Dear Parents,

Swimming Carnival: Although it was an extremely hot day it was great to have our annual interhouse swimming carnival well attended yesterday by students, parents and community members. Staff were extremely proud of our students who represented their respective houses proudly while displaying commendable sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations Leichhardt on a well-deserved win this year. Students who have qualified to swim at the Miles & District Carnival next Wednesday in Miles will receive a note today and are asked to return the permission slip to the office on Monday.

Spelling Mastery: On Monday and Tuesday of next week primary school teachers and Teacher Aides will participate in a Spelling Mastery PD facilitated by Claire Scott from the National Institute of Direct Instruction. The Spelling Mastery program has been running for two years in the primary school here at Taroom and we have seen a marked improvement in spelling results over this time.

ARD Visit: Mr Andrew Brandon, Assistant Regional Director (ARD), has been appointed to Taroom State School as Principal Supervisor, and will visit our school to meet teachers and students next Wednesday. The role of the ARD is to provide support to the principal in all areas of school improvement as per ‘The State Schools Strategy 2016-2020’. We are looking forward to meeting Mr Brandon and showing him through our great school.

School Parade: I would like to invite parents and interested community members to attend weekly parade held in the library on Monday morning from 8:50. At Parade students are recognised for class and sporting achievements, schoolwide expectations are explained and activities for the week are outlined. This week Bruce Clothier, President of the Taroom RSL sub branch, addressed the students and handed out badges that were ordered last year through the RSL Community Link project dedicated to keeping alive the names, memories and deeds of departed Australian or Allied Service Veterans. If you have a departed relative who has ‘served’ and you would like to order a badge please contact the school office for application form. These badges will be worn proudly by our students on Anzac Day. It was great to see many students wearing the formal uniform at parade this week and I would like to congratulate our school leaders on the running of a very well organised parade. What a great start to the school year!
**LEADERSHIP DAY**

All school leaders will travel to Columboola Environmental Education Centre next Thursday for leadership induction. Mrs Adamson and Ms Peall will be supervising.

**HOSPITALITY TAFE**

Thank you to those Hospitality students who have brought in their USI numbers. Students need a USI number to access TAFE courses. The information is provided below.


Visit the above link and register under the *I AM A STUDENT* link. Some form of identification is required such as a Medicare card. Once students have received their USI number, please record and give to Mrs Wolski. Enrolment forms for TAFE will be forwarded shortly. The first TAFE Day is Wednesday 17 February. Further dates will be placed on the calendar in the school website and the newsletter. Please note that dates may be subject to change occasionally and this will be notified in the school newsletter and on the school Facebook page.
SCHOOL WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

By early next week out social media sites should be updated to reflect the 2016 school year. Remember to download the QSchools App from the link on our website home page. You will then be able to directly access the school newsletter, forms and other information on your smart phones/devices without needing to navigate through websites.

YEARS 9 & 10

On Tuesday, Mrs Wolski will meet with each student in Years 9 & 10 to discuss their potential plans and ideas for schooling beyond Year 10. This is so as a school, we can put programs in place to better support students in moving towards the next step of their education, training or employment journey. We will also be working with CQ University this year to implement career planning programs so being in the “head-space” of each student is necessary to improving our services and offerings as a school. In addition to this, students who have nominated for the Semester 2 Elective “Self-Directed Innovation Learning Project”, may wish to bring along to the meeting, any ideas they would like to pursue so these can be discussed and processes put into place before Semester 2 commences. Anything from writing a novel, coordinating a program for the elderly, to undertaking an online course can be discussed!

SPORTS NEWS

Good luck to Michael Mundell and Ben Hebbes who travelled to Chinchilla today to compete in the Secondary Tennis trials, we wish them the best of luck.

Good luck to Shauna Sorrell and Casey Stower who attended the Secondary Softball trials in Chinchilla today! Good luck girls!

SPORTING PERMISSION NOTES

Below is an overview of where all permission forms are saved on the webpage.

Support and resources- Documents - Parent Forms and then simply open the document that relates to the sport that your child has been selected for. Either save and email your permission form to stwee8@eq.edu.au or print and send to the office. Alternatively students have access to computers at school and can print their own permission forms to take home.
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M & D Swimming Carnival

The Taroom team will be notified of their selection on Friday 5 February via the Meet Manager Program. All forms will need to be downloaded from the website and returned on Monday 8 February for the M & D Carnival on Wednesday 10 February.

Sporty Schools Rugby League & Netball Training

Sporty Schools Rugby League and Netball Training will commence on Monday 8 February and run every Monday until the end of Term 1. It will be run from 3.00pm until 4.00pm. Parent help is required. If you are able to help please contact the school office or Mrs Stacey Adamson stwee8@eq.edu.au

P&C News

School Uniforms
Mrs Stevens will be at school on Tuesday 9 February from 8.30am until 8.45am instead of Monday 8 February to take any uniforms orders. These arrangements are only for Week 3. Contact Andrea Stevens on 0419 798 889 or andrea.stevens1@bigpond.com for all uniform orders.

AGM – Monday 22 February at 3.30pm in the school library followed by a General Meeting. All welcome!

TUCKSHOP WILL COMMENCE ON
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