Early Dismissal at 2pm Thursday 24th March

Principal’s News:

Dear School Community Members,

While on yard duty last week, I took a moment to reflect on the atmosphere of our school. We had children happily playing on our oval either engaged in football or a ‘chasey’ game, a group of Year 5/6 boys involved in an enthusiastic game of ‘four square’, a group of Year 3 girls playing a modified game of basketball, children caring for our chooks, up to 25 students gathered in the Environmental Centre taking care of all our animals, students partaking in Yoga through the lunchtime clubs program, numerous foundation students swinging on the flying fox and monkey bars with their Year 6 buddy, and a group of parents and volunteers working in our Stephanie Alexander Garden. What a great place to be!

**PJ Day - Thursday, 24th March**

Our student leaders in Junior School Council (JSC) have organised their first social service event for 2016. In support of the Royal Children Hospital’s Good Friday Appeal, students and staff are invited to come dressed in their Pyjamas on Thursday in exchange for a gold coin donation. I encourage all members of the school community to get behind our JSC to support the Good Friday Appeal.

**End of Term Dismissal**

A reminder to families that students will be dismissed at 2.00pm on Thursday, 24th March. After School Care will commence at 2.00pm, and our buses are scheduled from 2.10pm.

**Curriculum Day**

Our third Curriculum Day for 2016 has been set for **Friday, 20th May**. This pupil free day will allow staff to further develop our reporting and assessment processes.

**Fundraising**

This will be the first year where Torquay College’s traditional Easter Fete is not running. After careful consideration, we have decided not to continue with the fete due to the difficulty in arranging the large group of volunteers required for an event such as the Eater Fete. The fete has been a wonderful fundraiser and an opportunity to showcase our school, as well as providing a terrific vehicle to develop and bond as a school community. We are currently exploring other possibilities to fill the void the Easter Fete provided us. We look forward to sharing this with you throughout term 2.
Yr 5/6 Lightning Premiership

Our Year 5/6 students participated in their annual Summer Lightning Premiership on Monday. We are most proud of our 286 Year 5/6 students for showcasing our school values of respect, friendship and doing your personal best, whilst actively competing. Congratulations to the teams and their coaches who have made it through to the Regional competition.

Foundation

Finally, congratulations to all our Foundation students for a great term. We have been amazed by the achievements and how quickly our Foundation students have settled into school life. Thank you to our Foundation families and teachers for your terrific support you provide to the students.

On behalf of all staff, I wish all families a safe and happy holiday.

Christian Smith

Library News

During this term some magnificent book art was created by our Library Captain "Art Group" and some other students from Torquay College. This was a combined project with Surf Coast Secondary College and the work was displayed at the Secondary College for open night on the 21st March. The school community is welcome to go to the Surf Coast Secondary Library to view this fabulous project.

Thank you to Jenny Moss (SCSC) and Lesley Eman for facilitating this art project.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday.....

Kathy and Lesley

TORQUAY COLLEGE EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Your chance to win......

Jurassic Creatures Family Pass & Easter Chocolate Basket

Tickets $1

Drawn on Thursday 24th March
Dear School Community,

It has come to my attention that some parents weren’t exactly sure why the school fete had been cancelled, apologies for any breakdown of communication. It was decided collectively last year that it was time to give the fete a rest and look at some new school community based events, both big & small. I started on P&F in 2009 and was involved every year following that, it was a 4 day Easter break commitment, cakes, rides, kids zone, spinning wheel and the list goes on. It’s a mammoth task to run the fete and I reflect back with such fond memories of families, students, administration staff and many teachers who made the fete so much fun. I would like to take this time to thank every family & staff members who contributed in so many ways over several years. 2016 is looking to be a great year and myself and a small team already have some great plans underway. We would love your help. The aim is to have a couple of good fun school family events and of course my favourite a night out for the adults. Please contact the office if you are able to help. We look forward to your support.

Hope everyone has a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you in term 2.

Kind Regards

Amber Potter, School Council President
Over the long weekend, many students from Torquay College participated in the State Nipper Carnival in Warrnambool, for either Torquay or Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Clubs. All competed with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship and should be very proud of their achievements. Many made semi finals and finals at the state level, which is not an easy task. Torquay College students came home with 14 medals between them, and there were a similar number of children that finished in the top 5 of the State. The medals were:

- Georgie Norris – U12 -Gold- Board Rescue, Bronze- Aqua Cam, Bronze- Board Relay
- Steph Reade – U11- Silver- Wade Relay, Bronze- Individual Swim, Bronze- Team Swim
- Pippa Norris- U10 – Silver- Board Relay, Bronze- Team Swim.
- Nerys Kirk- U12- Bronze- Aqua Cam, Bronze- Beach relay.
- Archer Green- U9- Gold- Board Relay.
- Zali Keeble- U10- Silver- Aqua Cam.
- Chloe Miller- U11- Silver- Wade Relay.
- Millie Harris– U10- Bronze- 500m Beach Run.

Congratulations to all who participated on a great weekend.

Regional Swimming Team

Congratulations to the following boys who competed in the Regional Swimming Competition at Kardinia yesterday. Well done boys on your team effort and sportsmanship.

Teal Studer, Alex Williams, Will Richards, Hudson Green, Archie Watson, Sam Thompson & Ash D’Andrea
**SURFCOAST TENNIS TERM 2 - 2016**

**Hot Shots for 5-7 years:** Monday - Friday from 3.45pm at Jan Juc, Torquay, Bellbrae, The Sands Resort.

*New day/times now offered at Torquay College – Monday and Wednesday’s 3pm.*

**Hot Shots for Kinder Kids 4-5 years:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10am at Jan Juc TC.

**Group Lessons for 8-16 years:** Monday – Friday from 3.45pm at Jan Juc, Torquay, Bellbrae, Anglesea TC.

**April 2016 School Holidays Tennis Clinics for Hot Shots 4-7 years & Beginners/Advanced 8-16 years:**

Clinics commence at 9.30am, 10.45am, 12.30pm from Wednesday 30th March to Friday 1st April.

*For all Hot Shots bookings please contact Phil Rich on 0438018664 or philrichtennis@hotmail.com*

*For Group Lessons and Beginners/Advanced Clinics bookings please contact Peter Hubacek on 0428399973 or surfcostennis@hotmail.com*
Interested in playing hockey in 2016?

Come along to our welcome and registration day on Saturday 19th March.

When: Saturday 19th March, 1pm – 3pm
Where: Grant Pavilion, Banyul Warri fields, Torquay

In 2016 we will have intra-club competition for u9s and will have u11, u13, u15, u17, mens & womens teams entered in the Hockey Geelong winter competition.

To learn more, meet the committee and coaches, register players, try on uniforms and supporters apparel, come along on Saturday!

If you can’t make it, but are interested in learning more, please contact Melissa Field, Secretary, Torquay Tornadoes Hockey Club on 0411 733 004 or via email: secretary@torquayhockeyclub.com.au
School Holiday Development Programs
with Brad Johnson and Cameron Mooney
For AFL Barwon Players!

2016 Easter School Holidays
Girls aged 11-18: Tuesday the 5th of April
9:00am-1:00pm (with Geelong FC players attending!)
@ Surf Coast Secondary College, Torquay - $50.00

develop your AFL Skills!

James Sense Activities!

Focus on Kicking Skills!

To register head to: www.aflbarwon.com.au and follow the links
For more info, contact Laura Medved 0404 264 211 - laura@aflbarwon.com.au

Free Junior Fishing clinics April 2016
Junior Fishing Clinics are a fun way to learn about responsible fishing.
- All gear is provided including bait.
- If you have your own fishing rod please bring it
- Please wear runners or shoes (no thongs or bare feet).

CHILDREN 16 years and under MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Bookings are essential as there are limited spots available
Please ring Natasha Wills - Fisheries Victoria
on 0428 350 725

Where & When

Martins Point - Port Fairy: 6th of April 2016
Session 1: 11:00am to 12:00pm
Session 2: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Lorne Pier - Lorne: 8th of April 2016
Session 1: 11:00am to 12:00pm
Session 2: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

TARGET ONE MILLION
Let’s get the family fishing...
We wish all members of the Torquay College Community the very best for the Easter holiday break.

Term 2 commences on Monday, 11th April.