Dear Parents,

Last night school staff and parents of Year 8 students attended a Theatre Restaurant and were thoroughly entertained by the Year 8 students who have been preparing for their performance for many weeks. Every student played a role in the performance directed by our very passionate and dedicated English Drama teacher Mrs Dee Hay.

Today we are hosting a QMEA STEM Expand your Mind day for Year 9 and 10 students from Taroom and Wandoan. Students will engage in Robotics, Science and Engineering challenges to encourage their interest in STEM related career pathways.

Today we are also hosting the Miles Cluster Principals’ Meeting. We are excited to have the opportunity to show off our school and the programs we are implementing.

As we approach the end of the school year it is time to start organising student leadership positions for 2017. On Monday, all students in Years 5 and 9, and Year 8 Leichhardt students, were given the Student Leadership Information package. The package outlines the role description and criteria for being a leader – Captain or House Captain – at our school. Students have been asked to take the package home and discuss with their parents the possibility of applying for one of the leadership roles for 2017. If you have any queries about the process please contact Kelly Newton. There are 3 parts to the application process.

1. Written Application – due by Friday 4 November.
2. Interview with Mrs Heslin and Mrs Newton.
   - Year 8 & 9 – Wednesday, 9 November
   - Year 5 – Wednesday, 16 November

Tomorrow we are supporting ‘Day for Daniel’. We are asking all students, staff and our parent community to wear red on Friday. The ‘Wear Red & Educate’ initiative was established by parents Bruce & Denise Morcombe in 2005 after their son Daniel was abducted and murdered in December 2003. The Foundation was established as a lasting legacy to Daniel and now has two main aims; to educate children on how to stay safe in a physical and online environment and to support young victims of crime. On Friday, our students will participate in activities to help empower them to recognise, react and report if they feel something is not right. We are asking for a gold coin donation to support this very worthwhile child safety initiative.

Angela Heslin - Principal
### SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Week 4**

- Nicholas Graham
- Jaylan Roberts
- Tom Thornton
- Bronty Watson
- Henry Kallquist
- Chelsey Hay
- Lachlan Conway
- Isabella de Percy
- Lucia Welsh
- Riley Cann
- Caitlin Howe
- Glenrowan Roberts
- Krystal Newby
- Summer-Jane Kehl
- Kadyne Nowell

### STARS OF READING

- Sally Phelps
- Yas Lethbridge
- Lachlan Watson
- Sterling Stevens
- Summer-Jane Kehl
- Beau Higgins
- Roland Roberts
- Jaylan Roberts
- Ryleigh Walton
- Jayden Newby
- Cleo Lethbridge
- Brontie Hay

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The fantastic cast of “There’s a war on, you know”

Great effort! Mrs Hay and the Year 8 students!
“Keep safe from stranger danger”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to start a conversation about personal safety in the real world and in an online environment. This expectation sits under the “Focused on Safety” rule. In Week Four, we will discuss how important it is to recognise, react and report unsafe situations to stay safe from strangers.

Why is this expectation important?

Australia is mostly a very safe place to live, but we do have poisonous snakes and spiders! We learn to keep away from them to protect ourselves. We also need to know that there are some people who can be a danger, particularly to children, whether online through social media and game playing or out in the community. We can learn about “stranger danger” and ways to keep safe, what to do if we feel unsafe, where to go and who to talk to. You need to feel safe but you also need to be safe.

This week on Friday 28 October we will participate in ‘Day for Daniel’. This is an opportunity for Australians to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable. It aims to help empower us to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT if we feel something is not right. Remember to wear red this Friday.

Associated RISE Values:

Self-management- ◆ I make the right choices  Integrity- ◆ I am confident

Student Council News

Associated RISE Values:

Responsibility - ◆ I never give up  Self-management- ◆ I am resilient

Students celebrating success with last week’s Schoolwide Expectation “I ask for help” are:
Lachlan Conway  Jennifer Sommers
Brydie Bruggemann  Sally Phelps
Jaiden Hill  Kendra Bryan
Beau Higgins  Rich Hooper
Jessica Walton  Tom Graham
Connor Fitzpatrick  Eloise Welsh

Thank you to Mrs Adamson and the Hospitality students for the brilliant job they did catering and serving at the Year 8 Theatre Restaurant last night. The parents and staff enjoyed a three course meal. It was delicious! Wow! We certainly have some very talented students at our school. Congratulations!

Student Council Pizza Slices

Every Thursday at lunch time from the hospitality window
Topping: Bacon & Cheese (McCain Pizza)
Serving Size: 1/8 of a pizza = 1 slice
**Presentation Night Award Sponsors**
Our annual Presentation Night is being held on Tuesday 29 November 2016 at the Taroom Town Hall. We are grateful for the ongoing support we have from the Taroom community in sponsoring our awards each year through the donation of funds towards books, book vouchers, medallions and trophies which are given to our students in reflection of their achievement during the year. Correspondence has been sent to our current sponsors, but I would like to invite parents and community members to contact me (Kelly Newton – knewt29@eq.edu.au or 4628 9333) if you are interested in joining our sponsorship group. A single sponsorship is $20.

**Uniforms 2017** – If you require Formal uniforms for 2017 please contact Andrea Stevens, Uniform Co-ordinator on 0419 798 889 or andrea.stevens1@bigpond.com with your order. Don’t forget Presentation Night is fast approaching.

**Formal Uniform**
**Primary Girls (Prep – Yr 6)** – current $20 dress

**Primary Boys (Prep – Yr 6)** – polo shirt and long green shorts

**Middle School Girls (Yr 7 – 10)** – white shirt with check trims and green skorts

**Middle School Boys (Yr 7 – 10)** – white shirt and long green shorts

Shoes are at the discretion of the parents – joggers or black shoes are both acceptable.

**Everyday Uniform**
**Girls (Prep – Yr 10)** – polo shirt, long green shorts, skorts, skirts and dress. Girls cannot wear football shorts or short green stubbies. Shorter green shorts or football shorts can be worn to sports carnivals. Green tights are the only coloured tights to be worn in the winter. White socks to be worn with the uniform.

**Boys (Prep – Yr 10)** – polo shirt, long green shorts, stubbies and football shorts. White socks to be worn with the uniform.

**Primary and Secondary News**

Years 9 and 10 students have applied their computational thinking skills today to program a Lego robot to move through a course as economically and efficiently as possible.

Shobie and Molly completing the chemical engineering challenge in the Science Lab.
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.

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.

Uniforms
Please place your uniform orders for 2017 as soon as possible. Please contact Andrea Stevens on 0419 798 889 or email andrea.stevens1@bigpond.com

Junior Cricket – Saturday 5 November 2016
Junior Cricket will be held at the Taroom State School on Saturday, 5 November 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 please contact Rob Lethbridge (0428 270 339) or Lisa Kallquist (0427 273 621).

P & C General Meeting – Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 3.15pm

2017 P & C Executive Committee
Please consider putting your hand up to take on an Executive role on the 2017 P & C Committee.

**All positions vacant**

P & C AGM Date: 13 February 2017

St Mary’s Parish Sacramental Program 2016
If you would like your child to take participate 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.

Taroom Community Choir
With Carlyn Brennan on Wednesdays @ 4.30pm
Shop 11 Leichhardt Country Arcade – All Welcome!
Gold Coin donation - contact Cindy Bruce 0428 106 466