PRINCIPAL’S PEN        Week 3        28 April 2016

Dear Parents

It was great to see a large group of students participating in the ANZAC Day march on Monday. Our students looked very smart in their formal uniforms and our four school captains certainly did us proud through the professional delivery of their speeches. I have received a lot of feedback from members of the community who have contacted the school asking me to pass on their congratulations. They were very impressed with the quality of our school leaders’ speeches and the good behaviour displayed by students who represented the school on the day. Well done Taroom P-10 State School students.

In the ANZAC spirit I would like to acknowledge a successful young adult who completed her Year 10 education here at Taroom P-10 State School. Anne Maree Becker joined the Navy in 2010 and is a Leading Seaman in Maritime Logistics Support Operations and is currently deployed in the Middle East on board HMAS Darwin. We are very proud of Anne Maree’s accomplishments in the Australian Navy.

Website Updates
Term 2 Curriculum Overviews for Prep, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4/5
### SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Week 3**
- Melinda Sorrell
- Harry Lawardorn
- Isabel Adcock
- Abbey Phipps
- Maddix Lovett
- Gracie Bunker
- Caitlyn Walton
- Riley Watson
- Kasey Letts
- Eloise Welsh
- Caitlin Howe
- Jacob Lamb

### STARS OF READING

- Saphire Newby
- Rich Hooper
- Isabel Anderson-Peall
- Charlie Sommers
- Becky Hay
- Glenrowan Roberts
- Cleo Lethbridge
- Annabella Becker
- Jackson Layton
- Isobel Welsh
- Ella Bruggemann
- Monika Bruggemann
**School-wide Expectations**

**Week 3**

**I know how to win or lose**

We ask parents and carers to talk with their children about the benefits that winning and losing have in building a positive and resilient character for life’s challenges.

**Why is this expectation important?**

Whether we win or lose in a game, what is important is that we try and always show good sportsmanship. When we play fairly, everyone can enjoy the game and no one gets upset and loses their temper. We won’t always be the best at everything in life. Often we will have to accept that our best may not be THE best, but to try our best is a great achievement. We must learn to be happy for other people when they win, instead of being jealous or vindictive. Losing helps us to rethink and reflect on what we need to do next time to improve or change direction. Magic Johnson a famous basketballer quoted, “There’s winning and there’s losing and in life both will happen. What is never acceptable to me is quitting.”

Next Week’s School-wide Expectation

“*I bring healthy food*”

**Student Council News**

**Let’s RISE**

Students celebrating success with last week’s Schoolwide Expectation “*I wear my uniform and follow the dress code*” are:

- Bronty Watson
- Rihanna Argus
- Jackson Layton
- Melinda Sorrell
Primary and Secondary Curriculum News

TAFE

Hospitality students’ next TAFE visit is Wednesday 4 May (Week 4).

LEARNING GOALS

Students across the P-10 campus are currently in the process of writing their Term 2 Learning Goals which will be featured on their Semester One Report Card and form the basis of the main report card comment. Goals help students focus their learning on those areas that require a little extra effort and attention so that their overall achievement is improved.

FORMS

Forms to be returned-

➢ Year 9 “Y Lead” Conference excursion to Toowoomba – due this week.
➢ Year 10 Work Experience preferences- due next week.

Progressive Assessment Tests (PAT)

During the last week, students across Years 1-10 participated in online diagnostic testing for Maths, Reading, Punctuation & Grammar and Spelling. The online testing has been a valuable asset to our annual testing program. All teachers now have instant access to their class’s results and can take immediate action on adjusting learning programs to target areas of need.

Assessment Schedules

Students in Years 7-10 will receive their Assessment Schedule this week. A copy will also be uploaded onto the school website.

School Policy Snapshot

The following information is from the “Taroom State School Assessment Policy” which can be viewed in full from the school website. Secondary students in particular, are moving into exams and assignments for some subjects so it is timely to review assessment policies and procedures to achieve the best outcomes for Semester One.

Student absence during Assessment

Students who have been absent and have not completed the full assessment requirements of the course/subject will be marked according to the evidence they have presented in their folio or workbook, which may or may not be reflective of their actual knowledge and abilities in the subject.

Where possible other information can be used to assist with an overall judgement however the assessment task is given the greater emphasis as it is the central basis of the learning program for the term.

It is always important for students to CATCH UP when they are absent and PLAN FORWARD for future absences. Teachers are happy to modify assessment programs and requirements for individual students if communication is timely.

Students will be able to sit exams and submit assessment on alternative days providing prior communication by parents/carers has been made with the school.
**Sports News**

**Miles & District Touch**

Good luck to all players attending the carnival in Dulacca on Friday! Go Taroom!!

**SW Rugby League and Touch trials**

Well done to all players who attended the South West trials last Friday in Roma. A special congratulations to Katie Bunker, Dom Kallquist and Barney Radel who made the South West teams and Jesse Hay on being selected as a shadow player for the team. Everyone had a great day. A special thanks to Mr Radel for coaching our team in the lead up to the carnival and Mr Russell Henry for being our trainer on the day.

**Taroom Cross Country Trials**

Cross Country will be held on Friday 6 May starting at 11.30am. Once again cross country will be a little different this year. It will cater for people who do not wish to do a longer distance but help their team out by participating and earning valuable points. Students will get to choose the distance they are running on the day. Obviously if you are trying out for the Taroom team to attend the Miles & District trials you must do the set distance stipulated by QLD Sport. Every kilometre a student runs earns them a point towards their team.

**Outline**

1. Parents/Siblings/Students/Grandparents are invited to watch the day and support their students and teams.

2. Students U9-16 years can choose the distance they will run for the competitive races. Students cannot run beyond their age appropriate distance.

   - U9 – 2km
   - U10- 2km
   - U11- 3km
   - U12- 3km
   - U13-3km
   - U14-15 – 4 km

3. Age Champion will only be given to students who have competed in their age appropriate distance as outlined above.

4. Students have nominated themselves through the HPE Teacher.

5. U6 years will run 250m and U7-8 years will be competing in a 500m race.
**Day's outline**

11.30am: Day starts 4km

3km

Prep- 250 (Prep students will return to their classroom once their race has finished)

U7 girls and then boys- 500m

U8 Girls and then boys- 500m

2km Girls

2 km boys

3Km Girls

3km Boys

Relays

**Healthy Living Program**

Today a healthy living program was run with the Year 5-6 and Year 7 classes. This program is organised by Santos and run by the Roma TAFE. The program enables students to participate in a number of activities and cookery session that promotes lifelong healthy eating. It also shows the links between academic performances and eating a wide variety of foods, that foods enable the brain to function at maximum capacity. We would like to extend our thanks to Santos for sponsoring the program and Fiona Flanders for promoting and running the program.

**Rugby League Literacy Program**

Mr Grant Bignell will be attending school on Thursday 5 May to run sessions with some groups on literacy and league! This is a powerful session about the importance of schooling in a rugby league player’s life.

**BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club orders for *Issue 3* are due on **Wednesday 4 May 2016**. Please note, the payment and ordering process for Book Club. It is preferred for all orders and payments to be made online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP. If you are unable to access the online payment system, we can organise for payment via cheques. Please contact Bianca Willis on bwill679@eq.edu.au prior to Wednesday 4 May 2016 if you wish to pay via cheque. Cheques must be made payable to Scholastic Australia.
Congratulations! Sally Phelps

State Winner Newspower/Staedtler Easter Colour Competition

Sally has been awarded State winner of the Newspower/Staedtler Easter Colour to Win Competition. Sally won a Staedtler prize pack valued at $500 for the school and a $250 Staedtler prize pack for herself. Great work Sally! You are awesome!!

P & C and Community News

Taroom Show Gate P & C Fundraiser

Thank you for volunteering to man the gates at the Taroom Show. We still need the highlighted spots filled. Please contact Lisa Kallquist if you can assist - lkall3@eq.edu.au

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National P & C Day Morning Tea

All P & C members are invited to attend a special morning tea, on Thursday 12 May 2016 at 10.00am at the Alfresco area at the Taroom State School. P & C Day is held each year to celebrate the valuable contributions that P&Cs make in assisting schools deliver quality educational outcomes.

Please RSVP to Lisa Kallquist – ikall3@eq.edu.au

P & C General Meeting – Wednesday 11 May at 3.15pm - School Library

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RSL Community Link Program

RSL Community Link is a Returned and Services League national remembrance project dedicated to keeping alive the names, memories and deeds of departed Australian or Allied service veterans no matter when or where they served or when they died. RSL Community Link enables people of all ages to attend remembrance services as the personal representative of a departed veteran. The representative proudly wears a “Veteran’s Memorial Plaque” which shows the basic details of the veteran’s service and a “Representative’s Link Card” to show the representative’s relationship to the veteran. This representation includes the opportunity to take part in the Taroom ANZAC Day march. Please see the form attached, fill in the details and return to the school office. We had quite a few students wearing the badges this year on ANZAC Day.