Dear Parents

As you know, this week Angela Heslin, Karen Wolski and I have been in Brisbane working with the team at the Queensland Education Leadership Institute on a coaching accreditation program. What a fantastic opportunity it has been for the three of us, as the senior leaders of Taroom P-10 State School to take the time together, to travel down and participate in this highly valuable professional development course.

For the remainder of this week I am working in Townsville with the School Improvement Unit, as our team conducts a full school review of Woodstock State School which is situated between Charters Towers and Townsville. The experiences gained from working with the School Improvement Unit will be valuable as we prepare for our full school review in Semester Two. I would like to thank our senior teachers and Mr JB Mohr for holding the forte while we have been away.

Our teachers are busy finalising assessment tasks, compiling results and writing end of term report cards. Report cards will be distributed to parents on Thursday afternoon next week. In staffing news I would to extend my well-wishes to Miss Madi Trompf who finishes at our school this Friday, before heading to Roma State College for Term Two and beyond. Miss Trompf leaves our school, having worked in a fractional part time position and transitions to Roma next week in a fulltime capacity. On behalf of all our staff I would like to wish Madi all the best at Roma State College, and in her future endeavours with Education Queensland. Madi’s replacement will be announced next week. Good luck Madi.

This week’s NAPLAN update has been taken from our Year 3/5/7/9 Language Conventions tests from 2013/14. We have included a sample of the Grammar and Punctuation section from each year level. Please take the time to have a look at these test questions and assist us to support your child in preparing them for the upcoming testing period.

Finally, I would like to close with my congratulations to Mrs AJ Nowell who I have the pleasure of appointing to our school in a permanent capacity from the 20th of April 2015. I would like to sincerely commend Mrs Nowell on her achievements to date and I look forward to working with her in a permanent capacity from Term Two. Well done and congratulations!

Kind regards

Dale Magner

SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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WEEK 10 BIRTHDAYS

- Sam Henry 31st
- Sterling Stevens 2nd
- Emma Hebbes 2nd
- Jesse Hay 2nd
- Dustin Burton 3rd
- Eloise Welsh 3rd

JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!
This term in:

**Year 7** History the students have been exploring the topic “The Ancient Past” and investigating how archaeologists work like detectives to explore a historical puzzle that has challenged Australian historians and archaeologists: How long have modern humans been in Australia? Where did they come from? How did they get here? Students are currently completing a research assignment that requires them to describe the context and nature of an ancient artefact and explain its purpose and significance in two paragraphs.

**Year 9/10** Business Studies students are undertaking a semester unit titled “How Do I Make My Money Grow?” This will include topics such as types of business ownership and financial planning and management according to living patterns and personal capabilities. An exciting element of the unit is participation in the ASX Schools Share market Game. Our class has formed two student syndicates. A notional amount of $50,000 per syndicate has been provided to our budding entrepreneurs to “play” with. The game is open until May when upon closing, students have the opportunity to win real cash depending on how well each syndicate’s profits have increased compared to syndicates across the nation.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Our new Term focus is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Teachers will be looking for students who show:

- I am Considerate
- I am Cooperative
- I am Respectful
- I am independent
- I have no excuse

This week’s GOTCHA winners – are students who show *I have no excuse* and joining in the GOTCHA celebrations are: Archer Coutts, Cody Green, Georgie Keating and Erin Rose.

**REMININDER - Easter Hampers**

Please return all funds raised and/or any unsold chocolates to the school office by no later than this Friday 27th March.

**Icy Cups**

Tomorrow, Friday 27th March, will be the last day of Student Council icy cup sales. We hope you have enjoyed this fundraiser and would like to thank everyone for their support.
TUCKSHOP

Week 10
1st April

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TAROOM SHOW GATE - Fundraiser

We are asking for parent volunteers to man the gate for 1 hour between the times of 7am – 7pm on either Monday, 4 May or Tuesday, 5 May 2015. Please contact Lisa Kallquist to request your time. Thank you.

Next P & C General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 3.30pm in the school library.

COMMUNITY NEWS

For Sale

If you are interested in purchasing any of the items below, please call in and see Lisa at the office.

- 25 x student desks
  - $5 each
- 12 x student chairs
  - $5 each
- 4 x Tables
  - $15 each

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ANZAC REPRESENTATION CARDS

RSL Community Link is a Returned and Services League national remembrance project dedicated to keeping alive the names, memories and deeds of departed Australian or Allied service veterans no matter when or where they serviced or when they died. RSL Community Link enables people of all ages to attend remembrance services as the personal representative of a departed veteran. The representative proudly wears a “Veteran’s Memorial Plaque” which shows the basic details of the veteran’s service and a “Representative’s Link Card” to show the representative’s relationship to the veteran. This representation includes the opportunity to take part in the Taroom ANZAC Day march. For more information please contact the School Office.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

ANZAC DAY SERVICES
SATURDAY 25 April 2015
TAROOM

Dawn Service
5.30 am  Assemble at Taroom Post Office
March to War Memorial in Ludwig Leichhardt Park
Dawn Service at Memorial

   Tea/Coffee, Toast and Muffins with Bacon & Eggs
   In the Taroom Town Hall following the Dawn Service

   Courtesy of Taroom RSL
   All Welcome

Morning Service
10.15 am to 10.25 am
Assemble at the Leichhardt Tree
10.25 am  March to War Memorial in Ludwig Leichhardt Park
10.30 am  Public Service and Wreath Laying at Memorial

   Light refreshments in Ludwig Leichhardt Park following Service

   Courtesy of Banana Shire Council
   To be followed by a Sausage Sizzle by Taroom Scouts
   All welcome

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CATHOLIC SACRAMENTS OF COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Families who are wishing their children to participate in the Catholic Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation the preparation for these will conclude next week at St Mary’s School.

The last day will be:
Wednesday April 1 3:00 - 4:00pm

Celebration of the Sacraments will be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 12th April at 6:00pm with the Bishop of Toowoomba present. For more information please phone Bill Mulcahy 4627 3398.

TAROOM TENNIS CLUB- HELP NEEDED

Court rip up working bee this Saturday 28TH AND Sunday 29TH 7am start. Please let Maree know if you can help either day for catering and numbers, smoko and lunch will be provided to the helpers
For more info contact Maree Hebbes - 46270390 email: amhebbes1@bigpond.com

SPORTS CLINIC

The Toowoomba Grammar School is running a Sports Clinic at St. Mary’s in Taroom on Wednesday, 1st April from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This clinic was held last year and was a great afternoon for everyone who came to participate. It is open ideally to boys from the age of 8 to 13 but all aged boys are welcome. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills like soccer, cricket, rugby, basketball and track & field. Please bring a hat, water bottle and afternoon tea. RSVP not required – see you there. Any queries please ring Rachael Welsh – 0428599948

GIVEAWAY

Tipuana (Racing Horse) trees and Poinciana trees. Contact Adam Clark. 46286140

WORKER/S WANTED

Worker/s wanted: Mr Whippy Ice Cream Van at the Taroom Show. MON/TUE 4/5 May 2015. If you are interested in some/all hours, please contact me for more details. Thank you – Jodie Mundell 0428286245