Dear Parents,

PRINCIPAL’S PEN

26th November 2015

Week 8

Year 10 Graduation
Tonight staff and parents of our Year 10 students will gather at the Cattle Camp Motel Restaurant to celebrate the completion of their education at Taroom P-10 State School. Tomorrow these students will spend their break up day at the Glebe Weir enjoying water activities, fishing and lunch with Mrs Dee Hay and Mrs Stacey Adamson. I would like to thank our Year 10 students for their contributions to our school over the past years and wish them all the best with their future education and work endeavours as they embark on life beyond Taroom P-10 State School.

School arrival time
Please be aware that students should not be arriving at school prior to 8:15am in the mornings. Whilst some staff are on the grounds early, and obviously they will look out for students, they are not responsible for supervising students prior to the start of school at 8:45. If for any reason your child needs to be at school prior to 8:15am please contact the school to arrange the necessary supervision.

Presentation Night Dress
Preparation is well under way for Presentation Night next Thursday. For this formal occasion we encourage all students to wear their formal uniform if possible, alternatively please dress in your best everyday uniform.

Congratulations Mr Dale Magner on your permanent appointment as Principal of Chinchilla State School. Well done Dale!
### SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

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### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Week 8**
- Rich Hooper
- Saphire Newby
- Joshua Clarris
- Riley Cann
- Oli Lethbridge
- Sally Phelps
- Learna Schumacher
- Fletcher Conway
- Jesse Wilson
- Ava McNee
- Haylie Wilson
- Ally Graham
- Cooper de Percy

### STARS OF READING

**Week 8**
- Bayden Roberts
- Barney Radel
- Caitlin Hamilton
- Gracie Bunker
- Isobel Welsh
- Maisie Hay
- Caitlin Howe
- Kasey Smith
- Ava McNee
- Cleo Lethbridge
- Eliza McNee
- Caitlin Hickey
- Sterling Stevens
Week 8 School-wide Expectation – Congratulating others on their successes
Teachers will be looking for students who display these values:

- I show Sportsmanship/Teamwork
- I have school pride

Students celebrating this week are:
- Jacob Lamb
- Alice Kallquist
- Felicity Donner
- Ally Graham
- Toni Lamb
- Breanna Woodard

Next week’s school-wide expectation: 
“Be safe in the holidays”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to talk with their children about holiday safety and the environments in which the family may encounter where the rules and expectations may change or be different and unfamiliar from the usual family routines. This expectation sits under our “Focused on Safety” rule. In Week 9, we will be learning about holiday safety and the potential hazards that may be encountered whilst participating in holiday activities. Below is the message all students will hear on Parade and be reminded of during classes in the explicit teaching of this expectation.

It is imperative that you remain safe during the holidays. School has finished and this is a time to relax, wind down and have some recreational fun. However, it is also a time when we let our guard down and participate in activities that have a higher than normal risk than sitting in a classroom does. Be aware of your surroundings and make sure that you have a safe place to be or to go. Whether you live on a farm, walk or ride to the shops, swim in the river or visit the beach, there are dangers all around. Remembering to follow the rules of each environment you are in, and be prepared and organised in advance. This will help you, your siblings and friends, remain safe during the holidays and all year round.

https://www.productsafety.gov.au/content/index.phtml/tag/safesanta
**Secondary News**

**PRESENTATION NIGHT THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER - SUPPER**
We are following tradition again this year and asking Year 9 Parents to serve supper and clean the kitchen after Presentation Night which is being held on Thursday 3rd December at the Taroom Town Hall from 6.30pm until 8.30pm.

We are asking all families to provide a plate of food ready to serve for supper which should limit the amount of clean up.

**MOBILE PHONES**
Several Year 7 students have had their mobile phones confiscated by staff this week due to having them in class time without approval. The school's policy states that

*In relation to Education Queensland policy – SCM-PR-003: Appropriate Use of Mobile Telephones and other Electronic Equipment by Students – the following has been accepted as policy at Taroom P-10 State School.*

Phones and all other electronic devices of this nature should be turned off at all times within the school grounds and stored in either the student’s schoolbag or locker. Mobile phones are not an acceptable communication tool during school hours. Mobile phones are not the responsibility of the school, they are the sole responsibility of the student. **Under no circumstances are mobile phones to be switched on or in use at school.**

Some students have currently been accessing the music from their phones to practice their dances for this term. Providing this has been prearranged with the teachers involved, this is an approved use of a mobile phone in that context, though an iPod would be a preferable device. If however, students are found to have their mobile phone on them in class without permission to do so, they will have their phone removed and it will be taken to the Office where they can collect it at 3:00pm. If a second violation occurs, students must ask their parents to collect their phone from the Office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**2016 YEAR 10 POLO SHIRT**
It is traditional at Taroom P-10 State School, as it is in many schools, that the Year 10 students design and purchase a jersey/polo-shirt to identify their status as seniors. Our current Year 10 cohort looks very smart when they are together as a group and certainly stand out as our seniors. We would like to continue this tradition in 2016. During the last week of this term, Year 9 students will be designing their Year 10 senior polo shirt for 2016. It is intended that an order will go home after approval by the P&C. This will occur in early Term 1 so students can maximise the wearing of their shirt for the entire school year. Students are welcome to purchase more than one polo shirt. This polo shirt will not replace the formal uniform.

**LAST WEEK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM**
A program of activities for Years 7-9 will be made available next week on the school website in Support and Resources/Forms and Documents. All students will receive a copy as well.
NEW SCIENCE LAB EQUIPMENT
Thank you to the P & C for purchasing a new dishwasher and an incubator for the Science Department. This incubator will allow students to grow bacteria in a safe environment in the study of singular celled organisms. The dishwasher will provide sterile equipment for more accurate student scientific results. THANK YOU P & C!  Mr Ashley Cooper

OVAL UPGRADE - Update
As you can see from the photographs below the Terry Williams Oval is coming along beautifully. Mick Brannan has done an amazing job. Thank you Mick!

I love my tuckshop

Group 8
2nd December

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Last P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held on Monday, the 7th of December at 3.30pm.

Please email Lisa Kallquist prior to the meeting with any agenda items.
lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com
**Community News**

**MOBILE DENTAL VAN AT SCHOOL**
The Mobile Dental Van is currently at school, if you would like an appointment for your child/children please obtain a registration form from the school office. The van will be leaving on Friday 4th December.

**FLOATING FLICKS – JURASSIC WORLD – TAROOM SWIMMING POOL**
Floating Flicks – Jurassic World will be held at the Taroom Swimming Pool on Friday 27th November, BBQ starts at 5.30pm movie starts 7.00pm. Tickets are limited. Purchase your ticket from the pool canteen $10 per single entry, $35 per family (2 adults & 3 children, $3.50 per extra child). This is an all age event, strictly NO ALCOLHOL, BYO: rug, chair or flotation device. See you there!!

**I’M A CAFÉ - PARKING**
Alayne and Steve from I’m a Café are asking that visitors to the school not park in their Café parking area for extended periods. Please be mindful that potential customers could be lost if parking is unavailable. Thank you for your assistance. ……………… Alayne and Steve

**LEICHHARDT VILLA “LIGHT the NIGHT” WALK – FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2015**
The Leichhardt Villa residents “Light the Night” walk to support leukaemia on 6th November was postponed to this Friday 27th November. The walk will commence at 5.30pm with a gold coin donation sausage sizzle followed by the walk at dusk. Lanterns are available for purchase at a cost of $10 and can be purchased anytime. Lanterns for leukaemia (blood cancer) are available in 3 colours: blue (to show your support), yellow (for the loss of a loved one) and white (for your own personal battle). If you register with the villa, the yellow and white have no cost. Please come and support our oldies as we walk and wheel them down to the school corner and back. Please contact Kathy Baxter on 4628 6166

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
TAROOM TOWN HALL
6.30PM-8.30PM
ALL WELCOME!!

**JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!**