PRINCIPAL’S PEN
Term 4, Week 3 20 October 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who completed our communication survey and returned it to the office. Unfortunately we have only received about one third so please return your survey as soon as possible so we can act on the results to improve communications with our families and the wider community.

This week we wrap up the Early Years Tennis lessons provided by Steve Farrell from Hot Shots Tennis. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and have learned a lot about how to play the game. This week the Year 5 and Year 6 students have their final ‘You Choose’ lesson delivered by Helen Dingle from Youth Justice Services Roma and supported by our local police. This program is designed to encourage students to think about the choices they make as they are now legally responsible for their actions. Students have been engaged in role play, group discussions and brainstorming activities that encourages them to think ahead to avoid situations that may lead them into trouble.

CPR sessions have commenced for the secondary students. Thank you to Simon Stevens from QAS for building the capabilities in our students to save lives. We are also looking forward to the Road Trauma Scenario which will be held on Friday 11 November 2016. This scenario will be coordinated by Simon Stevens and supported by local emergency services and aims to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol, drugs and fast cars.

Our Pre-Prep program is well underway and we are enjoying getting to know our 2017 Prep students and their families. Our current Prep students are also enjoying their transitional morning sessions as part of the Year 1, 2 and 3 Literacy groups, and this week they are spending morning tea play time on the primary fort.

Angela Heslin
Principal
Schoolwide Expectation - Week 3, Term 4

“I ask for help”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to discuss with their children the importance of asking for help with their learning. This expectation sits under the “Focused on Learning” rule. In Week 3, we will discuss how it is important and when it is important to ask for help.

Why is this expectation important?

At times we may not always understand what is being taught or what is being studied. It is important to validate our own learning by asking for help. This will allow clarification and understanding in our work. All questions are good questions but they must be appropriate and asked at the right time. Your question might help another student who was also confused but did not have the confidence to ask.

Don’t be afraid to ask questions because teachers cannot read your mind. We assume you understand what is being taught unless you ask.

Associated RISE Values:

Integrity - ◆ I am independent  Self-management-◆ I take ownership

Student Council News

Student Council Pizza Slices

Every Thursday at lunch time from the hospitality window

Topping: Bacon & Cheese (McCain Pizza)

Serving Size: ¼ of a pizza = 1 slice

Price per slice = $1.00
Primary and Secondary News

QMEA STEM “EXPAND YOUR MIND” WORKSHOPS
Next Thursday, 27th October, all Years 9 and 10 students will participate in a day of science, maths and engineering with staff from the Queensland Energy and Minerals Academy and Taroom State School. Workshop sessions include robotics, chemical processing challenge and a coin launcher challenge. A sausage sizzle and sandwiches are being provided for lunch funded by QMEA.

SET PLANS
Year 10 students are currently documenting their SET Plans for Year 11 and 12 which will be ready for discussion with parents in the near future. Students heading off to other schools in 2017 should have their subject selections completed shortly, if not already. This will help your child’s next school to plan subjects and staffing and ensure your child does not miss out on their subject choice!

Secondary Science!

Year 9/10
This term Year 10 are studying chemical and physical changes. We conducted some interesting science experiments that showed how heat can be increased by mixing different solutions together, this is called an exothermic change.

Year 8
This term in Science Year 8 are investigating cells. They have been comparing animal and plant cells (eukaryotic) as well as learning about more simple cells (prokaryotic). They were so engaged and excited about being able to see plants and insects through the lenses of microscopes.

Year 7
Just like Sir Isaac Newton, Year 7 have been investigating the effect of applied forces. They learnt about the centre of gravity and were able to stand a can on its side. They also learnt about why we need to be restrained in cars or wear a helmet on a push bike or motor bike. They created a “helmet” to save an egg after a force was applied to it.
Taroom State School P & C Recipe Book

Do you have a family favourite recipe you would like to add to our recipe book? We invite all students/staff/families/local businesses/community members to submit a recipe and be a part of our Taroom State School P & C Recipe Book. Please email your special recipe to Michelle Phipps at mickeyed93@hotmail.com or deliver to the Taroom State School office.

Junior Cricket – Saturday 22 October 2016

All school aged children are invited to participate in a Junior cricket session at the Taroom State School on Saturday, 22 October 2016 commencing at 8.30am. Please bring a hat and water bottle. Cost per child is $5.00 and each child will receive a sausage on bread and drink at the completion of the session. For further information or to register your child please contact Rob Lethbridge (0428 270 339) or Lisa Kallquist (0427 273 621).

Tuckshop

Tuckshop Money

Please place your child’s tuckshop money in either an envelope (named) or a resealable sandwich bag (named) into their brown paper tuckshop bag. We are having quite a few situations where students are losing their tuckshop money or change. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Group 5
26 October

Workers
Tina Hay
Leanne Woodard
Bec Coutts

Cooks
Naomi Roberts
Leanne Woodard
Nadine Lethbridge

St Mary’s Parish Sacramental Program 2016

If you would like your child to take part in the Sacramental Programme being offered for Catholic children in Year 4 or above please contact Tanya Bruggemann on 0408453544 or futurefuel@bigpond.com to confirm your commitment.

The preparation will begin on Monday the 31st October - please ensure you contact Tanya prior to this date to receive the information regarding dates and times for the program. Thank you.