Principal’s News:

New School Council members:
Congratulations to the following parents and staff who have been voted to represent you on our 2016 School Council. Carolyn Chalton, Sam McGowan, Merrin Wake, Robert Skehan, Michael Walsh, Joshua Brown, Elizabeth Rodgers and Christian Smith. They will join the continuing members, Kylie O’Sullivan, Melanie Webb, Deb Galbraith, Meryl Whiteside and Robyn Stevens.

Annual General Meeting: Parents and carers are invited to attend our AGM on Wednesday evening at 7pm to hear the Annual Report and meet our new 2016 School Council. We thank our retiring School Council members Michelle Gait, Fiona Sanderson-Baker, Steve Blackley, Deb Sansom, Danielle Walker, Nadia Tkaczuk and Ellie McFarlane for their commitment to the school.

Asia Pacific Regional Conference for CISV: Next week I will be on leave to attend the Asia Pacific Regional Conference and in my absence Christian Smith will be the Acting Principal. During the conference I will have the opportunity to meet with members from CISV China to begin planning our Torquay College 2016 China exchange visit to our sister school Dong Feng Dong in September. All families of students who are eleven plus years of age are invited to place an expression of interest to allow us to gauge the likely numbers in our group this year. We currently have ten students on our list and can take up to 30 students.

Assemblies: Over the past 12 months, it has become increasing difficult to contain our assembly to 30 minutes due to our increasing student population. As a result, throughout Term 2, we will be trialling separate assemblies for F-2 and Yr 3-6. Please check our school calendar in the Quaynotes to keep informed on your child’s assembly. The first and last assembly of the term will be for the whole school and then we will split for each level to have a fortnightly assembly.

Enrolments: We offer school tours on Tuesdays at 9.30am for new families with students beginning at Torquay College this year. During Education Week which begins on May 16th, we offer tours for 2017 prep students and their families. We have strict boundaries and can only accept enrolments from families living in Torquay and Jan Juc.
Pam Kinsman, Principal
Earth Hour
Torquay College will be promoting Earth Hour on Thursday the 17th March. We are encouraging **minimal technology** across the school on this day. Wherever possible, we will be minimalising the use of lights, computers, IPADS and electrical appliances.

## Dates to Remember

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Dear School Community Members,

**Reading, Reading, Reading**

By now all students should be into the habit of reading regularly (both independently and being read to). As parents, we have the opportunity to project and model the importance of reading onto our children. Professor Anne Bayetto from Flinders University in South Australia highlighted students who read:

- *Less than 1 minute* per day will read 8000 words a year
- *4.6 minutes* per day will read 282,000 words a year
- *20 minutes* per day will read 1.8 million words a year

How can they ever catch up? Our role as teachers, is to provide the explicit reading strategies that children require to be successful readers. As parents/carers, your job is to give the opportunity for them to practise these skills. We expect all students are engaged in a regular home-reading program.

**Classroom Helpers Program**

Our Parent Helpers Information sessions have begun with record numbers of parents participating in one of the 3 sessions. We are very excited to have such a large group of volunteers trained, ready and willing to help us achieve the best learning outcomes for our students. We appreciate their time and commitment in supporting our classroom programs and willingness to be involved. If you missed these sessions and want to help, another session is on:

**Monday, 21st March**  
8.30am – 9.30am  
Presentation Room

A reminder that all parent/carer helpers must have a current ‘Working with Children’s’ card. This includes parents/carers who help in the classroom and go on excursions/camps. Information about the ‘Working with Children’s’ check is available from; [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)

**Foundation Attendance**

Congratulations to all our new students and families for completing term 1 in such a positive way. As of the beginning of term 2, our Foundation students will be expected to attend school full time. Our Foundation students have benefited greatly from having Wednesday as a rest day. Their teachers have utilised this time to gain an in-depth understanding of the students in their classroom and plan appropriate programs to cater for each individual student. We look forward to having our Foundation students at school full time from next term.

**Nude Food**

It is wonderful to see so many lunch boxes at school full of healthy food with little to no wrappers. This, combined with our consistent classroom message on litter, is helping to keep our school tidier this year than ever before. Thank you for your support of the Nude Food program.

**Mathletics and Readings**

Please encourage your children to log into Mathletics. Children love the program and hardly know they are learning! Lessons and topics can be differentiated and children can compete against other students from around the world. Give it a try! All Torquay College students have their user names and log in details. All Foundation to Yr 2 students also have access to Reading Eggs, which is a great way of reinforcing our work with sounds and letters.

**Bus Travellers**

We are pleased to announce our Bus Monitors for 2016. **Monet Arena, Nate Arena, Kaiden Mousley, Jye Reid, Cruz Rigoni, Lawson Lindsay and Jack Langdon.**

These students are committed to being wonderful role models on the bus for their peers, as well as supporting other travellers. Congratulations to our bus monitors!

We recently spoke with all bus travellers about the importance of safe behaviour whilst on the bus and when departing the bus. We ask that parents reinforce these messages with their children.

Thank you for supporting our school. Have a great week.

Kind regards,
Christian Smith and Nadia Tkaczuk
Cultural Diversity Week this year will be celebrated from the 21st-24th of March, Harmony Day is on Monday the 21st of March. The message is ‘EVERYONE BELONGS- many stories one Australia’.

On Harmony Day (Monday 21st March) we are asking, once again, that students come in uniform but wearing a splash of Orange (the official Harmony Day colour). This might be an orange ribbon in your hair or an orange hat, be creative.

Stay tuned for activities that are happening in your child’s class, this years theme is MUSIC. Do you have something that you could offer your child’s class? A story, a song, some food? Please approach your child’s teacher if you can.

Thanks for your support in making our Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day a success.

Salam hangat,

Kylie Nam (Indonesian Teacher)
Dear Parents,

On **Saturday 19th of March** the school bands have been invited to perform at ‘Relay for Life’. It will be held at Spring Creek Reserve [the Football Oval] and runs for 24 hours. The Torquay College School Bands have been booked to perform from 9am-10am.

All band members need to be at the stage area no later than 8:45am. This is a ‘Walk Against Cancer’ fundraiser and a great way our school is involved in the community.

If you have any queries email me at reid.ben.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**LUNCH TIME CLUBS**

Clubs start at 1.15 and finish at 1.45

Please note some clubs have a year level restriction

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Many thanks

Ben Reid and Anika Helene.

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**TORQUAY COLLEGE EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE**

Your chance to win....

Jurassic Creatures Family Pass

&

Easter Chocolate Basket

Tickets $1

**Good Luck**

Drawn on Thursday 24th March
TORQUAY COLLEGE HOUSE ATHLETICS  Friday 18th MARCH

At Torquay College from 8.40am—2.50pm  Everyone welcome to attend
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.

Be alert to symptoms and signs of measles

Measles usually begins with a fever, sore throat, red eyes and a cough. A rash typically develops around three to seven days after the first symptoms, generally starting on the face and then spreading to the rest of the body.

Children who are not immunised against measles can be immunised through their usual vaccine provider such as their general practitioner (GP) or the local council immunisation service. From 1 January 2016, all states and territories can provide free catch-up vaccines - including the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine - for all children up to and including 19 years of age.