**Principal’s News:**

**Class Placements for 2017:** Team Leaders have begun the allocation of students to their new classes for 2017. This is an involved process that requires input from class teachers that takes time. Opportunity for parent considerations has concluded. Teachers form classes that meet the social, emotional and educational needs of all students.

**Whole School Assembly:** A whole school assembly will be held this Friday to announce our new school captains and student leaders for 2017.

**Reminder:** We ask all families to contribute an item that they would like to add to the hamper – toys, sweets, wine, bon bons, fruit cake, serviettes, gifts etc. Please send your donation to the school office. The raffle is to be drawn at our final assembly on Friday 16th Dec. Raffle tickets have been sent home to every family to make this a successful fundraiser for our school. Please sell them and return the raffle ticket butts and money to the office. We have a few extra books if anyone would like to sell more than one book.

**Cyber safety:** There is a generational gap when adults are often left behind and do not have the knowledge or skills to monitor where children are going in cyber communities. Students need to be very selective in choosing sites on the web. Your child should be able to openly share with you any comments that are made on their social networks. It is important that you monitor the time your child is using technology and know exactly what they are accessing. We have had students who are too tired to function well at school because they have spent half the night on the computer, phone or other electronic devices. Please support your child by limiting access hours and encourage outdoor activities.

**School Uniform:** We have noticed that some students have selected fashion items rather than the approved uniform. These items are not acceptable and we ask for your support by providing your child with the correct school uniform. When buying new shoes for 2017, please select dark coloured sneakers and white or grey socks for your child to wear at school next year. Donations of clean uniforms are greatly appreciated to be recycled in 2017.

Pam Kinsman, Principal
### COMING EVENTS

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### Netbook Program reminder

A reminder to Year 3 parents of students going into Year 4 in 2017 to return their child’s Netbook Program forms to classroom teacher. eg. Student BYOD Specified Device User Agreement

Information packs were sent home end of Oct. For more information, see classroom teacher


### P & C CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Thursday, December 1st**

6:30pm - Real Thai

Torquay P-6 College - www.torquaycollege.vic.edu.au
CONGRATULATIONS - STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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Torquay Carols By the Sea

Saturday 10th December

All students from F-6 are invited to participate in this year's 'Carols by the Sea' with the Torquay College Choir. We will be singing 2-3 songs and are just beginning our rehearsals so it is the perfect time to join! If you enjoy sitting in the audience listening to the carols, you will love it even more singing them up on stage. The 'Carols by the Sea' are on Saturday 10th December, beginning at 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Rehearsals are fun and friendly and include singing, movement and instruments. We would love to see you come along to rehearsals on Tuesdays from 1.15-1.45 in C5.

Ms. Polwarth and Miss Rodgers

BOOKCLUB is due back to school on the 25th November. Unfortunately we cannot take any orders after this time. Thanks for your continued support. Please make sure your child’s name and class is on the order form.

OUTSTANDING FAMILY ACCOUNTS

We are now in our final term and it is important that outstanding family accounts are paid.

Thankyou

Vicki Perry,
Business Manager
Library News:

A huge thankyou to all the families who supported our Book Fair. We raised just under $2000 for resources and equipment for the Library. One purpose of the fair is fundraising but another very important reason for having it is to further encourage reading. With so much competition to take our time away, we need to go back to the basics of why reading is important.

"A book can help us create characters and places in our minds. We can be absorbed in someone else's life, relive a historical event, imagine life on another planet, experience different cultures, understand the thinking of famous people, get to know our world better.......best of all, we can learn to think for ourselves. This is the real joy of reading".

Happy Reading,
Kathy and Lesley.

VACATIONAL CARE

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR FAMILIES USING THE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

As a result of difficulties staffing our Vacational Care program (holiday program), we are currently reviewing the long term options of the program. Over the last 3 years, we have found it increasingly challenging to employ staff suitably qualified and who are able to commit to each of the holidays. Whilst we carefully consider the different options, we encourage families who use our holiday program to consider making alternative arrangements in the case we are unable to provide care throughout the January school holidays. Information about other holiday programs are available from the After School Care staff. We hope to have further information for you in the coming weeks.
# PARENT ADVOCACY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

The following has been adapted with permission from Anne Henderson and Karen Mapp’s *“Beyond the Bake Sale: The essential guide to family-school partnership”*, 2007 (page 155).

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Torquay P-6 Year 5 & 6 students
from Bellbrae P.S. Office on
Tuesday 29th November, 2016.
First come...First Served - Limit 2

Just bring your ticket to the hall and pay
$5:00 at the door on the night

Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm
When: Friday, 2nd December, 2016
Where: Bellbrae Hall

Free drinks - (No BYO Soft Drinks / Energy Drinks allowed)

Lucky Spot Prizes

KOORIE FAMILY CATCH-UP @ TORQUAY P-6 COLLEGE

Date: 08/12/16
Time: After drop-off
Where: In the staffroom @ Torquay P-6 College

- Connect with other Koorie families at Torquay College
- Get to know the leadership team at Torquay College and Surf Coast Secondary College
- Catch-up with Toni Bowen - Koorie Engagement Support Officer from the Education Department
- Talk with Aunty May Owen - Chairperson of the Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
- Hear about the Youth Programs available through Surf Coast Shire from Blake Edwards
- Learn more about Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative and Health Service

What have other parents said about the Koorie Family Catch-Ups?

“I like that this has been set up so that we can all connect and see what is available for the Koorie kids in the region.”

“Coming along to this morning’s meeting has linked me with some resources I would not have known about otherwise.”

“This is great to link with Wathaurong co-op, especially if you are unaware of the services provided there.”

“Attending this group meeting provided important information about programs and services that are on offer for our children and families from the various departments.”

***For more information, please contact Toni Bowen 0406 573 004, or speak to Christian Smith or Nadia Tiauczuk at Torquay College (03) 5261 2360***
Help us say NO! to men’s violence against women and children.

You are invited...
Join in the fun of a local all-stars cricket match and be part of a human white ribbon and say NO! to men’s violence against women and children.

Spring Creek Reserve
Surf Coast Highway, Torquay
Sunday, 27 November at 12.30pm

Enjoy an afternoon tea with guest speakers in the innings break. Game starts at 12:30pm. Speeches and human white ribbon at approximately 2pm.

Please RSVP to Gilly Hughes.
communityea@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or 5281 0586

For more information about White Ribbon Day, visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

FIRE UP
Bellbrae/Jan Juc
THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER
6pm – 8pm
including light refreshments
Bellbrae Primary School,
50 School Road

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2016
10am – 12pm
including light refreshments
Bellbrae Hall, 90 School Road

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER, 2016
6pm – 8pm
including light refreshments
Bob Pettitt Pavilion, Sunset Strip, Jan Juc

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

WHO SHOULD COME?
Residents and visitors, including the ‘fire ready’ and the unprepared! Sessions are suitable for children aged 12 years +, participating with their families.

In the session you will also play the revised Fire Game and find out how to get a copy to play at home.

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Torquay Tigers Netball Club

Torquay Tigers Team Trials / Registrations
U11, U13, U15 and U17

These selection trials are open to all

Saturday 19th November
Under 13 9:00AM – 12:00PM
Under 17 1:00PM – 3:00PM
Under 11 4:00PM – 6:00PM

Sunday 27th November
Under 15 9:00AM – 12:00PM
Under 13 1:00PM – 3:00PM
Under 11 4:00PM – 6:00PM

Under 11 tryouts will be held in February 2017.

All trials will be held at Torquay Tigers Netball Club, Spring Creek, Torquay.

All interested players must complete and return the player registration form by Friday 11th November 2016.

No Registrations will be accepted on trial days

For afternoon trials, please arrive 30 minutes prior to start time.

For further information / registration form please contact Torquay Tigers at torquaytigersnetballclub@gmail.com