OfWeekly Newsletter

May
Thursday 9th—Thursday 23rd  Flower Power Project—Opening 6.30-9pm—Torquay Community Library
Friday 10th May  District Cross Country—selected students
Monday 13th—Friday 17th  Years 3/4 Sovereign Hill camp
Tuesday 14th—Thursday 16th  Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Wednesday 15th  School Council
Monday 20th  Education Week—Open Day after assembly until 10.30 for school families
School tours for prospective enrolments
Tuesday 21st  House Athletics at Landy Field
Thursday 23rd  Open Day 1.15pm—3.00pm for school families
Wednesday 29th  Prep incursion—Responsible Pet Ownership
Wednesday 29th  Parents & Friends Meeting—Conference Room – 8.30am

June
Wednesday 5th  Prep excursion Werribee Zoo
Monday 10th  Queen’s Birthday Holiday—no students at school
Wednesday 12th  School Council
Tuesday 18th  Healthy Parenting for Separated Families evening seminar at Torquay College
Wednesday 26th  Fun Run - Torquay College
Thursday 27th June  Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 28th June  Last day Term 2

Principal's News:

**Invitation to the school Art Show:** We have the opening of our *Flower Power Art Show* on Thursday evening at 6.30pm in the Torquay Library. We invite all families to come along to the opening and view the fantastic art work. We sincerely thank and congratulate Marian Young on her commitment to this project.

**Visit from Cambodian program:** Yesterday we welcomed Sok Samnang who has organised many of the programs that I attend in Cambodia to support teachers and principals in improving their school programs. He passed on his thanks to our school families for the support they have offered each time I travel to work in Cambodia. Sam was very impressed by Torquay College facilities and the friendly teachers and students.

**Valuable items at School:** Students are asked not to bring valuable items such as Ipods or electronic games to school. The DEECD does not cover these through insurance. Any expensive items brought to school for show and tell should be given to the classroom teachers to hold in the classroom until collected to go home. We believe that students should be involved in sport and social activities at recess rather than playing on electronic devices. Please support us in this matter.

**Drop off in the school park:** This system is working really well now that all families are using the bottom gate to go to cars. Thanks for helping us manage with this rule. We understand the frustration of not finding a car park but please do not drive over the footpath to park on the Shire Council reserve. This is endangering students who walk on the footpath to houses in the new subdivisions. A group of students was asked to stop to let a car cross their path. This is not only dangerous but illegal.

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**Reading Recovery:** This is a program that supports many students who need additional strategies in year one to develop the fundamentals of literacy. As a host school we are delighted to have Pamela Bristow, the RR tutor based at our school. We have the advantage of her expertise to support our own teachers and students in return for hosting workshops for Reading Recovery teachers at schools in our region. Community support for this program is wonderful and again I thank all who have enabled RR to continue for our students.

**Wednesday—Mothers’ Day Stall:** All students will visit the stall with their class teacher to purchase a small gift for their mothers. Many thanks to Kylie Willingham and the parents who have volunteered to help on Wednesday. This is not a fund raiser for the school but is planned to assist our students to have a token of their love for their mums on Mothers’ day.

Pam Kinsman

**Parent Articles** -

Please refer to our school website for:
- Health warnings regarding swimming in public pools
- Torquay College Annual Implementation Plan

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**Home / School Working Party**

Christian Smith and Russell Taylor-Shaw are currently undertaking an action research project through the BASTOW Institute of Leadership.

The project’s goal is to “Establish a culture that values an effective relationship between home and school.”

As part of this project, we will be establishing a working party to look at how we work with parents and how we can improve. We are seeking families in the middle/upper school to be part of our meeting party.

If you are interested in working with Christian and Russell, please complete the attached slip and return to the office by Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} May.

**Home / School Working Party**

I am interested in being part of the working party to “Establish a culture that values an effective relationship between home and school.”

Parent Name(s): ________________________________

My Child’s/Children’s name and class: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________
**PUPILS OF THE WEEK**

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**Found**

Children’s prescription glasses—One pink and one maroon. Collect at office. Thankyou

**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!

**Canteen Roster**

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**Exhibition**

Torquay Community Library (next to Surfworld) May 9th – 23rd

Opening Night Thursday May 9th 6.30 – 8 pm

Wear some flowers in your hair.
**Hope triumphing over experience**

“Are you sure?” I’ll never forget my dad’s reaction to my marriage announcement. Instead of being happy, he was wary and unsure. Painfully aware of the current divorce statistics: 30 years ago one in two marriages ended in divorce, he seemed ready to talk me out of it! (It couldn’t have been my choice in life partner, I was planning to marry one of his closest friends!).

Perhaps Dad was thinking about the cost of marriage breakdown: economically and socially, or may be he was thinking about the cost of the wedding! Either way, his dire predictions proved unfounded. And as a society in the 21st century, we are much better at supporting and dealing with family divorce, separation and blending. At Torquay College, all kinds of families are represented and celebrated. What professional family relationship counselors tell us is that, with the right care and a shared parental intention, children can emerge stronger and better supported through family transitions and into new blended households than we might ever have believed possible.

While recent national Census data reveals marriages are on the increase, and divorces are decreasing, many children in Australia are now being raised in single parent and blended family settings, with remarkable success. Strengthened by a range of relationships and wider support networks, a child’s natural resilience and sense of family culture can be enhanced by the experience of being raised by a combination of parents, step parents, grand parents and a wide reaching extended family connection. One mother told me she considers her three younger step sisters just the same way she considers her two older siblings, just as sisters. “We support each other and are just as involved in each others’ lives as if we were all born of the same mother and father. In fact we get cross when people call us ‘step sisters’!”

The secret seems to be in the parenting approach the whole family takes. Nick Collins from the Geelong Family Relationship Centre explains that parents who separate need to consider themselves as parents first, and separating partners second. On June 18th 2013 Nick will present an evening parents’ seminar at Torquay College entitled” Healthy Parenting for Separated Families” where he will explore ways of communicating with the other parent, the impact of separation and conflict on children and setting goals for future parenting. Nick will also present a guide to the support services available to separated and separating families. Childcare and supper will be provided and a flyer will be sent home soon.

Marianne Messer
PARENT & FRIENDS GROUP

Can you guess who this is?
Here are some clues ….
Answer in next week’s Quaynotes!

Where did you grow up? Oakleigh
How many children do you have? 3
Football team? Carlton
Favourite place to travel to? Bali & Noosa
Favourite color? Grey
Favourite singer? Neil Diamond

FASHION PARADE

It’s on again. **Friday 6th September.** SAVE THE DATE LADIES!!!

The Torquay College Fashion Parade is a wonderful fundraiser for the school. It also helps pro-
mote new and existing businesses in the area. Would your shop or business like to be involved?

COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Would you like to be involved!?  
MODELS- To run a parade we need Models. Calling on all teachers and parents! We are not look-
ing for Miranda Kerr!! Just real people that want to have fun on the night.

Please contact Wendy Norris on 0488765399 or wsnorris@bigpond.net.au
The more families involved the better for our school.

Surf Coast Secondary College  Open Night 2013

Surf Coast Secondary College will hold its Open Night on Monday May 13th from 7pm - 8.30pm. The evening will provide an opportunity to experience firsthand some of the wonderful features of the highly contemporary Learning and Teaching Program that has been implemented at Surf Coast Secondary College.

Tours of the College will leave intermittently from the Administration area of the College and will provide an interactive experience of the various programs operating at Surf Coast Secondary College. The first tour will leave just after 7pm and the last tour at 8pm.

If you are unable to attend the Open Night further opportunities to visit the College are available. To organise a school tour please contact the college on 5261 6633 or via our website [http://www.surfcoastsecondarycollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.surfcoastsecondarycollege.vic.edu.au) to organise a convenient time to visit the school.
TORQUAY COLLEGE FUN RUN

WHAT: Fun Run/Walk
WHEN: WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE
WHERE: Torquay College

As a reward for their fundraising efforts, there are hundreds of amazing prizes (e.g. ipods, basketballs, cameras, skateboards etc.) and benefits (25% of at Rebel Sport) to be awarded to students based on the amount they raise. There is also the chance to win a trip to Disneyland!

Students will receive more information regarding the day and how to fundraise in the coming days. For more information you can visit www.schoolfunrun.com.au

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Phone number: 5221 8545

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‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop in Geelong

Date: Friday 24th May 2013
Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm
Venue: Vines Road Community Centre
        49 Vines Road, Hamlyn Heights VIC 3215
Cost: $20 per person – members*
      $40 per person – non-members

Morning tea & light lunch included