Dates to Remember: Wednesday 7th November 2012 No. 34

Friday 9th November  Athletics Day - Prep, Yr.’s 1 & 2
Friday 9th November  BSW Surf Comp - Yr.’s 5 & 6
Monday 12th - 16th November  Radio Awareness Incursion - Yr.’s 3 & 4
Tuesday 13th November  Prep Orientation - Torquay Kinder
Tuesday 13th - 16th November  Yr 5 Camp - Cave Hill Creek
                              Yr 6 Camp - Camp Howqua
Wednesday 14th November  School Council
Thursday 15th November  Prep Orientation - Jan Juc Kinder, Montessori Kinder & Others
Monday 19th November  Prep Info Evening 6:30pm
Tuesday 20th November  Yr. 6 Excursion - Blue Light Disco
Tuesday 20th November  Prep Excursion - Queen Victoria Market
Thursday 22nd November  IMAX Excursion Yr.’s 1 & 2
Friday 23rd November  Curriculum Day - PUPIL FREE DAY
Wednesday 28th November  Jon Madden ‘Marimba’ Incursion
Friday 30th November  Surf Life Saving Carnival - Yr.’s 5 & 6
Monday 3rd - 7th December  Scholastic Book Fair in Library
Monday 3rd - 7th December  Woorabinda Camp - Selected Yr 4 & 5 students
Saturday 8th December  Torquay ‘Carols by the Sea’ - School choirs attend
Tuesday 11th December  Orientation Day - Whole School
Tuesday 11th December  Wangaratta High School Band - Performance in Stadium
Wednesday 12th December  School Council
Wednesday 12th - 13th December  Anglesea Recreation Camp, Day Excursion - Yr.’s 1 & 2
Friday 14th December  Orientation Day - Whole School
Friday 14th December  Reports Distributed
Friday 14th December  School Disco in Stadium - Prep to Yr 4
Monday 17th December  Adventure Park Yr 5 & 6
Tuesday 18th December  Yr 6 Graduation Dinner & Ceremony
Thursday 20th December  Christmas Carols and Parent Helper Morning Tea
Friday 21st December  Last Day of Term 4, 2012 - 12 noon dismissal
Thursday 31st January  Start of Term 1, 2013

Principal News:

Congratulations to David Pace:
Last week David travelled to Canberra to attend the Federal Government Science Award ceremony. We are extremely proud that he received a Highly Commended award to acknowledge the wonderful work that he does in our school community to promote environmental science.

Car parking reserved for the disabled:
As you are aware legal car parks are always difficult to find around our schools and kinders. We have several people in our school communities who need to use the spaces reserved the disabled. Please do not take these spaces unless you have the required sticker displayed on your car. Parents are also reminded that the top car park is reserved for teachers and you are requested to drive through to the bottom section for student drop off and pickups.

Sports day on Friday:
All families are invited to join us for the Junior P-2 Sports Day as it is a great day to see your children enjoying participating in a variety of events. There will be tea and coffee on sale in the secondary café throughout the morning and normal snack time will be held for all students. We also wish our students who are competing in the State School Surf Comps lots of great surfing on Friday. We hope you all catch some terrific waves.

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Principal News:

Thank you to all families for sending along a gold coin for Cup Day dress ups to help our work in Cambodia and East Timor. The schools really need as much help that we can give as we still need to help get a roof on one building at Uaimori School and desks for Uddor P-6 school in Kampong Cham. If anyone who missed out would like to give a donation it would be gratefully received.

CISV: We have students who are busy with their families raising funds to represent our school as Australian delegates in India during the next school holidays. Congratulations to Hunter Supple who will be going to Lucknow after Christmas. Any families interested in sending to India in late December. We already have a leader, two boys and a JC but we have vacancies for two girls to complete the Australian delegation. Please contact me if you are interested.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: We are now collecting items to include in the Giant Christmas Hampers so please send your contribution to the box in the office foyer as soon as possible. We will also send home raffle tickets and the butts need to be returned as soon as sold. Each family will receive only one booklet to sell but if you can sell more please ask the office for another book. We will draw this raffle at the final school assembly on the last day school, Friday 21st December.

Remembrance Day: The RSL have supplied poppies for sale at our school to wear proudly on the lead up to Remembrance Day on Sunday 11th November. We encourage all students and families to support the RSL again this year. Poppies cost $1.00 and will be sold by school captains who will visit each classroom from tomorrow Thursday 8th November until Monday 12th November.

Pam Kinsman
Principal

**Notes to look for:**

- BSW Regional Surf Comp - Selected students
- Queen Victoria Market - Prep students
- IMAX Melbourne - Yr 1 & 2 students
- Blue Light Disco - Yr 6 students only
- Adventure Park - Yr 5 & 6 Students

**Due back to school:**

- 6th November 15th November 16th November 13th December

Please contact your child’s teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.

Family Accounts

This week final accounts for 2012 will be sent home. As we are coming to the end of the school year it will be appreciated if all accounts could be settled to allow for final reconciliation. (Please contact the office if you are experiencing financial difficulty in finalising your account).

Vicki Perry, Business Manager

**WOORABINDA CAMP for YEAR 4 and YEAR 5 STUDENTS**

As some children have withdrawn, there are now extra positions available for 1 boy and 4 girls to attend the Department's Camp at Woorabinda, Yallourn from Dec 3 to Dec 7 at a cost of $150. Time is limited to make the final arrangements so it's a case of 'first in-best dressed' with a signed parent note, delivered to me.

**PREP AND JUNIOR SPORTS**

This event is being held on Friday November 9 between 8.45 am and 1pm on the oval and netball courts. Children are to wear their house colors and to bring along a safety pin to attach their event card to their clothing. They should be dressed appropriately and have sunscreen applied and water available. The Surf Coast College Cafe' will be open for coffee, tea and small snacks and adults are welcome to visit their during the day.

Geoff Cameron R32
Helping your child with Numeracy at Home. Helping your child with Measurement

• Talk about how many cups of each ingredient are used in a recipe when you are cooking together.
• Put sand in a large plastic tub so children can fill containers with sand. Sieves, colanders, plastic spoons, old clean margarine tubs, plastic bottles and funnels are useful for playing with sand.
• Have children weigh themselves. Weigh other family members and family pets.
• Use modelling dough to roll out two “snakes” of different length. Talk about one snake being “shorter” and the other “longer”.

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Canteen Roster

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PUPILS OF THE WEEK

C8  Charlotte G
C11 Marki C
C12 Courtney B
B2  Poppy O
B3  Jude C
B4  Baily G, Sophia R & Genevieve W
B5  Luke W
B7  Heidi L
R32 Stellaluna P
R34 Will B
R3  Olivia C
R6  Patrick M
R7  Alice S
R8  Paris T
R36 Rebecca S & Chloe G
R37 Caleb H
R38 Byron P
D15 Patrick V
D16 Annabelle B & Melissa K
D19 Shanay D
D20 Zac S
R33 Lawson O

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Sally Van Looy
For
Her sensational torn paper tigers.

Awaken the Spirit artshow

The Quiksilver Foundation invites you to attend the Artshow.

Friday 16th November | 5pm - 9pm | Free Entry
Quiksilver Headquarters | 27 Bathers Crescent, Torquay
Join World Surfing Champions Steph Gilmore, Mark Richards, Tom Carroll & Martin Potter.
30+ artists | over 80 works of art | silent auctions
Family friendly prices for food & beverages enjoy local wines & cold beer

Purchase a piece of art and help raise funds for disadvantaged children to participate in the 2013 Yogenorts Surf Camps. Join us & make a difference to the lives of Aussie kids by teaching them to ride a wave for the very first time.

The Quiksilver Foundation is a non-profit organisation committed to benefiting and enhancing the quality of life for communities in Boardriders across the world. The Quiksilver Foundation has partnered with One the Children and Barabados Australia to deliver the surf camps program to disadvantaged children.
SURFBOARD NEEDED
PLEASE HELP

We need a surfboard (good condition, can be without fins) for our Year 6 students who will be graduating this year. Their names will be placed on the board and it will be kept at the school in the Office foyer.

If you are able to help, please contact Carol in the Office.
Ph.: 52 612 360

OSHC News

Care is available at After School Care for Curriculum day, 23rd November. Please book-in with Anna.

EARLY DISMISSAL

The last day of Term 4 is Friday 21st December. There will be a whole school assembly in the stadium at 11:00am. The students will then be dismissed at 12 noon.

Red, Blue and Green buses will leave at 12:15pm.

Torquay Sailing Club

Come learn to sail. Sunday morning youth sailing series starting 18th November. For girls and boys 7 and older. Fun, child-friendly atmosphere. Enrol on-line at www.torquaysailingclub.org.au or call Herman (0409 023 810).

PARENTS & FRIENDS OF TORQUAY COLLEGE

The next meeting will be held at Frontbeach Café Wednesday 21st November, 7:30pm

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Friday 14th December
Prep, Yr’s 1 & 2 5pm - 6pm
Yr’s 3 & 4 6:30pm - 8p $3.00 per child

Tennis Trials

The District tennis trials have been scheduled for Tuesday afternoons at the Torquay Tennis Club. The trials are open to grade 4 and 5 students and will take place between 3.30-4.30 on the following dates.

Tuesday 20th November
Tuesday 27th November
Tuesday 4th December

If you have any questions please contact Mr Ross.

TORQUAY UNIFORMS

Over the course of the year a number of uniform items have been borrowed for use in a range of sporting events. Unfortunately some are yet to be returned. If you have any of the uniforms picture below could you please return them to the school or PE office.
Note from the chaplain – Marianne Messer

Love, service and moments of grace.
Condoleezza Rice, when asked recently what she thought life was all about, replied it was about love, serving others and moments of grace…”those times when life gives you something unexpected, undeserved and wonderful”. This simple response from such a high powered achiever really spoke to me. Here at Torquay College I see this kind of real life in action. In our socially speaking (SS) program, for example, I often see all three aspects of life (as defined by Condoleezza) played out in the weekly 40 minutes or so when we gather students to discuss how to have better, healthier and happier relationships in the playground and the classroom. The most unexpected moments of grace are often offered between students who recognize each others’ struggles and determine to look out for each other in the playground. Last term I saw grade five and six students who had met in the socially speaking program, catching up outside class time. I saw the simple strategies they had learned and practiced together in the safe weekly SS space, being played out in the playground, back in their classroom and in new friendships they have been able to establish. They tell me they don’t always remember what we talk about, but sometimes they do. “I usually get angry when people don’t do what I want,” observed one grade five boy last term, “but when I remember what we practiced, the others let me play!”
Then there is the passion and commitment the staff invest here. Teaching and caring for your children is more than a job for Torquay college staff. The Socially Speaking program is just one of the extra ways this school supports our children. But each extra program takes commitment and time: commitment from leadership to allocate extra staff hours to develop the material, time and curriculum flexibility to present it and determination to follow up and make sure the children get the maximum benefit from practicing their skills. It’s inspirational and regularly facilitates “moments of grace”
Socially Speaking continues this term for grade prep to four students.
Marianne Messer

*Last week there was a mistake in my column on cyber safety. While there has been a popular move to make creating a Facebook page illegal for under 18s, the legal age for Facebook creation remains 13 years, not 18 as my column stated. Thank you to the parent who alerted me. I welcome feedback. Please contact me on: marianne.messer@deakin.edu.au anytime.