Meet and Greet: Thank you to the parents who attended the Meet and Greet on Monday afternoon. It is important to your child’s education that there is a strong supportive partnership between parents and teachers. If you were not able to come along and would like to catch up with your child’s teacher please do not hesitate to contact them to organise a suitable time.

Homework Club: Homework Club started yesterday. Students from Year 3 -10 are invited to attend this one hour session from 3pm – 4pm each Wednesday. If you would like your child to take advantage of this program please register. Forms can be found on the website. It was great to see 15 students working diligently in the library yesterday. Thank you to the teachers who are giving up their time to supervise this program.

Focus on Numeracy: Four of our teachers from across the school are participating in a two day Numeracy workshop in Roma. These teachers are part of the recently formed Numeracy Working Party which will develop a whole school numeracy plan this year. Numeracy is one of the 2016 school improvement priority areas.

Road Safety: It has been brought to my attention that some students are not using the Wolsey Street crossing correctly. Please remind your children that they must give way to traffic on this crossing, and as drivers, please be aware that some children may step onto the crossing believing that they have right of way. It has also been noted that some parents are using the no parking area either side of the crossing to park briefly when dropping students off in the mornings. Please do not park in this area as this obscures the crossing that children need to use to cross the street safely.

Sporting Award: Finally I would like to join the South West Sport board in congratulating Mrs Stacey Adamson for her outstanding contribution to school sport. Stacey was presented with this well-deserved award last Friday at the South West Sport Meeting in Roma. Her ongoing commitment and dedication to supporting our students in individual and team sport sees her regularly go above and beyond what is expected. Well done Stacey!
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### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Week 4**

- Heidi Symes
- Riley Phipps
- Kyle Batkines
- Joshua Rose
- Kasey Smith
- Murphy Pearce
- Oli Lethbridge
- Connor Fitzpatrick
- Bronte Hay
- Lachlan Howard
- Willow Argus
- Chelsea Hay
- Glenrowan Roberts
- Bronty Watson
- Michael Mundell
- Blake Watson

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Week 5 School-wide Expectation

“I am focused, ready and task-oriented”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to talk with their children about being focused, ready and task-oriented.

This expectation sits under our “Focused on Learning” rule. In Week 5, we will be learning about the importance of having focus so we can achieve tasks and make progress. Below is the message all students will hear on Parade and in Monday morning’s explicit teaching lesson.

Staying focused can be tough with a constant stream of friends, teachers and parents demanding your attention. However, being focused is important to achieving and finishing tasks. When you achieve things, you feel in control of your life, confident and successful. If you are working in a team, being focused means that you are positively contributing to the outcomes of the team and working together; not pulling in different directions. When working independently, focusing means that you can ignore distractions and set yourself targets to achieve. Sometimes juggling or multi-tasking is necessary to get things done but this too, often reduces your ability to do anything really well as you become easily distracted, flitting from one task to another. It is usually more beneficial to commit yourself to a single task and prioritise tasks from the most important and urgent to the least important.

Consider-

- Doing the creative or “brain straining” tasks first
- Allocating your time deliberately (In the next ten minutes, I will have........... finished)
- Training your mind like a muscle
- Communicating to others your needs to get the task finished on time.

Also consider-

- If I don’t finish this task by the deadline, what are the consequences for myself and others depending on me?

Primary and Secondary News

School Photos Tuesday 23 February

Each student was issued with a school photo order envelope on Friday 12 February. If you have more than one student at school and would like a family photo, family envelopes can be collected from the school office. We also have spare photo envelopes if required. Please return envelopes to the school office by Friday 19 February.
South West Swimming

Congratulations to Annabella Becker, Madison Standing, Katie Bunker, Kasey Smith and Monkia Bruggemann on their selection for the South West trials being held in Miles on Friday. We wish them the best of luck! Go Taroom!

Miles & District Soccer

All Miles & District soccer forms where to be returned to the office yesterday. We wish the girls and boys team the best of luck next week in Condamine. Secondary Soccer

Good luck to all of the Taroom Secondary students who attended the trials late this afternoon in Miles, we wait in anticipation for the results.

Miles & District Tennis Trials- Taroom Team- Selection process

A number of students have nominated for tennis, due to there being a limit of 3 per gender a trial will need to be held to select the students.

The following students have nominated for a trial:

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The trial will be held at the Taroom Courts during Monday morning tea and Monday lunch, students are required to bring their own tennis racquet. 6 students will be nominated rom these trials, permission slips can be found on the Taroom State School website.

Training

A reminder that training for specific events has begun, it is very important that training commences at least 6 weeks prior to the event.

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

P&C and Community News

I love my tuckshop

Group 3
24 February

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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

JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!

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