

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all our families and students. We hope you had a safe and restful break. This term, we have many fun and exciting activities planned for the students. This is an eleven week term, finishing on Friday the 30th of June.

Year Six Teachers

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**INQUIRY TOPIC**

The Term Two Inquiry Unit will focus on the Physical and Natural World. In particular, we will examine various energy sources including geothermal, tidal, hydro, coal, nuclear, solar and wind. Students will learn about the history of energy, production on a global and local scale, political issues, environmental impacts and renewable vs non-renewable energy. The unit will conclude with students focusing on one type of energy source and creating a mock campaign to promote its use. This work will be on display in an Energy Expo later this term for parents and carers to attend.

**LITERACY**

This term in reading, students will be exploring the themes and concepts in their group’s novel. Students will have a variety of tasks to complete in Google Classroom and resources will be posted there for students to access both at school and at home. There will be continued focus on effective reading strategies throughout the term, beginning with predicting, questioning and self-monitoring encouraging students to read between the lines.

For writing this term we will be looking at extending students’ experience and knowledge of a range of texts types with a specific focus on Newspaper Reports and Discussions. New structures including weekly Master Classes and Writing Workshops will allow students to make their own learning choices. In spelling, we will continue to focus on strategies to encourage students to think more deeply about words, how they are spelt and why they are spelt that way. Grammar skills will be a focus throughout reading and writing.

**NUMERACY**

This term we are focusing on the Four Operation (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division) and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Students should have brought home a goal sheet to be signed. This is your copy to keep and work on at home. Students are strongly encouraged to practise their times tables (daily) along with number facts at home to help consolidate concepts covered in class. If you have any questions about the goal sheets please contact your child’s homeroom teacher.

**SPORT**

Term Two 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 – Crown 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 a 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.

Year 6 Newsletter

**TERM TWO 2017**

TERM 2 DATES

**MAY**

*Tuesday 9th*

**F8 + F9 Earth Ed Excursion**

*Thursday 11th*

**F10 + F11 Earth Ed Excursion**

*Friday 12th*

**Mother’s Day Stall**

**Year 7 Transition Forms Due**

*Thursday 18th*

**F7 Earth Ed Excursion**

*Friday 19th*

**Year 6 Assembly Performance**

*Friday 26th*

**Curriculum Day**

**(Student Free Day)**

**JUNE**

Friday 2nd

**Winter Lightning Premiership**

*Monday 12th*

**Queen’s Birthday Holiday**

*Tuesday 27th*

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

*Friday 30th*

**End of Term 2**

**JULY**

*Monday 17th*

**Beginning of Term 3**

Meet the Teacher

***Name:***

Miss Longmire

***What is your favourite movie?***

Forrest Gump

***What do you love about Torquay College?***

The people, everyone is so lovely and friendly.

***If you could choose three people to have dinner with, who would they be?***

Oprah, Ryan Gosling and I would bring my Mum along too!

***Parmi or Parma?***

Parma

A FEW REMINDERS

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

All families will have now received their Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Pack. The Parents’ Transition Pack is provided to all Victorian Government students and contains a lot of information regarding the transition process. Included are frequently asked questions and a list of all the government schools in the South-Western Victoria Region. Copies of the Pack are available on the Weebly, through Google Classroom and in Pod 3. If you have any questions regarding the process please contact Emily Burgess or Nadia Tkaczuk. Transition forms are due back **Friday 12 May 2017**.

CONTINUOUS REPORTING

Throughout Term Two parents will begin to receive regular comments from their child’s teacher regarding their progress and achievements in Maths, Writing, Reading and Inquiry. You will receive an email notification each time a new comment is placed in the Continuous Assessment section. If you do not receive any email notifications please check that your current email address has been shared with the school office. Parents can log on to the Sentral Parent Portal and read these comments at their convenience. The Continuum Tracker will also be updated throughout the term.

At the end of this semester, all parents will still receive a published report. These will look slightly different for Year 6 classes; however all reports will include an overview, progression points (A,B,C,D,E) and marks for effort from specialist teachers. They will also include a personal comment from your child’s homeroom teacher. This published report, combined with the Continuum Tracker and regular comments will help our reporting to parents to be comprehensive, informative and timely. Parents will know exactly what level their child is working at throughout the year, not just at the end of each semester. We see this as an improvement on our current reporting model. More information regarding Continuous Assessment will be distributed during the term however, if you have any queries please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Loader.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 29th June – 3:15 to 8.00pm. Bookings through Sentral will be available closer to the date.

DIARIES

Just a reminder that diaries are to be checked every day for notices and to be signed each Monday night. Diaries are to be taken home every night and brought back to school each day. Home reading is to be recorded in student’s diaries each night. Please help your child ensure this is completed.

R U OK?

A reminder to students and families of the ‘R U OK?’ tool on our student Intranet page. The ‘R U OK?’ tool is designed to support students who are having a tough time. Students can use this tool to report bullying or inform us that they are having a tough time. The report students make through this tool is emailed to Ms Nadia and Mrs Loader.

CAMP TERM 4

We will be attending Camp Howqua in **Term 4, November 14th – 17th**. We will require parent assistance. If you are interested, please inform your child’s homeroom 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.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

This will be held on Friday May 12th and classes will be assigned times for students to purchase gifts if you wish. If this is the case please send money with your child on this day.

NUDE FOOD LUNCH BOXES

It has been great to see so many healthy ‘Nude Food’ lunch boxes at school. These wrapper free lunch boxes are helping to reduce the amount of rubbish around the school and in the rubbish bins. We realise that this can be hard at times but really appreciate the effort parents make. The wildlife of Torquay appreciate it too!