



Term 2 Year 5

Torquay College Newsletter

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ISSUE 2: Terrific Term 2 at Torquay College!

Dear Year 5 parents and carers.

This is the second of our Year 5 occasional newsletters to inform you of happenings in the Pods. Term 2 is a longer term so please ensure your child gets plenty of sleep and rest so they remain happy and healthy.

We had a highly enjoyable first term, with plenty of thought put into what makes a successful student and learning environment. We also had our Puberty program and a highly informative Biolab visit to compliment our Science, technology and Maths programs. It will be great to build on these successes in term 2 and beyond.

Homework Set yourself the target to allow time for your child to read everyday. To ensure this happens, perhaps you could have a family reading time where the whole family sit down with their own books/newspapers to read independently and then have a discussion afterwards about what you are reading. Please record all home reading in the take home diaries. Homework is not meant to be stressful, just a great way to reinforce classroom learning.

Absences Just a friendly reminder that regular school attendance is vital if students are to feel success as a learner and develop important social skills. A **note** is expected with any absence from school. Absence notes go to your classroom teacher in the school diary. These can also be completed on the school App.

Thankyou Some Year 5 students have continued in their role as Peer Mediators this year.

We congratulate our Year 5 Peer Mediators on their endeavour to support the other students at Torquay College. They not only have earned the respect of their peers and the teachers but are further enhancing their leadership skills, modelling Torquay College's Values of Respect, Friendship and Personal Best.

Later this term they will be buddies to the new Year 4 Peer Mediators. This has been a great experience as it is important for other students in particular the younger students to have someone they can go to other than a teacher for help, guidance and support during recess and lunch playtimes.



Reporting At the end of term 2, students will be bringing home their first semester report. These will be followed by parent teacher interviews, which are a great time to ask questions. However, all Year 5 families also receive ongoing report comments through the Sentral portal. These comments started last term with 1 Maths comment sent home and now build up to 5 comments in term 2. Exciting times ahead.

Senior Sport

Term 2 continues to be busy with Interschool Sport. Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students have already participated in Torquay College's House Cross Country on the Esplanade in Torquay and a selection of students represented our school at the City to Surf District Cross Country.

This term, Year 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in the City to Surf Winter Lightning Premiership in one of the following sports: AFL, Netball, Softball, Volleyball and Soccer. Students are assigned a sport from their preferences to represent our school at the Winter Lightning Premiership on Friday 2nd June.

Venues for each sport are as follows:

AFL – South Barwon Reserve – Cnr Breakwater Rd and Barwon Heads Rd

Netball – Life Be In It Stadium – Crowne Street South Geelong

Softball – Saints baseball fields – Pioneer Rd, Waurn Ponds

Volleyball – Torquay College Stadium

Soccer – TBC (Will inform all via the Skoolbag app)

Teams will train each Friday during our timetabled sports sessions to prepare for the Lightning Premiership. Details and permission note regarding the Lightning Premiership will be forwarded closer to the date.

We are always in need of parent/carer assistance at sporting events. If you are interested in supporting the students and staff at the Lightning Premiership we ask that you make contact with your child's teacher. It is requested though, that all parents who assist at any school event attend and complete the parent information session at Torquay College. The next available session is Wednesday 10th May at 9:00am in the Presentation room, F Block. We look forward to an energetic term of sport and thank you in anticipation.



COMING EVENTS:



Quaynotes is the best way to keep up with coming events at Torquay College. This is available online and on the App, but a hard copy can be delivered to your child's classroom if you make a request at the office. Also, don't forget our Year 5/6 Weebly as a good source of homework tasks and SAKG recipes.	Date	Coming Event
	May 9 th , 10 th , 11 th	NAPLAN Testing
	May 19 th	3-6 Assembly
	May 23 rd	Author Guest Speakers
	May 26 th	Curriculum Day – No School for Students
	May 31 st	Bellarine Cross Country
	June 2 nd	Winter Lightning Premiership
	June 6 th	Science Incursion – Professor Bunsen
	June 12 th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
	June 16 th	3-6 Assembly
	June 23 rd	Science Expo Morning
	June 27 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews

Term 2 Curriculum

Spelling

This term the students will be working on a variety of codes and spelling rules from the 'Write to Read' program. Homework activities will involve the weekly code or rule and are designed to reinforce the spelling skills we are learning in class. Practical ideas for practising spelling at home include:

- *Ask your child about the weekly code/rule. Can they explain it clearly to you?
- *Find examples (or sometimes exceptions!) of the weekly codes and rules and make a list *Point out interesting words when your child is reading aloud and make links between the meanings of words and their spelling e.g. sign, signal, signature
- *Write lists/letters/emails together and discuss the spelling of more tricky words
- *Play word games together e.g. Scatterword (in the newspaper), Scrabble and Boggle
- *Don't forget about Spellodrome! This is a great resource that all students have access to, just simply use the same username and password as Mathletics.

English

Term 2 is all about persuading and reporting. Year 5 students will be practising their arguments as they write Expositions (persuasive pieces) on a range of topics. There will be debate and discussion surrounding the topic so be prepared for some valid reasoning and thoughtful, structured arguing.

As we progress with our Science unit we will also be writing Information Reports to document our scientific thinking and discovery.

Each student will complete a range of reading activities relevant to their comprehension and knowledge of texts. We will be expanding our independent and reciprocal reading skills as we immerse ourselves into a novel.

We will be looking for things to read at home; regularly reading a variety of texts will help us to broaden our understanding and improve our skills as 21st Century Literacy Learners!

Maths

We have started term 1 with a unit on the 4 processes (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Our units start with a pre test, finish with a post test and in between are full of fun, hands-on games, activities and workshops to build on our Maths knowledge and address our Maths goals. Later in the term we shall be changing to a new unit on units of measurement. Any work you can do to support these learning goals at home is greatly appreciated.

Inquiry

Our Inquiry Topic this term is all about Science. Students are investigating aspects of both chemical and physical science. You have hopefully seen some Science tasks come home as a way of involving families in this topic. Please support your child to complete one of these activities every week as homework. In the classrooms, the Science topic is proving to be lots of fun, with heaps of hands-on activities and experiments to teach us skills around conducting fair tests. Our topic will conclude with a big Science expo of the student's experiments. More information will come out before this event.