Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are having a very busy time at Taroom State School as we near the end of the term. Our Year 9/10 students have returned from their Runaway Bay Camp with lots of stories about their trip and on Tuesday they travelled to Wandoan State School to participate in a Science & Engineering Workshop run by the Qld Mines & Engineering Academy (QMEA). Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day. We are fortunate to have access to experts within the areas of science and engineering. QMEA also hosted a Science Professional Development afternoon for science teachers within the district. Sophie Herbert, Glenna Mason-Hackett, Ashely Cooper and Karen Wolski attended and were involved in activities that simulated Mining and Geology. They also received some valuable resources to use in our science program.

Yesterday all teachers participated in a 3 hour professional development session. Within their professional learning teams they continued to work on our school priority areas of Pedagogy and Numeracy. Pedagogy is the term used to describe how teachers teach and the Pedagogy team is working hard to ensure that engaging teaching is happening across the school to improve student outcomes. The Numeracy team are developing a P-10 Numeracy Plan to be implemented across the school.

Students are currently completing assessments and teachers will be finalising results for the interim reports cards which will be sent home with students in Week 10. Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) are being undertaken by all students across the school. The results of these tests will be compared with the results of the same tests held earlier this year and will form part of the data on this report card. Student learning goals and the progress towards achieving these goals will also be detailed on the report.

Finally, many of our students are travelling to Chinchilla to complete in the South West Track & Field trials tomorrow. We wish all students the best of luck in their events. We know you will do our school proud.

Angela Heslin
Principal
SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 8

Justin Conway
William Donner
Janai Bryan
Breanna Moore
Jesse Hay
Beau Higgins
Learna Schumacher
Cooper de Percy
Charlie Sommers
Makayla Little
Codey Hay
Caitlin Howe
Saphire Newby

STARS OF READING

Isabelle Hickey
Charlie Sommers
Beau Higgins
Hayley Donner
Hugh Bunker
Yas Lethbridge
Peg Thornton
Tom Thornton
Emily Lamb
Felicity Donner
Shai Watson
Caitlin Hickey
Makayla Little
Maisie Hay
Charlotte Yuille
Jordan Kuhl
Schoolwide Expectations

Week 8, Term 3, School-wide Expectation

“I do not discriminate”

Why is this expectation important?

Differences between people is a fact of life. Differences can relate to people’s ethnic background, religion, gender, health needs, physical abilities, academic achievement, whether they are poor or wealthy, the clothes they wear, personal interests, what food they eat, where they live and other lifestyle choices. Being an empathetic and caring human being requires us to act respectfully and with concern for others’ regardless of their differences.

Being prejudice (or pre-judging another person) because they are different to you or your friends and family can lead to discrimination, which means treating people differently because there is something about them that is different to a group’s or society’s idea of what is considered “normal”. Being different in some way should not resort to labelling or stereotyping. This can lead to disadvantage. This might mean someone is left out of a group, an activity, an experience or an opportunity when they are quite able to participate and contribute meaningfully. They do not get a chance to show their strengths. Imagine a time when you were deliberately left out of something that you knew you could do? How did you feel? Imagine a time when you deliberately left someone out of a group activity or treated them differently from how you would normally treat your friends? What values and attitudes influenced your actions and how could you have behaved more fairly and compassionately?

Associated RISE Values:

Responsibility - ◆ “I am respectful” Self-management◆ I make the right choices

Student Council News

Students celebrating success with last week’s Schoolwide Expectation “I respect others’ privacy” are:

Chelsey Hay
Jesse Hay
Kasey Letts
Isabel Anderson-Peall
Ryan Graham
Annabella Becker

Sausage Sizzle

Every Thursday lunch

$2.00 each

I’ll see you there
We are learning about materials and their properties, and how those properties make materials suitable for different purposes. We have looked at examples of how indigenous people around the world have built their homes from natural materials available in their area.

We designed and planned a shelter made from the natural materials we could find around the school. We considered how we could adapt those materials to make them more suitable for the planned purpose. For example, we added straw to mud to make it stronger. We cut sticks to make them the right length. We also considered using materials we couldn’t adapt, such as rocks, and had to identify things we would have to consider when selecting those resources.

Often we had to change our plans as we realised that our original ideas wouldn’t work with the materials we had available. Our changes usually led to a better final design. While collecting materials, we often found other resources that could easily be put to good use, such as palm fronds and seed pods for roofing.

Once our shelters had dried, we tested them to see if they would be suitable to use as a shelter in Taroom. We simulated the local weather conditions to test them against weathering and erosion.

We simulated wind by blowing on the shelters. Many of our shelters had secure covers that held tight. These were the heavier materials (like bark). Shelters covered with lighter materials were not so wind proof.

We simulated rain by using a cup with holes through the bottom. Most of our shelters held up against the rain. Some leaked a little, and some would have been great if we lived in a desert!

We simulated hail by using small rocks from the garden. Some of our shelters survived the hail. Some we hope we don’t have to hide out in when the next big hail storm hits!
Year 7 Columboola Science Excursion

On Friday the Year 7 class was fortunate enough to travel to the Columboola Environmental Education Centre. We arrived at the bus at approximately 6:15am and Miss Perrett was waiting outside the bus with a smile. After a good old yarn with our classmates on the bus, we arrived at our destination at 8:30am. It was then that we met Principal Sean. We then ventured out into the scrub to find some mysterious invertebrates. After a good 5 minutes, we heard a squeal and we saw Ben running with a beaded dragon in his net. We believe that the whole class would agree that it was the catch of the day! Later on we had lunch and classified the invertebrates with our scientific knowledge. Time went on and we went down to the pond where we found a collection of water invertebrates which included yabbies, water scorpions, dragonfly larvae and many more! It was then time to say goodbye. Principal Sean was a great host and it was an awesome experience. None of this would have happened if it wasn’t for Miss Perrett and her love of science. Thank you Miss Perrett!

Written by Connor Fitzpatrick and Jesse Hay

Physics in Flight

Next Tuesday morning, Taroom SS will host the QMEA program “Physics in Flight”. Year 7 students from Wandoan and Miles have been invited to join our Year 7 students. Teams will compete against each other to test paper plane creations they will have designed using physics principles that consider lift, thrust, gravity and drag.

For a successful Flight consider these:

1. Lift
2. Thrust
3. Gravity
4. Drag
Year 9/10 Camp

Runaway Bay 2016

#awesome
Runaway Bay Camp Report- Written By the Year 9 & 10 students

Last week the Year 9 & 10 class travelled to the Gold Coast for our school camp. We stayed at the Runaway Bay Super Sports Complex where we participated in many team building activities that helped us bond as a class. #loveyouweirdos. We arrived on Sunday afternoon and without any hesitation, went straight to the beach and got some sand between our toes!

On Monday morning we participated in activities at the complex including identifying personality traits. Shobie was our only wombat in a class full of kangaroos. #oneofakind. Molly and Jess led their team to victory in the Amazing Race, and Drill Sergeant Adamson conquered the military boot camp. #alloutwar. We found our very own Robin Hood in Shauna as she mastered the archery challenge.

We woke early on Tuesday morning to watch the sunrise as we walked along the boardwalk, popping into the local coffee shops for a hot chocolate. #nevertoomanymarshmallows. We then headed straight off to the bay for lessons in stand up paddle boarding where Casey showed off her paddle prowess! Human slingshots proved difficult when Blake and Toni accidentally managed to shoot themselves. #backfire. Our instructor was an alliteration addict as during our intense game of volleyball Clumsy Cory would put everyone off by making up nicknames such as Slammin’ Sam. On Tuesday night we played a group game of laser tag and Kendra found her true calling. #we’vecreatedamonster #runforyourlife.

When we woke on Wednesday morning it was pouring rain, but that didn’t drown out our fun! After breakfast we travelled to a place where we were wet and the weather was wild. Madison was given the full tour and barely lived to tell the tale by our very own intrepid Wet ‘n’ Wild warriors, Nathan and Lachlan. #neveragain. After a hot shower, we settled in for some big screen action at the Harbour Town cinemas where some watched Jason Bourne do his thing or the superheroes of Suicide Squad save the day.

Thursday was our last day of activities and we did not waste a moment! We got up early as we had to be at Burleigh Heads by 7am to learn how to become surf-lifesaving legends. We just happened to bump into a Commonwealth Games champion who only just missed out on the 2016 Rio Olympics and whose best mate is Cam McEvoy! #almostfamous. We were very fortunate to have Jordan as our instructor #swimmingnotdrowning. We got some serious air on the trampolines at Bounce and spent a well-deserved shopping spree with our very own Olympic standard shopper, Mrs Adamson, who managed to fit three years of shopping into three hours! #catchmeifyoucan. After a very exhausting day, we travelled back to the complex to have showers before dinner, where Casey challenged the boys to an eating competition, taking out the gold medal. #winordietrying #marcusoscarandlewis

Friday saw us heading home, happy but exhausted; we had laughed well, we had played well and we had definitely eaten well! The Year 9 & 10 trippers would like to thank Bevan #sharpshooter, Jo #spoiledusrotten #pawpawointmentprincess and Mrs Adamson #slajifn #nottelling #sorrynotsorry for their massive organisation and supervision of the camp, as well as our parents for their hard work with fundraising and allowing us to have this opportunity! #couldn’thavedoneitwithoutyou #thanksforthememories!

#let’sdoitagain!
**Sports News – with Mrs Adamson**

**State Softball Trials**
Congratulations to Caitlyn Walton, Monika Bruggemann, Katie Bunker and Ally Graham who attended the State Softball Championships at Slacks Creek in Brisbane last week. The girls had an exciting week. They drew against Darling Downs and gave the winning team a run for their money! Well done girls!

**State Touch Trials**
Well done to all of the touch players who participated in the State Touch Trials in Roma. Congratulations to Blake Vieritz and Lachlan Howard who attended the carnival as junior referees. They had a great week and will continue to develop and refine their skills here at school. Well done boys!

**Junior Soccer**
Thank you to all the students who participated in the soccer on Wednesday. It was great to see so many people attend the afternoon. A big thanks to Maddix Lovett and Jesse Hay for refereeing and assisting during the afternoon. It is always great to see relationships developing between our early years and our senior students.

**SW Athletics**
Good luck to all of our students attending the trials this week in Chinchilla. Go Taroom!!!!! We look forward to hearing some great results.

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**ANZ HOT SHOTS**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC**

**WANDOAN TENNIS CLUB**

**MON 19TH & TUES 20TH SEPT**

9am - 12pm

COST = $60/child (6 weeks)

CONTACT STEVE – 07 4669 8868

EMAIL [farrelltennis@yahoo.com.au](mailto:farrelltennis@yahoo.com.au)
Tallebudgera Camp Fundraiser
The P & C are operating a snack bar and BBQ at the BSC Outdoor Family Movie Night in the Ludwig Leichhardt Park on Friday, 2 September 2016. Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist with cooking the BBQ and operating the snack bar. Please support our camp fundraiser and bring your family to the park for dinner and a movie!

State of Origin II Football Double - UNCLAIMED
We are still searching for the lucky winner of the State of Origin II footy doubles. Please phone the School Office on 4628 9333 to claim your prize!

CANCELLED - Junior Cricket Coaching Clinic – 4 September 2016
The Junior Cricket Coaching Clinic has been cancelled due to the predicted weather conditions. Any questions please contact Robert Lethbridge 0428 270 339 / yoyo77@bigpond.com

Museum Open Day - Saturday 24 September 2016
As part of the Dawson River Festival program the Museum Open Day will be held on Saturday 24 September 2016 from 9.00am to 2.00pm. If you would like to display a piece of yesteryear, it does not have to be antique, bring it along to the museum. You could also contact Glenys and Greg Shearer on 0409 663 701. We are especially encouraging students to participate; there will be prizes for Junior, Intermediate and Secondary entries. There will be a lucky gate, food and drinks available, prizes and plenty of interesting items to look at. Entry will be a GOLD coin donation. Please come along and support our Museum. See you there!!

Movies Under the Stars – Friday 2 September 2016
"Inside Out" will be showing at the Taroom Ludwig Leichhardt Park tomorrow night at 7pm. Please come along and enjoy this free event put on the by the Banana Shire Council Community Recovery Program. The Taroom State School P & C will be operating a BBQ with sausage on bread, drinks and chocolates on sale. BYO chairs, picnic rugs, cushions etc. Food, jumping castle and sticky wall from 6pm.

P & C General Meeting – Wednesday 12 October 2016 at 3.15pm

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Taroom Golf Club

Breast Cancer Golf Day

Saturday 15th October 2016

3 Person 9 Hole Ambrose Names in at 12 noon Tee Off 12.30pm

YOU MUST WEAR A VISIBLE PINK ITEM OR FINES WILL APPLY

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED TEAM
BBQ TEA
RAFFLES

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Early Team Nominations taken.

Contact Gayle Menzies 0429 482 009

$15 PER TEAM

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