From the Principal's Desk:

Every Day Counts
We are now half way through Term 1 and I would like to remind parents of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, having a birthday, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Swimming Carnival
We will be holding our end of term Swimming Carnival for all students in years 4-6 on Thursday the 24th of March (last day of Term 1). Due to the fact that our 9 year old Year 4 students will be participating, we would like to extend an invitation to our capable 9 year old Year 3 students to also attend the carnival. If your child is a confident swimmer, and you would like them to attend the carnival, please send along a note to the office indicating your intention to nominate your child in the carnival. Permission notes will then be sent home to all Year 3 students who have requested to nominate. If you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Easter Bonnet Parade
On the last day of this term we would like to invite our Torbanlea community to come along to our annual Easter Bonnet Parade. All students in Prep to 3 are invited to make an Easter bonnet and participate in the parade after our student of the Term parade. Students who are unable to make a bonnet at home will be given the opportunity to make one during lunchtime in the last week of this term.

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 are also holding a sausage sizzle. Students were to have had their orders and money in by today, Friday 25th February. 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 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 Safety. Students will be reminded to travel safely on busses and to walk or ride safely to and from school. In the classroom students will be reminded to move safely in and out of rooms, taking particular care on stairs.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
Yesterday our SWPBS team held the first meeting for the year. Items included in our annual plan will include increased signage of our School Code of Behaviour – SAFETY, EFFORT, RESPECT and SELF-RESPONSIBILITY.

We pride ourselves on our high expectations for student behaviour here at Torbanlea and will continue to expect that children attending our school follow the School Code of Behaviour demonstrating SAFETY, EFFORT, RESPECT and SELF-RESPONSIBILITY.

Swimming – 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.

Clean Up Australia Day
We will be participating in Schools Clean Up Australia Day next Friday, 4th March. Classes will be allocated a section of the school to clean up with their teacher during the day. It is great to play our part in this community event and build pride in our school and an awareness of the importance of caring for our environment. If you and your family would like to participate in Clean Up Australia Day activities around the community on Sunday, follow the link for further information.


Generosity of Graduating Torbo Student Acknowledged
We were very proud this week to see that one of our Year 6 students from last year, Jordan Wood has continued her great work, preparing care packets for hospital patients. Jordan was presented with a certificate from Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service in recognition of her community spirit and leadership in helping patients cope with their stay in hospital. Each care pack is filled with a mini shampoo & conditioner, soap, toothbrush and paste, razor, comb and ear buds. These bags are delivered to the Emergency Department, where there is a real need, especially for the many tourists who visit our area. None of this would be possible without the constant donations from family and friends. Jordan’s goal is to try and raise more donations to expand the care packs to other hospitals, or even the homeless. If you have a cupboard full of shampoo, conditioners or soap collected from motel stays and are wondering what to do with them, or can just help with donations, maybe buy an extra item in your shopping, then please do. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be left at the Burrum District Community centre Howard.

Tips to Help Your Child Learn

Make sure your child is getting regular and adequate sleep. Think about what time your child has to get up to be ready for school then decide on a bed time and stick to it. Primary school aged children need 10-12 hours of sleep each night. Children who sleep well are happier, healthier and learn new things more easily. Visit the following website for more information about the importance of sleep for healthy brain development, and the impact of insufficient sleep on learning and behaviour. http://www.webmd.com/parenting/guide/sleep-children

Until next week, Kim Burns (Deputy Principal)
Library News
The first Issue of Scholastic Book Club went home this week. If you would like to order, please follow the directions on the order form inside the brochure. Payment can be made by credit card using the LOOP system, cash or cheque. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Scholastic Australia.

Orders brought to school need to be in a sealed envelope with the correct amount inside and your child’s name and class on the front. All orders are to be placed in the orange box in the ALC and to be in by Monday the 7th of March.

Congratulations to our 2016 Library Monitors. I am looking forward to working with each one as they learn new skills and help promote the library to fellow students, staff members and our school community.

Trish Morris ~Teacher Librarian

P & C News
Trivia Night - 2 Weeks to Go!
Seats are filling up fast so make sure you book your table before they’re all gone, limited spaces. Bookings and payments are to be made by Friday 4th March.

Golf Day - Term 2
Do you like to play golf or would you enjoy a nice, fun family day out? We have a great event coming up in Term 2 that will satisfy both those desires. Keep an eye out for more details coming up in the next few weeks in both the newsletter and on our Facebook page - Torbo Community Forum.

AGM
All positions will be vacated at the AGM on 10th March. If you are interested in a position this year please contact a P & C member or call Catherine on 0429067759. Positions still not applied for are Secretary and Vice President.

Forthcoming Events
- Feb 29 - Fundraising Meeting – 9am Parent Café
- Mar 02 - Student Leadership Conference
- Mar 03 - Free Dress & Sausage Sizzle Day
- Mar 04 - Clean Up Australia Day
- Mar 10 - P&C AGM – 3.15pm in the SAT Room
- Mar 12 - Trivia Night
- Mar 24 - Upper School Swimming Carnival
- Mar 25 - Good Friday

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.

As this is a school fundraiser, we support the responsible consumption of alcohol.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Games
- Lucky Dip
- Ping Pong Cup Game
- Lucky Envelopes
- Roll & Win
- Themed Dress
- Trivia Night (Optional)
- Prizes for Best Dressed

Date: Saturday 12th March 2016
Time: 6pm
Lucky Door Prize

SCENARIO 18+

Students of the Week

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<td>XAVIER</td>
<td>Working well during group rotations and being a kind and thoughtful friend to others.</td>
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<td>CALLUM</td>
<td>Being a very responsible student, helping others and the teacher. Callum always listens and does his work beautifully.</td>
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<td>Year 1H</td>
<td>BROCK</td>
<td>Being a well-mannered student with an excellent attitude to learning. He even read his Home Reader when he was away!</td>
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<td>TYRONE</td>
<td>Listening carefully and always doing his best work. Super effort, Tyrone.</td>
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<td>1/2F</td>
<td>DEKLAN</td>
<td>Using terrific concentration skills during writing and writing descriptive sentences.</td>
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<td>State School Consent form not returned</td>
<td>Outstanding bookwork and for always being organised and prepared for learning.</td>
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<td>Completing all homework tasks on time. Keep up the great work in class also!</td>
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<td>Always moving safely around the room and excellent effort in class. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>TAJ</td>
<td>Making safe choices in the playground and in the classroom. Taj keeps himself and those around him safe by making good choices all the time!</td>
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<td>ISABELLE</td>
<td>Showing enthusiasm towards all class activities. A great start to Year 4!</td>
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<td>CAMERON</td>
<td>Always trying his best in class and being a wonderful role model to his peers.</td>
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<td>TIA</td>
<td>Being a polite and caring student who is organised and always ready to learn.</td>
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<td>TARA</td>
<td>Being a lovely, polite student with a commendable attitude to learning. Well done, Tara, keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>JORDAN</td>
<td>Consistently producing immaculate bookwork in class. He always gives his best effort and is a hardworking student.</td>
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<td>Working hard on his spelling and for always trying his best. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Working enthusiastically at all times during class activities. Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>JOSHUA</td>
<td>Enthusiastically participating in this week’s LOTE lesson. Well done!</td>
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Chappy Chat

One of the key principles in respect is the Golden Rule. It helps you relate to people and gives you an instant guide to follow when it comes to your behaviour. The Golden Rule is generally defined as treating others as you would like to be treated. If more people practised the Golden Rule, the world would be a better place.

In terms of friendship, the Golden Rule provides a guide on how to be a friend. If you want someone to laugh with, care about, and be there for you, then you need to do this for other people. If everyone lived by this rule, there would be no conflict or hurt feelings between friends.

One possible reason that people don’t follow it is that people don’t always know how to treat themselves, and as a result, treat others poorly as well. Perhaps they had a hard time with self-esteem or did not receive the unconditional love that every child should have.

Keep up the good work in parenting your child.
Chappy Neil