PRINCIPAL’S PEN  Week 7  10 March 2016

Term 1 Assessment: As we near the end of Term 1, students are busy completing assessments. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s efforts in their assessments, please contact the teacher to discuss these. Marked criteria sheets will be copied and sent home with secondary students so parents are kept up-to-date with their child’s achievement rather than wait until the end of each semester. If you have any concerns please feel free to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to have a conversation around how you can help your child to be successful at school.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Parents of Secondary students are asked to contact the school office over the next fortnight to organise a time to meet with their child’s teacher/s during the first week of Term 2. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons are set aside for these interviews. Secondary meetings will be 10 minutes for each family, and longer for families with two or more children in secondary school.

Primary school interviews will also be held in the first week of Term 2. Parents of Primary students will be allocated a 15 minutes time slot by their classroom teacher. If the nominated time does not suit an alternative time will be arranged. Notes will be sent home prior to the holidays.

We are requesting that all parents attend at least one face-to-face meeting during the school year.

Wolsey Street Crossing: While some students are using the Wolsey Street crossing correctly, unfortunately we are still receiving many reports of students who appear to be unaware of the correct procedure and are walking onto the crossing in front of oncoming cars. Students must give way to traffic at this crossing. Please take the time to remind your children of the dangers at this busy crossing.

Taroom Football/Netball Carnival: The Taroom Football/Netball Carnival will be held on Thursday, 24 March. Teams are currently being finalised with most primary school students involved in a team. Team lists and information around supervision of students on the day will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Kind Regards
Angela Heslin
Principal
## SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sporty Schools: Rugby League/Netball/Soccer/Touch Football/Cross Country Training | Monday Rugby League/Netball 3.00pm-4.00pm  
Wednesday Soccer/Touch 3.00pm-4.00pm (week about)  
Thursday Cross Country 7.30 am  
Every week until the end of Term 1 - Parental help required | Taroom   |
| ARL Development Cup & CAFE 54 Netball Carnival    | Sunday 20 March                                                    | Roma     |
| Artslink (formerly Arts Council) – ‘Chores’       | Tuesday 22 March 9.00am Primary & Secondary                        | Taroom   |
| Rugby League/Netball Carnival (M&D selection)     | Thursday 24 March                                                  | Taroom   |
| Last day of Term 1                                | Thursday 24 March                                                  | Queensland|
| First day of Term 2                               | Monday 11 April                                                   | Queensland|
| Round 2 Years 7 & 8 Vaccinations                  | Tuesday 14 June at 1.30pm                                           | Taroom   |
| Student Theatre Production–Lion King Junior       | Friday 24 June (last day of Term 2)                                | Taroom   |
| Round 3 Years 7 & 8 Vaccinations                  | Thursday 6 October at 1.30pm                                       | Taroom   |

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Week 7
- Isabelle Hickey
- Lachlan Watson
- Lachlan Howard
- Tianna Sorrell
- Haylie Wilson
- Isabel Adcock
- Shobie Wilson
- Jesse Wilson
- Caitlin Howe
- Jack Hay
- Sam Rose
- Brydie Newton
- Ally Graham
- Felicity Donner

## STARS OF READING
- Monika Bruggemann
- Chloe Bruggemann
- Ella Bruggemann
- Brydie Bruggemann
- Sterling Stevens
- Skye Lethbridge
- Annabella Becker
- Murphy Pearce
- KobiSymes
- Jordan Kuhl
- Roland Roberts
- Cooper de Percy
- Felicity Donner
- Brooke Hay
- Maise Hay
- Becky Hay
- Maddison Argus
- Yas Lethbridge
- Darcy Hamilton
- Bronty Watson
- Jennifer Sommers
- Jaylan Roberts
- Glenrowan Roberts
Next Week

Week 8 School-wide Expectation

“I report bullying”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to talk with their children about the various kinds of bullying, and the importance of reporting it.

This expectation sits under our “Focused on Respect” rule. In Week 8, we will be learning about bullying. Below is the message all students will hear on Parade and during the week in classes.

There are different types of bullying. They are:

1. **Physical bullying** - This is when a person (or group of people) uses physical actions to bully, such as hitting, poking, tripping, standing over or pushing. Repeatedly and intentionally damaging someone’s belongings is also physical bullying.

2. **Verbal Bullying** - Repeated ongoing name calling, insults, homophobic or racist remarks and verbal abuse.

3. **Social Bullying** - Such as lying about someone, spreading rumours, playing a nasty joke that makes the person feel humiliated or powerless, mimicking or deliberately excluding someone.

4. **Psychological Bullying** - For example, threatening, manipulating or stalking someone.

5. **Cyber Bullying** - Using technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms, social networking sites to bully someone, verbally, socially or psychologically.

Bullies are very secretive and don’t want to be caught out. If you are being bullied or know of someone who is, speak up - expose the bully! If someone makes you feel sad, powerless, sick or scared to come to school, or to be in a certain area of the school, you are probably getting bullied. Tell your parents, tell your teachers, tell a friend! Get help now!

**Student Council News**

*Students celebrating success with last week’s Schoolwide Expectation “I use appropriate language” are:*

- Ebony Robinson
- Bronty Watson
- Shai Watson
- Monika Bruggemann
- Jayden Newby
- Eloise Welsh
ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

Students from Year 3 to Year 10 can now apply to sit the 2016 ICAS. These tests are rigorous and designed to challenge high achieving students. Available tests include Science, Spelling, English and Maths. A detailed analysis of each student’s results is returned to parents and the school. Please contact the school Office to register your interest before the end of the school term.

“LION KING”-THEATRE RESTAURANT

Year 7 & 8 students and an elective group of Year 9 & 10 students are busy rehearsing for the school production of the “Lion King”. This performance offers a unique opportunity for students to be involved in a theatrical performance. Thanks to the commitment of Mrs Hay, Mrs Adamson and Mrs Jerrard.

Participation in this performance, will help students grow in confidence, build teamwork and develop the commitment and motivation required to handle a demanding rehearsal schedule, learn lines and memorise dance routines. Such skills transfer to other aspects of their lives where self-discipline, confidence in speaking and personal presentation are required.

This is bound to be the most spectacular event of the 2016 school calendar and we are asking parents and carers to help support our hard working teachers to ensure their children display a positive attitude, extend their skills and interests into these more aesthetic areas of life and commit 150% to rehearsals.

Next Tuesday afternoon, it is hoped that students will be walking to the town hall to have their first taste of rehearsing on the big stage and to get a feel for the context of their performance.

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Secondary teachers would inform Year 7 parents that their children are developing their organisational skills as they transition into the first term of Junior Secondary. Juggling homework can often be a great challenge for Year 7 students as they now have to please several teachers, not just one! Parents can help their children to manage their time and school commitments by providing a quite space and routine time to complete homework that is free of distractions from television, music, phones and siblings. Students normally have a week in which to complete their homework which consists of spelling words, reading, text book exercises and finishing of class work and assignments. Please refer to the homework policy on the school website under the Forms and Documents tab.

STUDY SKILLS

What are effective study skills? Well just ask any of our Years 9 and 10 students, who, under the tutelage of Mrs Hay and Miss Perrett have been learning strategies to develop routines and retrieve information from their memory. Study skills are essential for success in Years 11 and 12 where students are expected to work more independently and be self-sufficient.

YEARS 9/10 LAPTOPS

Soon all students in Year 9 and 10 will have access to new laptops to use at school. Unfortunately, our original suite of student laptops have been experiencing the problems of age which is why we have decided to order a new class set that will remain on the school grounds. This should assist in their longevity. Until the new laptops arrive, students are reminded that those who do not have access to home computers or the Internet, can access the school computer lab at break time and after school (with school permission and parental notice) to complete their assessment work so it is submitted at a published standard.
HOMEWORK CLUB
Mrs Hay, Mr Cooper and Mrs MacLachlan have volunteered their Wednesday afternoons to offer Homework Club which has been well attended. Homework Club is available for students from Year 3 to Year 10 and a registration form can be collected from the school office or printed from the school website.

Sports News

Congratulations to all students who were selected last night in Wandoan to compete in the CAFÉ 54 Netball and the ARL cup. We wish you the best of luck in Roma on Sunday 20 March.

Miles & District Tennis

Thank you to all parents who assisted at the Tennis Carnival on Friday. We thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Sporting Schools

Thank you to all of our coaches and volunteers who continue to support this program. This program is a volunteer program that provides opportunities for students to participate in sport and physical activity. The program is completely run by volunteers. These volunteers give up their time and dedicate their expertise to improving student outcomes. Without volunteers and coaches this program cannot continue. Please show gratitude and support the people who give up their valuable time to deliver the program.

P&C and Community News

ADOPT-A-GARDEN

Thank you to the many families who have agreed to adopt a school garden. Many parents, staff and students have commented on the beautifully refurbished Prep gardens that have been receiving TLC from The Knudsen, Symes and Roberts families.

Our JMS gardens are also looking fantastic – thanks to Tina Hay, Mandy Hay and the Kallquists. The Radel family are taking good care of the primary eating area gardens. Lorretta Schumacher, along with the Brannan, Jerrard and Hay families are working hard on the Middle School gardens.

The front gardens are being bravely tackled by the Bryan and Newton families, along with our wonderfully talented volunteers John & Cheryl Downes.

We welcome any other families to sign up for a garden as there are many more areas to work on! Please contact Lisa Kallquist for more information regarding available gardens – lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com

P & C General Meeting – Monday 14 March at 3.30pm - School Library
TARROOM FOOTBALL/NETBALL CARNIVAL

TUCKSHOP HELP REQUIRED

Thursday 24 March is the annual Taroom Football/Netball Carnival. This is one of the biggest and busiest days in the tuckshop for the year. We are asking for donations of cakes and slices, watermelon, eggs and cold meats. If you can lend a hand serving in the tuckshop or on the BBQ please let me know what time is preferable and I’ll put your name on the roster. Roster times will be preferably for an hour block. The tuckshop will operate from 7.00am to 3.00pm. Thank you!

Cassie Hickey Mobile 0409 279 360 or billncas@bigpond.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues were distributed on Tuesday. Scholastic Book Club orders are due on Friday 11 March.

Please note the payment and ordering process has changed.

All orders and payments must be made online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

Please do not send back order forms, cash or cheques to the school.

Student Council – Secret Easter Bunny

Secret Easter Bunny has started, so go up to the Office and buy some Easter eggs for your favourite friends for $2.00 a bag! The eggs will be delivered every Wednesday morning by Secret Easter Bunnies around the school until the end of the Term!