Dear School Community Members,

While on yard duty on Monday I took a moment to reflect on the atmosphere of our school. We had children happily playing on our oval either playing football or a ‘chasey’ game, a group of Yr 5/6 boys engaged in an enthusiastic game of ‘four square’, a group of Yr 3 girls playing a modified game of basketball, children caring for our chooks, approx 25 students gathered in the circus troupe room practising for an upcoming performance, students ‘chilling’ in the Bali Chill room, eight Yr 5/6 girls finalising their dance routine in preparation to perform for the junior dance club, numerous prep students swinging on the flying fox and a nice clean yard. What a great place to be!

**Bus Code of Conduct**

Last week, all bus travellers were briefed on our Bus Code of Conduct. The aim of the Bus Code of Conduct is to improve the safety, behaviour and comfort of all passengers. Students travelling on buses are expected to behave safely at all times to ensure passenger safety and comfort. Incidents of inappropriate behaviour on the bus will be taken seriously and appropriate action will be taken.

Students and their parents/carers are required to sign and date the Bus Code of Conduct and return the ‘School Copy’ to school by **Friday, 27th July 2012**.

**Parking - Drop off and collection of students**

We have recently had some community members inform us of their concerns for the welfare of students with inappropriate and unsafe parking by parents/carers at the start and end of each day. I have also observed a number of safety concerns in regards to parents double parking or parking in non-designated parking areas when collecting their child/ren. This includes the staff/parent carpark where we have had some ‘close’ calls recently. I ask that all parents and community members take extreme care when parking and collecting their child/ren.

**New Students and Families to Torquay College**

We welcome 11 new students and 8 families to Torquay College this term. While our school has put in place an effective transition program for these students, I encourage our community to extend a warm welcome to these families, especially if your child has a new student in their class. Our values of Respect, Friendship and Doing Your Best are alive and well when our new students and families experience a positive transition into our school.

Families new to our school in 2012 are invited to an afternoon tea on Wednesday, 15th August at 2pm in the staffroom. Hopefully all families new to our school this year have received their invitation. Please contact the office if you have not received this.
Dear school community members,

Here are 4 aspects of Torquay College that you may not know about:

**Nude Food**
A clean school yard is something we are working hard towards, through purchasing new bins, having regular groups picking up litter, educating students about the environment and encouraging Nude Food.

The Nude Food awards have started this term in preparation for National Nude Food Day which is on Wed 17th August. Nude food involves a lunch and snack involving little-to-no food wrappers. We realise that sometimes wrappers may be unavoidable, but as a school community we are always looking for ways of trying to cut down on the amount of wrappers coming to school.

If possible, please assist your child to not bring wrappers to school in their lunch and they may be lucky enough to be rewarded for this with a special nude food award at assembly.

**Exchange Teacher**
We are fortunate to have Laura Martin working at our school during term 3. Laura is from Madrid in Spain where she works as an English teacher. She will start her visit in the Prep area and then move into other areas to work throughout the school.

We thank Anna Diaz-Green and Leanne Wakefield and their families for hosting Laura—your support is much appreciated. Laura is really looking forward to discovering the Australian culture, and Torquay College seems like the perfect base to do that. Please make her feel welcome.

**iPads**
We are very fortunate to have recently received a cheque for $10,000 for the successful application to a grant through the Foundation of Early Childhood studies.

This funding is based on the school undertaking an iPad project targeted at Preps. As a result of the grant, 5 iPads will be provided to each Prep classroom. The project has many aims, including improving engagement in Literacy and Numeracy.

The staff involved are very excited about the vast possibilities available and the iPads are currently being set up ready to get into the classrooms as soon as possible.

**Wannik**
The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Plan has as its major goal the closing of the gap between the educational outcomes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. The Wannik strategy falls into this plan.

Due to the number of Koorie students enrolled at our school, Torquay College has been identified as a Wannik focus school. As part of the strategy, we have access to some additional funding and also support from Richard Fry, our Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

If you would like more information or to speak to Richard, please contact any member of the Principal team.

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

Kind Regards,

Christian Smith
Acting Principal
CISV News:
Applications are open for the end of the year:
* Village to India and Brazil for both boys and girls 11 yrs and a Leader for India.
* Interchange to Czechoslovakia 14/15 yrs for 2013.
3 people aged +19 for an International People Project in Egypt.
Please contact Heath for more information.
Applications are due by the 25th July
heath.puddefoot@au.cisv.org

The next CISV event is a welcome back to delegations that will be held on Sunday the 12th August in the Geelong area. Make a note in your diaries to come and have a fun day and hear some great camp stories. More details to follow.

Next year the Asia-Pacific regional workshop will be held in India. We are already looking for any interest in joining us at this workshop. To make it easier for people to attend, if you have a 3 year membership to CISV and have never attended a workshop, CISV Victoria will pay your participation costs. Additionally there is also a small travel fund available to help with flight costs for our juniors 15+. Keep this in mind for Easter break next year!

Something that might interest a number of you is the release of “I am Eleven”, a documentary about 11 years and their perspectives on the world. (segments were filmed at our school)

Lastly I would like to wish our village delegations to Italy, USA and Japan the best of luck with their camps and I look forward to hearing all the amazing stories.
We are currently on our own adventure in China that we will share with you on return.

Pam Kinsman

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ORDERS**
Issue 5 orders need to be handed in a sealed and named envelope to Mr. Cameron in R32 by August 1st. Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic.
Thanks, Geoff Cameron

**RUGBY GALA DAY**
Due to the grade 3/4’s attending the Melbourne Aquarium on the 1st August we will not be able to participate in the Rugby Gala Day. Students who have paid, will be refunded through their student invoices.
Regards,
Mr Herbert
Family Accounts
This week the accounts for Term 3 will be sent home. For those who receive EMA it will allow you to ensure your Semester 2 payment will cover any outstanding fees. Please be reminded that from 2013 there will be no EMA to either the school or family.
To those families who do not receive EMA, can you please ensure either payment is made, or contact the office in regard to payment, by 10th August.

Building Fund
In previous years the school has been permitted to show a voluntary levy, in our case the building fund, on our family accounts. This year, however, we were advised that this was no longer possible.
Unfortunately this has meant that the building fund contributions have been significantly less than previous years and our efforts to raise much-needed funds to replace playground equipment have stalled.
A form is attached to the family accounts for contributions to the building fund. The fund is registered with the ATO and all donations are tax deductible.
Your consideration of donating to this fund is appreciated.

Vicki Perry, Business Manager

Geelong Schools Music and Movement Festival
Monday 6th August 1pm – 2.30pm
at The Playhouse, Geelong Performing Arts Centre
This year approximately 100 Torquay College students will be performing with Circus Troupe, Junior Choir and Bands.
Students will travel by bus to Geelong, leaving at 12pm and returning at 3pm. Casual dress to be worn (costumes decided for each group) and students will need to bring their lunch to eat on the bus on the way in, a drink, and a snack for the trip home.
Permission forms have been sent home and are due back at school on Thursday 2nd August. Family and friends are encouraged to support these groups by attending the performance at GPAC.
or at the GPAC Box Office
Geelong Performing Arts Centre,
50 Little Malop Street, Geelong Ph: 03 5225 1200

Whooping Cough - What to look out for
Dear Parents,
There have been three confirmed cases of Whooping Cough within our school.
The following information has been provided for you.
For more information, visit www.health.vic.gov.au
Whooping cough is on the rise in Victoria, prompting health officials to remind parents of the continuing importance of vaccination.
The disease starts out with symptoms like a common cold – runny nose, sneezing, red and watery eyes, mild fever, and a dry cough – that last for one to two weeks.
If you’re worried that your child’s cold is something more serious, here are some signs to watch for:
• a dry cough that becomes wet, and may include coughing up stringy mucus
• coughing spells that last for as long as a minute, with deep inhalations between coughs
• signs of shortness of breath, including a bluish tint around the mouth and fingertips
• a cough that includes a “whooping” sound
• teary eyes, drooling or vomiting following a coughing spell.

Whooping cough is highly contagious, so if your child has been diagnosed with this disease there are steps you can take to help prevent the spread of infection:
• Avoid exposure to other family members by isolating the infected person for the first five days.
• Wash your hands frequently – the bacteria that causes whooping cough is easily transmitted through contact. Dehydration is a common complication of whooping cough, so give your child plenty of fluids. Juice, water and soup are great ways to replenish fluids and provide nutrients.

Kind regards
Caroline Wise, First Aide Officer

Book Week
On Friday 17th August we will be holding our Book 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.
Mr Gavin Nelson

TORQUAY COLLEGE OLYMPICS
To get into the Olympic Spirit, Torquay College will be holding an Olympics Day. The day will kick off with an official opening ceremony including student performances and a student march (students entering the gymnasium in the country groups they will be representing). This will then be followed by students participating in a range of fun filled activities.

WHEN: Friday 3rd August
WHERE: Torquay College
PROGRAM: Opening ceremony (9.30-10.15am- gymnasium)
Participation in activities (11am-1pm)

All families and friends are encouraged to come along and cheer on the Torquay Olympians

Regards, TCOC (Torquay College Olympic Committee)
Free Fruit Friday
As the media has correctly reported, funding for Fresh Fruit Friday has now ceased. We are fortunate, however, that our school has enough funds to cater for the children until the end of the year. We will be changing from a Friday to a Monday and the fruit will no longer be cut, but given to the children whole. We feel this presents better value as it gives the children more opportunity to access fresh fruit throughout the week.
A huge thank you to Ros Allen for her amazing work in co-ordinating the rollout of fruit to classes every Friday. Ros will still co-ordinate the fruit on a Monday, for which we thank her very much.

FOR SALE
Torquay College School Uniform
ONLY 6 months old
Torquay College jumper x 1 - Size 12 - $18
Bottle Green skort x 2 - size 12 - $10 each
Torquay College yellow polo shirt x 1 - Size 12 - $10
Torquay College Bag - $20
Contact: Yasmin 0428 234 2321

Helping your child at home with Numeracy
Engage in estimations with your child. Ask, “How far do you think it is from here to the corner? The supermarket? School?” “How tall do you think that tree is?”
When you go shopping, say, “I can only spend $25, so you try to estimate when we are close to the limit.” When travelling by car, see who can make the closest estimate of 1 kilometre, then 5 kilometres; use the odometer to check.
Victoria Long
Teaching & Learning Coach

2012 COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS
Collect vouchers for every $10 you spend at Coles and place in the collection box outside the office.
Earn & Learn Offer extended!!
Keep collecting until 12th August

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Note from the chaplain – Marianne Messer

12 months ago I started my new role as chaplain here at Torquay College. That same week I wrote my first Quaynotes column: reporting on the grief amongst our students at the massacre of young people in Norway. Now, one year later, the news is from Denver where another unhinged young man took out his warped view of reality on a cinema full of young people celebrating their popular culture at a premier of the latest Batman movie. As one mother said in the media: “I dropped her off, I was picking her up. I thought nothing could go wrong.”

These stories, though apparently from far away, can be really unsettling for adults, let alone for our children. It is our role, no doubt, to protect young and impressionable minds, from stories so evil and so true, that their knowing could impact on their current well being and peace. At the same time, we are charged with preparing our young people for life so that they have the resilience and character strength to make it through the difficulties of day to day life in our 21st century world.

A Stanford university research program of more than 40 years ago, called the Marshmallow test, gave preschoolers a simple challenge. The children were offered a marshmallow on a plate. They could eat it straight away, or if they could wait 15 minutes, they could have two marshmallows. Those children who devised strategies that helped them wait: turning away from the temptation, lying on the floor, imagining it was a cloud, were then the subjects of research throughout their lives with amazing results. The “impulse delayers” were higher achieving, slimmer, fitter, more successful in relationships, than the “gobblers” and had fewer problems with drug addiction and obesity. Researchers concluded that being able to control your impulses leads to a healthier and more successful life!

With my own children I used to call this “Vitamin F”: Vitamin Frustration. They hated taking Vitamin F, but it taught them things don’t always work out the way you want them to, and sometimes you just have to take a deep breath, accept it, and get over it! The marshmallow test researchers found something else amazing: you can teach impulse delay. By giving the “gobblers” strategies they too could learn how to control their impulses and enjoy the benefits.

A good dose of Vitamin F never hurt anyone. In fact it may be the perfect preparation for success in an uncertain world.

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**Leigh Hobbs Incursion - Tuesday 7th August**

Hi Everyone,

On Tuesday, August 7th, we are very fortunate to have Leigh Hobbs visiting our school and presenting his books and illustrative style to the children. If you would like to purchase any of his books, please fill out the order form and send it to the office along with the money by Wednesday, August 1st. The books will be available for collection August 7th. This incursion will cost $2.50 per student to attend and is included in the Excursion Levy. If you have not paid the levy please

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