Dear Parents,

Thank you, parents and community members who attended our annual Presentation Evening on Tuesday night to help celebrate our students’ achievements. It is very important to our students and staff that the community is aware of what has been happening across the school and that our achievements are recognised. It was pleasing to see the Taroom Town Hall full of people and I was very proud of the conduct of all students across the school who listened attentively during the speeches and presentation of awards. Many people commented on the maturity shown by our 2016 school captains who should be congratulated for the smooth running of the program.

Today we held our final Pre-Prep session. We have enjoyed getting to know the Pre-Prep students who are very excited about coming to school next year. Our current Prep students have also spent the term transitioning to Year 1 and they are now well prepared to face new challenges. Next Wednesday parents and interested community members including the Kindy children are invited to a Prep – Year 3 Christmas Concert being held in the school library. This will be followed by a Prep Graduation ceremony.

The Year 6 students have spent the day investigating the Middle School as part of their transition to secondary school next year. They have experienced cooking with Miss Zancola in the Hospitality room, Science with Mrs Chandler, English with Mrs Hay and Manual Arts with Mr Adamson. This transition day aims to assist students with their transition to secondary school next year. We are also holding an information session for parents of Year 6 students at 5pm next Tuesday in the school library. A note has been sent home to parents today.

Next week we are recognising students who consistently follow the schoolwide expectations and rules. These students will participate in various water activities. A note containing information has been sent home today with eligible students.

Regards, Angela Heslin, Principal
SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

**Prep-Year 3 Christmas Songs & Poems and Prep Graduation**
Wednesday 7 December in the school library. (see flyer in the newsletter for times) All Welcome!!

**Last day of school 2016**
Friday 9 December

**SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88**
Please keep an eye on our school!
Saturday 10 December 2016 – Monday 23 January 2017

**Dawson Jockey Club New Year's Eve Races**
Saturday 31 December 2016

**Last day of school 2016**
Friday 9 December

**Queensland**

**SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 2016 – MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017**

**TAROOM**

**2017 Term 1 – school commences**
Monday 23 January 2017

**2017 Term 1 – last day**
Friday 31 March 2017

**2017 Term 1 – school holidays (includes Easter)**
Monday 3 April – Monday 17 April 2017

**2017 Term 2 - first day**
Tuesday 18 April 2017

**2017 Term 2 – last day**
Friday 23 June 2017

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Week 9

- Rory Knudsen
- Sally Phelps
- Cody Green
- Eloise Welsh
- Madison Standing
- John Mundell
- Kendall Anderson-Peall
- Katie Bunker
- Annabella Becker
- Saphire Newby
- Caitlin Hickey
- Isabel Anderson-Peall
- Hayley Turner Honnery
- Maddison Argus
- Sophie Smith
- Caitlyn Walton
- Isobel Welsh
- Rich Hooper
- Madeline Hay
- Abbey Phipps

**STARS OF READING**

- Charlie Sommers
- Kyle Batkines
- Kasey Smith
Week 9, Term 4, School-wide Expectation

“*I am safe in other environments*”

During the coming week, we ask parents and carers to discuss with their children the importance of being safe in a range of environments through knowing the rules of each environment, knowing how to obtain help if required and making a safety plan when entering unfamiliar environments. This includes being safe in the garden, the kitchen, riding bikes near the road, swimming at the river or pool, working on farms with animals and machinery and walking down the street.

Why is this expectation important?

Be aware of your surroundings and make sure that you are prepared with phone numbers, equipment and knowledge of the rules and dangers of the environment. Whether you are cooking in the kitchen, playing in the garden, helping with chores on the farm, walking or riding to the shop or swimming in the river or at the beach, there are dangers all around and the impact of these is increased if you are careless or reckless. Remember to follow the rules of each environment you are in, and in unfamiliar places, always go with another person. Being prepared and organised in advance will help you, your siblings and friends, remain safe during the holidays and all year round.

**Associated RISE Values:**

*Responsibility* - ◆ I make the right choices  
*Self-management* - ◆ I am organised

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**Student Council News**

**Associated RISE Values:**

*Responsibility* - ◆ I show Sportsmanship/Teamwork  
*Self-management* - ◆ I have school pride

Students celebrating success with last week’s Schoolwide Expectation

“*C*ongratulating others on their successes“ are:

Roland Roberts  
Oliver Willis  
Henry Kallquist  
Ally Graham  
Madeline Hay  
Connor Fitzpatrick
PRESENTATION NIGHT THANK YOU
I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their financial donations towards the student awards presented on Tuesday night at our annual Presentation Night. Your support allows us to recognise the academic and sporting achievements of our students through prizes ranging from books, book vouchers, medallions and trophies. Without your support we could not reward the students in such a way. We look forward to your continued generosity in 2017. Thank you also to the families who provided a plate for supper, which provided a casual environment for families to converse after the formalities of the night. I must also acknowledge the parents who helped put away chairs in the main hall and the Year 9 parents, and other volunteers, who helped with supper and provided the clean up afterwards.

A list of students who received awards has been included with the newsletter (not included in the Web page version) – congratulations to all deserving recipients. Kelly Newton

SCHOOL LEADERS 2017
Congratulations to our 2017 School Leaders who were presented with their certificates and badges of office on Tuesday night:

School Captain:  
- Toni Lamb

School Junior Captains:  
- Jessica Walton
- Brooke Hay

Leichhardt Senior Captains:  
- Kayley Watson
- Joe Dwyer

Leichhardt Junior Captains:  
- Isabella de Percy
- Tom Graham

Dawson Senior Captains:  
- Jaiden Hill
- Madison Standing

Dawson Junior Captains:  
- Mitchell Hay
- Charlie Hay

School Council Representatives:  
- Year 2 – Becky Hay
- Year 3 – Isobel Welsh
- Year 4 – Bridie Bruggemann
- Year 5 – Patrick Little
- Year 6 - Isabella de Percy
- Year 7 - Felicity Donner
- Year 8 - Lane Lamb
- Year 9 - Abbey Phipps

2017 Swimming Timetable
Swimming will commence on Monday 23 January 2017. Please see below for class times. Students will need to bring their togs, a towel, a sunshirt, a hat (wide-brimmed) and sunscreen in a swimming bag.

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Expressions of Interest

School Based Trainee, Mature-Aged Trainee (Cert III in Child Services), Mature-Aged Apprentice (Diploma of Child Services), Assistant and Relief Staff

The Taroom Kindergarten is seeking EOI from highly motivated people who enjoy working with children and wish to follow a career in Childcare.

You must have relevant qualifications and First Aid Certificate or be willing to study (funding available).

For further enquiries please contact the Kindy President Vicki Groves-Pearce on 0429013905 or send your resume to:

The President, Vicki Groves-Pearce

PO BOX 97

Taroom QLD 4420

BALLET

Congratulations to Madeline Hay, Abbey Phipps, Claudia and Eloise Welsh. These girls juggled four concerts in Theodore, Taroom and Moura over two weeks with many intense practice sessions. Well done to all dancers. It is through your dedication and hard work that these concerts were a huge success!! Congratulations to Lucia and Isobel Welsh, Isabelle, Caitlin and Will Hickey who also worked very hard to perform in Theodore and Taroom. Thank you also to our community for supporting the ballet concert!
PLEASE NOTE: TUCKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER
Lunch for tuckshop on Wednesday 7 December will be a sausage sizzle. Cost will be $5 and will include a sausage on bread, a popper or softdrink and an ice-cream. Orders are to be placed as normal on a paper bag and handed into tuckshop in the morning. Morning Tea will be as per normal menu. PLEASE NOTE THAT A SAUSAGE ON BREAD WILL BE ALL THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH. No other lunch menu items will be made.

TUCKSHOP 2017 – RESPONSES NEEDED URGENTLY
Please find below the roster preferences for tuckshop in 2017. Could you please nominate your choice of whether you can work as a volunteer in the tuckshop, donate ($30 per term) or cook a slab cake (as school numbers have increased you need to supply a cake or cakes that can be cut into at least 40 reasonable sized pieces). If you choose to volunteer you can request to work with a group of people and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Please remember that we need 3 workers each week for tuckshop to be able to function. While I understand that cooking and donating is all that some families can contribute what we really need is for people to volunteer their time. Each term next year is 10 weeks long so to ensure each group only works once during the term we need 30 families (dads are always welcome) to volunteer a worker for the roster.

Please circle your preferred choice below and return this form to the office as soon as possible or send me a quick email so we can arrange for tuckshop to be operational as early as possible in first term next year.

NAME: ………………………………………………………………………
WORK: (preferred people to work with) ………………………………………
DONATE  ($30 per term)       COOK (Slab Cake)

Many thanks - Cassie Hickey
billncas@bigpond.com

UNIFORMS
Andrea Stevens the uniform co-ordinator will be at school on Tuesday 6 December from 8.20am until 8.45am instead of Monday. If you require uniforms you can contact Andrea on 0419 798 889 or andrea.stevens1@bigpond.com
2017 Taroom State School P & C AGM

Please consider putting your hand up to take on an Executive role on the 2017 P & C Committee.

**All positions vacant**

P & C AGM Date: 13 February 2017

Taroom Kindergarten AGM

Date: Sunday, 29 January 2017

Venue: Leichhardt Hotel

Time: 3pm

Taroom Kindy is seeking enthusiastic and motivated parents to take on Executive Positions in 2017.

For further information please contact Vicki Groves-Pearce on 0429 013 905.
Christmas!

Prep - Year 3 Christmas Songs & Poems and Prep Graduation

When: Wednesday 7 December 2016 (Week 10)
Christmas Concert: 10:30am - 11:30am
Prep Graduation: 11:30am - 12:00pm

Who: Family and Friends are invited to celebrate!

What to bring: A plate of food for a shared lunch at 12:00pm.

Keep a look out for a letter with information about costumes in the coming week!
2017 COACHES AND MANAGERS

Applications are now open for the Coach and Manager positions for the Wandoan Junior Rugby League 2017 Season for the following teams:

- Under 6’s Coach and Manager
- Under 8’s Coach and Manager
- Under 10’s Coach and Manager
- Under 12’s Coach and Manager

All Coaches **MUST** be an accredited QRL Modified Coach before commencement of the 2016 season (including first training day). Coaches and Managers must hold a current blue card and will be required to be League Safe Accredited.

Please apply in writing to:

Wandoan Junior Rugby League
PO Box 55
WANDOAN QLD 4419

**Closing Date:** Friday 20th January, 2017

Please contact Kath Miles on 042898105 or email wandoanjuniornrugbyleague@outlook.com if you require further information regarding coach accreditation course dates, league safe accreditation and blue card application.

Our club is also looking for Referees and Sports Trainers (First Aid Officers) for next year. A course will be held on Saturday and Sunday 11th/12th March, 2017 at a venue to be confirmed. The Club organises and covers ALL costs associated with accreditations. Please contact Kath for further information.

Please note also that anyone wishing to be “INVOLVED” in the club next year must hold a current blue card. If you do not hold a blue card, it is suggested that you apply now as the process can take months. Attached is Blue Card Application. Please complete and return to the secretary at next meeting.

We anticipate holding a General Meeting where the coaches and managers will be elected on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at the Wandoan Bowls Club. **ALL WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**