Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Lion King Jnr: Congratulations to all Taroom Stare School students for their contribution to the fantastic Lion King Jnr performance held just prior to the holidays. We have received a lot of feedback from parents and community members who were thoroughly entertained by the performance and commented on the professional standard of all aspects of the production. Congratulations to all staff and parents who volunteered to make this production the great success it was.

School Opinion Survey: The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. This survey will be conducted online and access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students next week.

Parents/caregivers who do not have access to a computer are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. Please contact the school office to organise a time if you would like to take advantage of this.

Attendance: Recent student protection concerns have highlighted the need for schools to be vigilant in checking student attendance. Principals have been directed to tighten routines around roll marking. In addition to advising carers immediately in circumstances where a student in out-of-home care is identified as absent without explanation, Principals are asked to begin implementing same day notifications relating to unexplained absences for all students. In order to comply with this policy change we are implementing some changes immediately and would appreciate your cooperation. Unexplained absences will be followed up with a phone call to parent/caregivers from 9:30am daily. Therefore if your child is unable to attend school please notify the school office by 9am to avoid a phone call. All absences are to be emailed or phoned through to our attendance officer Mrs Roslyn Queitzsch (rquei1@eq.edu.au) who will contact each student’s form/class teacher/s.

Regards
Angela Heslin
Week 1, Term 3, School-wide Expectation

“I actively participate”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to talk with their children about actively participating in classes. This expectation sits under the “Focused on Learning” rule. In Week 1, we will be learning about the importance of being involved in the learning process through asking questions, seeking feedback, working in teams and responding to others’ opinions.

Why is this expectation important?

Being an active participant means you are involved in the activity and contribute your ideas, skills and experiences so that others may learn. You also help the team to achieve its goals. By being involved and asking questions, your own understandings are being reinforced and your knowledge of the world and issues is improved. If your learning improves, your results should also improve. Being an active participant at school prepares us to be citizens and active community members.

Associated RISE Values:

Effort- ♦ “I try” ♦ “I show teamwork” ♦ “I never give up”
Term 2 Gotcha Winners

- The Gotcha Winners from Term 2 will be watching a video in the library on Thursday 21 July.
- As there are a large number of students they have been split up into 3 groups and they will be watching a movie at different times.
- MS will be watching a movie during Lessons 1 & 2.
- JMS will be watching a movie during Lessons 3 & 4.
- Early Years will eat their lunch and then watch their video during big lunch and Lesson 5.
- There will be popcorn!

Congratulations

RSL Community Link Badges
Mr Bruce Clothier would like to place a photo of all students who have RSL Community Link Badges in the RSL Community Links magazine. Students please bring your badges to school on Monday for a photo.

Student Council - Sausage Sizzle  This week the Student Council sausage sizzle will be held on Friday. From next week it will be held on a Thursday (21 July). Sausage and sauce in bread $2.00

Primary and Secondary Curriculum News

Year 10 Work Experience
Year 10 Students have been on work experience this week. A big thank you to the following employers and businesses who are assisting us with our Year 10 Work Experience Program.

Shobie and Shauna- Taroom Vet
Blake-Ed Phipps Mechanics
Molly- Enchanted Hands, Rockhampton Beauty and Makeup
Casey-"Burnley" property of Doug and Kathy Poole
Jessica and Claudia- Taroom State School
Lachlan- Arron Jones Mechanical
Kendra- Roma Library, Maranoa Regional Council
Ebony- Taroom and Wandoan Kindergartens
**Parent-Teacher Interviews**
Primary teachers are currently in the process of sending home information regarding the arrangement of meeting times with parents for interviews. Secondary parents are asked to contact the school Office to arrange an appointment time. Interviews will be conducted between Weeks 1-3 or as otherwise individually negotiated between parents and teachers.

**Homework Club**
Homework Club commences next Wednesday 19 July. This is a wonderful opportunity to have help from teachers and meet your study commitments, every Wednesday afternoon in the school Library. Please register with the Office.

**STEM Futures Project**
A group of students across Years 4-6 will be participating in an online six weeks coding and programming project digitally delivered through the Darling Downs Southwest Region STEM team. Unfortunately we could only nominate a small group of students for this round, even though we would have many students interested in this experience. More about this project will be shared as it takes shape over the coming weeks. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) is becoming increasingly emphasised in the school curriculum, as the jobs of the future will require students to be confidently fluent with the literacies, numeracies and technologies of coding, robotics and programming, as well as have highly developed capabilities to critically think and problem solve. “If you can speak the language of code, you can create solutions needed for the 21st century”. Further STEM initiatives for all of our students will be incorporated into the work of teachers as an ongoing part of adapting and shaping the school curriculum to meet the future needs of all students.

**Secondary Timetables**
The secondary student timetables have changed for Semester 2. Each student has received their timetable which should be secured in their school diary.

**BSDE Japanese LOTE Report Cards**
Report Cards for Years 5-8 students for Japanese will be distributed to students this week.

**Queensland Certificate of Education- Recognised Courses for QCE Credit Points.**
All senior students are required to achieve 20 or more credit points to be eligible for successfully achieving their Queensland Certificate of Education by the end of Year 12. Many of these points will be awarded through the core subject suite students study such as English, Maths and Science, however young people can pursue learning options that will award them QCE credit points in addition to those managed by their school. The QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) recognises a range of awards and certificates in areas such as music, dance, drama, sport and community development.

Even though Year 10 students do not begin accruing credit points until Year 11 for their core curriculum subjects, they do so for VET courses/electives such as Hospitality and Childcare. In addition, there may be students in Year 10 who are currently enrolled in community organisations such as sport and music and dance classes offering qualifications that subscribe to national and international certification earning QCE points. One or more of these points may be achieved by the end of Year 10 depending on the student’s progress. If your child is potentially one of these students we would like to know, so that we can include this information on the reports we are required to make to the Darling Downs South West QCE Improvement Coach each term. If you are not sure, parents can find a list of the recognised awards and certificates at the following URL: https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-qualifications/qce/recognised-studies/lists-recognised-studies
(Please note that it is the organisation which issues the award that ensures students’ credit points are banked in their Learning Accounts. e.g. TAFE will record our students’ Hospitality points). More about Learning Accounts will be communicated in future newsletters this term.
**Sports News**

**Athletics Carnival**

Our annual athletics carnival will be held over two days next week. On Thursday we will hold the 800m, 400m and javelin. Friday will see the whole school participating. The 6-8 year olds will be rotating through the events with a supervising teacher. Any parental help throughout the day would be greatly appreciated by all staff. Our carnival is very unique as we run a Prep-Year 10 program. To allow this to happen we need students to be at their events ready with enough helpers to assist with measuring, racking, returning equipment, timekeeping and judging.

Last year the points were very close, I am sure that the Dawson and Leichhardt points will be close again this year. Good luck to all competitors.

**QLD Cross Country**

Good luck to all competitors who are running this weekend. They have been training very hard over the holidays and we wish them all the best.

**Athletics training Week 2**

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**Sporting Schools**

Sporting Schools will commence Week 3, a timetable of events being held will be posted in next week’s newsletter.

*Barney Radel, Dom Kallquist & Jesse Hay, Katie Bunker and Lawson Howe competing at the State Rugby League, Netball and Soccer carnivals.*
**Tuckshop - Taroom State School Athletics Carnival – 22 July 2016**
The tuckshop will be operating at the Athletics Carnival on Friday, 22 July 2016. We are seeking donations of cakes/slices and sandwich fillings. Please deliver sandwich fillings to the School Office the day prior to the carnival and your cakes and slices to the tuckshop on the morning of the carnival. If you would like to add your name to the carnival roster please contact Lisa Kallquist. lkall3@eq.edu.au or 4628 9333

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**State of Origin II Football Double - UNCLAIMED**
We are still searching for the lucky winner of the State of Origin II footy doubles.

******* First Try 5 and Opposition 11*******

Please phone the School Office on 4628 9333 to claim your prize!

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**NEW DATE - P & C General Meeting – Wednesday 20 July at 3.15pm**

**Alfresco Area**

**JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!**