Wednesday 23rd July, 2014

Thursday 24th July
Working bee—Please meet at 3pm at front Office Foyer

Friday 25th July
P & C Meeting 8.30am in Conference Room
Girls Football—selected Yr 5/6 girls
Schools Tree Day—Preps to park

Friday 1st August
Star Lab Incursion Yr 1 & 2

Monday 4th August
Indonesian Performance Incursion Yr 3 & 4

Wednesday 6th Aug
School Council at 7pm

Wednesday 13th Aug
Book Week Presenter—Justin D’Ath Whole School Incursion

13-14th August
School Photos

15-22nd August
Book Week

Friday 15th August
Adidas Fun Run on running track at Torquay College

Friday 22nd August
Book Week Dress Up Parade starting at 8.45am

Tuesday 26th August
District Athletics—Selected Yr 3-6

Friday 12th September
Prep Fairy Park Excursion

Principal’s Report:
Reporting to parents: Over the past year we have been working hard to improve the way we share information about our students with parents. We added a mid-year parent/teacher interview and will also continue with our student led conference day this term. At Torquay College we value the communication we have with school families. Parents are welcome to see teachers at any time for feedback on their child’s progress.

Red Cross 100 Years: Our school is celebrating the wonderful work of Red Cross with our local Red Cross Branch on Friday 15th August at 10 am when a Centenary Marker will be laid in Taylor Park. Our school will be represented by the School Captains and any parents who would like to attend. Please enter through the Bowls Club on The Esplanade. We will also be attending the raising of the Red Cross flag at the Surf Coast Shire offices.

Thankyou to all parents using the car park drop off and pick up: I am delighted that so many parents are now respectfully driving through to the collection zone and parking if their children are not waiting to get in the car. The system is working really well and it is now a pleasure for me to do duty each Thursday and Friday afternoon. The children’s safety is my major concern and they must NEVER walk through the car park. Your support has really been appreciated.

Homework: Has your child been saying, “No, I haven’t got any homework!” All students at Torquay College are expected to read every night for at least 20-30 minutes by year 5/6. We also expect students to do set tasks or ‘Mathletics’ and “Spellodrome” each week. Children each have a password to access these programs at home. We understand that student have many after school activities but it is important that parents arrange a suitable time for homework each week.

SEDA Students: This term we are fortunate to have senior secondary students working for a day a week to assist teachers in our school. This is part of their VCAL course requirements and they are fully supervised at all times. An extra pair of hands allows teachers to spend more time working one on one with each of their students. We thank Stuart and the SEDA program for this opportunity.

Pam Kinsman, Principal
Student Wellbeing Day 2014
‘Saving Lil and Archie’ Whole School Incursion

On Monday 25th August, our school will hold a Student Wellbeing Day focussing on Bystander Bullying.
As part of this day, all students are will attend a special performance entitled, “Saving Lil and Archie”
The performance tackles anti-social behaviour caused by too much screen time, lack of sleep and reinforces healthy social skills and empathy.
Pandemonium breaks out on Arkon when robot, Lil, is accidentally built with all the kindness and Zig is fitted with a double dose of anger.
Through malfunction of circuitry, Lil is zapped to earth and into the lives of two 12 year olds, Bella and Archie. Bella is being bullied and Archie has no friends. Bella learns to ‘report’ and ‘log off’ or walk away when the connections are negative and nasty. Archie realises that lack of sleep and hours of screen time make him angry and unable to make positive connections with real people.
The performance costs $5 and is included in the Excursion Levy.
If you have not paid the levy, please forward $5 to the office by Friday 22nd August.
More information about the wellbeing day will be provided in the coming weeks.
Kind Regards, Janelle Polwarth, Lena Johnstone and Christian Smith

Family Statements
Statements with outstanding school fees, magazine and excursions have been sent home this week. Please forward payment as soon as possible or arrange a payment plan with the office on ph 5261 2360 and select option 1 for Family Accounts. If you do not require the magazine, please advise the office

Can you help the Art Room?
If you have any clean polystyrene meat trays, could you please drop them to the Art Room in Stadium or to the office as we desperately need them for printing. Big thankyou to Emma who kindly donated fantastic items to the Art Room. Thank you, Yvette Swan

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 5 of Bookclub will be sent home and is due back on the 30th July. No orders will be taken after this time. If paying by Credit card please write the name of the card holder on the bottom of the form NOT the child’s name. Thank you for your support.

Schools Tree Day 2014

This year, Planet Ark is inviting schools to venture into the great outdoors and connect with nature!
For the Torquay College Preps, Schools Tree Day marks the beginning of a long-term environmental program, engaging us in fun, hands on activities that can reinforce our environmental, Maths, Science and creative learning and inspiring us to use our imaginations as part of our Inquiry unit.

On Friday 25th July, each Prep class will be going on a short local nature walk to look, smell, touch, feel and think about trees. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like to join us.
Russell Taylor-Shaw, Prep Team

Library News
Premiers’ Reading Challenge: If your child has read enough books to complete the challenge (30 for prep – 2) & (15 for years 3-6), please send a note to school so we can “verify” them as read and complete the students’, so they can receive their certificate.

MS Readathon: We have forms and information here for students and parents who would like to participate in this worthwhile fundraiser (also encouraging extra reading). Please contact Kathy on mclennan.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au if you would like some assistance with the challenge.
Happy Reading!
Kathy and Lesley

Pupils of the Week

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* Please note: Sushi will not be available next week—Monday 28th July and Tuesday 29th July.
**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Update**

Thanks to Ross Herbert for donating and moving a large stack of pavers to the school. These will provide much needed paths around the new veggie garden.

Thanks to Tim Norris for leveling out the site next to our composting area for our new Hothouse! This will be an exciting addition to our infrastructure, extending our propagating and sowing season. The more prolific our gardens become, the more our students can make the connections between growing, harvesting and preparing food.

This week we are getting 5 fruit trees delivered from Fleming’s, donated through the program. Because it’s National Tree Day on Sunday 27th July, many school are doing tree planting and other associated activities this Friday 25th July.

We’re hoping to get as many students as possible from the school involved in digging the holes. We plan to espalier these trees with new skills that Terri and Anika have been learning at their advanced training sessions at Collingwood College, where Stephanie Alexander began her program in 2002.

All in all we’re happy with the way it’s all progressing even though the garden is quite slow in this wintery season.

But here’s the pumpkin soup recipe that we’ve been making in kitchen class to warm you up! Still needing more pumpkins, any other produce, plus tin cans and terracotta pots.

Thanks for all your support! From Terri & Anika, SAKG Co-ordinators

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**The Adidas Fun Run is on again at Torquay College in 2014**

Last year it raised over $19,000. Hopefully this year we can top $20,000!

**WHEN:** Friday 15th August

**WHERE:** Torquay College Athletics Track

**WHO:** All Prep to Grade 6 students

All students who raise over $10 will receive a prize.

The more money a student raises, the better the prize they can select.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home with students.
BE part of the SOLUTION

The Surf Coast Energy Group’s next movie night screens 2 short films, that involve all of us in ways to “keep our seas plastic bag free”. The 1st film “Waste Deep” also looks at community initiatives eg 2nd Bite that reduce the waste that goes to landfill. The 2nd film “Baykeepers” involves students, schools and the wider community in endeavoring to keep sea life safe from plastics. Join us at Surfworld on Friday 1st August 7pm to be part of the solution, and enjoy the company and supper. Entry by donation.