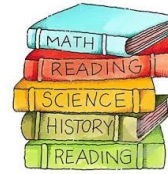




Term 3 Year 5

Torquay College Newsletter



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Welcome

Dear Year 5 parents and carers,

Thank-you for a wonderful term 2. Your contributions to the Science Expo, Parent Interviews and more have been greatly appreciated. Term 3 is a shorter term, being only 10 weeks, but it's a big term in regards to how much teaching and learning we will be doing.

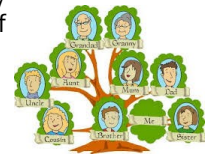
As mentioned, we had a highly successful term 2, with plenty of hands-on and enjoyable science activities, culminating in a sensational Expo to showcase our learning to our families. We will continue to build on these science skills in term 3 as we move to some work on Biological Science. We also have transitioned to our History and Geography area of inquiry, with our Australian migration topic. Your child will no doubt be full of questions at home about your family history. Enjoy making some new discoveries together.

Homework

Unsure of the homework requirements? These are regularly updated on the senior school [Weebly](#).

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Each week, we aim to provide expectations around home reading, reinforcement of Maths skills and some links to our Inquiry topic to keep you involved. The Weebly is also a great place to find other important Year 5 information.



Reporting

Following on from last term, where all Year 5 families received ongoing report comments through the Scentral portal, this term all families from P-6 will be following our lead. These comments will be sent regularly through the term with 5 comments in total. They are a fantastic method of timely feedback to help you stay informed and to strengthen our home-school partnership. If you are not getting the emails for new comments, please see the office.

Senior Sport

Term 3 continues to provide many opportunities for our students to participate in and represent our school at various sports and at various levels. For most Lightning Premiership sports, Term 3 plays host to Division and Regional finals for teams/individuals that have been successful enough to make it through to these rounds.

A huge thank you goes out to all our parent helpers, coaches and supporters for the successful coordination of both Summer and Winter Lightning Premierships and the assistance you have provided the students and staff at Torquay College. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events for Term 3:

Week 2 - Friday 28th July, Torquay College has two teams of Girls AFL competing in the Bellarine Division Carnival at Ervin Reserve, Newcomb.

Week 4 - Wednesday 9th August, Year 5/6 Boys Soccer Team will compete in the Regional Finals at Galvin Park Reserve, Shaws Road, Werribee.

Week 6 - Monday 21st August, Torquay College will be taking our Athletics Team to compete in the City to Surf District Athletics at Landy Field. Teams are being finalised and competitors will be informed of their events, date of carnival and other arrangements within the coming weeks. Mr Herbert and Mr Ross are working hard to have this information forwarded to all involved.

Week 9 - Tuesday 12th September, Bellarine and Geelong North Division Athletics will be conducted at Landy Field. Teams will be determined by the results of the City to Surf District Athletics Carnival.

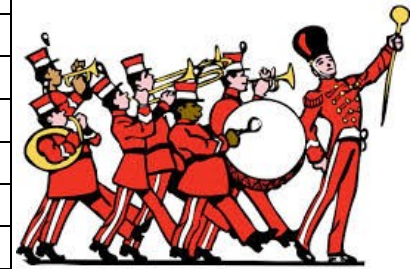
Sporting activities will continue for Year 5 on a Friday in our timetabled session, these will be informal games organised within the Pods. Students are able to wear their sports uniform (black track pants and black polo shirt) **only** on a Friday and for any other official sports day. If students are representing our school at a sporting event, school uniform is required to be worn.

Thanks for your ongoing support and enjoy the term.



COMING EVENTS:

<p>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.</p>	Date	Coming Event
	2nd Aug	Dr Karl Skype
	15th Aug	Book Week Presenter
	17th Aug	Indonesian Independence Day
	22nd Aug	Cyber Safety Info Session
	25th Aug	Book Week Parade
	28th Aug	Curriculum Day (no school)
	11th Sep	M.A.D. (Mini Activities Day)
	14th Sep	China Trip Departure
	18th–19th Sep	Drama Production
	20th Sep	Student Led Conferences
	22nd Sep	Last Day of Term 3



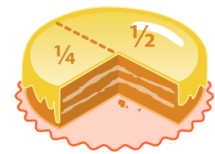
Term 3 Curriculum

Reading

During Reading this term, Year 5 teachers are extending and supporting our students reading comprehension and enhancing their ability to make text connections, specifically to our Inquiry unit. Teachers have also encouraged students to read a variety of genres at home, that can be described as a 'Take A Break Book', a text that is easy for students to decode and understand or a 'Just Right Book' where students can decode the text, while increasing their vocabulary, and challenge their thinking, with less predictable story lines and content. We thank all parents for supporting our home reading program through providing a regular routine for children to read, listening to their children read aloud and engaging in discussions with your children about the texts and genres they are reading. Our Year 5 pod libraries have many titles that are suitable for home reading, please contact your child's teacher if you need support to engage your child in home reading.

Maths

Term 3 has begun with a valuable immersion program into our times tables. We have been identifying areas to improve and participating in hands-on games and activities to strengthen and quicken these skills. The Year 5 students have highly enjoyed this work and see the benefits of improving these skills. Common times tables that need extra practise are the 6's, 7's and 8's, so reinforcement of these at home would be highly beneficial. Next we will be moving onto our fractions, decimals and percentages unit, beginning with an immersion day and pre-test of prior skills. Keep an eye out for the new learning goals for these around week 3. A great way to help with this unit will be to identify and utilise fractions (eg cooking measures), decimals (eg money) and percentages (eg shopping discounts) in your daily lives.



Inquiry

This Term the Year 5 students will be completing a new unit, *Are We There Yet?* This unit covers Australia's history from 1800 to 1900 and Immigration Periods including Convicts, The Gold Rush, Assisted Migration, Displaced Persons, Refugees and Asian and Middle Eastern Migration. We were extremely lucky to have been able to visit the Immigration Museum in Melbourne to gather inspiration and immerse ourselves in the topic. Students have selected an Immigration Period that they would like to become an expert in. From here they will be developing a 'suitcase presentation' and take on the role of a character from that time.

Your child will require a suitcase for their presentation later in the term. We encourage students to be creative and reuse or recycle items like old cardboard boxes that could be covered with wrapping paper or painted. Your child might like to try and create a suitcase that matches the time period their character represents.

This is a photo of the 'guest speakers' that provided some inspiration to students regarding the Immigration Periods.

Have a wonderful term.

From the Year 5 team.

