Wednesday 19th June, 2013

June
Thursday 20th
Imogen Brough (The Voice) performs Bellarine Division Netball (selected students)
Friday 21st
Student reports sent home
Disco—Stadium—parent helpers needed
Monday 24th
Assembly—Bands
City to Surf District Hockey (selected students)
Barwon Waste Excursion—R3 only
Tuesday 25th
Chinese host family meeting 6.30pm—staffroom
Wednesday 26th
GPAC Once Upon A Mattress—Yrs 5/6
Fun Run - Torquay College
Red Nose Day & Red Nose Disco
Thursday 27th June
Parent Teacher Interviews—no classes—OHSC available
Friday 28th June
Last day Term 2—Dismissal from classrooms at 2pm.

July
Monday 15th
Term 3 begins
Wednesday 24th
P&F Meeting—8.30am Conference Room

August
Wednesday 14th
School Photos
Thursday 15th
School Photos
Friday 23rd
Book Week Parade
Wednesday 28th
Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 29th
School Concert—Wizard of Oz
Friday 30th
Curriculum Day—no students

Principal’s News:

Refugee Week: I sincerely thank families for supporting the incursion by the Flybz yesterday. We were extremely impressed by these two young African men who gave the most amazing accounts of their lives before coming to Australia. It is hard to imagine the terrible trials that they went through to get here after losing their families.

Fun Run: We look forward to this exciting event next week. Please support your children to get sponsors. It is important that children are supervised if they knock on doors. All children who raise more than $10 get a prize. It will be a crazy dress day with lots of activities as well as the actual run. I thank Brad Ross for his commitment in organising the event for our school to raise funds to match the amount donated by Tennis Australia for our school tennis courts.

Reports: All students will receive their formal half-year report on Friday. Please read your child’s report and have any questions or issues ready to be addressed at our Parent/Carer-Teacher Interviews next week. Hopefully all parents and carers have now had a chance to book a time online. Please contact your child’s teacher if there are no spaces left at a time that you are available.

Car Park Issues: We know how frustrating it is when dropping off or picking up your children. It is important that everyone follows the simple rules. 1. Do not walk through the car park from the staff parking end or the side gate. 2. Drive through to the drop off point at the bottom gate and move on promptly after your children have alighted or been collected. The safety of all families is our priority.
**Parent Tips**

**Find some good friends**

Friends are a treasure. Along with family, having a few good friends that we can talk things over with enriches our lives and protects us in difficult times.

About 20% of people experience depression at some time in their lives. That means that almost every family has someone with some times of depression. Unfortunately once someone has experienced depression, they are at far greater risk of feeling that way again.

**Sadness is not always bad**

Everyone loves being happy but being sad at times is not such a bad thing. Sadness gives us time for thinking things over, sometimes regretting things we have done and helps us to resolve to be better people. Feelings of sadness, disappointment and setbacks are part of human lives and without them we don’t live whole lives.

We all want our kids to be happy but know that there will be times they will be sad. Helping young people to know that they won’t be happy all the time is important. Realising that all feelings pass and that we can learn from the whole range of feelings, sadness included, is part of being human.

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**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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**WOORABINDA CAMP - YEARS 4 AND 5**

Children in Years 4 and 5 were recently supplied with a note inviting them to participate in the 5 day long DEECD - Somers Woorabinda Campus Camp in early October.

To assist with the organisational process, the Expression of Interest form needs to be returned to me by Friday June 21st.

**Geoff Cameron B9**
I wish I had the courage

Last week I wrote about the top five regrets of the dying, drawn from a book by palliative care worker Bronnie Ware. The top regret Bronnie witnessed was the expressed lost opportunity to have lived a life “true to myself, not the life others expected of me”. Such a life takes a rare combination of confidence, courage and opportunity. It isn’t easy to walk a different path to others’ expectations, spoken or implied. My generation had a head start as we rejected the music, social mores and career expectations of our parents to drop out, do a hippy experience (some of us still haven’t emerged!) chase the endless summer, or just grow our hair and wear jeans to work. I remember my parents telling me I was an alien they would never understand. Today’s children are encouraged to follow their hearts, dream their own dreams and rightfully expect to have our involvement and support. Even so it is a tough call to live an authentic life. The desire to be accepted and to fit in runs deep in the human heart. Every day here at school we see children take risks to be true to themselves, or take the other path, cave in to peer pressure and submit to the group. It is a delicate balancing act but those who negotiate it well manage to respect differences, enjoy a wide range of friendship groups and still walk their own less travelled path. In fact, I observe them to be largely admired and respected for having the courage of their convictions. I say largely because every now and then they have to be prepared to stand up for themselves, defend their position, and perhaps experience loneliness as they stand, hopefully temporarily, alone. Does this sound familiar? Any one of us knows how that feels. Interesing that the cry of the fading human heart would be for an authentic individual and courageous life, despite the costs. As significant adults in our children’s lives there is a challenge for us here to nurture this strength of character in this generation, to prepare them for a life without a deep and pervading regret.

Marianne Messer

Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion

“Best Werribee Zoo excursion in 6 years!” That’s one of the glowing testimonies from the Prep teachers after the recent excursion. Maybe it was because of the fine weather, maybe it was the close proximity of the animals, maybe it was the terrific parent helpers and volunteers, or maybe it was the fact that it was the Preps first ever excursion, and they were fantastic! Here are some great photos and fantastic written reports to give you a snap shot of what the day was like...

On the zoo excursion I went to the cheetahs and I went to the gorillas and I went to the boat and everybody screamed because we thought the boat was sinking. By Harriet (C14)

On Wednesday the 5th of June all of the Preps went to the Werribee Zoo. I liked seeing the monkey picking the other monkey’s butt. By Lylah (C9)

Yesterday the Prep's went to the zoo. I saw a lion, a gorilla and a cheetah. I liked the zebra. I played in the park and I danced. I loved the safari bus. By Jessica M (C11)

We went to the zoo. We had groups. Harriet and Jack and Nash were in my group. We went on a bus to get there. We saw the meercats. I liked how they stood on their back legs. I want to go again. By Piper (C14)
The Flybz ....

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER

On the 17th of June 2013 at Torquay College’s assembly, two refugee rappers came. Their names were Fablice and Zidee Jay. They are also known as African Refugee Rapper duo ‘The Flybz’ Accompanied by former ‘Painters and Dockers’ member Paulie Stewart, they did one rap for the whole school called, ‘When I was younger’. B.T.W Paulie didn’t rap. Once assembly was over, all the middles got a private session with the boys. Fablice told them about how he grew up in Burundi and had to move to a different part of Africa. He also explained how his parents were killed when he was 8 and how he would get chased by lions on his way to school. When he was 11, a truck of soldiers came to his school and asked for anyone that was 11, so he went. Then they got the tallest boys and said, “Here is a gun, 5 bullets and a little bag of rice. Can you hear the guns? Follow them and shoot anyone you see.” He was sent to be a child soldier. Later they sang ‘When I was younger’ again and got Jenna, Isabella, Luke, Rose and Immi out the front. Then he did a rap called,” We are all the same”. People asked questions like “How old are you?”. Then Zidee Jay signed people’s arms\hands. Reported by Zayli R3

Torquay College gets a rap!

Luke R3

Torquay College has been visited by some rappers from central Africa. They go by the name of The Fybz.

The members of the band are Fablice and Zidee Jay and Paulie Stewart. They came to Torquay College and sang some of their songs like, “When I was younger” and “We’re all the same”.

Some of the kids like Luke, Jenna, Imogen, Rose and Izabella got to go up the front and sing “We’re all the same”.

Reported by Zayli R3
Dear Parents

Junior School Council is holding Red Nose Day on the 26th June, to raise money for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). On top of this we are running a disco that will be held in the Presentation Room throughout the day.

Over the next week we will be coming around to each classroom selling Red Noses for $2. Along with going towards a fantastic cause, the Red Nose will allow your child to get into the disco on the day. There will be lots of prizes at the Disco, so make sure you buy your Red Nose and practice those dance moves.

The class who buys the most Red Noses will receive a Fish and Chip lunch in Term 3. (Limit one nose per student)

Thank you for your support.
Junior School Council
PUPILS OF THE WEEK

C8 Freddy
C9 Sam
C10 Poppy, Luke
C11 Madox
C12 Annika
C14 Florence
B1 Ethan, Digby
B2 Henry
B3 William
B4 Eliza
B5 Olivia
B6 Poppy, Max, Keira
B7 Holly
B8 Kailen, Felix
B9 Daniella
B10 Gabby
R1 Lachlan
R2 Jake, Jordyn
R4 Chloe
R5 Phoebe
R6 Errol
R7 Jameson, Finley
R10 Aleisha
D12 Hannah
D13 Carly
D15 Billy
D17 Natalie
D18 Claudia
D20 Ellie, Tom

Library News:

Premiers' Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to the following 12 students who have completed the challenge:


The following 18 students have read enough books to complete the challenge (but need to have them "verified"):

Ryder B10, Thali B8, Oliver R4, Tayla R9, Jack B7, Skye R9, Brooke B2, Emily D19, Lylah C9, Solly C9, Callum C9, Sarah C9, Adam B8, Pippa R3, Hannah D13, Maharani R7, Oliver C14, Madison R6.

(Please Note: Books entered and marked as "finished" still need to be "verified" by a coordinator (Lesley and I)
You can either print off the list of required books (finished) and your student brings it in to the library for us to verify, or call in, ring or email mcclennan.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au when they have completed and we will then verify.

This is Important as it would be disappointing if students read enough books to qualify but do not have them verified, as they would not receive their certificate.)

Also there are approximately half the students who were registered as participating in the challenge (from the permission forms sent home) who have not yet entered any books on the the website.
Please contact us if you need to check the procedure (username and password etc).

The great news is that there are 1,717 books finished! 1330 to be verified, 387 verified.

Thank you,
Kathy and Lesley.
PARENT & FRIENDS GROUP

This little cutie is .......
Jo Loader!

Jo is one of our much loved 3/4 teachers. She is Torquay born and bred–attended Torquay Primary School and has been teaching at Torquay College for 16 years! She doesn’t look old enough!

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

Where did you grow up? Highton
How many children do you have? 2
Football team? Geelong
Favourite place to travel to? Italy
Favourite color? Cobalt Blue
Favourite singer? Luke & Hamson

Our School Raffle

Don’t forget to send all tickets (sold and unsold) back to school ASAP. All tickets must be accounted for. Thankyou.

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OSHC News -

Care for Parent-Teacher Interviews Day
Care will be available for students on Thursday, 27th June – Parent/Teacher Interviews Day. Bookings can be made with the school office or any staff member of the After School Care program. The cost of the day is $45.00. Spaces are limited, so please book early.

Vacation Care (School Holiday Program)
Once again, Torquay College will be offering a Vacation (School Holiday Program) for the upcoming school holidays. The program offers a range of activities for students to participate in. The cost per day is $45.00. Bookings can be made for this program with After School Care on 5261 0946.
Surf Coast Relay For Life - 30th November & 1st December

Relay For Life is an overnight event, which will see teams of locals take turns to walk through the night to raise funds and awareness to help fight cancer. The event, which is suitable for all ages, will also feature live entertainment, activities, and special ceremonies that honour people’s experiences with cancer.

We are looking for volunteers to do face painting anytime over the weekend. The event runs from 12noon on Saturday to 12noon Sunday. We also need supervision for the jumping castle which will be there from 12noon to 8pm on Saturday. If you are able to help please call me on 0418 761 684, any time you are able to help would be appreciated.

There are many opportunities to be involved, big or small so please contact me for more information on 0418 761 684 or surf-coast@relayforlife.org.au.

Jennifer Moss