Dear Parents,

As you know we have started the process of filling our student leadership positions for 2016. We have received quite a few nominations for junior and senior school captain and house captain positions. Successful candidates will now begin preparing a speech to persuade fellow students and teachers of their leadership suitability. Speeches will be delivered at a special parade on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} November. Parents and community members are welcome to come along to our special parade to hear our brave students persuade the audience to vote for them.

Principals within the Miles Cluster have recognised that, within our schools, we have some incredibly talented teachers who are willing to share their expertise. Yesterday four of our teachers spent the day at Miles State School to enhance their knowledge around effective Literacy teaching strategies. We would like to thank Mrs Kelly Newton and Mr Ben Cooke from Miles State School for facilitating this professional development. Our teachers were very impressed with what they observed and are keen to begin implementing these strategies into their lessons.

Finally I would like to thank our students for dressing in red last Friday to support the Day for Daniel initiative. This is a very effective child safety initiative which aims to empower children to recognise, react and report if they feel unsafe.

Angela Heslin
## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Week 5**

- Nicholas Graham
- Cleo Lethbridge
- Hayley Turner Honnery
- Callum McKnee
- Caitlyn Walton
- Lachlan Stevens
- Isabel Adcock
- Lucinda Hay
- Peg Thornton
- Sophie Smith
- Bianca Bruggemann
- Isabella de Percy
- Bronty Watson

## STARS OF READING

**Week 5**

- Charlie Lawardorn
- Jacob Lamb
- Bronty Watson
- Rihanna Argus
- Kendal Anderson-Peall
- Ava McNee
- Cooper de Percy
- Isabella de Percy
- Ben Hebbes
- Sophie Smith
- Glenrowan Roberts
- William Roberts
- Richard Hooper
- Peg Thornton
- Sterling Stevens
- Lachlan Watson
- Katie Bunker
- Jessica Walton
- Felicity Donner

## Japanese Awards

- Jesse Hay
- Lane Lamb
- Georgie Keating
- Phoebe Lawardorn
- Sophie Smith
- Caitlin Hamilton
- Connor Fitzpatrick
- Emily Fitzgerald
- Xavier Lindley
- John Mundell
- Ben Hebbes
Week 5 School-wide Expectation – Following emergency procedures
Teachers will be looking for students who display these values.

- I am reliable
- I am co-operative
- I make the right choices

Students celebrating this week are:
Kendall Anderson-Peall
Henry Kallquist
Sterling Stevens
Jaiden Hill
Melinda Sorrell
Jordan Tennyson
Reegan Hill
Connor Fitzpatrick

Week 6 School-wide Expectation

“Be Sun Safe”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to talk with their children about the importance of sun safety. This expectation sits under the “Focused on Safety” rule. In Week 6, “Slip, slop, slap, slide, seek” will be the message highlighted in lessons. Below is the message all students will hear on Parade and be reminded of during classes in the explicit teaching of this expectation.

Being sunsafe now is important because it helps avoid and prevent getting skin cancers later in life and premature skin aging. If you get sunburnt you can get sunstroke and will feel lethargic, dizzy and unwell. Make sure you drink lots of water too so that you stay hydrated especially in the hotter months. “Slip, slop, slap, slide and seek” means that we need to slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, slide on sun glasses and seek shade. Being safe in the sun means you have to be well-organised and remember to take what you need for the activities you are doing in the day. At school, always wear your wide-brimmed hat, a sleeved shirt on free dress days and put on sunscreen when out in the sun all day at sports carnivals.

Use your common sense.

Year 4/5 Geography

This week we were privileged to have 2 visitors attend our classroom to talk about natural hazards! Office in Charge Sergeant Hickey from the Queensland Police Service and Ranger In Charge Nathan Willis from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service recounted their experiences with floods and bushfires. We enjoyed their presentations and are grateful they could share their knowledge and experiences with us.
SECONDARY STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student absences in the secondary department are currently at a critical level. This has been noted by the secondary staff who teach their subject only once in a school week. They have noticed repeatedly, students missing from their classes. This is particularly frustrating for delivering essential curriculum instruction and completing assignments. In addition, these subjects have only four lessons left of the school term for the submission of work before the reporting period.

The graphs generated below from our absence data, provide a clear picture of the fluctuating attendance rates of the secondary cohort. Of particular note is the attendance drop-off from Year 7 through to Year 10, and that the middle of the week for Year 7 and the end of the week for Years 8-10 students is problematic. There was only one day this semester where the entire Year 9 cohort were accounted for. Of great concern is the absence data of the Year 10 cohort. Parents and Carers, with only five school weeks remaining for Years 7-9 students, and three weeks for Year 10 students, please ensure your children attend school every day so the teaching staff can do their job in helping your child achieve the results they are capable of!

Year 7 Semester 2 88.2%
Year 8 Semester 2 84.4%
Year 9 Semester 2 82.0%
Year 10 Semester 2 74.7%
PRESENTATION NIGHT

AWARDS
Many awards, once again, will be presented at Presentation Night this year. The awards below embody the spirit of community and school service, positivity, teamwork and personal endeavour. These attributes are needed to fulfil personal aspirations and to make the world a better place to live in. The selection process for these awards will take place soon. We ask students to make sure they continue to SHINE and STEP UP over the next few weeks.

Effort
Consistent application of effort and a positive approach to learning and improvement.

Citizenship
Demonstrates good communication skills, uses their initiative, is honest and polite, actively participates in school and or community events and always follows school values.

P & C School Spirit
Students whom staff believe embody the ethos and standards of Taroom P-10 SS and the RISE values.

Sportmanship
This is a peer voted award. Students do not have to be the best player on the field, however they do have to be supportive of others, follow guidelines and rules without argument and accept umpire decisions.

SPONSORSHIP
If you would like to sponsor an award to be presented to an award winning student at the Taroom P-10 State School Presentation Night, contact the school Office on 4628 9333. Donations of $15.00 or more are welcome and will be used to purchase books, book vouchers, medallions and trophies. You may nominate your contribution to go towards a specific award if you wish, as this creates community interest and a stakehold in the education of our young people, giving the award more prominence and integrity.

2016 SCHOOL DIARY
Students from Year 3 to Year 10 will have a personalised Taroom P-10 State School Diary added to their booklist. These will be available from the school Office in early 2016 when students return to school. The diary has been customised to reflect both primary and secondary school needs.

Students are expected to:

- Record upcoming events, assignments and tests in the spaces provided in the diary section.
- Complete their Reading Stars Log (Primary only)
- Check off daily homework and assignments when completed.
- Provide their diary to parents/carers when there is a communication from the teacher and vice versa.

Please note that this diary does not contain numerous school policies as these are readily available on the school website. Instead, essential assessment, homework and school expectations information is provided as a quick reference guide for students.
SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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**P&C and Community News**

**WORKING BEE – Taroom State School – Saturday 7th November 2015**
Do you have a couple of hours to spare this Saturday? If so, we would love to see you at the P & C Working Bee! It will commence at 9.00am and will conclude with a sausage sizzle. For catering purposes, please RSVP to either Bill Hickey or Lisa Kallquist – lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com

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The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 16th November 2015 at 3.30pm.
Please email Lisa Kallquist prior to the meeting with any agenda items. lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com

JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!