Week 5

Dear Parents,

This week on parade I spoke at length about the importance of preparation. Being prepared for school, being prepared for learning, and being prepared to explicitly follow our three school rules; Focused on Learning, Focused on Respect and Focused on Safety.

In approximately three weeks our teachers will begin our formal assessment period which will then be followed by the writing end of semester reports. Focussing on learning should be at the forefront of every student’s mind as they enter our school grounds every day. The level of effort being applied by students when completing homework, daily classwork and all assessment tasks has a significant impact on academic results and their overall positioning as active members of society. All students, particularly our year ten students who will soon transition to senior secondary schools, need to ensure that they are applying themselves to their fullest extent. Parents are reminded to discuss the upcoming assessment period with students and have them revisit their assessment planner which was sent out earlier in the year.

By now I am sure you have noticed the changes to the school crossing on Wolsey Street. Both Sargent Bill Hickey and I have addressed our school assembly and we have closely supervised the crossing every afternoon. I would like to congratulate the majority of our students for their diligence in endeavouring to give way to the traffic, which is of course the exact opposite of what they are used to doing. Can I please ask all parents to discuss this crossing with students, and to be sure to make the students give way to the traffic at all times, with or without their parents present.

Today I met with our P&C executive to look over some samples for our formal uniform that will be introduced later in the year. While there are still many decisions to be made and conversations to be had in relation to the uniform, I would like to congratulate the P&C on their work to date. Our formal uniform will again be discussed in further detail at our next P&C meeting on the 9th of June. Please feel free to come along and join in the conversations. If you are unable to make the meeting, there will be a full school uniform survey coming out in the very near future.

Next week our Year Nine students leave for Toowoomba to participate in a combined schools leadership program. The Ylead Altitude Day is focused on positive education and leadership development. Our students will stay at the James Byrne Centre on Tuesday night, before heading to the workshop on Wednesday. Students will return Wednesday evening. Thank you to Mrs Karen Wolski, Mr JB Mohr and Mrs Keryn Welsh for organising the leadership camp.

Dale Magner
Primary News

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 5
Ebony Robinson
Kendall Anderson-Peall
Tom Thornton
Lucia Welsh
Isobel Welsh
Claudia Welsh
Danni Mulcahy
Joel Robinson
Cleo Lethbridge
Jesse Hay
Glenrowan Roberts

Stars of Reading

Week 5
Sally Phelps
Emily Lamb
Nicholas Graham
Bella Bunker
Hugh Bunker
Jesse Hay
Lucia Welsh
Melinda Sorrell
Alice Kallquist
Andrea Howe
Caitlyn Walton
Monika
Bruggemann
Felicity Donner

Secondary News

YEAR 7 PROJECT 600 NUMERACY

Year 7 Project 600 students had their first online lesson this week with their host teacher who is located at the Toowoomba SHS, Mt Lofty Campus. Problem solving lessons commenced this week and students were familiarised with the ICT tools they have to use whilst online. Fortunately students utilised their online LOTE ICT skills so were quickly able to navigate their working platform. I have had previous experience with literacy programs run through the Project 600 team and have found them to be rigorous, engaging and worthwhile. What a fantastic opportunity for our rural and remote students to be able to access this program that will ensure they have the same opportunities as their urban counterparts. A letter will be sent home early next week with those students who met the eligibility requirements for selection to the program. Please refer to last week’s newsletter for further information.

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YEAR 9 ALTITUDE DAY OVERNIGHT EXCURSION & TAFE

A letter was sent home with all Year 9 students this week detailing information regarding the up and coming overnight excursion to Toowoomba to participate in the Altitude Leadership Day program. Please return permission slips and if necessary medical forms to the School Office by Friday of this week. Students must take with them their school uniform consisting of school uniform top, bottle green jacket or jumper; black pants or skirt and closed in shoes. Uniform football-style shorts are not required for this excursion.

On Tuesday afternoon, we have organised for students to participate in the Open Day at Toowoomba TAFE. Please note that this was not on your information letter as it has only just been confirmed today. Students will explore pathways and hands on activities around Beauty; Hairdressing & Therapies; Hospitality; Building and Construction; Early Education; Agriculture, Health & Aged Care, Engineering & Automotive, Creative Industries, Information Technology and Business. Refer to the URL below for further information.

http://tafesouthwest.edu.au/about-us/events/open-house-toowoomba.html#VV03UOkcSM8

STUDENT LAPTOPS

We have had some issues with student laptops recently. Obviously age is a factor to a degree but students can assist in prolonging the life and condition of their assigned laptop by following these simple procedures:

- Food and drink should never be placed near the device
- Plugs, cords and cables should be inserted and removed carefully.
- Devices should be carried within their protective cases.
- Avoid tapping roughly on keys and fiddling with them.
- Devices should never be carried with the screen open.
- Ensure the battery is fully charged each day.
- Turn the device off before placing it in its bag.
- Avoid poking the screen
- Don’t lean on the device when it is closed
- Avoid placing anything on the keyboard before closing the lid
- Avoid placing anything in the carry case that could press against the cover
- Clean the lid with a clean, soft dry cloth or anti-static cloth
- Don’t clean the screen with household cleaning products

Students should see Mrs Wolski or Mrs Heslin if they are having issues with their laptop.

YEARS 7-10 DAILY MATHS MOVES!

The secondary form classes will be participating in a daily physical Numeracy program during Form class. The initial focus is on number facts and aims to strengthen students’ mathematical fluency skills including automaticity and recall. To liven up the competitive spirit, students will operate in their House Teams of Dawson and Leichhardt in each year level and compete against each other. The focus of the program will shift with time and be informed by our Maths data and general curriculum concepts. Spelling will also be included at a future date along with Higher Order Thinking Skills team challenges.

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

This week’s GOTCHA winners – are students who show I am Trustworthy and joining the GOTCHA celebrations are: Sterling Stevens, Krystal Newby, Tom Graham & Dominic Kallquist.
CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS SUPER HERO DAY

Friday 5th June 2015

Show your courage and come dressed as your favourite hero for a gold coin donation supporting children with Bone Marrow Diseases.

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**Sports News**

**M & D SOFTBALL CARNIVAL - DATE**
The M & D Softball Carnival will be held on Thursday May 28th. Please note that the M & D Softball will not be a carnival as in previous years. Due to lack of numbers across the Miles Cluster the day’s format has changed. Students (boys & girls) will be involved in a number of drills and skills during the morning & mock games in the afternoon. The team selected will then attend a training session in the afternoon. The day’s events have been listed.

**DAY’S OUTLINE**
Skill Session 1: 9.00-9.30 (Each Coach/Manager will be provided with these to run)
Skill Session 2: 9.30-10.00
MORNING TEA BREAK
Skill Session 3: 10.30 -11.00
Skill Session 4: 11.00-11.30
Mock Games: 11.30-12.30
LUNCH BREAK
Mock Games: 1.00-1.30
GIRLS TEAM ANNOUNCED
M & D TEAM TRAINING: 2.00pm-3.30pm
Taroom students selected to attend this carnival will be given notes this Friday.

**CONDAMINE LEAGUE/NETBALL CARNIVAL**
The Condamine State School P & C would like to invite you to attend their 43rd Annual Football/Netball Carnival, to be held on Saturday, 20th June 2015, at the Condamine State School grounds.

**NOTE**
This is not a School carnival; this is an invitational carnival for Schools across the region. We invite parents to coach/manage teams to attend the day with all parents being responsible for their own children during the day. If you would like to assist with the carnival, please ring the office with the details of which team you would like to coach/manage. The teams will be the following:

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Students who would like to be part of the teams will need to return this permission note to the school office by Wednesday 27th May. Teams without enough numbers will not be nominated for the carnival.

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Condamine Lea

gue/Netball

Carnival Permission Note

I, ______________________ give permission for my child/children ______________________________ to attend the Condamine league/netball carnival on Saturday June 20th. I fully understand that this is not a school carnival and parental supervision is required throughout the day.

Parents Signature: ________________________________________________________________

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M & D CROSS COUNTRY

Good Luck to all of our Taroom runners who will attend the M & D Carnival in Wandoan this Friday.

NRL – Girls League afternoon

Thanks to Grant Bignell from the NRL who visited Taroom last week. The girls had a great afternoon participating in drills and skills. The girls look forward to the upcoming M & D trials being held in Miles on June 5th.

M & D TOUCH

Well done to the Taroom students who competed at Tara on Monday and what a great day it was!
Congratulations to 5 of our students, Jack Hay, Connor Fitzpatrick, John Radel, Sophie Smith and Katie Bunker. A big effort from our Taroom Students! We wish them the best of luck as they train over the next 2 months and then compete at the State Trials in Toowoomba. Well done to everyone!

ARL CUP

Congratulations to Connor Fitzpatrick, Lawson Howe and Barney Radel who competed yesterday as part of the Miles and District team in the 2015 Development Cup. They will now compete in the State Finals in Brisbane. Well done!!

SOUTH WEST CROSS COUNTRY

The bus will be travelling to Mitchell for the South West Cross Country on Friday 29th May. It will be leaving the school at 5.30am and will cost $10 per person. If you wish to book your child on the bus please contact the school office on 4628 9333.

TAFE – Date Claimer

Next TAFE visit is Wednesday, June 3rd

Mrs Stacey Adamson

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TUCKSHOP

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VARIETY CLUB FUNDRAISER SUB-COMMITTEE
The P & C are calling for interested parents who would like to join a sub-committee to plan and coordinate the Variety Club Fundraiser. Please contact Bill Hickey or Lisa Kallquist.

P&C CATERING SOFTBALL CARNIVAL THURSDAY 28TH MAY
The P&C are in need of donations of cakes and slices for this day. Your donations or help on the day would be greatly appreciated!

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, 9th June 2015 at 3.30pm in the school library – ALL WELCOME.

Community Walking Group
Commenced Monday, 18th May.

Meet outside the Taroom P-10 Prep Building for an afternoon walk. All ages and fitness levels welcome. We will be walking every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon leaving at 3:10pm for 30 minutes up to an hour long. This is a child and pram friendly activity.

For any questions please see Kelly Hollingsworth in Year 2 or email me at kholl76@eq.edu.au

GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2015
A Garage Sale will be held on Saturday the 13th June 2015 at 29 North Street from 7.00am until 11.00am. There will be tools, chains, camping gear and various other items for sale. All welcome!
Mrs Rhonda Shepherdson

TAROOM TENNIS NEWS
MIDWEEK TENNIS, WEDNESDAYS 9am-1pm, BYO MORNING TEA, TEA & COFFEE GOLD COIN DONATION, BALL FEE $2
STARTS MAY 27TH
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