P&C Meeting: Thank you to the parents who attended the P&C Meeting on Monday afternoon. The 2016 Annual Implementation Plan, Budget (including the 2016 ‘Investing for Success’ Funding Agreement) was presented and explained. This year our sharp focus areas for improvement are numeracy and maximising engagement in learning through explicit instruction. We urge all parents to attend our monthly P&C meetings and become actively involved in decisions that are made regarding our school.

Professional Development: In line with our 2016 priorities, Karen Wolski, Dee Hay and Pam Jerrard attended an Explicit Instruction PD in Mitchell on Monday. Karen and Dee, along with other teachers from our cluster and across the region, presented the work they have been doing as trainers of Explicit Instruction within the school. Dr Anita Archer (the guru of Explicit Instruction) was very impressed with the initiatives being implemented here at Taroom. Well done Karen and Dee! On Saturday, six of our teachers will attend an Anita Archer Explicit Instruction workshop in Toowoomba.

Next Monday, six teachers will travel to Miles to participate in the next phase of the ongoing Numeracy Professional Development. These teachers are members of the recently formed Numeracy Working Party and they will return with new ideas and strategies to implement into their lessons, and to share with their colleagues through the development of a whole school numeracy plan.

Week Nine Happenings - Next week is the final week of Term One. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday and interviews will be held in Week One of next term.

On Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm – 5:30pm, Ben Foley from Toowoomba Grammar School, will be conducting a sports coaching clinic for boys aged 8–13. Please refer to the attached flyer and email Lisa Kallquist – lkall3@bigpond.com if your son is interested in attending this sporting clinic. Homework club will not be running next Wednesday afternoon.

Next Thursday, most of our students will be involved in either football or netball at our annual carnival. The Prep class and some Year One students will not be involved in the carnival. Year One students turning 6 in 2016 are not eligible to play and will be supervised by Miss Peall. Students playing football and netball will be supervised by their coach/manager throughout the day.
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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week 8**

Makayla Little
Maisie Hay
Isabel Anderson-Peall
Sharri Wilson
Reeghan Suey
Haley Turner Honnery
Tom Graham
Tom Thornton
Rich Hooper
Bianca Bruggemann
Cody Letts
Kasey Letts
Riley Phipps

**STARS OF READING**

Kadyn Nowell
Isabelle Hickey
Marley Ellis
Summer-Jane Kehl
Lachlan Stevens
Isabel Adcock
Alice Kallquist
Sally Phelps
Haylie Wilson
Ryleigh Walton
Learna Schumacher

Hugh Bunker
Lucinda Hay
Bayden Roberts
Heidi Symes
Ryan Graham
Katie Bunker
Dominic Kallquist
Kasey Smith
Jessica Walton
Bridie Bruggemann
Maddison Argus
Next Week
Week 9 School-wide Expectation

“I follow the rules of the game”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to talk with their children about being fair on the field and in the playground and following the rules of games.

This expectation sits under our “Focused on Respect” rule. In Week 9, we will be learning about the importance of following rules in the games we play so everyone can enjoy the game. Below is the message all students will hear on Parade and during the week in classes.

Rather than being a roadblock, rules can actually help us to avoid problems. When we are following the rules in a game, we are co-operating with each other. We are developing the rules needed for social interaction as well as the game itself. Something that is good for the whole group affects each person; and each person's actions affect the outcome for the whole group. Game rules are established to promote fairness as well as provide physical and mental challenges. Negotiating the rules of the game before playing will help resolve any disputes.

Always listen to the umpire!

Students celebrating success with last week’s Schoolwide Expectation “I report bullying” are:

Caitlin Hickey
Lachlan Conway
Casey Stower
Joel Robinson
Dominc Kallquist
**Primary and Secondary Curriculum News**

**ICAS**
Do not forget to register your interest in participating in the ICAS assessments this year. Please refer to last week’s newsletter for further information. All registrations should be in by the end of this term.

**Hospitality**

The Little Rascals have been very busy building their knowledge and skills in the kitchen. Last week our visit to TAFE included healthy eating cookery and then some not so healthy eating cookery! Well done to all students who have completed their Certificate II in Hospitality and Kitchen Operations already this year.

**Sports News**

**Rugby League and Netball Carnival**

This year, once again we have a full carnival with lots of Taroom teams participating. It is great to see all students involved as these two sports build resilience, team work and sportsmanship. The carnival will commence at 8.30am with all students asked to be here by 8.15am. Good luck to all students on the day, we hope you have a great day of sport.
ARL & CAFÉ

Good luck to all students attending the trials on Sunday! Best of luck! We look forward to hearing the results.

Secondary Netball

Good luck to all of the girls attending the trials on Monday in Roma. Thanks to Mrs Deb Graham and Miss Perrett for coaching the team throughout the term in preparation for the big day.

Secondary Touch

Secondary Touch trials will be held at lunch time next Monday 21 March. Students selected will compete at the South West trials in Chinchilla, in Week 2 of Term 2.

OzTag

On Friday students from Year 7-10 had a wonderful day of Oztag skills/drills and games. Megan Howard, a past student, visited the school to upskill students in the game. Megan is an Oztag development officer for Capricornia. She was rated one of the top 5 development officers in Queensland last year and we can see why. The students had a great day and are ready to play more OzTag in the coming months. Thanks Megan and Jake for a great day!
TAROOM 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

Student Council – Secret Easter Bunny

Secret Easter Bunny has started, so go up to the Year 1 room 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!

JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!