Wednesday 24th April, 2013

April
Thursday 25th
ANZAC Day public holiday

Friday 26th
Curriculum Day—students not required at school.
OHSC available—bookings required

May
Monday 2nd—Tuesday 3rd
Years 1 & 2—Eastern Beach & Gardens

Monday 6th—Friday 17th
Years 1/2 swimming

Wednesday 8th May
Mothers’ Day Stall

Thursday 9th—Thursday 23rd
Flower Power Project—Torq Community Library

Friday 10th May
District Cross Country—selected students

Monday 13th—Wed 15th
Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th
Years 3/4 Sovereign Hill camp

Wednesday 15th
School Council

Monday 20th
Education Week—Open Day—9.30am

Tuesday 21st
House Athletics at Landy Field

Thursday 23rd
Open Day 1.15pm—3.00pm

Wednesday 29th
Prep incursion—Responsible Pet Ownership

Principal’s News:

Reminder - Family morning tea: Parents are invited to come and join us in the staff room this week to welcome new families to our school. Please keep Wednesday 24th at 8.30 free to have a cuppa and talk with us. You are also welcome to stay and join our Parents and Friends group for their first meeting at 9.30. Children are welcome.

Car Park: Parents are to note that it is necessary for you to drive through to the bottom gate to drop off your students. It is too dangerous and blocks traffic if you parallel park behind cars in the top section of the car park where staff have already parked. Duty teachers and I will be out in the car park to direct traffic accordingly from time to time, so please do not be offended if we move you along. It is only in the best interest of safety for everyone. In the afternoons please ensure that you do not walk through the car park but use the footpath down to the bottom gate.

ANZAC Day: We will a service led by the local RSL on Thursday at 2.30 and dismissal will be from the stadium. Parents are welcome to attend this school ANZAC service. We are most appreciative of Kevin Egan who attends and leads our service each year. Students are invited to march with our Junior Red Cross on Thursday morning for the dawn service and our school captains will be doing a special reading before placing a wreath on behalf of our school.

School Council:
The school council members have formed sub-committees and we are now offering a chance for parents to join these committees. Being on a committee is most rewarding and provides parents with an opportunity to contribute to decision-making processes within the school. Management Committee covers areas of Sponsorship, Workforce planning, Communication, School reviews and the Annual Report. Curriculum Committee covers Policies, Homework, Cultural Programs, School Initiatives and Assessment and reporting. Learning Environment Committee covers Student welfare, Student travel, Code of Conduct, Pastoral care, Integration, Uniforms and Transition. Resources Committee covers Building and Grounds Maintenance, Cleaning and Future planning. Finance Committee covers Assets, Fundraising, Financial accountability and Annual Budgets.

Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………...………………..
I would like to become a member of the .............................................................. Committee

Email …………………………………………………………………………………..Phone ………………………………
Principal (cont’d)

WANTED:
We need host families for three nights only now for our visiting students from our sister school in China. If you host a child and have a child between 11 and 15 years they will have the opportunity to attend a 3 day camp at Anglesea Recreation camp with our guests for 3 days. Please let the office know if you can help us with the hosting. It is a wonderful opportunity to exchange cultural experiences. I will confirm actual dates but it will be at the end of the next school holidays and during the first week of term 3.

Rubbish Free lunches: Please continue to support us by providing your child’s lunches without wrappers. It is cheaper to buy many snack items in bulk and this also saves on rubbish disposal.

Footy Card Swap Club: Students are reminded that we do not have footy cards at school except on Swap days. This year we will be commencing this club next week. Every Tuesday at lunchtime students can bring their cards and meet in the LOTE room at 1.15pm. This enables students to swap cards, learn to deal fairly and some positive educational features of footy card collecting.

CISV Village Delegations Our midyear delegations are all organised and are currently preparing for their amazing experiences in Sweden and the USA. Both delegations are very excited and looking forward to making some new friends from all over the world. We are looking to form the delegations for the end of the year ASAP so it is time to get your applications in! We currently have places confirmed for Costa Rica and India and hopefully New Zealand (will be confirmed soon). Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your children!
We have already had an unprecedented interest in our delegations and spots are filling up fast! Contact me now for more information if you are unsure otherwise fill out the application form and send it back now as first applications will be given preference.

Pam Kinsman

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EARN ‘N LEARN —WOOLWORTHS

Please remember to collect your stickers each time you shop at Woolworths. As there isn’t a bin at Torquay Woolworths for Torquay College, bring your stickers to the box in the school foyer.

Last year your support earned the school a lot of fantastic equipment for each year level.
Please help us again in 2013!

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Panel beating for the soul

When the young people came to us for their nine week automotive training course at Hand Brake Turn, they often could not even look you in the eye. Hidden under hoodies and with caps on backwards, they carried the scars of a lifetime of verbal and physical abuse. Many had been bullied, even within their own families, and all had a healthy disregard for authority, and an unhealthy view of themselves. They told me they were losers, drop kicks and a waste of space. Their motto was often “live hard and die young”, and over the six years I worked with more than 500 young people, many of them did. Some gave in to the pressures around them and took their own lives, others took life ending risks using drugs, alcohol and fast driving, with natural consequences. The Hand Brake Turn team attended seven funerals in one year alone.

But there were many success stories. More than 70% of our graduates got jobs or went back to school, an equally miraculous outcome, for a traditionally disengaged group. It was amazing to watch the transformation over nine short weeks. It was a testament to the resilience of the human spirit, and the power of the truth spoken in love into their lives. As the students learned how to prepare an engine, paint a panel, change and balance a car tyre, they were being mentored by wonderful tradesmen/trainers who took every opportunity to acknowledge them, to really see them (see last week’s column!), to recognize their strengths and give them guidance for their future. As each young person arrived they were allocated a damaged panel from a car to panel beat, spray paint and decorate with colours, stripes and images of their choice. The panel became a metaphor for them. The changes in their own lives were reflected in the renewal of their panel as we watched them transform and blossom under wise and consistent guidance. On the night of graduation the students proudly displayed their panels and then took them home as a constant reminder of the changes they had made in their own lives. Some put them on their cars – we would see them drive past – and some hung them in their rooms. One year we even had an exhibition at the Geelong Art Gallery. The students had their names and price tags on their work and several pieces sold. Later we took the exhibition on the road to Gippsland Art Gallery! Amazing stuff for young people who came from such unpromising background stories.

My experience at Hand Break Turn taught me so much about restoration and healing. Good mentoring and faithful wise leadership in a young person’s life can turn around even against the most overwhelming issue. As we, Torquay College school community, seek to address bullying issues in our learning environment, we need to be encouraged. We can protect our children from this endemic problem, through a wise, strong, and determined whole school. Let’s work together, let’s keep talking to each other and to our children, let’s face this with courage and conviction. We can do this.

Marianne Messer

Torquay College’s chaplain is funded through the Commonwealth Government National School Chaplaincy Program. Program guidelines are available on line 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 and emotional comfort to all students, irrespective of their faith or beliefs. Please contact Marianne at school Mondays or Fridays for any welfare support.

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**Found**

Girl’s bike — contact Mr Bassett D20

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**Curriculum Day 26th April**

**Book Outside Hours School Care NOW**

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**Year 1/2 swimming**

Reminder that permission note and payment are required to be returned by 29th April.
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.

Bu Kylie’s Indonesian class playing sepak takraw—looks like fun!

P&C News
Mother's Day stall
Beginning 8.30am in dance studio
Wednesday May the 8th
Prices of gifts $2-$5.
We need some volunteers on the day to help please!

Easter Fete
A huge thank you to all the parents, teachers, students, office staff and everyone else who made this year’s Easter Fete fantastic. Your help is really appreciated. A special mention to Amber Potter and Faith Davis for always making it fun and 'sparky' extraordinaire Mr Smith, thanks so much. Merrin Wake -fete coordinator

FITNESS AND FUN WITH HOOPS

ADULT HOOP SESSIONS
9.30 -10.30 am Tuesday – Casual class $12.50
Grant Pavilion Room
(Behind New council office
Info and bookings -Contact Tarn 0448582632
tarnyagillies@hoopfusion.com.au
**SCOUTS**

Want to get outdoors, be involved in your community, meet new friends and having heaps of fun...then...COME TRY SCOUTS !!  All age groups have boys and girls, and meet weekly at the scout hall, near the netball court in spring creek reserve. Awesome and varied weekend activities occur as per each groups program.

*****Come and give it a try – no fees required until the third week of attendance for new members.

Joey Scouts (Age 6-7) meet 4:45 – 5:45pm Wednesday Cub Scouts (Age 8-10) meet 6:30 – 8pm Wednesday Scout Section (Age 11-15) meet 6:30-8:30 Tuesday

Scouts learn about leadership, planning and preparing themselves. Scouts are encouraged to be independent thinkers. Scouts learn to look after themselves.......Scouts is preparing for real life!!

All enquiries please contact Desley McKnight on 0411 986 779 or Liz Haines 0427 258 772 (dvriens@bigpond.com)

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**Jan Juc SLSC Open Day & Historical Exhibition**

The Jan Juc SLSC is celebrating 50 years of surf lifesaving with a Club Open Day & Historical Exhibition on Sunday 28th April and everyone is invited!

This is a great opportunity for members of the public to view an exhibition of Club memorabilia and witness some fabulous surf rescue and surf competition displays involving members from all ages groups (from Nippers to Masters) while enjoying a BBQ and a few drinks.

**The Programme of Activities:**

- **March Past (10:30 am)**
  - Unfurling of the JJSLSC flag and all age march past
  - 1 minute of silence and a special tribute to those who have lost their lives at Jan Juc and to recognise deceased members

- **Life Saving demonstrations (10:45 am)**
  - IRB Rescue Demonstrations
  - Handicap rescue races using multiple rescue craft and rescue techniques
  - Patrol Competition Scenario
  - Westpac Lifesaver 1 Helicopter (*note only if available)

- **Competition demonstrations (11:45 am)**
  - Surf Craft – Surf Boat, Surf Ski, Racing Mals and Nipper Board races
  - All age (Nippers, Juniors, Seniors and Masters) relay races
  - All Age handicap swim events
  - 2km Beach Run

**Watch the Displays and Register Your Interest**

Why not come along to see what surf lifesaving is all about and put your name down for the 2013/14 Nipper Surf Education Program. Our Nipper programs are very popular and growing steadily, so getting your name down early will give you first priority when the season opens.

**Car parking**

Please note: Due to the expected number of visitors, equipment and preparation required, access to Clubhouse Road and the car park will be closed. Members and visitors are asked to park in the “three tier car park” and the car park at the bottom of Clubhouse Road.

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**Do you volunteer at your school helping in the classroom?**

Are you interested in gaining a qualification to support the work you do? There is a great opportunity to gain a recognised qualifications in this area:

- CHC30812 Certificate III in Education Support
- CHC41712 Certificate IV in Education Support

These courses give you the skills to work in a range of education settings including public and independent schools and community education settings that provide assistance and support to teachers and students under broad based supervision. You will gain skills in areas such as behaviour management, rules & regulations & supporting literacy learning.

If you think this would suit you, or you are interested in becoming a Teacher’s Aide, contact us for a chat about how this training can be tailored for you.

**CONTACT** Lisa Trevorrow at Diversitat Training 5224 2329 or lisa.trevorrow@diversitat.org.au

Diversitat Training trading as Diversitat, ITO 5819. Training at Diversitat is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.
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: ____________________________________________

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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

STRONG KIDS WHO CAN COPE

Resilient Kids Seminars
As part of our health seminar series we are hosting two free seminars on childhood resilience for Parents and Teachers. In a world where we are wrapping our kids in cotton wool, this is a great opportunity to gain new insight and recommendations for developing resilient kids.
Learn important skills from leading Consultant Psychologist Dr Judith Papahatz about how to deal with the knock backs or adversity of everyday life and help raise stronger children.

GMHBA HEALTH INSURANCE

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.

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The Seminars are free and open to all, but you must register at gmhba.com.au.
Both seminars will be at The Pier, Cunningham Pier:
Seminar 1: The early years (3–10 year olds)
Wednesday 15 May, 6.45pm for a 7pm start.
Seminar 2: Adolescents (11–18 year olds)
Thursday 16 May, 6.45pm for a 7pm start.