Principal’s News:

Student excursion to China for 8 days: We are very excited that our school has been invited to send a delegation of teachers, students and parents to attend the Cultural Exchange Week in Xi’an China. The only cost will be for our return airfares. We have been sponsored for all of our accommodation, food, internal travel and activities. We are calling for expressions of interest from students aged 11-14. The group will consist of 30 people in total and the dates of travel are July 23rd to July 31st. The airfares will be approx $800 for 11 year olds and $1020 for all others. We may also be eligible for a group discount. Please return an expression of interest by 9 am on Tuesday morning.

Partners in Learning and Communication: It is important for families to become partners in their child’s education. This week we offer many more positive ways that this can occur: Visit our school’s webpage. Participate in informal opportunities to talk with and get to know school leaders and staff. Address concerns and questions openly, honestly and early. Request that information be provided in your first language. Notify teachers of any significant changes that have taken place in your child’s life. Share your family’s practices related to culture, values and parenting with the school. Attend parent/family meetings regularly. Communicate your perception of how families are treated and, when necessary, work with the school staff to improve perceptions and school climate.

Lunch time clubs: We continue to offer a wide variety of lunchtime activities which are extremely popular (especially on cold days). We are also offering students the opportunity to learn Mandarin in the IT room through a DEECD interactive language program that students can progress through at their own rate. Interested students will be advised when this lunchtime program starts next week.

School Review: Today we completed the formal part of our school review and it was extremely reaffirming in many aspects of our school life. The excellent teaching and learning that is happening in every classroom is something that we can all celebrate. We are extremely fortunate to have teachers of such high calibre who are committed to doing their best for every child in their class. The review has provided us with the sound directions for school improvement that we need to consider when establishing a new strategic plan. I sincerely thank the parents who attended the panel meetings on Monday and our School Council representative, Colin Veitch who contributed during 5 hours of review meetings yesterday.

Enviro Camp: If you have been shivering in front of the heater spare a thought for the 70 of our students who are at our environmental education camp in Anglesea. Actually the students are having an amazing experience and have enjoyed the activities, including the rain. I will be spending time with them today but I thought that you may enjoy the photo and the smiling faces. We really appreciate the commitment of David Pace and Karly Lee, and also thank our teacher volunteers who have supported the camp.

Stop Work: Reminder – Students are not required to attend school tomorrow as we have very few staff on duty to provide alternative programs and supervision. Please visit the link below to read the letter from the Minister.

BELLARINE DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
On Tuesday, May 29th a number of Torquay students competed in the Bellarine Division Cross Country held at Eastern Gardens, Geelong. Torquay students once again showed exemplary behaviour, attitude and great attitude on the day.

Of special note, the following people will be going on to compete in Colac at the next round of cross country, they are: Carly Remos, Skye Ellis, Charlie Ham, Grace Harris, Sheldon Ham, Cody Chafer, Kane Loftus and Doyle Madigan.

Congratulations to all that competed.

Mr Herbert and Mr Ross

Year 5 & 6 Swimming
The Swimming Program for Year 5 & 6 Students commences this week. The dates for the program are as follows:

Swimming at Leisure Link Dates:
Friday 8th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Monday 25th (catch up day)

Workshops/ Information Sessions: Monday 18th June (held at school)

Surf Lessons: Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th (held at Point Addis)

Note from the chaplain – Marianne Messer

Learning from the best
The best parenting advice I ever received came from a lady who had never been married, never had a baby of her own, but over her lifetime had been parent to more than a hundred children. Nancy McDonald was matron of a children’s home, during the fifties and sixties – an era now infamous for poor institutional care. But Nancy was a genius. An only child of wonderful parents, Nancy brought a practical, loving and no nonsense approach to her young charges which resulted in amazing changes in their young lives. I met Nancy when she was in her seventies, the subject of a book and a font of great parenting wisdom. I learned so much from her. One of her most dramatic stories involved a little girl she called “Lynne”*. Lynne came to Nancy in the mid 1950s as a hard bitten, chain smoking 11 year old. Quickly given the strict house rules, Lynne learned to escape up a tree near the home, where she would smoke and plot her escape. One day, sitting in the tree, Lynne heard a mighty crack from deep inside the tree. Summoning her courage she slithered down and knocked on Nancy’s office door. “I was up the tree smoking,” she announced gravely. “And I heard the tree crack. I think it’s going to fall down.” Nancy chose to ignore the breach of house rules and focus on the positive. “Thank you for telling me” she announced. And she promptly called the tree surgeon. That day the tree was cut down. “If you hadn’t called me today,” said the tree surgeon, “this tree would have destroyed the house!” Nancy saw her opportunity. She set up the dining room with balloons and streamers, called out for sponge cakes and lamingtons, and had a leather writing compendium someone had given her, monogrammed in gold with Lynne’s initials. That night she announced to the children over dinner, that Lynne had saved all their lives. Presenting Lynne with the writing compendium, Nancy thanked her for her honesty and courage.

Almost forty years later Nancy received a letter from Lynne. “I am writing to you,” she wrote, “on the compendium you gave me all those years ago. I wanted you to know you saved my life that day. Before you came into my life no one had ever believed in me the way you did. And today I graduated from university with a Masters in English Literature. Thank you Nancy.”

Nancy McDonald knew how to see the opportunity for the child within the set back. How to affirm without being patronizing. How to love fairly and consistently. In other words, how to parent well. I learned a lot from Nancy.

Marianne Messer
*not her real name

School Disco
The School Disco will be held in the Stadium on Friday 22nd June.
New DJ with great music, lighting, bubble machine & smoke machine
(they use haze as it is non toxic)
More interactive with heaps of prizes & competitions
5.00 – 6.15 for Prep to Year 2 students
6.30 – 8.00 for Year 3 to 6 students
More details next week.

If you can please help out please ring Merrin on 0422 208776 or Hadey on 0406 461 511
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 (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.

Canteen Roster

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OSHC News

We still have a large amount of outstanding fees. All accounts need to be paid on a fortnightly basis. If you have an overdue amount we would appreciate payment. Thanks, 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.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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Fun With Words

Victoria Long
Teaching & Learning Coach
**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.

**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.

Don’t forget to collect your stickers from Woolworths. (you need to ask for them)

More sheets are available from the office.

**Fun With Words – Cut above the rest**

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.

**New Schoolkids Bonus**

A new Schoolkids Bonus cash payment will be automatically deposited into your bank account between the 20th and 30th of June to help make ends meet. Replacing the current Education Tax Refund, parents will now receive $410 for each child in primary school and $520 for each child in high school each year.