ARD Visit: Yesterday Mr Andrew Brandon, Assistant Regional Director (ARD) visited our school to meet staff and work with our leadership team to review our 2015 progress and discuss our improvement plans for the 2016 year. Mr Brandon visited all classrooms and was very impressed with the level of student engagement in learning across the school. He also commented that Taroom State School is one of the best resourced P-10 schools in the region. It was a pleasure to show Mr Brandon around the school and our well-kept grounds did not go unnoticed. The recent rain and improvements to the Terry Williams Oval, gardens and the primary eating area have our school looking fabulous.

Spelling Professional Development: This week teachers and teacher aides worked with Claire Scott, from the National Institute of Direct Instruction, to fine tune their Spelling Mastery skills. The Spelling Mastery program has been implemented across the Primary School for the past two years, during which time we have seen a marked improvement in spelling results.

Leadership Camp: Today our school leaders travelled to the Columboola Outdoor Education Centre for leadership induction. This bonding experience is aimed at enhancing our leaders’ capacity to confidently work with teachers and fellow students throughout the year. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

Meet and Greet: Next Monday 15 February we are inviting all parents to visit classrooms to meet their child/children’s teacher. Early Years teachers, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2, will be available in their classrooms from 3:15pm – 3:45pm. JMS teachers, Years 3, 4/5 and 5/6, will be available in their classrooms from 3:45pm – 4:15pm and Middle School teachers will be conducting a short presentation in the School Library from 4:30pm – 5:00pm. We would encourage all parents/caregivers to attend this information afternoon to meet teachers and receive an overview of class expectations and learning for the year. This would also be an appropriate time to ask teachers any questions you may have regarding routines etc. However if you would like to discuss specific information regarding your child I would encourage you to make an appointment with the class teacher for a meeting at another time.
Contact with the school office

If you need to contact the school office please email both Lisa Kallquist lkall3@eq.edu.au and Roslyn Queitzsch rquei1@eq.edu.au just in case one or the other is away, then your enquiry can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Important! Parent/Caregiver contact details

Has your phone number or address changed during the holidays? If so, please email the school office with your new contact/address details. We may need to contact you in the case of an emergency.

Student Resource Scheme

Invoices have been issued for the Student Resource Scheme, thank you to the many families who have already paid. You are able to pay or part-pay your invoice by BPAY.
Important! 2016 Student Permission Package

Thank you to the families who have returned their permission packages. Just a reminder, these are required as soon as possible.

**Medication:** Please make sure that we know if your child has a medical condition and requires emergency medication. Please see Lisa or Ros to fill out the required forms. Otherwise medication cannot be administered. **All medication must be administered from the office.**

**School-wide Expectation**

Week 4 School-wide Expectation

“Get organised, be prepared”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to talk with their children about getting organised and being prepared.

This expectation sits under our “Focused on Learning” rule. In Week 4, we will be learning about the importance of being organised and prepared. Below is the message all students will hear on Parade and be reminded of during classes in the explicit teaching of this expectation.

When you are prepared and organised you are ready for learning. You can be organised and prepared by:

- Having all of your equipment as listed on the booklist
- Referring to your timetable to know what subjects you have and the books required for the day
- Using your dairy to record homework and other important information
- Having forms signed and returned to the Office or teacher
- Reading your newsletter and website information to keep up-to-date

**Primary and Secondary News**

School Immunisation Program Year 7 and Year 8 Students

In 2016 Ozcare is providing free vaccinations for all Year 7 and Year 8 students, on **Wednesday 24 February 2016 at 2.00pm**, as part of Queensland Health’s annual School Immunisation Program. All Year 7 and Year 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV), varicella (chickenpox) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough). The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner.

A consent form for each vaccination offered was given to your child to bring home on Tuesday 9 February. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and return it to the school office by Monday 15 February 2016, for mailing to Toowoomba.

New Staff 2016

Jessica Perrett Hello, my name is Jessica Perrett and I am a new teacher in the Middle School this year. My teaching areas are Health & Physical Education, Maths and Science. I have spent the last four years teaching at Charleville State High School. I am thoroughly enjoying living and working in the Taroom community. I have been very impressed with how the students at Taroom P-10 have started their 2016 schooling year. I am looking forward to a busy and exciting year at Taroom P-10 State School.

Catherine Perrett I grew up on a cattle property in Morven. I married Ted Perrett at the start of the year and now live in the Taroom area. I hope to spend my time working on our property and teaching at Taroom P-10 State School. I enjoy playing sport, reading and cooking. I also love animals.
Bianca Willis  I have resided in Taroom since 2010 with my husband Nathan. We moved here from Toowoomba. We have two children, Oliver and Mya. Last year I enjoyed working at Taroom P-10 State School as a contract and relief teacher. I am thrilled to be teaching the Year 2 class this year. My son Oliver started Prep this year and we are enjoying being at school full time.

Sophie Herbert  First of all I would like to say thank you to the students, parents, teachers and staff of Taroom P-10 State School for such a warm welcome into the community. In January I made the move from Toowoomba and the last 3 weeks have been incredibly exciting and I cannot wait to see what 2016 holds in store for us all. In my spare time I love to relax with a cup of tea, catch up with friends and family or go for a leisurely stroll around town. However, my ultimate passion is to travel. I lived in England as a nanny for 2 years when I finished school and I have not been able to stop planning trips ever since. I am a very open person so feel free to come up to the classroom for a chat. One thing not many people know about is……I am a pug fanatic! I adore anything pug.

Student Council News

Fundraisers for 2016

The Student Council have decided that we would focus on two fundraising events each term. Below are the intended fundraising events to place into your calendars.

| Term 1 | Icy cups sold every Friday at the hospitality room for 50c each. |
| Term 2 | Icy cups sold every Friday at the hospitality room for 50c each. |
| Term 3 | Icy cups sold every Friday at the hospitality room for 50c each. |
| Term 4 | Icy cups sold every Friday at the hospitality room for 50c each. |

- Taco Tuesday $2
- Surprise Easter bunny ($1 each per bag)
- Pyjama and crazy hair day $1
- Colour run
- OZ tag touch day (Free)
- State of Origin/Free dress $1
- Which class can raise the most money for the term (silver coin donation throughout the term)
- Melbourne cup day/Dress up $1
- Disco/Free dress $1
Icy Cups

Every Friday, for the first 10 Minutes of Big Lunch, the Student Council will be selling icy cups from The hospitality room for 50c each.

Sport s News

Taroom Soccer Team - attending the Miles & District Carnival on Friday 26 February at Condamine State School.

Please fill out the relevant paper work found on the website and return to School by Monday 15 February 2016.

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Basketball South West Trials

The following students have been nominated to attend the South West Basketball trials in Roma, permission forms can be found on the website.

Lawson Howe, Barney Radel and Shontayne Suey
SECONDARY SOCCER- CHANGE OF DATE - The trials will now be held on Thursday 18 February 2016 at the Miles State High School from 4.00pm. Forms will be available on the website on Friday to download for the following people:

Kayley Watson, Kiah Malcolm, Heath Lawardorn, Wesley Smith, Joe Dwyer, Joel Robinson, Michael Mundell, Ben Hebbes, Maddix Lovett, Shauna Sorrell

Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who broke records at the Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

Dustin Burton 66 Backstroke, Patrick Rewald 33 Butterfly, Katie Bunker 33 Butterfly, Ryan Graham 66 Butterfly, Kasey Smith 33 Backstroke and Lachlan Howard 66 Freestyle, 33 Backstroke, 66 Backstroke and 33 Breaststroke

Sports Training

The following sports training will be held:

Monday afternoon 3.00pm-4.00pm: Rugby League and Netball

Wednesday afternoon 3.00pm-4.00pm: Soccer 1 week then Touch Football the next

Wednesday 17 February is Touch Football

Thursday 7.30am: Cross Country Commencing 18 February

Miles & District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who competed yesterday in the Miles and District Swimming Carnival. It was great to see such competitiveness and sportsmanship form everyone. A very big thanks to our dedicated parents who assisted throughout the day once again! We would also like to thank our very own Mrs Kelly Smith for volunteering to be our referee throughout the day and for her dedication to our swimmers.

Congratulations to the students who broke records yesterday!!

Congratulations to Dustin Burton who won the trophy for the highest overall points on the day and our age champions, Maddison Argus, Katie Bunker, Dustin Burton and Annabella Becker (absent for the photo). Well done to everyone. What a great effort! We look forward to hearing who made qualifying standards in the coming days. We wish everyone the best of luck for the South West Swimming Carnival next Friday 19 February in Miles.
P&C and Community News

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

School Uniforms

School hats are back in stock! Our Netball/Rugby League Carnival will be held on Thursday 24 March. If you require football socks, netball visors (only 5 left will not be re-ordered) or football shorts please purchase them soon so I have time to re-order if necessary. Don’t miss out! Thank you, Andrea Stevens 0419 798 889 or andrea.stevens1@bigpond.com

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UnitingCare Community Recovery Counsellor

Kate Coulson, a social worker, has moved to Theodore. She is working in the role of a Community Recovery Counsellor with UnitingCare Community and Lifeline. She will be working with other counsellors to service the Banana Shire and North Burnett Shires. She will be working across the Theodore, Taroom, Cracow, Moura and surrounding areas. Kate can be contacted on 0448 244 680 during business hours or via the 24 hour Country Call Back Service on 1800 543 354.

TAROOM COACHING
FRIDAY 19/2- 18/3/16
EXCEPT 4/3/16 4 WEEKS PROGRAM
BEGINNER-INTERMEDIATE 3:30- 4:15pm
SEMI ADVANCE 4:15- 5:15pm
ADVANCED 5:00 -6:00pm

4 WEEKS PROGRAM $45/child
Minimum age 6
CONTACT STEVE – 07 4669 8868
EMAIL: farrelltennis@yahoo.com.au

Taroom Amateur Swimming Club Carnival Saturday 13 February 2016

Friends, Family and members of the Taroom Community are invited to come along and watch the Taroom Penguins swim. The carnival will be held on Saturday 13 February 2016 at the Taroom Pool commencing at 9.00am. The canteen will be operating on the day and there will be multi draw raffles. Your support would be appreciated. Thank You Tara Lovett

Taroom Kindergarten Easter Pie Drive – Closing Wednesday 9 March 2016

The Taroom Kindy is having an Easter Pie Drive orders close on Wednesday 9 March 2016. If you would like to place your order there is an order form at the school office. Please support your local Kindergarten!

JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!