Principal News:

FOUNDATION YR 1 & 2 PLEASE HELP: WORKING BEE THIS FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL

UNIFORMS: Thanks to parents for being so careful in naming items but we also need you to change the room number so that items can be easily returned to your child. I still have about 50 named jumpers hanging in the administration block to be collected. Eg. Jenny Smyth R1

INFORMATION NIGHTS: We look forward to sharing information with all families regarding the focus for learning this year in your child’s new class. It is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and other parents in your child’s class setting. Please come along and become familiar with the school and your child’s classroom programs.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteering at school is a great way to contribute to your child’s education but it is also a very rewarding experience that builds friendships and creates a school community. We invite volunteers for the following programs:

- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden—Gardening, Cooking & Art
- Reading Rocks—Lis will work with you to develop a rapport with a child needing support to improve their confidence and reading skills
- Library—Kath and Lesley really appreciate assistance in covering books, sorting and shelving books.
- Recycling cupboard—There is always a need to sort named and unnamed items of clothing for the recycle cupboard.

FUNDRAISING: There is no Easter Fete this year. Our school is looking for new fresh ideas and people who would love the challenge of planning or helping to run an event.

SCHOOL COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

We are calling for parents to join our school committees. Please complete the slip below and return it to the office if you are interested in becoming more involved with our school and contribute on a Sub-committee.

School Council Sub-Committee Reply Slip to office
I would like to join the ................................................................. School Council Sub-committee
Parent Name:................................................................. Child’s Class ......................................................
Email: .................................................................

Resources—Physical—grounds, building planning, building maintenance, cleaning
Financial—assets, fundraising, finance, budgets
Learning Environment—student welfare, student travel, code of conduct, enrolments, transition, infectious diseases, integration, uniform
Management—school council operations, workforce planning, sponsorship & promotion, professional development, communication, school reviews, annual report
Curriculum—curriculum policies, homework, information technology, library, cultural programs, school initiatives, student assessment and reporting

Pam Kinsman, Principal
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of

TORQUAY COLLEGE

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on

26/2/16 (insert date and year).
The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

10/3/16 (insert date and year)

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

PAM KINSMAN

Principal
MESSAGES FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Dear School Community Members,

It is pleasing that many appointments have been made for the upcoming ‘Meet and Greet Parent/Teacher Discussions’ on next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. The sharing of information is a valuable contributor to the ongoing process of developing an effective home – school partnership. The focus of the discussions is on parents and teachers discussing the transition of their child and any concerns. At this early time of the year, teachers will not be in a position to share academic progress.

PARENT HELPERS

There are 3 sessions coming up for parents interested in helping in the classrooms in 2016.

These are on:

- Tuesday, 1\textsuperscript{st} March 8.30am-9.30am
- Wednesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} March 8.30am-9.30am
- Thursday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} March 2.00pm-3.00pm

Sessions will be held in the Presentation Room.

If you are planning on helping in the classroom at all this year, these sessions are a must.

Please contact the office to leave your details if these times don’t suit.

BUS TRAVELLERS

We ask all parents/carers to please discuss with their child/ren their expected behaviour whilst travelling to and from school on any of the school buses. All bus travellers have been reminded of the school’s expectations around their behaviour. This includes staying seated, no throwing food/wrappers, not yelling or screaming and not using offensive language or remarks.

We encourage you to contact either of us if you have any concerns regarding behaviour on the buses.

Poor bus behaviour will result in suspension from the bus.

We thank you for your support with this.

ACTIVE PATHS IN TORQUAY

We are pleased to inform our school community of the development of ‘active paths’ within Torquay. The active paths concept aims to increase exercise among our students whilst reducing the traffic congestion surrounding our school during drop off and pick up. We will have more details about this over the coming weeks.

EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

The table below highlights the importance of regular attendance

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**YR 5/6 OPEN WATER PROGRAM**

Year 5/6 students participated in an excellent Open Water Program in the first week of school. All students had the opportunity to learn surfing and kayaking skills in a safe and encouraging environment. This gave all students in Year 5/6 a wonderful opportunity to build new friendships and get to know their teachers in a collaborative fun environment. Feedback from students was they had an awesome start to the year and the response from our families has been very positive. The surf and kayaking instructors were very impressed with the behaviour and participation of all students at Torquay College.

We are currently evaluating the program and welcome parent feedback.

Thank you for supporting our school and have a great week.

Kind Regards,

Christian Smith and Nadia Tkaczuk
Dates To Remember

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<td>Curriculum Day—No students at school</td>
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DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIME

The beginning and finish of the school day is a very busy time and the safety of our students is paramount. Please be mindful of parking and driving regulations at all times.
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<td>Surf Coast Secondary College</td>
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WORKING BEE FOR ALL FOUNDATION TO YEAR 2 FAMILIES

We will be holding a working bee on Friday 19th February from 3pm to 5pm to help keep our college grounds looking neat and tidy and to maintain the safety of our playgrounds.

*Many hands make light work!*

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TORQUAY COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR FOUNDATION TO YEAR 6

A reminder to all families that information evenings for F-6 will take place this week at Torquay College.

Please come to the Presentation room for a 15 minute briefing followed by a classroom visit.

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Information evenings are a wonderful way of catching up with school information, meeting your child’s 2016 teacher and getting an understanding for the routines and organisation of the classroom.

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SWIM TRIALS

Interested swimmers are invited to trial for the Torquay College Swim Team that will be competing in the Divisional Swimming Carnival on Friday 4th March at Kardinia Aquatic Centre. Please note, students must be turning 9 or older in 2016 in order to compete. Two 50m lanes have been hired from 4pm to 6pm on Wednesday 10th February at Kardinia Aquatic Centre. Students will simply need to pay the entry fee into the pool on the day. Students will have the opportunity to be timed in the strokes they are interested in competing in. Any parental assistance with the timing and recording process would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested but unable to attend on this date, please see Mr Ross to make alternative arrangements.

Regards,

Brad Ross
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Update

This year the SAKG program has two major projects planned, a colourful picket fence around the fruit orchard area and a floral mural on our garden shed.

We need donations to help support this program and are asking if you can please have a look in your sheds for any part used tins of paint that you no longer require. We are not fussy about the colour but would prefer water based paints. Please drop off paint tins to Terri at the 5/6 café area, or in our compost area next to the garden shed.

Thanks we appreciate your support
Khira raita: Cucumber with yoghurt

Fresh from the garden: cucumber, garlic
Recipe Source: Collingwood College, Victoria

This is another recipe that occurs in many different cultures. Indian cooks might add ground cumin and paprika to their ‘raita’ and garnish it with coriander leaves. This dish would be served as a cooling accompaniment to curries. In Greece, it would almost always have chopped mint added, and in Turkey it may have a drop of orange blossom water. Sometimes the cucumber has the seeds removed before slicing. Sometimes the slices are lightly salted and left for an hour so that the juices drain from it. The cucumber is then rinsed and squeezed. When this is done, the cucumber has a soft texture rather than a crunchy one.

However it is prepared, this popular combination cools or provides a contrast to rich dishes. It looks particularly lovely served in a flat dish with the blue stars of borage decorating the surface.

Equipment:
- vegetable peeler
- clean tea towel
- chopping board
- 1 medium knife
- measuring cups
- 1 medium bowl
- small serving bowls for each table

Ingredients:
- 1 cucumber
- 2 small cloves garlic
- 3 cups yoghurt
- 1 teaspoon salt
- borage flowers, to garnish (optional)

What to do:
- Wash and peel the cucumber.
- Dampen a tea towel and place it under the chopping board to keep it from slipping.
- Using a medium knife, slice the cucumber into thin slices.
- Peel and chop the garlic into fine pieces.
- Measure the yogurt into the medium bowl.
- Mix in the chopped garlic.
- Add the cucumber slices to the yoghurt mix and stir well.
- Season with salt.
- Put the khira raita into the serving bowls and chill in the fridge before serving.
- Garnish with edible flowers, such as borage flowers (optional).
We will be holding a School Banking Account Opening Day at our school on:

Time: 8:15am – 9:30am
Date: Thursday 18th February
Location: School Library

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Torquay College is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

HEADLICE

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

It has come to my attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair this week 16/2/16.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at Torquay College. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!!!

What can you do?

I seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair. If you find head lice or eggs, please treat your child’s hair before returning to school. Please notify the school and a note will be sent to parents of children in your child’s class.

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until after appropriate treatment has started.

Torquay College is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

Kind regards

Pam Kinsman 16/02/16
“After years of wanting to we have finally put together a team, including three mums from Torquay College, to complete the 100kms of the Melbourne OXFAM TRAILWALKER. With only 50 days to go the Salty Ox Team are training hard and starting to feel very excited about the event! Go to our Salty Ox Facebook page or https://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/my/teamspace/blogs to see the amazing local walks we’ve been lucky enough to train on.

But, it’s not just a walk; it’s about making a difference to people living in poverty around the world.

If you would like to donate the link is https://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/my/team/22489. Even the smallest of donations will help make a significant difference. We are also selling Oxfam free trade chocolate which you can order via message to our

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDRENS BATHERS to DONATE?

Water Safety Vietnam educates Vietnamese children water safety and assists to help children learn to swim. One piece for girls and board shorts for boys. If you can help, please drop your bathers to the office for collection.
What: Giant Odyssey MTB Marathon
Date: Saturday 20th February 2016
Location: Forrest, Otway National Park, Victoria
Race formats:

- Giant Odyssey 100km
- Giant Shorty 50km
- Giant Rookie 30km
- Giant Pioneer 10km - A fun event designed for young mountain bikers (kids aged 7-14yrs), to give them a taste of the action.
- Giant Grommets - A fun ride and activities for little kids on pedal bikes and balance bikes – best for kids aged 3-8yrs.

Finish: Forrest Football Ground, amidst a massive bike, food and entertainment expo

10km Giant Pioneer
A fun event designed for young mountain bikers, to give them a taste of the action.
Weekly keyboard and guitar lessons will be commencing from next week at Torquay P-6 College. The lessons are held on school premises AFTER school hours on Thursdays. The cost is $14.00 per lesson. (Private lessons are also available at a cost of $24.00 per lesson.)

Music is a wonderful activity in itself but research also indicates that participation in music activities improves educational outcomes in other areas of the curriculum.

To enroll your child, please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

If you require more information about the program, please contact Excel Music on 9801 8991 or visit their website, www.excelmusic.com.au.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
AUDITIONS
2016 WORKSHOP
Musical Theatre Workshops commencing in Term 2
Saturdays 2-5pm with a performance in November
BOYS and GIRLS must be between 10 & 14 years old
Auditions will be held in March 2016
Download an application form from www.gsoda.com.au
For more info phone Debbie 0407 040 014
Workshop audition application

Name ___________________________ Age on 1/1/16 ______ Date of Birth ________________

Address ____________________________

Postcode _______ Phone Number _______ Mobile _______

Email (Parent) ____________________________

School currently attending __________________ Year level ______

Previous Experience and training

______________________________

Singing
Dance
Acting
Other
Other interests and commitments

For your audition you need to prepare a monologue no longer than 2 minutes. A song with a backing track that has no lead vocals, either on a CD or IPOD. A short dance routine which can be included as part of your song, or as an individual dance to show a particular style. ie jazz, ballet, tap, Irish dance etc.

Please note:
Auditions are SOLO and no one is permitted to do a group audition.
Costumes and props are optional, depending on your requirements.
No microphones are permitted at the audition.

If you are selected to become part of the workshop, you will be required to attend every Saturday rehearsal 2pm -5pm from the commencement of the workshop in term 2 until the completion of the Workshop Performance. This is usually the end of November. Attendance, attitude and behaviour are important consideration for a place in the main company.

Name of Parent/Guardian ___________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Date ________________

Please ensure that this form is returned to the Workshop Secretary at the below address by 20th February. An email will be sent with the audition details once dates have been set and an audition time can then be allocated. Auditions usually take place in March. For any further queries you can email gsodajuniors2015@gmail.com