Wednesday 27th February, 2013

Parents & Friends—7.30pm Pear Tree

Friday 1st
Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 1st
MS Celebrity Ride –8.30 assembly

Monday 4th
CROSS COUNTRY—YEARS 3-6 (NEW DATE)

Monday 4th
Parent/Teacher Meet ‘n’ Greet 2pm—4.15pm

Monday 4th
Parent Helper Info Sessions

Monday 4th—Friday 15th
Indonesian Teachers Visit

Tuesday 5th
Bellarine Div Swimming Carnival (selected students)

Thursday 7th
Parent Helper Info Sessions

Friday 8th
Casual Dress Day—Bring a toy for the Fete

Sunday 10th
Blinder fundraiser—tickets at office

Monday 11th
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 12th—Friday 15th
Years 5/6 Biolab incursion

Wednesday 13th
School Council AGM (pending stop work action)

Monday 18th
Parent Helper Info Sessions

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd
Cultural Diversity Week

Tuesday 19th
World Cup Soccer—Year 4

Thursday 21st
Harmony Day

Thursday 28th
Last day Term 1 early dismissal 2pm

Friday 29th
Good Friday—Set up Fete

Saturday 30th
Easter Fete—all hands on deck!

Monday 15th
First Day Term 2

Notes that will/have gone home this week:
Agreements—Please return prior to Wednesday, as Religious Instruction begins Thursday
Contact your child’s teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.

Ride or Walk to School Day/MS Celebrity Ride
Special Assembly Friday 1st March 8.30am

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student. Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink — either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
Note from the chaplain – Marianne Messer

What do you wish for 2013?

I wish our politicians could be kinder to each other.
I am tired of the childish bickering, the mean spirited point scoring, and the distraction of squabbles. We wouldn’t put up with this behavior around our dinner tables. Why do we have to put up with it in our government, and on our TV screens?
I wish someone in power would stand up, take responsibility for their actions, acknowledge their mistakes and demonstrate they have learned from them. You know, the way we teach our children to, the way we try to do ourselves.
I wish our leaders could be more interested in being authentic than in scoring cheap points against each other, or in trying to make a “sound bite” on the evening news.
I wish we could have an intelligent, measured debate informed by great thinking!
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We respect authenticity. In her book Tales from the Political Trenches Maxine McKew records her own disillusionment with the current Australian political scene, and writes longingly of what she wants: “A sober analysis of the post-GFC world that goes beyond the finger pointing at the designated villains… and instead, sets our arguments and policies that point the ways to new opportunities.” Melbourne University Press, 2012, page 232.
In 2013 I’d like to see some more creativity in leadership. Creativity is rewarded in education, in industry, in the arts. Wouldn’t it be great if our democratically represented leaders had a creative space to move in, as they respond to the real challenges that Australia faces, without constantly having to watch their backs? It must be so distracting to have to shelve good ideas to spend energy defending oneself from the petty and the personal.
This year I would like to see more level headed, clear thinking, inspirational politics. I want leaders that stand up for something.
What about you?
Marianne Messer
Torquay College’s chaplain is funded through the Commonwealth Government National School Chaplaincy Program. Program guidelines are available online at www.deewr.gov.au/schoolchaplaincyandwelfare. The objectives of the program are to assist school communities to provide pastoral care and general spiritual, social and emotional comfort to all students, irrespective of their faith or beliefs. Please contact Marianne at school Mondays or Fridays for any welfare

Parents & Friends 27th Feb @ 7.30pm at Pear Tree Café in Gilbert St
We would love to welcome any new families to P&F.
We get together one evening approx 7-8 times through the year.
We have a chat and a coffee (kids welcome) discuss current things happening in the school.
Also organise things like school discos, Mothers’ & Father’s Day stalls amongst other things.
Please contact Amber on 0402 083 976 if you would like to come along.
You don’t need to do anything, just come along for a catch up if you like.

PREVIEW OF “BLINDER” - FUNDRAISER AT READING CINEMAS
Sunday 10th March at 6.45 Torquay College & Torquay Kindergarten will be hosting a movie fundraiser “Blinder”.
Cost is $15 per ticket and can be purchased at the school office.

Jan Juc Preschool offers a 15 hours funded kindergarten program over 4 days a week. We are a double unit Centre located in the beautiful Bob Pettit reserve, off Sunset Strip in Jan Juc. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful natural setting. We currently have limited vacancies and would love to welcome some new families to our centre. For more information please ring either Sue Gout (Director) 52612643.
Rachael Nelson (Enrolment Officer) 0403958968
Principal’s News:

**Parent teacher “Meet and Greet Nights.”** We will be offering another night for any parents who missed out on gaining a time. Please go online to book one of the additional time slots on Monday 4th March.

**Prep and Year 6 Buddy night:** We had a wonderful evening with almost 100% attendance of families who enjoyed meeting each other and seeing their child in the Buddy Parade. There are some very precious photos of very proud big buddies sharing the evening with their buddy and doing the formal introductions between families. Thank you everyone for making it a special evening in our school calendar.

**Thank you** to all parents for the care you take when collecting students from school. We know how busy the traffic is at pick up time and I appreciate the patience that you all show in finding a car park. Please ensure that you avoid walking through the car park by safely using the path beside the dance studio to the end car park gate.

**Time Help:** This is an organisation that supports people who would like to do volunteer work in schools. We are very fortunate to have several lovely volunteers working in our library and helping children who need a little extra support in the classroom. If you have any skills or know someone who would like to volunteer at a set time every week please let me know and I will arrange for Time Help to contact you. There are many different areas that need support. Eg choir, garden club, chess.

**Lost Property:** Each day the lost property tubs around our school fill with hats, lunch boxes and tops. All named items stay in these tubs for collection. Any unnamed items are collected and brought to our cupboard in the admin block to be recycled. Please ask your child to check the lost property tubs whenever they lose an item. Sometimes the item may be in a tub in another area of the school such as the stadium, library, art or music rooms. Teachers do remind students to collect items after specialist classes. *Please check that all items are clearly named.*

CISV News:

**Trivia Night, 7pm on the 16th of March**
This year the amazing Trivia Night will be held at Drysdale Primary School Hall, Stonehouse Place, Near St James Church. We have great prizes and silent auction items. Please let us know if you would like a table of up to 10. BYO Food and Drinks. Print out the flyer and have it on your fridge from the CISV site! RSVP: Heath on 54271586 or hpuddefoot@hotmail.com by **Wednesday the 13th of March**

**Applications for 2013 are needed RIGHT NOW!**
Delegations are filling up fast for village so if you have an interest the time to contact me is now. **Interchange to the Czech Republic is still looking for a number of 14-15 year olds** to take part and anyone interested needs to make contact before time runs out! We also have multiple positions for Seminar (17-18 year olds). Our IPP positions are filling fast, get your interest in! The application deadline has been extended for all till the 26th of February

**LAST CHANCE to apply for Village 11 yr olds – Springfield in USA and Belgium in July. December camps are also available and will fill quickly.**

**CISV Amazing Race, 1pm on Sunday the 24th of March**
The Amazing Race will be held in Melbourne. This race will last approximately 3-4 hours depending on how fast your team works. Each team must have **at least 3 people with one over the age of 18.** Each person you have over 5 gives your team a 10 minute handicap. It will cost $25 a team and it is open to anyone and everyone! Fun for all ages, children, adults and families welcome! The only things you will need are a phone, a camera and your running shoes! Register now: Send your team name and your participants to hpuddefoot@hotmail.com

Checked out the CISV Victoria page yet? - [https://www.facebook.com/CISVVictoriaAustralia?ref=hl](https://www.facebook.com/CISVVictoriaAustralia?ref=hl)
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**Canteen Roster**

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**Prep Sausage Sizzle**

A huge thankyou to the Prep teachers and parents who assisted with the sausage sizzle on Sunday. Although the money raised fell short of our target, it wasn’t from lack of effort or enthusiasm. This thankyou is also extended to the prep families who turned up to help but weren’t needed, and all the Torquay College families that came along and bought a sausage or drink. A special thanks to Miss Mac for coordinating the event. We will now look into other ways to raise the rest of the money to purchase a Reading Eggs membership for all the Prep students. We are confident it will be worth all the hard work.

Russell Taylor-Shaw
Prep coordinator

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**Fete News ……**

**Fete meeting this Friday the 1st of March 8.30am in conference room!**

Thanks for all that have offered to help but we cannot run the fete without more help! Hope to see you there! Kids welcome!

**Easter Fete wristbands can now be purchased from the office.**

They will be given out from the ride tent on the day.

**GET IN QUICK AND SAVE!**

**Lucky Tubs - who will win!**

There is a competition for the class that fills the most lucky tubs, a trophy is up for grabs! Spare lucky tubs in the office foyer.

Please donate any non-perishable items for our gro-

**Thanks for our generous donations from:**

Black Bull Tapas  Pacific Smiles  Adventure Park
Quiksilver Foundation  Faith Jennings  Puffing Billy
Arthur Reed Photos  Geel Academy Perf Arts
Friday March 1st is ‘Schools Clean Up Australia Day’ and the students at Torquay College will be participating in a variety of activities within the school and the local community. The students in Prep and grade 1/2 will be cleaning up within our school grounds. The grade 3/4 students will be cleaning up in various locations throughout the community. The grade 5/6 students will be focusing their attention on our local beach areas.

All students will need to bring along gloves or tongs to help with the clean up. Parent helpers will be needed especially at locations outside the school grounds. Please let your child’s

Torquay Board riders are introducing a junior level to its club and seeking girls and boys for their under 10, 12 & 14 competitions. First competition will be Saturday 9th March. If you have moved past the learning stage of surfing and have your own equipment, we would love to see you there.

Any enquiries contact Chris Huxtable on cthuxtable@bigpond.com

Cost: $60 for membership or $120 for family (please refer to our website for further information and application form) $5 per competition day entry

Surf Coast FC Club Day

When: Sunday, March 3
Time: 11am-1pm
Where: Banyule Warri Reserve – Torquay North Sports Precinct

Find out how to register for Small Sided Football and the local Geelong competition. Club Day is going to be a big event, including:

* Sausage sizzle
* A special "speed shot" competition, with the local police bringing a "speed gun" to measure ball velocity
* 5-a-side competitions
* Penalty shootout competitions with prizes
* Ball sprints and ball agility competitions

For more info go to www.surfcoastfc.com.au

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Halo-halo Komunitas Torquay! We have a very exciting term ahead, We have been very lucky to be granted a place in the Indonesia/Australia Bridge Project run by the Asia Education Foundation. Bridge stands for ‘Building Relationships through Intercultural Dialogue and Growing Engagement’. Next week two teachers from Kupang, West Timor, Indonesia are coming to work with us for two weeks. When they go back to Indonesia we will communicate with their students in Indonesia through digital technology. So if you see Ibu Lin and Ibu Paulina around in the next couple of week give them a big “Selamat Datang” Welcome.

The other exciting things that are happening this term are Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day. Harmony Day will be celebrated throughout Australia on the 21st of March during Cultural Diversity Week. At Torquay College students are encouraged to wear a Splash of Orange which is the colour of Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate the many cultures, languages, people and stories that have made this Nation.

Parents we need you!! If you have any skills that you could share with your child’s class we all would absolutely love it! It could be a story of your family’s migration, a few pictures, cooking something or making something, This year’s theme is “Many Stories”. If you have a story or a skill you could share could you please tell your child’s teacher or myself.

Terima kasih,
Bu Kylie Nam (Indonesian teacher)
Supporting Your Child’s Oral Language Development

Sharon Goldfeld, a paediatrician and senior research fellow at the centre for community child health at the Royal Children's Hospital, says the language experiences children have before the age of six help to form powerful brain connections used for language and thinking. Young children need to develop the foundations for literacy — the ability to speak, listen, understand and watch — before they can learn to read and write, she says.

"Brain development research suggests that the first few years of life is when there is a rapid amount of brain wiring happening and we know that it occurs in response to your DNA make-up as well as the environment you are growing up in, so it makes sense that if you are being spoken to more often and if you're in an environment where there's a lot of reading that it is going to improve your language," Dr Goldfeld says.

Talking, singing and reading help the brain to develop this network of connections. Professor Munro believes children starting school need to be able to recognise different sentence types, communicate effectively in different social situations, express their intentions and feelings and develop the "self-talk" necessary to guide learning.