you learn at school today?” in this newsletter. This article may help facilitate a discussion regarding your child’s report.

**Junior School Council (JSC) – Red Nose Day**
Our Red Nose appeal today was a great success raising approximately $934.70 for the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. We congratulate our community for supporting this wonderful cause.

We wish all students and families a healthy, safe and restful holiday.
We look forward to an exciting term 3.

Kind Regards,
Christian Smith and Nadia Tkaczuk

**Permission Notes that will/have gone home this week:**

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**CISV USA**

Hi, I’m Jett Flexman and I’m representing Australia with Jack Moran and Aimee Clark. We are going to Maine in America for CISV this year with children from 12 other countries. We are going to discuss our cultures and food with other countries. Basically CISV is a Global Harmony camp where we can see other people from other places around the world and make new friends. We will be staying at a middle school. At the camp we have a national day where we can show them about Australia and teach them how to play footy and make pavlova. It will be awesome (apart from the flight) to go and travel to a place where I have never been before.

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**CISV Japan**

I’m Hannah and I’m flying to Japan with CISV on the 26th July. I’m going with a girl named Maddie from Warrigal, a boy named Cameron from Werribee and another boy from Anglesea named Matt. First we’re going to Tokyo for five days, where we’ll go to Disneyland. After that we’re going on a train to Nagoya station which is the largest station in Japan.

Maddie and I are going to stay with a host family for two days and then go to the camp for four weeks. I decided I’d do CISV because I thought it would be a great experience for me to learn about other countries and their cultures.

I learnt about CISV through the school newsletter. Hannah Walker
Have you ever asked your child what they learnt at school today? Chances are you were met with the all too familiar, "not much" or even worse, "nothing". Before you go ringing the school to find out why your child isn't learning anything, take in the latest research on children's learning, which just might make you think about asking a different question altogether when they come home from a day at school.

Professor Stephen Dinham, Research Director Teaching, Learning and Leadership at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) says, "Don't ask them what they did today, what they enjoyed at school or what they learnt, ask them, 'What feedback did you get about your learning today?'" In parent-to-child language, this means ask your kids, "What did your teacher say about your work today?"

Professor Dinham, who has researched the factors on student achievement, explains that children have four needs. "They want to know what they can do, what they can't do, how their work compares to others, but the one they really want to know is how they can do better," he says. He adds that a focus on feedback and obtaining quality feedback from teachers can have an almost "immediate positive effect" on students' learning.

Dr Catherine Scott, Senior Research Fellow at ACER, says parents can sometimes feel intimidated and unsure about how to help with their child's learning. She says parents can best support their child by encouraging them to develop life skills and taking an interest in what is happening at school.

According to Dr Scott, research shows that a parenting approach that involves setting high expectations for children while also being responsive to their individual needs can help children develop the confidence to go out into the world and make the best of the opportunities that are on offer. Other ways parents can help include providing an orderly home with expected routines, explaining reasons why rules are set, and being sensitive to the individual needs of children.

Dr Scott offers more other tips for parents including:

- Get involved in your child's school in whatever way possible.
- Establish an open line of communication with your child's teacher.
- Provide a quiet and orderly space for your child to study in.
- Be happy to talk about homework. You don't have to know the answers yourself - it's important to encourage your child to think problems through for themselves.
- Don't give help that hasn't been asked for - this can send children a message that they are not competent to complete the required task and may harm their self-esteem.
- Model being orderly and prepared - encourage your child to think ahead to what needs to be prepared for school the following day, such as sports uniforms or particular books and other learning resources.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

- There will be **NO** Fresh Fruit Friday this week
- Aerosport Boys Friday Hip Hop Class on will run at 2.15pm this week due to school finishing early.
- Rugby Gala Day will be postponed until early in term 3. Parents and students will be notified when the new date is confirmed.

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**Literacy Week**

On Friday 17th August we will be holding our Literacy Week Dress Up Parade. This is a fabulous way to celebrate Children’s Book Week. Classes may have a theme or simply dress up as your favourite character. More information will be supplied to families as the date gets closer. If you require any further information, don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher or myself.

Gavin Nelson
2012 COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Once again Torquay College has entered the Coles Sports for Schools Program. For every $10 you spend at Coles you will receive a voucher. At the end of the competition these vouchers are traded for sporting equipment. Through your wonderful efforts in collecting Coles vouchers we have been able to purchase a range of fantastic Sports Equipment in the past couple of years. The competition has started for 2012 so any vouchers would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped in the collection box outside the school office.

Outstanding Accounts

With the end of term just around the corner, finalisation of outstanding accounts will be appreciated.

Torquay College offers a range of payment options, including cash, cheque, direct deposit and BPAY. BPAY can be used to pay for all school-related expenses except for After Hours School Care. This is a great innovation and offers a more convenient method of payment for families.

BPAY transactions are not instant, therefore any payments will need to be made at least 48 hours to process by the bank and school.

If you choose to pay via BPAY you will need to quote your unique family biller code and reference number. If a BPAY payment is made without prior notification to the school of items you wish to allocate the payment against, the oldest outstanding debt will be credited.

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Don’t forget to collect your stickers from

Become a Junior Ranger these school holidays!

Parks Victoria is running Junior Ranger Programs in the Great Otway National Park these school holidays so why not take the chance to get out and explore the park with a Ranger? There are beach and bushwalking activities on the 7th, 8th and 14th of July and participation is free. For further information and to book, call 131963 or visit www.juniorrangers.com.au

OSHC News

We would like to advise all parents that use ASC that an increase of 50c will occur at the start of term 3. Thank you,

Anna Fryar
Would you like to have more hours in your week and arrive home to a nice clean house? Then let me clean your house for you. No job too big or too small. I already have existing clients within the local area and supply all cleaning equipment.

For a free quote to suit your cleaning needs, please ring Ange Mobile 0419 978 845

**House Cleaning**

Note from the chaplain – Marianne Messer

“I must go with love, I haven’t got enough room for hate” Martin Luther King

A couple of weeks ago a 12 year old student from our school came in to see me distressed over dynamics in her friendship group. “We’ve been friends since kinder!” she said, tears rolling down her cheeks. “Now every thing is changing.”

It appeared that the friendship dynamics were changing. New friends had come in and old “besties” had moved on to new “best friends”. For my young visitor it was very upsetting and easy to take the changes personally. Parents and family groups had gotten involved and the responsibility to work everything out was weighing heavily on her young shoulders.

WE talked about how sometimes friendships did change and friends moved on. It could be because interests have changed and shared activities were replaced. Sometimes it was simply because friends were trying out new groups and new interests. Sometimes the friendship came back stronger than ever and sometimes it didn’t. It was sad but it was true. My little visitor was heartened to hear that these life experiences were common for adults and children and that as well as a disappointment, it was a chance to grow into new directions. Later that week her teacher and I ran a positive relationships session with her class where we talked about the responsibility we all have to take care of each other even if we aren’t each others’ best friends. “If you see someone left out,” I suggested, “take the chance to invite them into your game or to sit with your group. Being inclusive is everyone’s responsibility.”

A few days later my little visitor was back. This time she had good news. “Some one from my class saw me on my own in the playground and asked me to play!” she said excitedly. Outside my room a new group of friends were waiting for her. “Gotta go!” she said. “We are playing chasey and I’m in!”

Marianne Messer
**20% sale store wide - between Monday 18th June until 30 June 2012.**

**School Holidays Hours**
Monday 2nd July – Wednesday 11th July 10 am – 3pm
From all of us at Beleza Uniforms
Have a safe holiday.
Normal trading hours resume Thursday 12th July 2012
We have been supplying schools in all sectors since 1985.
If you are passing our shop, come on in and visit.
Linda or Amber would enjoy meeting you.
107 Ryrie St,
Geelong.
Phone number: 5221 8545

**Discounts,**
A discount of 5% off the original retail price will be offered to all Beleza Club Members through our retail outlets, all parents and students of Torquay College are eligible to join our club.
Membership is free.

**Fabulous School Holiday Dance Fun!**
Friday 6th July
GPAC Dance Studios

**HIP HOP DANCE SESSIONS with ARNA SINGLETON aka Robotgirl**
5 - 6pm: Primary School Age
6 - 7pm: Open Age 13 years and over
$20 per session

**MINI MOVERS** 2 - 3.30pm
An introduction to creative movement and jazz for 3 – 6 year olds.
Includes face painting and a performance for parents.$25 per child
Bring sneakers/dance shoes & bottle of water
Bookings through GPAC - Ph. 5225 1200
For more information about other dance events these school holidays, visit www.facebook.com/splashdanceFestival

**1st Birthday Opening Celebrations**

Tuesday 3rd July Torquay Central, Bristol Road
Entertainment between 10.30am – 2.30pm
Join the Fun! Come and see the amazing
‘Dazzling Dan the Magic Man’
‘Shimmy Shake’ & Baby Animals
Face Painting, Balloons & Giveaways

**Music Lessons at School**
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