PRINCIPAL’S PEN

Week 6

2015 NAPLAN

Last week students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 received their NAPLAN reports. Over the next few weeks our staff will analyse these results and identify areas for future focus. Teachers will use these results along with other regular class assessments to inform their teaching to improve student outcomes. Overall we were very pleased with the Taroom P-10 State School results.

ROAD TRAUMA DAY

Tomorrow secondary students from Wandoan State School will join our Year 7 to 10 students to participate in a Road Trauma scenario being run by our local emergency services. The focus of this exercise is to raise awareness of the dangers that may be faced when alcohol, drug use and high mechanism accidents occur. We would like to invite interested parents and community members to observe this important road safety awareness initiative which will begin at 10.00am on the primary oval.

HAND, FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE

Thank you to the parents who have followed the recommended exclusion period for this illness. All staff are encouraging students to follow good hygiene practices in an effort to stop the spread of this disease. Again, we encourage parents and caregivers to keep students home until the blisters have dried.

MILES & DISTRICT CRICKET TRIALS

This Friday we host the Miles & District Cricket Trials. Good luck to our students who are competing for selection in the Miles & District Team.

SOUTH WEST TRACK & FIELD TRIALS

Congratulations to the 35 students who were selected to trial for South West Track and Field selection next week in St George. Best of luck!

WELCOME MRS WILLIS & MRS O’FARRELL

Welcome to Mrs Bianca Willis who has commenced her teaching role in the Year 4/5 class and other Geography classes across the school. We would also like to welcome Mrs Karen O’Farrell who is completing her teaching practice in the Year 2 classroom with Mrs Kelly Hollingsworth.

Regards

Angela Heslin
**Primary News**

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Week 6

Tom Graham  
Kasey Smith  
Hugh Bunker  
Clive Williams  
Caitlin Howe  
Codey Hay  
Isabel Adcock  
Tom Thornton  
Ryleigh Walton  
Michael Mundell  
Riley Cann  
Riley Phipps  
Brydie Newton

**STARS OF READING**

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Week 6

Felicity Donner

**SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!**

**John Radel Year 7**

A fortnight ago, John Radel, one of our secondary students in Year 7, travelled to Darwin to participate in the Under 12 *Invitational Queensland Rugby League* team. This was an exciting opportunity for John and demonstrates his commitment to setting high expectations and personal goals to achieve a long-time dream.

John’s journey began at the Taroom Football and Netball Carnival where he was selected to compete at Miles and District. He then progressed on to the Roma South West trials where he was selected in the South West team to compete in the State Trials at Runaway Bay at the Gold Coast. It was here that John was selected for the *Invitational QLD Rugby League* team. John said that he was selected because he was committed to doing his job out on the field and for his sportsmanship and team spirit.

During a one-week training camp in Brisbane, leading up to the Darwin consignment, John was selected as the Captain for the Queensland Under 12 team. John was very honoured by this privilege which gave him an opportunity to apply his leadership skills at an elite level.

John said the highlight for him of this experience was being selected, as this was on his Bucket List.

Very valuable advice was given to John by the organisers who said that young players should not be thinking about Rugby League as a sole profession because only 10% of players achieve the elite level to be considered for an NRL contract. Young people interested in a long term sporting career should also aim for another career path as an alternative backup plan.

John would like to thank his family for the time and financial commitment they have made, enabling him to nurture his talent and achieve the first of many of his dreams. John had the opportunity not only to play his favourite sport, but to make new friends and see other parts of Australia.

Congratulations John for representing Taroom P-10 State School at this elite level!
PAT TESTING

Over the next two weeks, all class teachers will be conducting one or more of the Progress Assessment Tests (PAT) in Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Maths and Science. These were undertaken in February to gather standardised data about student performance against the state average. Results from the February testing cycle are usually a little lower than from the previous August due to the tests being at the next year level and therefore a little more challenging. It is intended that the six month interlude between February and August will see improvements made by all students. School leaders and teachers can then use this information to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching strategies and school learning programs. You are invited to discuss your child’s PAT data results with their teacher if you wish to do so. This data does not contribute towards students’ semester reporting results.

ROMA TAFE VISIT HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

Our Hospitality students will be visiting Roma TAFE on Wednesday 26th August, the bus will be leaving at 6.30am.

Student Council News

Week 6 School-wide Expectation – Classroom safety-General
Teachers will be looking for students who display these values:

Let's RISE

- I am reliable
- I am respectful
- I make the right choice

Students celebrating this week are:
Waylon Zeller
Oli Lethbridge
Monika Bruggemann
Lawson Howe
Shobie Wilson
Jack Hay

Week 7 School-wide Expectation – Playground safety-Winning or Losing!

- I am resilient
- I show sportsmanship & team work
**Sports News**

**Miles & District Team**

Congratulations to the many students who will be heading to St George next Thursday/Friday to represent our District. Our Taroom team had a wonderful day and took home the aggregate shield once again (highest team points). Well done to everyone for their great participation and sportsmanship shown throughout the day.

Many thanks to Mick and Lorretta who spent considerable time marking the fields for the carnival, they looked fantastic. Thanks also to the parents and staff who assisted with timekeeping and other official duties throughout the day or setting up. A special thanks to Mr Steve Roberts for assisting with the setup on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning early. As everyone would know preparation for a carnival is very time consuming but even more so for Cassie Hickey and her workforce after such a big event on Wednesday night. Thanks to all of those people who assisted throughout the week in any capacity. Finally, thanks to Mr Bill Hickey for being our announcer for the day.

**SW Athletics overview**

**BUS:** Leaving Taroom State School, Thursday 27th at 7.00am & returning Friday 8.30pm

**COST:** $30 per person

**BOOKINGS & PAYMENT:** To be made through the office, payment must be made when booked to secure. Students must have a supervising adult with them as it is an overnight stay.

**Miles & District Cricket Trials**

The Miles and District Cricket trials will be held here on Friday 21st August from 9.00am - 1.00pm. Students selected will require, hat, sunscreen, morning tea, lunch and a water bottle. We wish the Taroom team all the best in their endeavours to be selected.

**LEICHHARDT GARDEN CLUB**

The next garden day will be held on Wednesday 2nd September. It is being held at Tanya and Allan Bruggemann’s garden Bradshaw Crescent Taroom commencing at 10.30am. Please bring your morning tea, lunch, a chair, a friend and a swap plant. A guest speaker will be in attendance.

If you have any queries you can contact Debbie Hawkins, President on 0457 148 486

**FOR SALE**

Nike waffle shoes – Size US 7 (blue and green) - $10. Contact Jo Vieritz 4627 3119.
A big thank you to all the parents, students, teachers and staff who slaved tirelessly and/or donated food resulting in a very successful fundraiser last week. A special big thank you to the Little Rascals whose phenomenal efforts guaranteed our success. Also thanks to the Taroom community for their assistance including the Lions Club, Fishing and Restocking Club, Palliative Care group and Banana Shire Council. There were lots of comments from the rally participants and organisers praising the food and hospitality. I was lucky enough to drive Chanel 7Mate TV presenter Haley to the Roma airport on Thursday morning and she was full of glowing praise for our efforts and our beautiful school. She explained there would be lots of footage of us and our school in the Variety Bash television program which will screen on 7Mate in December, keep an eye out for it. Whilst the final figures are still being collated, I can say we have come very close to feeding the Bashers dinner and breakfast at close to zero cost. That means the $16200 donation of tables and chairs for our Junior School eating area from the Variety Club is pure profit. What a great effort!! Thanks again from your P&C Executive Committee; Bill, Lisa and Deb.

Special message received from one of our Bash visitors!

Next P & C General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8th of September 2015 at 3.30pm in the school library – ALL WELCOME.