Dear Parents/Caregivers

It has been a very busy week with the Taroom Show held on Monday and Tuesday which was very well attended by our families. The school display looked fantastic and I would like to thank our students and staff for the effort that was evident in our great show display.

Yesterday I attended the Term 2 Miles Cluster Principals’ Meeting which was held at the Columboola Environmental Education Centre. It is always very worthwhile to connect with the Principals from our cluster for support and the sharing of ideas and programs currently being implemented in our schools.

Next Monday afternoon teachers will participate in Miles Cluster Moderation at Wandoan where Primary school teachers compare writing samples to verify A-E standards and Secondary teachers share assessment tasks and alignment to the year level Australian achievement standards. Moderation is a very valuable process and is necessary to ensure consistency of teacher judgement across schools.

You may be aware that next week is NAPLAN week. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit this National Assessment Program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. NAPLAN assesses Literacy and Numeracy skills that students have been learning through the school curriculum. Students are familiar with the testing format and the best way that parents and teachers can prepare students for NAPLAN is to reassure students that these tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. Breakfast will be provided for students sitting the tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Over the long weekend builders replaced a portion of old concrete with a new concrete slab at the Prep. This has greatly improved the outdoor learning area and we are now ready to proceed with the laying of turf which will further enhance our Prep facility.

Finally we are holding the Taroom Cross Country trials on Monday starting at 8:45am and finishing at 11:30am with a sausage sizzle run by the student council. Parents are invited to attend to watch their children compete but please be aware that it is a normal school day and classes will resume following the trials. It is an expectation that students will remain at school until 3pm.
## SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Week 4
- Summer-Jane Kehl
- Jaylan Roberts
- Jesse Hay
- Clive Williams
- Lachlan Watson
- Mitchell Letts
- Darcy Hamilton
- Jackson Layton
- Bree Kuhz
- Maisie Hay
- Isobel Welsh
- Heidi Symes
- Kobi Symes

## STARS OF READING
- Cooper Bradshaw
- Tom Thornton
- Chelsey Hay
- Isabel Adcock
- Rihanna Argus
- Ryleigh Walton
- Lachlan Green
- Alice Kallquist
- Cooper de Percy
- Sterling Stevens
- Brooke Hay
School-wide Expectations

Week 4 School-wide Expectation

“I bring healthy food”

We ask parents and carers to talk with their children about the benefits of eating healthy food. This expectation sits under our “Focused on Learning” rule. In Week 4, students will learn about healthy eating as being likened to traffic lights. Red foods (occasionally), Amber foods (moderately) and Green foods (all the time-'GO'). The websites below have further information and recipe ideas for parents and carers.


Why is this expectation important?

Packing a healthy lunchbox can make all the difference to how well you learn at school. A healthy lunchbox should consist of a main meal such as a sandwich, a snack, and a piece of fruit. Drinks may include water, reduced fat milk drink or 99% fruit juice. Eating properly will help us to stay focused at school all day and learn well. A healthy diet full of vitamins and minerals assists your body to reach its optimal level of energy. You feel healthy, energized and able to focus in class if you make the right choices and eat like a champion. Remember you can plan your healthy eating around the colors of the traffic lights- Red means foods such as chips and soft drinks which you should only have occasionally; Amber means foods such as cake, full dairy, food bar snacks that are okay to eat sometimes, and Green means foods you should eat plenty of all the time including whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

Associated RISE Values:

Self-Management • I make the right choices

Student Council News

Let’s RISE

Students celebrating success with last week’s Schoolwide Expectation “I know how to win and lose” are:

Makayla Little
Riley Phipps
Breanna Moore
Primary and Secondary Curriculum News

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
Year 10 Work Experience forms are due back this week, early next week please. Placements need to be organised and paperwork completed by the school and work experience providers. As you may appreciate, this takes time to coordinate.

YEAR 10 SET PLANS
It won’t be long before all Year 10 students will need to make a Senior Education and Training Plan! This means that all students will need to be able to communicate their intended learning options for Year 11 and 12 and nominate the school they are intending to enrol with in 2017. Students (and parents) should take the opportunity to participate in any information sessions or transition activities with the school they intend to enrol with, as well as seek subject selection advice. These usually occur during Term 3 and will alleviate any anxiety your child may have about moving into a new educational environment, and in many cases, living away from home. Please let Mrs Wolski know if there is anything you would like help with or wish to discuss regarding senior options for your child, to help them achieve their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). More information will be communicated in Term 3.

School Policy Snapshot
The following information is from the “Taroom State School Assessment Policy” which can be viewed in full from the school website.

Special Provisions
Any student who has a specific educational need should be considered for special provision including students:

- with disability such as those of a sensory, motor or neurological nature
- with educational needs arising primarily from socio-economic, cultural and/or linguistic factors such as students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, with language backgrounds other than English, who are migrants or refugees, from rural and remote locations, in low socio-economic circumstancs.
- with short-term impairments such as glandular fever or fractured limbs
- who are gifted or talented
- with life circumstances that impact on equitable assessment.
- on work placements/alternative programs to improve their opportunities to engage with education, training or work pathways.

In these cases reasonable adjustments may include:

- More time to complete tasks
- Assistance from a teacher aide to read an exam paper or act as a scribe
- Assistive digital technology such as speech to text software
- Presenting the assignment in an alternative format providing the criteria can still be accessed
Sports News

Taroom Cross Country Trials

The Taroom Cross Country trials will be held on Monday 9 May 2016 commencing at 8.45am. Classes will resume after the cross country.

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.
   
   - U6 years - 250m
   - U7-8 years - 500m
   - 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.

A Sausage Sizzle will be run by Student Council – sausage in bread $2.00 each /poppers $2.00 each.

P & C and Community News

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

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| 11 May  | Alannah Hamilton 
          Sonia Watson 
          Edwina Keating | Sheree Adcock 
          Lisa Kallquist 
          Cindy Green |

JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!