Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4.

Pre Prep Program

Today we commenced our pre prep Program. Ten kindergarten students and their parents enjoyed the first morning of the program aimed at preparing them for the 2017 Prep year. We were delighted to be able to use our newly turfed outdoor area which looks fantastic after the recent rain. Thank you to the parents who are supporting our program. We look forward to seeing you every Thursday morning this term.

Staffing News

This week we welcome back Mrs Kelly Newton as Head of Curriculum (HOC). We also welcome Ms Kristy Zancola who joins our staff this term to replace teachers taking leave.

We are looking forward to a very busy term ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Angela Heslin - Principal
Welcome Kristy Zancola!

Hi everyone, my name is Kristy Zancola. I have recently moved here from Blackall where I have been teaching Years 1 and 2 for the past 4 years. I am very excited to be here at Taroom State School and have had a wonderful welcoming from the wider-school community. I will be taking over Miss Perret's classes for the first 3 weeks of school and have already had a lot of fun teaching Science, Maths and Year 2 P.E. I look forward to the next 9 weeks.

Schoolwide Expectation

Week 1, Term 4, School-wide Expectation

“I learn from mistakes”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to discuss with their children the importance of having a go at something new, not being afraid to make a mistake and learning from it. This expectation sits under the “Focused on Learning” rule. In Week 1, we will discuss how making mistakes provides stepping stones to learning.

Why is this expectation important?

Life doesn’t come with instructions so it is human to make mistakes. Every mistake you make is progress providing you learn from it. It has been quoted by many famous people that if you are not making mistakes then you are not doing anything or trying something new! We don’t acquire wisdom until we make a few mistakes, so don’t worry if you make a whole lot of mistakes, think how wise you’ll be! If you are afraid or embarrassed to make mistakes when trying something new or being outside your comfort zone, you are unlikely to learn and progress. It is okay to make mistakes with new school work. Your teachers would rather you have a try and get it wrong, than not try at all.

Some mistakes have led to valuable inventions such as the chocolate chip cookie, waffle ice-cream cones, Velcro and Post-It notes. Imagine life without these!

Don’t be afraid of making mistakes because they are like teachers; they may annoy you, but you always learn something invaluable from them!

Associated RISE Values:

Responsibility - I never give up  Self-management - I am resilient
YEAR 10 SET PLANS
During the next couple of weeks, all Year 10 students will be finalising their SET Plans (Senior Education and Training Plans). This is simply a two-three page plan that documents each student’s intended learning option, study location for 2017 and preferred pathway after Year 12. For example—Queensland Certificate of Education, Rockhampton Girls’ Grammar, University.

The plan also details students’ interests, goals, work experience, qualifications and Year 10 subject results. SET Plans are signed off in partnership with parents.

Subject selections for 2017 will require parents/carers to contact their child’s next school and meet with the appropriate staff to finalise an academic study plan along with enrolment procedures. If your child has received a senior subject selection form to complete, they are welcome to meet with Mrs Wolski for assistance to ensure they will meet their QCE requirements.

It is important that parents have processes in place for organising their child’s 2017 enrolment with a new school if this has not been completed already. This will ensure students have the opportunity to make a suitable subject selection for their preferred pathway and engage in Orientation activities. This will help to relieve any anxiety students may experience concerning transitioning to a new school and living way from home for the first time. Such transitions prepare students for the bigger life changes down the track and should be embraced as a positive and exciting time in a young person’s life.

Further information regarding the senior phase of learning can be found in the Secondary Handbook provided to students at the end of last year or on the school website


https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-qualifications

Congratulations to those Hospitality students in Year 10 who have completed their Certificate II in Hospitality Kitchen Operations with Mrs Adamson and Mrs Fiona Flanders from TAFE, earning 4 credit points towards the core component of their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

CHANGES TO THE TERTIARY SELECTION SYSTEM
Students currently in Year 9, will be the first cohort to study under the new changes to the senior assessment system and tertiary selection process.

“The Queensland Government will introduce a new approach to senior assessment which combines the benefits of school-based assessment developed and marked by teachers with common external assessment developed and marked by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. It will also include new processes to better support the quality and comparability of school-based assessment. In relation to tertiary selection, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) tertiary entrance rank for students completing Year 12 from 2019. This approach will bring Queensland into line with all other Australian states and territories, and will simplify the existing process for students applying to study at interstate universities”.

This excerpt is part of a communiqué by Kate Jones, 2015 Minister for Tourism, Events, Major Events, Small Business and Commonwealth Games and can be found in its entirety at

**P & C and Community News**

**Prep Turf Project**
Thank you to our volunteers who kindly worked on our Prep Turf Project. We have taken down the barricade and the students are enjoying using this lovely grassed area.

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**P & C General Meeting – Wednesday 12 October 2016 at 3.15pm**

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**TAROOM DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY BUS**

- **Bookings:** Taroom State School – Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
- **Phone:** 46289333 a/h 0427 273 008

- $50 Non-refundable booking fee (included up to 120km)
- 30 cents per km after 120km distance
- Bus is to be returned refuelled and cleaned
- Approved drivers only

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**Taroom Swimming Club**

**AGM & SIGN-ON**

- **Date:** Monday 10 October 2016
- **Venue:** Taroom State School Middle School Eating Area
- **Time:** 3.30pm

Tara Lovett – 0488 735 111
Gourmet Brunch

Taroom P-10 State School

Saturday Morning,

15 October 2016 from 7.00am-10.00am

No eftpos available

Please RSVP by **Tuesday 11 October** by text, Stacey Adamson: **0428 734 193**

Come down to the Taroom P-10 State School on Saturday 15 October to enjoy our wide variety of breakfast items that are homemade and 100% fresh. Or come by for a coffee and relax in the early morning sun.

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**Gourmet Brunch**

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<td>EGGS BENEDICT</td>
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<td>(Served with baby spinach leaves and your choice of bacon or ham, topped with our delicious hollandaise sauce)</td>
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Student Council Pizza Slices

Starting Week 4, the Student Council will be selling pizza slices for $1 each every Thursday lunch time at the hospitality window. This will replace the sausage sizzle that ran through Term 3.

$1 per slice