Dear Parents,

Welcome to the week two edition of our school newsletter. Last week our Assistant Regional Director, Mr Adam Myers visited our school to check in on our progress to date, and to meet with me to have my performance appraisal for Term 2.

As part of his visit Mr Myers shared a Central Office attendance download where approximately twelve of our students have been red-flagged as having less than 85% attendance for Term One. When analysing the data and looking over which students have been flagged, I was quite concerned as it is an historical trend that school attendance declines from Term One to Term Two as the winter cold sets in and illnesses begin to take hold. While I would like most certainly, to take this opportunity to sincerely thank and congratulate our students who do attend daily, maintaining excellent attendance, I can’t stress enough to all our families how significant the importance of strong routine attendance is.

As a Department our system has a clearly articulated attendance policy that contains strict measures for following up on attendance. When dealing with continued chronic absenteeism, principals are mandatorily directed to formally prosecute school families who fail to respond to continued attempts to enhance school attendance for students. As the school principal, I do not wish to be put in a position where I have to prosecute one of our families. Please make every effort to ensure that where possible your child is at school 100% of the time. Below is a snapshot of our Term One attendance data from across each year level. I have also included the regions data for Term One.

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Thank you for your ongoing support with our attendance.

Regards,

Dale Magner
AFTER SCHOOL EARLY YEARS GAMES

I would like to invite any children from Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 for an hour of fun after school every Thursday between 3pm and 4pm. We will be playing a variety of fun team games such as, rounders, quick cricket and any games the children suggest. So come along and have some fun with your friends. All you need to bring is yourself, a hat and a water bottle.

-Miss Peall

Secondary News

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Cooper Walsh
On Friday, students in Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be commencing their participation in the Wonder of Science Program. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to develop their passion for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Wonder of Science is an initiative of the Queensland Division of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) which considers that students from all areas of Queensland should be exposed to the potential of STEM studies and career pathways; and to receive the same level of support in realising their potential.

The Wonder of Science program:
- Is aimed at students in the middle years of schooling
- Challenges students to work in teams and respond to real life scenarios with projects that spark the natural curiosity and are fully aligned to the Australian curriculum in Science
- Mobilises young enthusiastic postgraduate students as Young Ambassadors for school visits, mentoring and assistance at student conferences
- Utilises university facilities and resources to host student conferences

Projects challenges include
- What launch angle gives the longest horizontal distance?
- How do rocks help us understand our planet and make viable decisions about its management?
- How do seismologists measure earthquakes?

These projects were selected on the basis of their interest and capacity for integration into the units of work organised for Science classes this year.

This Friday, we welcome Patrick Biggins and Kaustav Das Gupta as the project’s Young Science Ambassadors who are visiting the school to introduce themselves and their research, explain the project challenge tasks that each group will do and conduct an activity with the students related to the challenge topic. At the culmination of the project there will be two regional student conferences held providing an opportunity for a representative team to present their projects.

ICAS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is being offered. This competition is very rigorous and is likely to be beneficial for those students currently achieving very solid to high results in their studies. The following competitions are available and their entry costs are below.

Writing $18.70 (Sitting date-between 15-19 June) Open to Years 3-10
Spelling $12.10. (Sitting date-16 June) Open to Years 3-7
English $8.80 (Sitting date-28 July) Open to Years 2-10
Maths $8.80 (Sitting date-11th August) Open to Years 2-10

Students and the school receive an independent assessment of student strengths and weaknesses and recognition of participation and achievement. Students receive one of the following acknowledgements: High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate. Students can prepare for ICAS by going to the website below for hints and tips and undertake sample questions both online or download to practice.

www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/as/preparation

Parents of students wishing to participate in any of these competitions are asked to contact Lisa or Roslyn at the school Office by next Wednesday 6th May to place an expression of interest. A registration form will be sent home for completion and Mrs Wolski will proceed to organise enrolment in the nominated competition/s. Registration must be completed before 16th May so it is imperative that parents and students who are seriously considering participation in ICAS act on this opportunity within the coming week.

JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!
Our new Term focus is **INTEGRITY**. Teachers will be looking for students who show:

- I am Reliable
- I am Confident
- I am Trustworthy
- I have High Expectations
- I have School Pride

This week’s GOTCHA winners – are students who show **I am Reliable** and joining the GOTCHA celebrations are: Eliza McNee, Felicity Donner, Oli Lethbridge, Jesse Hay & Joel Robinson.

**Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate!!!**

*Price slashed!*

$2 each

Students can bring $2 to school and get some chocolate!

**Friday 8th May 2015**

2pm

@ The hospitality room window.

Chocolates are not allowed to be opened at school.

**Sports News**

**CROSS COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

Cross country will be held on Thursday May 7th this year starting at the school grounds. Once again cross country will be a little different this year. It will cater for people who do not wish to do long distances but help their team out by participating and earning valuable points. This will encourage every child to support their School, house and peers.

Students will be able to choose their distance they are running on the day. If students want to try out for the Taroom team to attend the M & D trials they MUST do the set distance stipulated by QLD Sport. Every km a student runs earns them a point towards their team.

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Sport QLD Distances - based on the age that a child is turning this year (2015)

9 Years - 2km
10 Years - 2km
11 years – 3km
12 years – 3km
13 years – 3km
14 -16 years - 4km

Taroom Early Years Distances
5 & 6 Year olds – 250m
7 & 8 Years olds – 500m

Outline
1. All students are requested to dress in their house colours
2. Students U9-16 years can choose the distance they want to run for the competitive races. Year 3 students will not be able to go over 2km and Year 4 students will not be able to go over 3km.
3. Age Champion will only be given to students who have competed in the M & D qualifying time trials.
4. Students will nominate themselves during HPE lessons
5. U6 years will run 250m and U7-8 years will be competing in a 500m race.

Day’s outline- Starting at 11.30am
11.30: March Pass
Day starts with the 4km backwards to the 250m (The next race will commence as soon as the previous race has finished)
Relays – house relay
Lunch break
Parent / Teacher Fun Run

M & D TENNIS
Congratulations to John Radel and Georgie Keating who have made the M & D Tennis team. They will compete at the SW Trials being held in Chinchilla. Good luck!
Thanks to Mrs Edwina Keating who represented our school as manager for the Taroom team.

M & D TOUCH 8th MAY DULACCA STATE SCHOOL
Thanks to all students who trialled for the Taroom touch team. Information will be sent out to all students regarding starting times when the package has been received from Dulacca State School. Students are required to wear full school uniform, team shirts will be distributed to students at the carnival meeting.
All notes are to be returned to the school office.

SW LEAGUE & NETBALL TRIALS
Well done to all of the players who attended the trials on Sunday/Monday in Roma. A great day was had by everyone. Congratulations to our Miles Cluster ARL team, this team will play off in the final against Chinchilla, date to be advised.
Congratulations to Sophie Smith who is a shadow player for the SW Netball team. Sophie will train alongside the team learning all the skills necessary to support the team and bring home well-earned knowledge to share with her peers.
Other congratulations go to Joe Dwyer and John Radel who were selected to be part of the SW League team. The boys will begin training for their big event in the coming weeks.

LITTLE RASCALS COFFEE SHOP- Show day Monday & Tuesday
The Little Rascals will be at the show, come along and support the team and enjoy a lovely coffee and some homemade treats!

Hospitality - Roma TAFE visit

Wednesday May 6th, the bus will be leaving the school grounds at 6.15am.

- Mrs Stacey Adamson

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**TUCKSHOP**

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**TAROOM SHOW GATE - Fundraiser**

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to man the gate at the Taroom Show this year. Please ensure you are at the gate a few minutes prior to your rostered time to enable a smooth change over. A copy of this roster will be at the gate.

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**SCHOOL UNIFORMS – NEW COORDINATOR**

Andrea Stevens is now our Uniform Coordinator for 2015 – Please contact Andrea for all of your uniform needs at andrea.stevens1@bigpond.com or 0419 798 889. Andrea will be at the school on Monday mornings to fill your orders.

**Next P & C General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12\(^{th}\) May 2015 at 3.30pm in the school library – all welcome.**

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