Dear Parents,

We are approaching the half way point in our final term of 2015. Our primary and secondary students are very busy working on their final assessment tasks that will inform their Semester 2 report card results. At this time of the year we remind students of the importance of attending school every day so that they can achieve their very best in all subject areas. We have noticed, however, that attendance across the school has declined slightly this term. We would like to reinforce to our parents the need for every student to commit to attending school every day, as every day really does count! At the moment we are not meeting the expected State Target of 92%.

We have noticed that some children are not bringing enough food to school or are bringing red foods that are not seen as beneficial for concentration in class and good behaviour. A healthy lunch keeps active kids alert and focused and gives them the nutrition they need every day. Please ensure that your children are bringing a healthy lunch to school each day.

Next week we will begin the process of choosing our 2016 school leaders. Students in Year 5 and Year 9 will be invited to nominate for school captain and house captain leadership positions and a student representative from each class will be chosen to be part of the 2016 Student Council. Please encourage your children to consider taking on a leadership position in 2016.

Regards

Angela Heslin
Principal
STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS - TOWNSVILLE

Last week we participated in the State Track & Field Championships in Townsville. After a long journey we arrived in Cowboy territory! We met at the Townsville Sports Reserve to attend a team meeting, orientation and team photo.

The first day of competition Katie, Dom and Jack competed in the running events including the 100m, 800m and relay. Our nerves were severe and the competition was very fierce! We enjoyed running on the tartan track, a little different to our normal running track!

The second day, the nerves weren’t as high and we all fronted for another day of stiff competition. Reegan and Dom competed in the discus, Katie competed in the Long Jump and Dom also competed in the 200m sprint. Although none of us placed in our events, the experience of competition at such a high level was an amazing experience.

It was great to make new friends with other South West team members. One thing that was very special was watching the Paralympians compete in all events. It was very inspirational.

We were very proud to be competing for the South West Team and we are pumped for next year! Thank you Mrs Adamson for training us so hard!

By Katie Bunker, Dom Kallquist & Reegan Hill
**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

Government funded dental care is offered to all Queensland students through the School Dental Service from the age of four years old to the completion of Year 10. **Students of Taroom State School** are being offered dental treatment at Mobile Dental Clinic 174A which will be located at Taroom State School.

Parents/Guardians **must attend**. If you would like your child to participate in the government funded dental care program, please complete the registration oral health services form, **sign and return it to the School Office as soon as possible**.

Students in Year 10 and siblings and those that have emergencies (triaged assessed) will be given priority for dental appointments.

**CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME**

We are accepting clients eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme for general treatment also for children under 4 years old. Contact Medicare to check your eligibility on 132 011

Oral Health does not accept any responsibility for transport of the children to and from their appointments.

For information regarding this service contact: **0417 600 988**

Regards,

School Dental Service

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

Oral Health - Western Downs and South Burnett

A registration form has been attached to the newsletter (one form per family), please return to the school office no later than **Friday 30th October**.

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**Student Council News**

**Let’s RISE**

Week 3 School-wide Expectation – Solve Problems myself

- I am resilient
- I make the right choices
- I take ownership

Week 4 School-wide Expectation – Where to walk and where to run

- I am considerate
- I am cooperative
- I have no excuses
**Next week’s school-wide expectation-**

“Where to walk and where to run”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to talk with their children about the importance of physical safety when moving around the school, home or community. This expectation sits under the “Focused on Safety” rule. In Week 4, we will be learning about how we move through the school environment; the places where it is okay to run, and those places where we should only walk. Below is the message all students will hear on Parade and be reminded of during classes in the explicit teaching of this expectation.

There are many shared areas in the school where students and staff move during the school day. It is important for our safety and the safety of others that we use these areas such pathways, stairs, verandahs, classrooms and ovals, responsibly. This means knowing where to walk and where to run so that we do not collide with others and cause an injury, or damage property. We should always walk on cement pathways as there is a greater chance of injury if we fall on a hard surface. We should walk up and down stairs and use the hand rail to support our balance and prevent a trip. When an area of ground is growing new grass, we should walk around it to allow it to grow. Cemented areas are for walking on, grassed areas are usually okay to run on if they are away from buildings and objects. Never run around or through people.

Use your common sense.

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**P&C and Community News**

**WORKING BEE**

It was decided at the P & C Meeting that we would hold a working bee on Saturday, the 7th of November. We will commence at 9.00am and finish with a sausage sizzle. Please bring along your gardening gloves, tools, hedgers, trailer and esky! Why not make it a family day out? If you can spare a couple of hours please contact either Bill Hickey or Lisa Kallquist - lkall3@eq.edu.au

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Next P&C Meeting – Monday 16th November 2015 at 3.30pm.

*Please email Lisa Kallquist prior to the meeting with any agenda items.

lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com*