From the Principal’s Desk:

Early Departures
Over the last few weeks we have had a number of students leaving early for a number of different reasons. I would like to remind parents to please report to the office prior to collecting your child from the classroom. This is a vital student safety policy, which ensures that an authorised parent or guardian is present to collect the child. Once you have signed your child out at the office you will receive a receipt slip to show the classroom teacher that you have been to the office. I thank you for supporting this important initiative.

Student Council Fundraiser
Thank you to all our families for supporting our first Student Council fundraiser for the year. We raised approximately $750.00. These funds will be used to help subsidise school excursions and extracurricular activities across all our year levels from Prep – Year 6.

Swimming Carnival
We will be holding our term 1 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
It’s not too late to book a table for our Trivia Night next Saturday the 12th of March. 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.

Student Attendance
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, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

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.
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 Self Responsibility. Students will be reminded about the importance of following school routines before school and ensuring they are either in the classroom, or under the supervision of the duty teacher before school. We will also be reminding children to be organised and ready for learning, making sure all of their morning jobs are done, before going to play.

Leadership Excursion
It was with great pleasure that I attended the Leadership Workshop with Miss Oldham and our Year 6 student leaders on Wednesday. Our young leaders learnt some valuable lessons about how to conduct themselves as leaders and how to have a positive influence on others in our school. I am looking forward to working with them throughout the year as they put some of the great ideas they discussed into action at Torbanlea State School.

Trading Cards
It has come to our attention that a number of students have been trading Pokemon and other cards at school. We have had a number of upset children with cards getting lost or stolen. We ask that parents do not allow children to bring these cards to school in future. If your child has something special that they want to share during show and tell time, then this needs to be given to their teacher at the beginning of the day, to ensure it is kept safe until home time.

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.

Excellence in English & Mathematics Program
Teachers have identified the students from their class who are eligible to participate in this program for 2016. I am in the process of purchasing the resources we need and parents will soon receive a letter with login information for online programs. Interviews for students who will be accessing this program will be held during parent teacher interviews, scheduled for the end of this term or early next term. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries. I am looking forward to seeing the Excellence Program up and running in classrooms again this year.

Tips to Help Your Child Learn

When reading with your child, activate their prior knowledge before reading the text. If the story is about dinosaurs for instance, ask them, “What do you already know about Dinosaurs?” These discussions help build vocabulary and increase their comprehension. When they’ve finished reading ask, “What’s something new you’ve learnt about dinosaurs?” Orientating children to the text by looking at the cover, reading the blurb on the back of the book and discussing what they know about the topic is a great reading strategy. Be sure to make time for reading every night. The more they read the better readers they will be!

Until next week, Kim Burns (Deputy Principal)

Library News

Book Club orders close on Monday 7th March. Please place your orders in the Book Club box on the front desk in the ALC.

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.

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.

Chappy Chat

As I have walked around the school this week, I have noticed a lot of our children being responsible. Being responsible means that others can depend on you. There are two things that I think that we, as parents, can do to help our kids be more responsible.

BUILD SELF-ESTEEM YOUR KIDS

Parents mirror back to their children how they see themselves. If you are a naturally negative person, start by focusing on your child’s strengths. Let them know how they can improve and give them real responsibilities so they can learn that their parents trust them.

DON'T FIGHT YOUR CHILDREN’S BATTLES

Well-meaning parents often fight their children’s battles, robbing them of solving their own problems. If this is you, next time your child comes home with a problem from school, stand back. Offer support but don’t solve the problem. Give them the responsibility to solve it.

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

Students of the Week

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<td>JACOB</td>
<td>Being ready with an answer when he raises his hand.</td>
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<td>Prep/R</td>
<td>ABIGAIL-ROSE</td>
<td>A very high standard in all her work. Abigail-Rose knows all her sounds and can match all her numerals to groups correctly.</td>
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<td>1H</td>
<td>BRODY</td>
<td>An excellent effort with his reading! He is self-correcting and using the Eagle Eye strategy!</td>
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<td>KYE</td>
<td>Writing very interesting sentences using excellent vocabulary.</td>
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<td>1/2F</td>
<td>ABIGAIL</td>
<td>Being self-responsible in the classroom and following all instructions. Excellent job, Abigail.</td>
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<td>2H</td>
<td>TAMATI</td>
<td>An excellent effort in extension Math activities. Tamati loves to be challenged. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>MATILDA</td>
<td>An excellent job at completing guided reading activities independently, thoroughly and neatly! Great work!</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>BRODIE</td>
<td>Always showing self-responsibility by listening carefully and being prepared for all lessons. Well done!</td>
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<td>3W</td>
<td>SUMMER</td>
<td>Being self-responsible by having her books and pencils ready, by listening and following instructions and being ready to learn!</td>
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<td>A super effort in all subjects. He is producing fantastic work! Keep it up.</td>
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<td>4L</td>
<td>HUNTER</td>
<td>His focus during lessons and trying his best to be in the right area at the right time.</td>
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<td>JORDAN</td>
<td>Always trying his best to complete set tasks and using his manners.</td>
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<td>5OBI</td>
<td>EMILY</td>
<td>Always being a polite well-mannered student who continually works hard in all lessons. Well done, Emily.</td>
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<td>6D</td>
<td>SEBASTIAN</td>
<td>Working hard in class. He is producing quality bookwork every lesson and is a valuable contributor to all lessons. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Working well in groups and always having excellent bookwork. Keep up the great effort.</td>
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<td>6OBI</td>
<td>LAYLA</td>
<td>Working diligently on all set tasks and producing bookwork to an exemplary standard.</td>
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Forthcoming Events

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.