Dear Parents,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Karen Wolski, Head of Department Mitchell State School, has been appointed to our Acting Head of Department (Secondary) position here at Taroom P-10 State School. Karen’s position at Taroom will be known locally as Head of Secondary. Karen returns to our school with a wealth of knowledge and experience in her field and I am very excited to have her as part of my leadership team. Welcome back, Karen!

As you know I spent two days in Toowoomba this week attending the Department of Education and Training’s Peer Reviewer Training. What a massive two days it was! The two day training package gave me a great insight into the Full School Review process that our school will participate in in the coming months. I am now charged with the task of travelling to Springsure on Monday to join two of my colleagues to perform a Full School Review of Springsure’s P-10 school. The new process is not dissimilar to the old Curriculum Teaching and Learning Audit process that our school community would be aware of and familiar with. The 8 domains of the old audit process still stand, with a 9th domain – School and Community Partnerships, coming through quite heavily. While still quite similar, the new process is significantly more rigorous. You may recall our previous audit lasted a day or so. The new process can be anywhere from one to six days depending on the complexity and location of the school.

This gives the review team greater time with individual staff in schools to gain a full and comprehensive understanding of exactly where the school sits in terms of performance measures and areas to grow and consolidate. The old rating system of Outstanding, High, Medium and Low are no longer in use. School communities now receive an executive summary incorporating ‘Findings of Fact’ and ‘Recommendations’. These factual findings are supported by school-based data that is evident within the school that validates the review team’s findings. The recommendations are then discussed with the school staff and the Assistant Regional Director. For our school, this review process will underpin our 2015 Quadrennial School Review Process, at which time the Assistant Regional Director, Mr Adam Myers, will be onsite as the findings are disclosed and he will work closely with my Admin Team to write a four year strategic plan that specifically targets the recommendations to enhance student outcomes.

After flying back to Brisbane on Wednesday night, I will be attending the State Principal’s Conference on Thursday and Friday at the Brisbane Convention Centre. This compulsory conference is held every two years with approximately 1300 State School Principals attending. I expect that throughout this two day conference, our new Minister for Education, Mrs Kate Jones, will outline the new Labor Governments’ strategic direction for education in the state of Queensland. Interesting but exciting times for Queensland teachers, schools and students.

This term we will also welcome back Mrs Claire Scott from the National Institute for Direct Instruction. Claire will be working closely with our teachers and students as she checks in on our Spelling Mastery
success and upskills our new staff. I have invited teachers and staff from across the Region and I would like to extend an invitation to you, our parents, to come along and participate in the professional development. Claire is currently working on the 12th and 13th of March. I will keep our parents up to date with any changes to these dates.

Finally, our Early Years Team will be travelling to Tara Shire State College in week 6 to work closely with the early years staff at their College. The key focus for this visit will be reading comprehension and the explicit instruction of reading across the school. Mrs Rhonda Ellis, the Prep Teacher at Tara has also agreed to visit our school in week 9 to touch base with our teachers, run professional development for our staff and to work in our classrooms with teachers and teacher aides to assist us with enhancing our focus on reading. Mrs Ellis has also agreed to run a parent information session for our school community members on how to teach reading and how to assist our school with reading instruction from the family home. Please look out for our correspondence with these two important workshops, and I look forward strengthening our partnership with you, our parents and students.

Dale Magner

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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WEEK 5 BIRTHDAYS

Rihanna Argus
Lachlan Watson

JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!
Thank you to the families who have returned their 2015 Permission Packages. If you have not, could you return them to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thank you also to the families who have paid for their 2015 Textbook Hire & Student Resource Scheme. Please ensure you drop the Agreement Form back to the school office. We ask that all school fees are paid in full by the end of Term 1. Thank you.

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SPORTING MATTERS

SWIMMING RECORDS

Congratulations to Madison Standing and Kasey Smith who both managed to break records at our recent Swimming Carnival.

Madison Standing:
- 13Yrs 66m Butterfly TIME- 58.40
  Previous record holder Emma Becker TIME- 1:00:34
- 13Yrs 33m Butterfly TIME- 24.20
  Previous record holder Emma Becker TIME- 27.26

Kasey Smith:
- 10Yrs 66m Butterfly TIME- 1:16:66
  Previous record holder Amy Edwards TIME- 1:18:13
- 10Yrs 33m Butterfly TIME- 29.98
  Previous record holder Lucy Smith TIME- 32.66

MILES & DISTRICT SWIMMING

Congratulations and thank you to the students who represented Taroom P-10 State School at Miles & District Swimming last Friday. Also, thank you to the parents and guardians who assisted on the day. Your help is greatly appreciated!

SOUTH WEST SOCCER

Congratulations and good luck to our representatives for South West Soccer competing on Wednesday 25th of February at Roma State College.

- Miss Madi Trompf, Sports Coordinator

FUTSAL

Futsal will be now be starting at 4.30pm on Monday for skills training and 5.00pm for a game from next week.

- Brett McNee & JB Mohr

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Our new Term category is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Teachers will be looking for students who show:

- I am Considerate
- I am Cooperative
- I am Respectful
- I am independent
- I have no excuse

This week’s focus is: **I am Cooperative**

GOTCHA tickets are given to students who reflect the focus of the week. Tickets are placed in collection buckets for each sub-school at the Office. On parade tickets are drawn for each sub-school and students receive a prize, determined by a spin of the GOTCHA wheel. All drawn students attend a reward camp at the end of the Term.

**Icy Cups**

The Student Council will be selling Icy Cups every Friday afternoon for our Term 1 fundraiser. Please bring along **50 cents** if you would like to purchase one, they will be available during Big Lunch from the Canteen area in the Shed.

**P & C NEWS**

**P & C AGM – “Change of Date”**

The P & C AGM will now be held on **Wednesday, the 4th of March at 6:30 pm** in the school library. **All positions will be open.**

**TUCKSHOP**

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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TUCKSHOP CONVENOR FOR 2015**

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Michelle Phipps is at the school every Monday morning at 8.30am to sell uniforms. **Contact Michelle Phipps 0447 286 033 or mickeyed93@hotmail.com for all uniform orders.**
**Taroom Tennis Club**

The working bee advertised for this weekend has been postponed. The contractor’s equipment is stuck in wet weather. The working bee will be advertised when a date is set, at least a couple of weeks away.

Thank you, Maree Hebbes

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**Taroom Show Society**

Taroom Show Society Ladies Committee

Announce
The Show Challenge Topic for 2015

“Dawson River Dreaming”

Make something from any craft, any material, any medium and any size (within reason). Let your mind start dreaming!!!!

The Photography Section has a new category which caters for the Show Challenge. So get your “Dawson River Dreaming” photos ready!!!!!

A New Theme has also been introduced in the Pavilion. Each Year a certain category in a section will become the feature. In 2015, the Feature Section will be Section E, F and G. The Category will be “Tea Cosy”. This will be a tea cosy made from any craft, e.g. wool, fabric, etc.

![Tea Cosy](image)

For more details please contact: Anna Radel on 46270389 or mobile 0427270312

**Taroom Show Society Ladies Committee General Meeting**

The Taroom Show Society Ladies Committee next General Meeting will be held on the 10th March 2015 at 9.00am at the Showgrounds Pavilion. All welcome and bring a friend.

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