From the Principal’s Desk:

P&C Trivia Night
Last Thursday afternoon our Parents and Citizens Association held their first meeting for 2016. During the meeting they discussed a number of exciting fundraising initiatives for this year. The first fundraiser will be a Trivia Night on Saturday the 12th of March. We have placed an advertisement for the night on the inside page of this week’s newsletter. All funds raised will go towards air conditioning our SAT room in the library and part of our Lilypond. The SAT room is used by every class in the school on a weekly basis and we believe that air conditioning this room will assist in creating a much more productive and comfortable learning environment for all our students.

Year 6 Leadership Conference
On the 2nd of March, our 2016 leadership team will be attending a unique student leadership conference in Maryborough. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our leaders to network with school leaders from across the region and further develop their leadership skills. Permission notes will be sent home early next week.

Sausage Sizzle and Free Dress Day
Our Student Council will be holding their first fundraiser for the year on Thursday the 3rd of March. All students are encouraged to wear free dress (Neon Colours) and make a gold coin donation. We will also be having a sausage sizzle which students can pre-purchase before the day. Notes will be going home in the near future to pre-purchase the sausages. The Student Council will also be selling icy cups for 50 cents. Money raised will be used to subsidise the costs of excursions and extra-curricular activities for all year levels.

Allergies
This year we have several students at Torbanlea with severe food allergies. Our teachers regularly enforce our policy of not sharing food, however, some of our students with severe allergies can still be affected by simply sitting alongside another child who is eating food that they are allergic too. One particular food that we would strongly encourage parents not to send to school is nuts. Nuts can come in their raw form or as an ingredient to other products such as peanut butter and nutella. We currently have students with severe allergies to nuts and these students can experience an acute allergic reaction which could be life threatening. We would encourage you to keep this in mind when making your child’s lunch and we would appreciate it if you would not include nut products in lunches.

Kind regards
Dave Hillhouse (Principal)
From the Deputy’s Desk

Expectations Parade

Next week our expectation will be about Self-Responsibility. Students will be reminded to display responsibility by ensuring they are using toilets during break time and keeping our toilets clean and tidy. In the classroom we will also be discussing following routines to ensure students are lined up and ready for class on time.

Swimming

Swimming started yesterday for students in Years 4-6. If you haven’t done so already, please ensure that the Swimming Consent form has been returned and that the swimming fee of $42 has been paid. Students will have lessons for 5 weeks and will finish the term with the upper school Swimming Carnival on Thursday 24th March.

Swimming is part of the HPE curriculum and all children are expected to participate. Swimming instruction will be provided by our PE teacher, Mr Dakin and another qualified swimming instructor, Kelsey Connell.

All children will be required to wear a swim shirt or t-shirt for sun safety. Children will also need thongs to wear to and from the pool. Children swimming in the morning session need to come to school dressed in their swimwear underneath their uniform. Other classes will have time to change at school before going to the pool. Please make sure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Curriculum

Below is a brief outline of the units that will be covered in each year level this term.

Prep – (English) Phonemic awareness, book characters, pre-writing skills. (Maths) Number, sorting, ordering, counting. (Science) Our living world. (History) Our family history.

Year 1 – (English) Revising single phonograms, beginning multiples, exploring emotions in picture books. (Maths) Number, place value, data and measurement. (Science) Living adventure. (History) Our own personal timeline.

Year 2 – (English) Revising single sounds, beginning multiples. Biography and character emotions. (Maths) Measurement, length, addition and subtraction. (Science) Mix, make and use – combining materials to make an object. (History) Past and present.

Year 3 – (English) Persuasive texts and exploring personal experience. (Maths) Place value, time, number. (Science) Is it living? (History) Celebrations and commemorations. (Technology) Repurpose it!

Year 4 – (English) Narratives and examining humour in poetry. (Maths) Number and place value, fractions, chance, measurement, patterns and algebra, change, data. (Science) Exploring living things - life cycles. (History) European settlement. (Technology) Endangered animals.

Year 5 – (English) Examining literary texts (Fantasy Novel). (Maths) Number facts, chance and data, fractions, measurement. (Science) Survival in the environment. (History) Australian explorers. (Health) Healthy habits.

Year 6 – (English) Short stories. (Maths) Number and place value, fractions, chance, graphing, place value. (Science) Making changes - solids, liquids, gasses. (History) Australia’s federation. (Health) How the body works.

Tips to Help Your Child Learn

You can increase your child’s reading mileage at home. Getting children into the habit of reading a book before bed time is a great way to do this. Children really enjoy some quiet time and a nice story before going to sleep. As they get older and more independent continue to encourage 10 minutes or so of reading at bed time. The more they read the better readers they will be.

Until next week.

Kim Burns (Deputy Principal)

P & C News

As we’ve had a very hot and humid summer this year, I’m sure we are all very thankful that our students have air-conditioned classrooms. This has been a great achievement over the past few years. We now only have a couple more rooms to air-condition; the Lilypond and the SAT Room in the ALC.

Next month we are having a Trivia Night and the proceeds will go to air-conditioning those final few rooms. Please come along and support our school. Bring your friends and make up a team. It promises to be a fun filled night. More details can be found on our Facebook page.
Students of the Week

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>Prep/M</td>
<td>EMILY</td>
<td>Following our school rules and listening well in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Prep/R</td>
<td>HARLEY</td>
<td>His amazing transformation as a new student. He has adjusted to school life very quickly, getting used to our routines and rules. Well done.</td>
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<td>Year 1H</td>
<td>MIMI</td>
<td>Being a wonderful, hardworking student and a supportive and kind friend!</td>
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<td>1L</td>
<td>JAVON</td>
<td>Working really hard in all areas and already making pleasing progress.</td>
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<td>1/2F</td>
<td>CINDY</td>
<td>Taking pride in her handwriting and presenting her bookwork to a very high standard.</td>
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<td>2H</td>
<td>ETHAN</td>
<td>An excellent start at Torbanlea. Ethan is making great choices in and out of the classroom. Welcome to Torbanlea school.</td>
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<td>2K</td>
<td>JACOB</td>
<td>A terrific focus on your learning and working on improving your bookwork!</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>XANDER</td>
<td>Keeping his desk tidy and always meeting our class bookwork expectations. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>3W</td>
<td>NICOLE</td>
<td>Her effort inside and outside the classroom when following expectations. Nicole works to the best of her ability in all areas. Well done!</td>
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<td>4G</td>
<td>RHIANNON</td>
<td>Showing a desire to learn and improve. A fantastic start to the year!</td>
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<td>4L</td>
<td>KAI</td>
<td>His enthusiasm during reading warm-ups. Kai has a fantastic attitude towards learning. Well done!</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>KOBIE</td>
<td>Always trying her best and adding valuable information to class discussions.</td>
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<td>5OBI</td>
<td>CEEJAY</td>
<td>Displaying beautiful manners and setting a wonderful standard of behaviour for his peers to aspire to. Excellent work, Ceejay!</td>
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<td>6D</td>
<td>CODY</td>
<td>Giving her best effort in all class activities. She has worked very well this week, especially during math.</td>
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<td>COURTNEY</td>
<td>Continued great effort in class and excellent bookwork. Keep up the good work!</td>
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<td>6OBI</td>
<td>LYLE</td>
<td>Demonstrating a willingness and readiness to learn in all areas of the curriculum. Making a settled start to school.</td>
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Please use our **ABSENCE HOTLINE ☎️ 4193 2160** if your child is away. Don’t forget to state your child’s name and a reason for their absence or it will be recorded as unexplained.

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- Guest Speaker: Bill Morris
- ALL WELCOME!

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
- Date: Saturday 12th March 2016
- Lucky Dip
- Games
- Ping Pong Cup Game
- Trivia Night
- Lucky Envelopes
- Rum/Wine Toss
- Lucky Door Prize
- Time: 6pm
- Torbanlea State School
- Prizes for Best Dressed

Help our P&C Raise fund for our school!
- $10.00/head
- BYO drinks & food
- Maximum of 8 per table
- Supervised childcare available for 4-12 yr olds - $5 per child, includes popcorn, drink & a movie marathon.

For bookings please phone Sam on 4193 2108 or 0409 484 101. Get in quick to secure a seat. You are welcome to book as a group or book as a single/couple and join a table.

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