**Principal's News:**

**Access through the old Shire site:** The developer has now closed the site temporarily until the development of the housing estate is complete. This is extremely disappointing for our families who have walked safely through the site. School Council has written a letter objecting to the closure and the lack of access to the school grounds. We have had a response from the mayor who addressed some of the issues that we raised. We plan to meet with Peter McLean to address the current access situation.

**School Fete:** My sincere thanks to all who supported our school fete in any way. I would especially like to thank Merrin Wake and her band of wonderful helpers who worked tirelessly to ensure that it was a great success. It is a huge fundraiser for our school and means that we can provide your children with extra curricula programs and excellent resources.

**Cambodia:** I was extremely grateful for the support from our school community to be able to provide assistance to schools and an orphanage in Cambodia. Thank you for supporting your children to participate in Crazy Hair day that raised approx. $600. I ran 5 days of workshops for principals in the Kampong Cham province and visited two schools. It is rewarding to note the improvement in educational opportunities for children over the years that I have been doing this work. One of our students gave me a hippopotamus to take to the orphanage and it is now proudly shared in the FLO orphanage in Phnom Penh.

**New Families’ Morning tea:** All parents are invited to join us for morning tea next Wednesday to welcome our new families to the school. It will be an informal morning with the opportunity to chat with me and hear from our assistant principals on their roles in the school.

**Curriculum day and ANZAC Day:** We will be holding an ANZAC service at school next Wednesday and our school captains will be laying a wreath at the Torquay Dawn Service on Thursday. ANZAC Day is a public holiday and will be followed by one of our three 2013 Curriculum days on Friday 26th when students are not required at school. Teachers will be studying the new Australian Curriculum (AusVELs) to enable them to establish the new initiatives into their programs and report against these standards later this term.

*Pam Kinsman*
Assistant Principals’ News:

Dear School Community Members,

Welcome back to term 2! We trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable school break and had the chance to indulge in some favourite activities and spend some valuable time with your families. We also hope the Easter bunny found you!

Term 2 is an eleven week term and we assure you that our school has much to look forward to throughout this time – the athletics carnival for our Year 3 – 6 students, Yr 3/4 camp, NAPLAN (Government testing) testing for students in Year 3 and 5, education week, our open days, student report cards and Parent – Teacher Interviews.

Please keep an ‘eye’ on the calendar of events on page 1 of Quaynotes each week.

Open Days for Secondary Schools

For parents and students in Year 6, please be aware that all secondary schools will begin to hold Open Days and Information Sessions for 2014. Attached to this newsletter are the dates of each Secondary Schools information sessions.

Our Yr 6 – 7 transition coordinator, Mrs Dendle, will provide each Yr 6 student with a Yr 7 Information Pack to support this transition process.

If you require any information please do not hesitate to ask and we will endeavour to get it for you.

Attitudes to School Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 and 6 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s schooling experience.

This is the tenth year that the survey has been offered. Students in Yr 5 and 6 at our school will participate in the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school in the week of Monday 22 April to Friday 26 April. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Last year we used the survey results to review our homework policy and our Student Engagement policy.

Please speak to your child’s teacher if you would like more information.

Does your child use Facebook?

We were recently contacted by a concerned parent regarding inappropriate comments being posted on her child’s ‘Facebook’. This is primarily a parenting issue, however, student safety and cyber safety is always our concern. Staff are extremely specific and vigilant in their responsibilities when teaching Information Technology and how students use IT. We have also sought advice from the Digital Content Manager at the Education Department.

We were alerted to the information that is on Facebook regarding age limits and we encourage you to familiarise yourself with this information:


Further advice is also included below:

Cyber-Safety

The internet offers an exciting world of experiences for children and the whole family. It can be entertaining, educational and rewarding—and provides countless opportunities to connect and communicate. However, just as in the real world, these rapidly developing technologies also have risks and challenges. As a parent, you can play an important role in helping your children have safe and positive experiences online by becoming aware of how children and young people use the Internet, what they use it for, the risks of being online and some of the strategies to manage these risks.

If your child is under age 13, please consider NOT allowing them to register for Facebook.

Parents/carers can:

• set house rules about when children can give out or share personal information such as name, address or mobile number
• set time limits for your child/ren on technology
• don’t allow technology in your child’s bedroom (technology in open and shared family areas)
• advise children to set profiles to private so that only people they want to see it can
• encourage children to think before they put anything online. Information posted online can be there indefinitely
• encourage children to be careful when making new friends online—they might not be who they say they are—and never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them
• report to the ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority), any material suspected of being prohibited

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

Kind Regards,

Christian Smith and Nadia Tkaczk
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I see you

The young girl behind the checkout looked harried. It was Easter Saturday and the queues were long and impatient. My pomegranate wouldn’t scan and she was rapidly trying to look it up on a long and complicated list of exotic fruits. “What time are you working until today?” asked my husband brightly. “Oh I just came on,” she answered, looking up in surprise, “I finish about four.” They went on to have a friendly conversation, and when we thanked her and left, her smile was bright and genuine. I thought about what my husband had done for her: he had seen her as a person, not a service. The Zulu people of South Africa greet each other with the words: “I see you”, and the response is “I have come to be seen.” When they are angry with each other they say: “I do not see you”.

The power of being seen, of being acknowledged for who we are, is very strong in us as humans. Vietnamese Australian comedian Ang Doh remembers a teacher who saw him, not as a shy migrant with poor English, but as a talented performer. She advocated for him to be in a school play, and 20 years later when Ang was honoured in a TV documentary, he invited her to attend as a special guest. “You really saw me,” he explained to her. “You changed my life.” Torquay College will be running a day on addressing bullying as a whole school community. You, as parents, will be invited to come to a choice of sessions, to help support our determination to recognize and defuse this endemic societal problem. Those who bully, and those who are bullied, need to know that we see them with caring eyes, that we want to take the time to help them address the underlying issues that determine their behaviours and together to break the bullying cycle. We look forward to working together with you in this vital cause.

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](http://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 support.
ANZAC DAY SERVICE: Red Cross Youth

The observance of ANZAC DAY is a very important part of the Australian culture. In ANZAC DAY we honour the many courageous men and women who gave so much to help this country during war. One of these groups is the RED CROSS. To help honour past RED CROSS members, the current RED CROSS always march on ANZAC DAY. They invite any interested students to attend and to march with them.

ANZAC DAY is observed on the 25th of April and this year this a Thursday. If any students are interested, please fill in this note and give it to Lis Fawcett-Smith or Mrs Walker (R1) we can then contact you to make arrangements.

Thankyou
Lis Fawcett-Smith

I am interested in being involved with RED CROSS at the ANZAC DAY march and service this year.
Name: ___________________________ Phone no.: ___________________________
Parent’s/guardian’s signature: ____________________________________________

CURRICULUM DAY 26TH APRIL

BOOK OUTSIDE HOURS SCHOOL CARE BY FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

LOST last day of term at school — coin wallet, coloured patchwork pattern. Please return to office if found.

MCHARRY’S BUS TRAVELLERS INFORMATION—
RED & BLUE BUSES
GEELONG & BELLARINE DAILY AND 2 HOUR BUS FARES

From April 19, students will no longer be able to pay cash to the bus driver for travel, they must have Myki card.

Myki cards are available to purchase from all 7 Eleven outlets, Geelong and Corio Post Offices and online at myki.com.au or 1800 800 007

NB Some bus drivers will have a Starter Pack available on the bus. A Starter Pack costs $5 and includes $3.00 for Myki card and $2.00 travel already on the Myki card.

PARENT LETTER

I am a parent of a child at Torquay College and live opposite the Spring Creek valley. There have been works there for the next stage of the subdivision and in September last year asbestos was discovered in the soil. An asbestos removal operation began, which lasted until early March. A week after the temporary fencing was removed I found a lot of asbestos on the site and had it independently tested. It contains white and brown asbestos. All authorities are saying it is non-friable and therefore does not pose a health risk for local residents. Non-friable asbestos becomes friable if it is broken or starts to decay and I have found plenty of pieces that are broken and that are frayed on the edges.

I have told the council, Worksafe, Health Department and the EPA that asbestos remains on the site. Last Saturday a makeshift fence with tape and bunting was erected and an asbestos removalist spent 4 or 5 hours in that area removing asbestos. I walked into the valley again tonight and there is still a lot of asbestos in the areas outside the taped enclosure. Tonight I saw a group of children wearing Torquay College uniforms in the valley playing and walking over these soil piles.

I am hoping parents can be informed of this in order to prevent children from playing in the area as I believe it is unsafe. I would have preferred that council acted (it is their responsibility under the Health Act) but as that has taken a long time and they have made a statement that they intend to "cap" the site, it appears that the asbestos will not be removed. I will continue to campaign to have it removed.
Library News:

Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Thank you to all families who have returned their green consent forms. Students should be bringing home the "Student Guide to the Online System" form (which also has their username and password to log in to their home page on the website). If you have not received this by the end of the week could you please email me mclenan.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au. or ring on 52610909.

Overdue Books:
We currently have a large number of overdue books. Please help us by checking at home for any TC library books, We really wish to save everyone time by not having to send out accounts for all these missing books. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Kathy and Lesley

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Congratulations to all the students who played, sang and performed in their bands and pop group at the Easter Fete.
And a big thanks to Mark Drill, a parent performer who shared a set of his singing and guitar, and to all the parents who supported their children.
We’d also like to thank the family who donated a bass guitar to the music room.
The Performing Arts Department

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A “drop box” is now located in the foyer for parents/guardians to utilise for notes, etc. where you don’t need to come into the office.
Please ensure all items are named.

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Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Drum & Singing Lessons

During &/or After School Hours at School

To enrol in our 4 week trial, or to obtain an information package please contact:

Meagan:
mbmt@bigpond.com

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TORQUAY THEATRE TROUPE
LIVE ON STAGE

‘BREAKER’ MORANT
by Kenneth G Ross

Performances April 25, 26, 27 May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 at 8:00pm
Matinee Sun 28 April at 2:00pm
16 Price St Torquay
Tickets from Surf Sight Optical, 3/8 Gilbert St.
or book with Marie on 52619035
Term 2 Squads and Programs: Triathlon, Swimming & Running

Junior Triathlon Programs (7 – 14 years)

Have fun at the Weet-Bix Triathlon and want to continue with the sport??

Our Junior Triathlon Programs are designed to introduce the sport of Triathlon (swimming, cycling and running) to children aged 7-14 years in a FUN, SAFE and INCLUSIVE environment. It is run by certified coaches who are experienced triathlon competitors, qualified school teachers and working with children check registered.

We run our programs out of the Christian College Geelong (Middle School) Aquatic Centre in Highton for eight weeks each term, beginning our Term 2 programs on Monday the 29th of April.

Different activities are run each week, providing the perfect environment for children to learn the skills of the sport have fun and be active. Parents will receive a comprehensive program structure on enrolment, including what to bring each week.

Mondays: 4:00 pm – 4:30pm for 7 – 9 year olds
Mondays: 4:30 pm – 5:15pm for 10 – 14 year olds

Cost for the term is $110 for the 4:00pm class and $120 for the 4:30pm class.

Running Groups (Kids and Adults)

Our running squads focus on working with the individual so that you can develop your running to the best of your ability. Our adult squads focus on developing technique and strength for efficient, fast and injury-free running and our NEW Kids Running Groups will focus on developing a love of running through inclusive activities and games at various locations.

As teachers, we are highly skilled at catering for different abilities within the one class, so no matter what level of running fitness you currently have, you will be able to join in!

Mondays: 6:00am – 7:00am (Torquay) for 14 years through to adults
Wednesdays: 6:00am – 7:00am (Torquay) for 14 years through to adults
Wednesdays PM: 4:30pm – 5:00pm Kids Running Groups (Torquay) for 7 – 9 year olds
Wednesdays PM: 5:00pm – 5:45pm Kids Running Groups (Torquay) for 10 – 14 years

Cost for the adult running group is $8 per session or $70 for a block of 10 sessions.
The new ‘Kids Running Group’ will start on Wednesday the 1st of May and will run for eight weeks over Term 2 at a cost of $70 per child.

Open Water Swimming Training Squads

We focus on developing and improving specific open water fitness, technique and skills and specialize in swimming training and fitness programs catering for Surf Life Savers, Triathletes and Open Water Swimmers.

Mondays: 5:15pm – 6:00pm - Junior Squad (Christian College – Middle School) for 10 – 14 years
Mondays: 6:00pm – 7:00pm (Christian College – Middle School) for 14 years to adults.

Thursdays: 6:00am – 7:00am (Christian College – Middle School) open to all age groups, however you must be able to swim 100m continuously before coming along to this session.

Swimming sessions will begin on the week beginning Monday the 29th of April.

Participants can enrol in the Junior Squad at a cost of $110 for the term. Cost for the 14 years and older swim sessions is $10 per session or $90 for a block of ten sessions.

For more information or to enrol and confirm your place in any of our Term 2 programs, please contact Michelle Hemley on 0402 299 589 or email info@getsetupinsport.com.au

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