Principal: Pam Kinsman
Assistant Principals: Christian Smith
Nadia Tkaczuk
Council President: Colin Veitch
Chaplain: Marianne Messer
Business Manager: Vicki Perry

October 31st
Primary School Surf Competition
Music Count Us In at GPAC

November
Monday 4th
Assembly—D20 and D19
Tuesday 5th
Melbourne Cup Holiday—No School
Wednesday 6th
Kinder-Prep Transition Day for Torquay Kinder
Thursday 7th
Kinder-Prep Transition Day for Jan Juc, other Kinders and One-Up Day
Friday 8th
Prep—Year 2 Sports Day 9am—1pm
Monday 11th
Assembly—R5 and R4 and R2
Tuesday 12th—Fri 15th
Years 5 and 6 Camps
Tuesday 12th—Mon 25th
Book Fair—Library
Monday 18th
Assembly—B9, B10
Prep Information Evening for 2014
Monday 25th
Assembly—Choir
Friday 29th
Years 5/6 disco—Quiksilver Auditorium
Bike Ride Victoria—visit to school

December
Monday 2nd
Assembly—D17
Wednesday 4th
Prep Café
Thursday 5th/Fri 6th
Year 1 and 2 YMCA Day Camp
Tuesday 10th
Whole School Orientation Day
Friday 13th
Twilight Christmas Fair/Carols—Whole School—Market Stall Sites Available
Monday 9th
Assembly—D18 and D15
Monday 16th
Assembly—C13 and C14
Tuesday 17th
Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 18th
Adventure Park year 5/6
Friday 20th
Last Day Term 4—Early Dismissal at 1pm

January 2014
Wednesday 22nd
Book sales—Stadium
Thursday 30th
First Day Term 1 2014

Principal’s news:
MAD Day: This is a fantastic day that is wholly planned and run by year 5/6 students to raise funds for a project at our school. The Junior School Council nominates a project for approval by our School Council. Last year we were able to build the popular GaGa Pit that is used by students from all year levels for fun and fitness. My sincere thanks to the parents who have supported their students to run such a variety of exciting stalls. We have contacted the Surf Coast Times, so please keep an eye out for the press release.

Survey—School Assemblies: This year we moved our school assemblies to the afternoon to provide an uninterrupted two hour block for literacy on a Monday morning. Teachers found this was beneficial for their educational program, however some parents indicated that they find it difficult to attend in the afternoon. We do value and welcome parents involvement in their child’s schooling. If you would like to register your School Assembly preference times, please complete the reply slip below and return to the office by this Friday 1st November.

Parent Survey on Assembly Times:
REPLY SLIP
Please number your choice for the time of our school assembly in 2014. Please return slip to office by Friday 1st Nov

☐ Friday Afternoon  ☐ Monday Afternoon  ☐ Morning Assembly  ☐ Other

Parent Name .................................................................................................................... Childs Class ..............
Parent and Student Surveys: The results of these surveys have been shared by our School Council. The feedback from the families surveyed randomly by DEECD from a computer generated system is extremely positive. The information is used by teachers and school councillors to guide the future direction of our school. It is reaffirming to know that families have a high level of confidence in our school’s diverse and rich curriculum programs.

One up Day: The orientation program for our new preps has commenced with visits from kinders and new families. On 6th & 7th November we will have the formal visits to our current prep teachers. On the 7th November all students will spend time in their 2014 area with their current class members. This will not be with their 2014 teacher as staffing has not yet been finalised.

Enrolments for 2014: If you have forgotten to enrol a prep sibling for 2014, please do so by this Friday as we are now establishing class groups and selecting teachers. Any family who will be leaving Torquay at the end of the year is requested to notify the school as soon as possible to allow us to accommodate new families wishing to enrol at our school.

Class Placements: Teachers work very hard to ensure that students are appropriately placed in their new class groups. Consideration is given to academic, social and the personal needs of every child. It is not appropriate for parents to make a request for a specific class teacher. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s placement it must be through me, either by appointment or in writing. Please do not approach your child’s teacher or the team leaders directly as this places unnecessary pressure on them at this very busy time of the year.

Assistant Principal Report:

Yr 5/6 Attitudes to School Survey
In April, our Yr 5/6 students participated in a survey to provide feedback on a range of aspects regarding their schooling. This included student safety, the effectiveness of their teachers, how positive they feel at school, how well they are doing at school and how well they get on with their peers. The results from this feedback are extremely positive.

Our students indicated they are enormously satisfied with our school. The following is a brief analysis of the 11 variables on the survey data:
- ‘Teacher Empathy’ rated well above State average
- ‘Classroom Behaviour’ indicated a major improvement from 2012
- ‘Stimulating Learning’ is at its highest measure since 2007
- ‘Teacher Effectiveness’ continues a positive trend over the last 3 years
- 10 of the variables were above the state average.

These results are extremely encouraging and we look forward to continuing the positive work as we move into the Senior Learning Community next year.

World Teachers Day - Teachers matter!
Last Thursday was World Teachers Day and it is a time when we can express our gratitude to the teachers at Torquay College. Teachers are among the most important people in the lives of young people and within our community. World Teachers’ Day provides a great opportunity for students and the school community to recognise the highly committed teachers we have at our school.

Education is complex and constantly changing, and teachers are increasingly called upon to step up and manage issues the community places upon them – fitness, nutrition, drug education, bullying behaviour, road safety, bike safety, water safety, child protection, environmental education, sex education and the list goes on. Simultaneously teachers deliver curriculum involving 16 domains. We understand most occupations continually have more and more expected of them, and for this reason, teachers are expected to provide our students with the skills, strategies and knowledge for their future. A significant task considering our complex and ever changing world.

It is important that we express our appreciation to our teachers here at Torquay College. Teachers are some of the most important and influential people within our community and we encourage you, as a family, to recognise and acknowledge your child/s teacher.

Thank you for supporting our school and have a great week.
Kind Regards,
Christian Smith and Nadia Tkaczuk
Chess Masters!!

On the 21st October, 5 students from Torquay College participated in the State Chess Tournament held in Melbourne. We all played incredibly well, but missed out by half a point from going on the next level. We each played seven games against fantastic opposition and ended up with a total of 16 ½ points. A HUGE thank-you to Craig Stanton and Kerryn Sweeney for giving up their time and being involved in the tournament.

We all had lots of fun and would do it again tomorrow!

Paddy Kilmartin & Hugh Stanton, Alex Hood, Billy Gorst and Breanna Sweeney

A STAR ON THE RISE

Congratulations to Lachlan Grist from R5 who travelled to Melbourne on Monday to compete in the School Sport Victoria State Athletics Championships. In an amazing effort, Lachlan qualified for and competed in two events, the 200m sprint and 800m run. Furthermore, Lachlan reached the final in each of the events and even achieved two personal best times.

Well done Lachlan on doing yourself and Torquay College proud.
MAD FUN!
MINI ACTIVITIES DAY
PARENT & FRIENDS GROUP

Did you guess?  
Dianne Dendle, child star!

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

Where did you grow up? Ocean Grove

How many children do you have? 0

Football team? Geelong (of course)!

Favourite place to travel to? 
Anywhere, I love holidays!!
Next adventure will be Africa

Favourite color? Black—it’s slimming! 
Current favourite jumper colour is green

Favourite singer? My ipod has a complete 
mixture of music... Whitney Houston

CBA Student Banking—bank books to school every Tuesday.

School Banking

Bendigo Bank is the school’s banking school and they offer 
student banking services. Student banking can be brought up to the office each 
Wednesday to be taken to the Bendigo Bank for processing. 
Application forms are available at the office or the Bendigo Bank.

GRADE 5 AND 6 STUDENTS
SAVE THE DATE!

The Grade 5 and 6 Torquay College 
Quiksilver Disco is on Friday 29th November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. 
Information sheet going home with students this week.

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Note from the chaplain – Marianne Messer

Wait a bit…

Have you noticed how bad we are becoming at waiting? I was recently with a friend who emailed her husband with a request. A few minutes later, too impatient to wait any longer, she phoned him on his mobile to see what the delay was! One of my sons is famous for his impatient SMS communications.

If you don’t get straight back to him, he sends you a: “?” every few minutes until you do!

For the Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network, (GRLLEN) I am developing a careers information app for local students, to connect them with the trending industries in our region and how to get into them. It’s been a long slow process. Over the past 18 months, I have spoken to literally thousands of students, teachers, schools, training organisations, universities, industries, government agencies and app developers. At times I thought I would never get this app off the ground and into the app store. But gradually the project has gathered momentum. Next month Geelong Careers goes live on the app store, and another 30 LLENS throughout Victoria are seeking to partner with us to make this careers resource work for their regions.

I can’t pretend that I have always waited patiently, but the long development period has had some unexpected advantages. Time and heaps of consultation has given the app a depth and scope it would otherwise not have had. Industries have changed and emerged in an unexpected way, and passionate supporters have had the opportunity to discover and develop their own way of promoting the app to their colleagues and students. The app the GRLLEN officially launches next February is a much better model than the one we might have launched 18 months ago.

The value of waiting has always been known. The ancient scriptures describe how King David had to wait for many years in the wilderness before he received his promised crown. He wrote “I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined to me, and heard my cry. He set my feet upon a rock and established my steps.” Psalm 40 verses 1-2.

Waiting develops perseverance, character and strength. In an era of rush, rush, rush, waiting can be particularly difficult. But patience offers us a great personal development opportunity. And we teach our children good life skills when we model the practice of welcoming and enjoying the anticipation of the things we desire in our own lives.

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. 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.