PRINCIPAL’S PEN

30th July 2015

Week 3

Dear Parents,

This week our school has been involved in a Full School Review and this morning our leadership team along with Adam Myers (Principal Supervisor) met with the review team to receive an overview of the findings regarding the 3 day visit. We are pleased to report that across all nine domains of the school improvement agenda we are performing very well and we look forward to the official report which will be released in a few weeks. This report will then be shared with our staff and the school community. We would like to thank the review team Sevil, Reid and Bernadette for their honest appraisal of our school. They expressed that they thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were impressed with our entire school community including our friendly, well-mannered students, dedicated staff and supportive parent/community group who truly value education. Overall they observed that our school had a great sense of family.

It was fantastic to host approximately 50 Grandparents at our Grandparents Morning on Wednesday. Students across the school enthusiastically welcomed their grandparents into their classrooms for a modern day learning experience which was followed by a wonderful morning tea provided by the Hospitality students. We would like to thank our group of dedicated Hospitality students and Mrs Adamson for providing the delicious spread. This group had a very early start on the day to ensure that our special guests received the freshest of morning tea treats.

Regards

Angela Heslin

SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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Primary News

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3

Richard Hooper
Saphire Newby
Patrick Little
Lucinda Hay
Jack Hay
Mitchell Hay
Isobel Welsh
Gracie Bunker
Emily Lamb
Nadine Hay
Melinda Sorrell
Madeline Hay
Josh Chapman
Ava McNee

STARS OF READING

Week 3

Rihanna Argus
Jacob Lamb
Lachlan Stevens
Glenrowan Roberts
Isobel Welsh
Gracie Bunker
Lachlan Green
William Donner
Richard Hooper
Becky Hay
Bronty Watson
Cleo Lethbridge
Ava McNee

Congratulations Year 1 for the most Reading Stars

SCIENCE AWARDS

Week 3

Primary & Secondary
Ben Hebbes
Breanna Moore
Sam Rose
Shai Watson
Lane Lamb
Joe Dwyer
Madeline Hay
Toni Lamb
Maddix Lovett
Kiah Malcolm
Madison Standing
Stay in touch with the QSchools app

Families of Taroom State School can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QSchools app. It’s an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters.

The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates. It is compatible with Android, Apple and Windows.

A link has been provided from the school website for easy download of the Queensland Schools App.

Find out more on the DETE apps page or at http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html

Secondary News

Homework Agreement Forms
Last week all students in the secondary school received a revised Homework, Bookwork and Assessment Policy. Attached to this was a Homework Agreement Form that students were asked to share with their parent/carer, sign and return to Form Teachers. Thank you to those students who have returned their forms and we look forward to receiving the rest during this coming week. The purpose of the agreement is to form a shared commitment to improved learning outcomes for each student. Homework and study in the secondary school is an expectation and necessary for success in senior school. Making a regular commitment to daily homework supports students in learning to manage work, recreation and family life for the future.

Secondary Verandah
The Middle School Verandah area currently displays a range of student notices and information to help students transition through their day, know their timetables, and keep track of their assessment requirements. Each teacher has an area on the verandah blackboard they record notes on for students. This term, a focus is very much on students using their student diaries to record their homework and other school commitments. What else do our secondary students require? Please share your great ideas with us to improve learning for your child at Taroom State School.

Work Experience
Work experience for Year 10 students is being organised for Week 10 of this term. Students need to consider a potential work placement and discuss this with Mrs Wolski in the coming week.

School Policies
Current updated policies can be found on the school website under the tabs Support and Resources and then Forms and Documents. Policies currently available include:

- Homework
- Assessment
- Bookwork
- Attendance
- Code of Conduct for Parents and Volunteers
- WHS
- Learning & Wellbeing
We encourage parents to make themselves familiar with the contents of these policy documents as they directly influence and guide the work of staff and the learning and wellbeing of students. Further documents will be available over this term regarding class/subject learning plans for Semester 2 and the P-10 curriculum program at Taroom P-10 State School. If parents have any further ideas regarding the types of information they would like available on the website, please contact the school Office.

**Student Council News**

Week 3 School-wide Expectation – **Use good manners**
Teachers will be looking for students who display these values:

- I am considerate
- I am respectful

Students celebrating this week are:
Bronty Watson, Charlie Lawardorn, Katie Bunker, Codey Hay and Kayley Watson

Week 4 School-wide Expectation –
Be an active participant  * I try  * I show teamwork  * I never give up

**Sports News**

**ARL Cup**

The ARL cup final will be held August 4th in Dalby this term, we wish the boys all the best and cross our fingers for a win against St Marys (Toowoomba). This is a huge experience and a wonderful chance for the Miles District to show their true dedication and strength in sport. This will be an experience for the boys and we hope they enjoy the day.
The Taroom athletics carnival will begin with a bang next Thursday with the 800, 400 and javelin being held during the afternoon. Athletes will compete with rigour and the stage will be set for who will take the title of “Winning Team” this year. Participation is the most important and can bring a team to its knees without these single digit points. Team work will provide us with the best relay team of the day and finally preparation, which team house captain will plan, strategize and lead their team to victory????

FRIDAY outline AUGUST 7th

The carnival will commence at 8.30am, all students are asked to be at the school grounds by 8.15am to be marshalled for their events. The carnival outline is changing this year and will include more events for our early years. Parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers are invited to help cheer on their team. Students are asked to dress up in their house colours as points will be awarded for both the loudest and proudest team on the day. New war cries have been practiced with our house leaders tearing down the house.

We will stop during the day to allow our Year 10’s to have a moment of glory as this will be their last carnival at Taroom State School before they graduate and leave us to pursue their next journey in life.

Fridays outline will be posted in next week’s newsletter and as in previous years we will be a paperless carnival, so please bring along your carnival outline for the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our carnival supporting our students in their pursuit of sporting excellence.

SW Girls Rugby League

Good luck to the girls attending the trials in Miles tomorrow, girls selected will go on and attend the invitational State carnival. We wish you all the best.

Titans Development Day

A girls rugby league development day is being held next Thursday in Toowoomba. Four of our girls will be attending the day. This is a great opportunity for our girls to be “Scouted” and show the rest of the region our potential and commitment to sport as country kids.
**Student Touch Comp- Starting AUGUST 3rd**

Student touch comp will start on Monday August 3rd for students 11 years and up. This will be held on the Taroom State School oval, starting at 3.15. Depending on numbers, two games will run until 4.15pm.

Please see Mr Brannan or Mr/Mrs Adamson if you are interested in playing. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their skills in preparation for next year’s selection carnivals.

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**P&C and Community News**

**TUCKSHOP**

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***Tuckshop will not be operating on Wednesday, the 12th of August 2015 – Week 5 due to the Variety Bash Fundraiser – The Tuckshop will however be operating on Friday, the 14th of August 2015 (M&D Athletics Day at Taroom State School).***

**VARIETY CLUB RALLY FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

Just under two weeks until the big event! Preparations are in full swing and the roster and donations list is attached to this newsletter. Thank you to the families who have either volunteered to work, bake or have kindly donated some supplies. We would like to encourage all families to make some contribution towards our major fundraiser for the year. If you are able to donate some eggs, cheese and crackers, mandarins, meat, or bake a pudding or slice we would love to hear from you. Please contact Lisa Kallquist on lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com or contact 0427 273 621 or 4628 9333.

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**Next P & C General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8th of September 2015 at 3.30pm in the school library – ALL WELCOME.**

**TENNIS**

**Junior Tennis has been cancelled.** There are 4 spots available for the Tennis Coaching Clinic being held on Sunday 16th August. If you are interested please phone Maree Hebbes on 4627 0390

***JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!***