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 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

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Dear parents,

Congratulations to all our students who participated in our 2015 Cross Country. It was once again a fantastic display of Taroom sportsmanship. It was great to see our captains ensuring their teams were well organised and ready for competition. Thank you to our staff, P&C and parent helpers for all the support. Well done, everyone!

Congratulations also to our students for their outstanding effort that was demonstrated in their show work proudly displayed at our 2015 Taroom Show. On Monday morning we will be handing out all the prizes to those students who were lucky enough to be successful across the many different categories.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our teachers on their tremendous effort in preparing our students for the NAPLAN exams next week. The first exam will begin first thing Tuesday morning. The following table outlines the testing schedule for the three days. Please be aware that students who are absent will be asked to complete catch-up exams on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. After detailed discussions with our staff, I have decided that we will once again provide a cooked breakfast for the students over each of the three days. Students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 are asked to go directly to the courtyard between the middle school and the Admin building as soon as they arrive. Supervising teachers will then take classes aside and provide a final briefing before testing begins.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all our parents of NAPLAN students to please begin your final conversations around the importance of NAPLAN, and to please ensure that students are well rested and ready for success.

These exams are a fantastic opportunity for our students here in Taroom, to demonstrate their skills and knowledge against their national cohort.

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All the very best to team Taroom, and we thank you for your assistance in preparation for these tests.

Dale Magner
Primary News

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 & Mr McNee

Secondary News

ASSESSMENT CALENDARS

Assessment schedules will be made available to students in the coming week. A copy will also be available on the school website.

ICAS Competition

Just a reminder that if your child would like to participate in the ICAS competitions in Writing, Spelling, English and Maths, leave an expression of interest with Lisa or Roslyn at the school Office by next Monday. Registrations close by the 18th May and need to be organised prior to this date. These are challenging competitions suited to academically high achieving students. Detailed information is available in last week’s newsletter.

CAREER CORNER

When considering future career options, strong consideration should be made of the availability of work in particular industries. The Job Outlook website provides information concerning projected employment growth. This may assist students in considering courses and pathways after Year 12.


The following information concerns the projected employment growth in various industries and is sourced from the Australian Government Labour Market Information Portal.

"Over the five years to November 2018, employment is projected to increase in 16 of the 19 broad industry groups, with declines in employment projected for Manufacturing, Mining and Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing. Health Care and Social Assistance is projected to make the largest contribution to employment growth (up by 229,400 or 16.3 per cent), followed by Education and Training (118,800 or 13.3 per cent), Retail Trade (98,200 or 7.8 per cent), Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (88,700 or 9.9 per cent) and Construction (83,500 or 8.0 per cent). Together, these five industries are projected to provide more than two thirds of the employment growth to November 2018. By contrast, employment in Manufacturing is projected to decline by 40,300 (or 4.3 per cent) over the five years to November 2018, in line with long term structural change in the labour market and the announced plant closures by Ford, Holden and Toyota. Similarly, the projected decline in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (down by 2800 or 0.9 per cent) is a continuation of the industry’s long-term decline in employment share, as well as continued investment by the industry in labour-saving plant and equipment. Employment in Mining is projected to decline by 12,300 (or 4.5 per cent) over the five years to November 2018, against the backdrop of an expected peak in capital expenditure and the transition of new mines from a construction phase to a less labour intensive operational phase."

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Student Council News

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**

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

Price slashed!

$2 each

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

Friday 8th May 2015

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**M & D TOUCH 8TH MAY DULACCA STATE SCHOOL**

Thanks to all students who trialled for the Taroom touch team. Students are required to wear full school uniform, team shirts will be distributed to students at the carnival meeting.

**M & D SOFTBALL CARNIVAL – DATE**

The M & D Softball Carnival will be held on Thursday May 28th. Teams will be selected in the coming weeks.

**CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING**

Have you had your training boots on????? Let’s get running……………………Please see Mrs Adamson if you are interested in cross training this year.

**PARENT AND STUDENT TRAINING** - Asking all parents and students to participate in a whole school community run/walk!!!!!!

Let's get running together! Mums, Dads and grandparents please join us each Thursday morning at 8am for a brisk walk/run. We will rally at the shed and become familiar with the track and off we will go! Not too far, not too short but enough to get us moving. 20mins is all you will need so come along and challenge yourself!

*Did you know running is a great aerobic exercise which helps children think better, behave better and increase academic performance! Everyone can run! Enjoy in the fun and get running today!*

**NRL – GIRLS LEAGUE AFTERNOON**

Grant Bignell the NRL officer will be visiting Taroom State School on Thursday May 14th from 1.30-3.00pm. This will help develop the girl’s skills in time for the M & D trials being held in Miles June 5th. Girls in Years 4-6 will be involved in the afternoon.

- Mrs Stacey Adamson

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TUCKSHOP

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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. Please pay with either cash or cheque for your order. Thank you.

Next P & C General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12th May 2015 at 3.30pm in the school library – ALL WELCOME.

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