Dear Parents,

Over the past week our school community have had the opportunity to dress up to support and celebrate community initiatives. On Friday we dressed in red to support the Day for Daniel child safety initiative and on Tuesday staff and students turned up in their finery for Melbourne Cup celebrations. Students were involved in a parade to show off their outfits and prizes were awarded to the best dressed boy and girl from each sub school. Thank you to our parents who support these fun dress up days.

This Sunday our Year 5 and Year 6 students will set off to Tallebudgera Beach School at the Gold Coast for a week of educational activities that will build their resilience and enhance their social skills. The bus will depart from school at 6:30am sharp and students will need to assemble at school by 6am Sunday morning. Students will travel home on Friday returning at approximately 5:30pm. We are sure our students will represent Taroom State School with pride and have a fantastic time.

Thank you to the parents who completed and returned our Communication Survey. Responses to the report card survey overwhelmingly supported the inclusion of comments for each subject and we are pleased to report that most of our families are accessing our weekly newsletter via email, website or QSchools app on the day it is published.

Results have also been received on the School Opinion Survey undertaken each year by Department of Education and Training. This survey gathers information from parents, staff and students and allows schools to identify areas they are doing well in and areas for improvement. As a staff we will analyse these results and address various aspects of our school’s operations to ensure all students have access to the best educational opportunities and outcomes.

Angela Heslin
Principal
SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 5
- Marley Ellis
- Casey Stower
- Ebony Robinson
- Murphy Pearce
- Monika Bruggemann
- Dominic Kallquist
- Ally Graham
- Andrea Howe
- Isabel Adcock
- Riley Watson
- Bianca Bruggemann
- Ryleigh Walton
- Brydie Newton
- Jessica Moore
- Brontie Hay

STARS OF READING
- Willow Argus
- Charlie Sommers
- Rory Knudsen
- Melinda Sorrell
- Shai Watson
- Barney Radel
- Brooke Hay
- Justin Conway
- Dominic Kallquist
- Ryleigh Walton
- Caitlin Walton
- Jessica Walton
- Heidi Symes
- Becky Hay
- Rihanna Argus
- Rich Hooper
- Lachlan Stevens
- Will Donner
- Isabel Adcock
- Brontie Hay
- Glenrowan Roberts
- Kadyn Nowell
Schoolwide Expectation Week 5

“I wait my turn”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to discuss with their children the importance of turn- waiting in a variety of situations. This expectation sits under the “Focused on Respect” rule. In Week 5, we will discuss how “Waiting my Turn” can help develop resilience and promote a safer school environment.

Why is this expectation important?

It is important to wait your turn so that each person has the opportunity to be included in learning experiences. “Wait my turn” includes showing patience, being respectful and using manners. Other ways we can wait our turn is by staying in our class lines and orderly moving into rooms, not jumping the queue at Tuckshop, listening to others speak and waiting until they have finished before speaking, and putting our hands up in class and waiting until called on to speak. Being inclusive of everyone means that we need to let our peers have a turn at participating in class discussions, sharing their opinions and using class and sporting equipment. Waiting your turn helps you to become more resilient because you have to consider others and have patience.

Associated RISE Values:

Responsibility - ◆ I am considerate. / I am respectful.  Self-management- ◆ I am resilient.

Student Council News

Associated RISE Values:

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

Students celebrating success with last week’s Schoolwide Expectation “Keep safe from stranger danger” are:

Isobel Welsh
Lucinda Hay
Andrea Howe
Dominic Kallquist

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 = $1
**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 shorts

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.

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**Primary and Secondary News**

Day for Daniel – Friday 28 October 2016
Secondary Assessment Schedules
All students in Years 7-10 have received their Assessment Schedule. These are also available on the school website.

Information, Communications and Technologies- ICT Policy
Just a reminder that when students use the school’s computers and access the network folders and Internet, they are doing so under a set of strict IT guidelines provided by the Department of Education and Training. These are reflected in the school’s ICT Agreement form which all parents signed at the commencement of the school year. This ensures a safe and secure learning environment for all staff and students. Students are asked to report any breach of this policy which will be dealt with according to the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

2017 Leadership Applications – Due Friday!
A reminder to all students in Years 5 and 9, and the Leichhardt students in Year 8 – your written leadership application is due this Friday – 4 November. 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 to Mrs Newton. The Parent Certification and the Student Leader Contract are to be submitted with the Written Application.
2. Interview with Mrs Heslin and Mrs Newton. These will occur:
   • Year 8 & 9 – Wednesday, 9 November
   • Year 5 – Wednesday, 16 November
3. Speech presentation to the entire school and voting – Monday, 21 November

Congratulations! Caitlin Walton
Who has represented the South West at the State Cricket trials this week.
**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.

**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).

**Taroom Wandoan Rugby League Football Club AGM**

The Taroom Wandoan Rugby League Football Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 7pm, Tuesday 15th November at the Leichhardt Hotel. All welcome to attend.

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

**Tuckshop**

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**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
Please find below the roster preferences for tuckshop in 2017. Could you please nominate your choice of whether you can work as a volunteer in the tuckshop, donate ($30 per term) or cook a slab cake (as school numbers have increased you need to supply a cake or cakes that can be cut into at least 40 reasonable sized pieces). If you choose to volunteer you can request to work with a group of people and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Please remember that we need 3 workers each week for tuckshop to be able to function. While I understand that cooking and donating is all that some families can contribute what we really need is for people to volunteer their time. Each term next year is 10 weeks long so to ensure each group only works once during the term we need 30 families (dads are always welcome) to volunteer a worker for the roster.

Please circle your preferred choice below and return this form to the office as soon as possible or send me a quick email so we can arrange for tuckshop to be operational as early as possible in first term next year.

NAME: ............................................................................................................................................

WORK: (preferred people to work with) ................................................................................................

DONATE ($30 per term)  COOK (Slab Cake)

Many thanks
Cassie Hickey
billncas@bigpond.com