Dear Parents,

Dale Magner

PRINCIPAL’S PEN

17th September 2015

Week 10

Pre-Prep Program

We have extended an invitation to the Kindy children and their parent/carers to participate in a Pre-prep program to be run out of the Prep building every Thursday between 9am and 11am in Term 4. Mrs Katie Piktin and Mrs Margie MacLachlan will facilitate this program which is aimed at preparing the 2016 Prep students for the upcoming Prep year. Children participating in the program will need to be accompanied by an adult/carer, and siblings are welcome to join in. We are looking forward to running this program and getting to know the 2016 Prep students and their families. Mrs Mandy Hay has agreed to relieve Mrs Piktin every second Monday to allow her time to plan and prepare for this new program and her regular Prep classes. Thank you to Mrs Piktin, Mrs MacLachlan and Mrs Hay for your flexibility which has allowed us to get this program up and running.

Work Experience

This week our Year 10 students are participating in Work Experience. Joshua Sorrell, Josh Clariss, Grant Browning and Cooper Walsh are doing property work. Nicholas Gittins is working at the Taroom Hardware and Tanika Lovett is hairdressing under the watchful eye of Ashleigh Phillips at Zigzags, Taroom. Thank you to our local businesses for supervising our students as they complete this valuable work experience.

Webpage

Please check out our school website for regular updates around curriculum information and school events. The Queensland Schools App link is an available free download from the website. Downloading this app onto your mobile devices will allow you immediate access to school information as well as instant notifications. Our recently released School Improvement Unit Report Executive Summary has been uploaded along with class curriculum unit overviews. We also plan to use our Facebook page to inform the community of what is happening in our great school.

Regards
Angela Heslin
Principal

ATTENDANCE WEEK 10
Prep 91.29
Year 1 89.14
Year 2 92.51
Year 3 89.34
Year 4 90.82
Year 5 92.02
Year 6 91.86
Year 7 90.43
Year 8 90.41
Year 9 84.10
Year 10 82.30
Target: 92%

WEBSITE UPDATES
Term 4 Year 5/6 Curriculum Overview
Semester 2 Year 7 Food Technology
Semester 2 Year 8 Design Solutions
Semester 2 Year 9/10 English
**Primary News**

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Week 10

- Heidi Symes
- Jacob Lamb
- Krystal Newby
- Caitlin Hickey
- Kasey Smith
- Jayden Newby
- Lawson Howe
- Lachlan Howard
- Lachlan Watson
- Learna Schumacher
- Eliza McNee
- Ainslie Lawson
- Kyle Batkines
- Xavier Lindley

**STARS OF READING**

Week 10

- Georgie Keating 75/100
- Ben Hebbes 100
- Isabella de Percy 100
- Jessica Walton 50/75
- Mitchell Hay 50
- Darcy Hamilton 100

**SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER**

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RSL COMMUNITY LINK

Mr Bruce Clothier, President of the Taroom RSL Sub Branch spoke with students on parade this week about the RSL Community Link Badges. The RSL is running a competition for students in Years 3 – 10. Any student who has had or currently has a relative serving our Country in one of the wars is asked to write a 500 word story about their experiences as a serving member. All stories will be judged and three will be selected to each receive a free RSL Community Link Badge that details their relative’s service details. This badge will be able to be worn on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

ICAS Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students who sat the ICAS Competitions during this last term. This is a highly rigorous international standard assessment.

The following certificates were awarded for Spelling-

Chloe Bruggemann-Participation
Monika Bruggemann- Participation
Katie Bunker-Participation
Callum McNee-Participation
Eloise Welsh-Credit

The following certificates were awarded for Writing-

Chloe Bruggemann- Participation
Monika Bruggemann-Credit
Katie Bunker-Participation
Callum McNee-Credit
Claudia Welsh-Credit

Maths and English results will be posted when available. Class teachers have been provided with a detailed analysis of questions and responses. Parents have also been provided with a copy with their child’s certificate.

Secondary News

HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Abbey has recently worked so hard on Language Perfect that the Language Perfect team has awarded her with a prize; an iTunes voucher!

The school was very pleased to receive this email from Mrs Rachelle Geddes, the LOTE BSDE Teacher, who received the following email from the Language Perfect Team. ......
CONGRATULATIONS to Abbey Phipps for winning a spot prize in the QLD Languages Week Competition!

Abbey has won a $20 iTunes voucher.

Well done Abbey!

HOSPITALITY STUDENTS NEXT ROMA TAFE VISIT
The Hospitality Students will visit Roma TAFE on Wednesday 21st October.

HPE

What does my child do in HPE?

By participating in HPE lessons children:

1. Become better athletes
2. Children strengthen their bodies
3. Prepare their muscles for immediate activity and develop the skills and confidence to safely participate in unfamiliar active
4. Acquire the skills, confidence and motivation to overcome challenges

BECAUSE THEY ARE DEVELOPING “PHYSICAL LITERACY”

What is PHYSICAL LITERACY?

Physical literacy is movement preparation, it prepares the body for movement, it improves the way we move, which reduces risk of injury and teaches the benefit of partition in unfamiliar activities. It focuses on techniques that improve and incorporate fundamental movement skills and fundamental sports skills that can foster a more physically active and healthy lifestyle. Students who participate in movement preparation will increase their aptitude for all activities regardless of their environment.

Benefits of Physical Literacy

1. Increase **vocab** about healthy bodies and healthy minds
2. Increase **vocab** about fundamental movements skills
3. Increase the likeliness of students following different sports at all different ages (healthy citizen)
4. Develops **confidence**
5. Develops **problem solving skills**
6. Develops **resilience** – not giving up when faced with failure (GRIT)
7. Develops **team work** – how to work with others
8. Develops **goal setting** – “I want to be better at cricket, this is what I need to improve on…."
9. Develops **higher order thinking skills** – e.g. strategizing in a game of touch, thinking beyond the play of the ball, looking for gaps in a game!
How does this happen at Taroom?

1. High expectations
2. 100% effort verse winning
3. Right is right
4. Explicit teaching
5. Supportive environment
6. Monitoring & assessment
7. No excuses
8. Parent and community support
9. Quality teaching
10. Class energisers
11. Class brain breaks
12. iAIM classrooms – Increasing activity and intelligent minds – keeping kids active in the classroom while learning
13. Cooperative learning
14. Pride
15. Celebration
16. Everyone’s a winner

A healthy lunch keeps active kids alert and focused and gives them the nutrition they need every day.

What can we do to assist our children to focus and keep them alert in class?
LUNCH BOX IDEAS

A good helping of fruit and vegetables

Fresh fruit is easy to pack. You can also try a tub of canned fruit or chopped fresh strawberries, pineapple or melon. Raw vegies such as carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, cucumber or capsicum strips are popular as a snack or in a sandwich.

Starchy food like bread, rice, potatoes and pasta. Have a variety to choose from such as wholegrain, wholemeal or high fibre breads such as seeded rolls, Lebanese bread, pita, lavash, bagels; brown and white rice; or tricolour pasta.

Lean protein like tuna or salmon (fresh or canned in spring water or oils such as canola, sunflower or olive oil); boiled eggs; beans; or lean meat such as beef or chicken.

Reduced fat dairy food like reduced fat yoghurt, reduced fat cheese or reduced fat milk (remember to pack with a bottle of ice).

A bottle of water to keep your child hydrated all day. Freeze on hot days to keep the lunch box (and your child) nice and cool.

Healthy choices look at food labels to help you choose the products that are lowest in saturated fat, total fat, sugar and salt. Avoid high fat spreads and try a little avocado, low fat mayonnaise, mustard or ricotta cheese instead.

Nutritious snacks such as a small box or bag of dried fruit, rice cakes or unsalted and unsweetened popcorn.

And remember: Treats like chocolate or chips should only be included occasionally, not every day.

Student Council News

Weeks 9 & 10 School-wide Expectation – Kids Safety in Schools Week
Teachers will be looking for students who display these values:

- I am conscientious
- I make the right choice
- I take ownership

Students celebrating this week are:
- Cooper de Percy
- Andrea Howe
- Georgie Keating
- Joshua Rose
- Toni Lamb
- John Radel
**Talk Like A Pirate Day – Friday 18th September 2015**

All students are invited to dress like a pirate on Friday, 18th September. Please bring a gold coin donation to the Student Council. A sausage sizzle big lunch will be on sale for $2.00 per sausage, no pre-ordering required.

**Sports News**

**SW Rugby League Gala Day**

Our School has been invited to be part of this Gala Day being held in Roma. Teams from Year 5/6 will be organised early next term.

**DETAILS:**

- Friday 6th November - 10.00am- 2.30pm
- Roma State College Middle Campus
- 9 a side (Tackle) - Years 5-6 age group

**P&G and Community News**

**TDDA – Dawson Splash & Dash Funathon**

The TDDA would like to encourage students to form teams to take part in the Dawson Splash & Dash Funathon to be held on Sunday, 27th September 2015. Please refer to the attached information sheet and nomination form for further details.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING**

October 1st and 2nd

(JUST OCT 1ST IF NOT MORE PARTICIPANTS)

**PLACES AVAILABLE**

BOOKINGS IN BY 14TH SEPT

CONTACT MAREE HEBBES 46270390

**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL WATCH 131 788**
STUDENT UNIFORMS
We have received a great response to last week’s newsletter regarding the changes to our uniform for 2016. Thank you to the well organised families who have completed their uniform order forms and have delivered them to the office so promptly! A reminder that the new uniform policy will take effect as of 2016. The P & C and school will be subsidising (20%) off the purchase of the first formal uniform for each student (this includes a new polo for primary school boys). To take advantage of this subsidy your order and payment must be received by the Office by Wednesday, 14th October 2015.

TERRY WILLIAMS OVAL - UPGRADE
We are pleased to announce that over the school holidays Mr Kenny Green has been contracted by the Taroom State School P & C to top dress the “Terry Williams Oval” (top oval). Our sincere thanks go to the Hay Family of “Palm Tree” who is donating the loam for this project. Also, thank you Stewart & Tina Hay for their kind donation towards the cost of the seed. We ask all students and families to refrain from entering the school grounds whilst this project is being undertaken.

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|                      | Kerri-Anne McNee  
|                      | Alannah Hamilton  | 
|                      | Tanya Bruggemann  
|                      | Deb Graham  
|                      | Marg Smith  |

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

Please email Lisa Kallquist prior to the meeting with any agenda items. lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com

If you are not receiving the P & C minutes and you would like to, please contact Lisa Kallquist – lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY! SEE YOU IN TERM 4!