On Thursday 23 April we held our whole of school ANZAC Day service. ANZAC Day is a very important part of Australian culture and it is great to see our students take such an interest in proceedings and show so much respect for what this day means to our society. It was a wonderful school event and I would like to thank Mrs Leyden for organising the parade, the school leaders for playing an active role in the running of the parade and Mr Tony Smith and Mr Steve Wollaston for being our guest speakers.

Almost a fortnight ago I also had the opportunity to attend the Mount Isa ANZAC Day march and service with staff, students and parents. I am encouraged that younger generations keep the messages of ANZAC alive, messages of mateship, courage, sacrifice and resilience.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. The NAPLAN tests are a formal measure of how students are performing, however, it is important to remember that they are a point in time test and only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process. We expect that the test results will be sent to our school in September this year, and an individual NAPLAN report for each student will be sent home around this time. These confidential reports will show your child’s results against key national information in each year level. Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in our teaching programs. We will endeavour to make these tests as stress free and supportive for all students as possible and to this end I have found that students take comfort in doing them together with their peers, so where possible please try to ensure your child is present at school on time for these tests. Students who are required to sit makeup tests on Friday. Furthermore, ensuring your child is well rested from a good night’s sleep and has had a good breakfast each morning can assist with their concentration and help them to focus on tasks for longer periods of time which is very important with these tests.

BEFORE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

For the safety of all students I would like to remind our community that before school is not a playtime and all playgrounds are out of bounds at this time. While teachers are at school early in the morning, this is their preparation time and there are no formal duties before school. Students should not arrive at school before 8.00am and once they are here they are to sit under the covered area till 8.25am. At 8.25am students can move to their classroom areas to sit and wait for classes to start. Ball games, running around and using equipment etc are still not allowed during this time to prevent accidents from happening in unsupervised games.

Important Dates

12th to 14th May - NAPLAN
13th May - P & C Meeting (6.00pm Resource Centre)
15th May - TVSS Cross Country (Years 4-6)
15th May - TVSS Fun Run (Prep - Year 3)
19th May - School Disco
20th May - Under 8’s Day
22nd May - District Cross Country
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students in maximising their potential. If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to advise the school and provide a reason for the absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note
- telephone the school
- visit the school.

Justified reasons for absences may include if the student:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is sick
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral).

Absences for reasons such as the following may not be justified:

- shopping
- sleeping in
- minding younger siblings
- minor family events such as birthdays

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

THANK YOU GORDI

Last week we officially farewelled Gordi Bragg (cleaner). We thank Gordi for the past approximately 17 years of service to our school. We will certainly miss her. All the very best Gordi!

SAD NEWS

Our school lost a dear friend in a tragic accident which took place over the weekend. My condolences and thoughts go out to family and loved ones at this difficult time. On behalf of staff at Townview SS our thoughts also go out to the people of the Barkly Highway SS community.

P & C MEETING

Our school’s P&C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 May in the Library. The meeting begins at 6.00pm and everyone is encouraged to attend. The school P&C plays a vital role in the education at Townview State School. The committee is not just a fundraising body, it provides valuable advice and guidance to inform school decision making. The P&C meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

Regards,
Ash Wagh

ATTENDANCE

It’s great to see that our daily attendance thermometer has increased over the last two weeks. We are determined to reach our target of 92.2% this term.

Please support your child’s learning and help them achieve their best by sending them to school everyday.

TOWNVIEW ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 92.2%

WHOLE SCHOOL

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**Acting Deputy Principal’s News**

**Behaviour**

Townview SS is continuing to work on improving behaviour with all students in assisting them to consistently follow our school rules in order to reach our gold, silver and bronze behaviour levels. This approach helps schools to create positive learning environments by developing proactive whole-school systems. Research shows that reduced behaviour problems increases academic performance. We adopt a whole-of-school approach to promote consistency and to strengthen positive behaviour.

To be a Townview Learner you have to:

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

In addition, to our behaviour expectations we have adopted a whole school social skilling program to build resilience and confidence in assisting children to deal with life’s challenges, promote empathy towards others and build positive relationships. This program will emphasise our school values: Respect, Care, Self Resilience, Responsibility, Self Esteem and Cooperation. The focus for this fortnight is Respect.

**Cross Country**

Each morning before school, Mr Woods has been busy training our runners for our school cross country and fun run being held at school next Friday 15th May.

The program will be:

- Years 4-6 Cross Country - 9.00am- 10.30am
- Prep-Year 3 -Fun Run 12.20pm – 1.15pm

After the school Cross Country, Mr Woods will select the Townview team to attend the District Cross Country on Friday 22nd May. Parents and families are most welcome to come and support their children.

**Mining Expo**

Next Thursday 14th May our Year 5 and 6 students will be visiting the Mount Isa Mining Expo (MINEX) which will be held at Buchanan Park. During their visit students will be able to:

* Fossick for minerals, make metallic concentrate from crushed ore, and learn about the mining process through an interactive display.
* Identify different types of regional aquatic life, learn tricks for conserving water at home, and gain an insight into how environment professionals protect the biodiversity of native flora and fauna species on the mine site and in the surrounding area
* Learn how to fight a fire and provide potentially life-saving first aid with Health and Safety teams
* Have their photo taken in several different mining environments, including underground.

**Under 8’s Day**

Each year we hold a fun filled morning where students from Prep to Year 3, along with our Piccaninny Playgroup students and local kindergartens, explore and engage in a variety of activities. The theme for Under 8’s day this year is “Voices of Children – Look, Listen, Hear and Respond!” and will be held on Wednesday 20th May from 9.00-10.15am. Younger siblings of Townview students are also invited to come along and join in the fun of Under Eight’s Day – we would love to see as many children enjoying all the exciting activities we have planned.

**AEDC (Australian Early Development Census)**

Last Thursday afternoon Mr Wagh and I attended the AEDC professional development session. The AEDC is a national census of children that measures early childhood development of children in their first year of full time school. Census data is used by early childhood educators and health services, local councils, community groups, school and governments to help plan and allocate the right type of services, resources and support for communities. Results are reported as groups and not individually, and children remain anonymous. Data collection for the AEDC starts on 4 May 2015 and finishes on 31 July 2015. If you would like any further information on the AEDC please visit the website: https://www.aedc.gov.au/

**Thought of the day – “Appreciate the little things”**

Take a moment to appreciate what you have. We all get busy and can forget to be thankful for the blessings in our lives. Be aware, be mindful and most of all appreciative of all the wonderful people and little things that make our world a better place, as we never know what tomorrow may bring. My sincere condolences go out to the students, staff, families, friends and community of Barkly Highway State School.
**IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION**

Along with this weeks newsletter students will have received a Student Details Update Form. We ask all parents and carers to please take a moment to complete this form. It is extremely important that your child’s school is able to contact you or another relevant person in case of emergencies or other necessary situations. As contact details often change we wish to ensure that we have access to correct student information. Completed forms can be returned to the office.

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**Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty**

Book Club Issue 3 orders have been placed with Scholastic. To the many students who ordered, your books are expected to arrive next Friday, May 15th. As soon as they arrive they will be handed out without delay.

Some students are getting confused with Book Club and Book Fair.

**BOOK CLUB** - Orders are placed at school before the designated closing date and come from Sydney. Children have to wait for them to arrive.

**BOOK FAIR** - These books are purchased from the display at the Library and can be taken home that day. Our next exciting BOOK FAIR is the last week of October this year.

Your continued support in encouraging the return borrowed library books is appreciated.

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**Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda**

Hello to all out Townview families,

Tuckshop ladies would like to wish all mothers a wonderful day on Sunday. We hope your lovely children spoil you! We will have a special treat available at tuckshop for mums for .50c.

Thank you to all our Tuckshop ladies and volunteers.

**Meal Deals**

- Toasted Ham or Chicken Sandwich w/Popper $5.00
- Small Pie w/Popper and Crinklecut Chips $4.00

Uniforms are available from Tuckshop from 7.30 am. We have a full range of sport hats and school sporting house shirts. Don’t forget our Athletics Carnival coming up in the next few weeks.

Parents please be advised that unfortunately EFT is longer available for the purchase of Tuckshop food.
Hello Townview School Community,

Congratulations to everyone for starting Term 2 off so strong, showing lots of positive learning and participation in classrooms is bringing so much pride and rewards to students. Sharing student’s achievements with families is one of the best roles in my job. Team Spirit is certainly alive and well at Townview from home to school and community. Well done to parents, students and staff for supporting our student’s educational journey at Townview.

Our Bush Garden is really taking shape with work that has taken place over the holidays. We have received a lot of support from businesses and companies in Mount Isa. With the support and help from the Southern Gulf Catchment, Rangers from Myuma, Community members and businesses the garden certainly has been transformed into be something our school can be very proud of. We still have to finish off the Yarning Circle, plant more native shrubs, place pavers and finish off the art work. Please come along and join us in the kitchen every Wednesday morning at 8.30am to discuss, share ideas and support the progress of the Cultural Garden.

Deadly Choices

Deadly Choices is a program which informs participants about staying strong and healthy, maintaining healthy lifestyles and making positive lifestyle choices. The program nurtures leadership and encourages participants to become positive mentors and role models in their community. Healthy Lifestyle Workers from Gidgee Healing (Deadly Choices team) have returned to Townview to work with very enthusiastic and deadly 5/6B students. To be told by the team that they really enjoy coming to Townview to work with our student is very pleasing. Well done to the 5/6 students and teachers. I think everyone is working towards wearing those Deadly T Shirts!

Hearing Tests

The health worker will be at Townview on the 11th of May to review and screen new students to Townview. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s hearing please contact admin or myself.

Yarn Time

Parents and Carers you are invited to come and join us in the kitchen after parade this coming Monday morning 11th May for our “Yarn Time”. This is a time for sharing, meeting and a catch up with what is happening at Townview over a cuppa and a laugh. We look forward to seeing you in the kitchen after parade. Thank you to the Parent/Carers who have attended in the first term of this year.

Until the next newsletter, keep reading and keep trying your best with school and home.

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor
Students of the Week - 27 April 2015

Prep A - Dominic Coggan
Prep B - Harlo Siufanua
1/2A - Archie Maatta
1/2B - Jarrod King
1/2C - Eugene Wilson
3A - Letlia Terare
3B - Roman Body
4A - Zorita Major
4B - Dakotah Armstrong
5/6A - Kyharma Solomon
5/6B -
5/6C - Tammy Godfrey

PE Award - Caleb Cadman
SEP Award - Cecil Sarmardin
The Arts - Ryan Niesler
Townview Spirit Award - Richard Walden and Charlette Crayford

Students of the Week - 4 May 2015

Prep A - Abagail Varley
Prep B - Cyrus Maher
1/2A - Zidean Major
1/2B - Amber Doran
1/2C - Julian Eussen
3A - Lakita Brown
3B - Sarah Tydd
4A - Travis Wood
4B - Brendan Ward
5/6A - Savanna Halun
5/6B - L’Taya Oliver-Dempsey
5/6C - Kathleen Farrelly

PE Award - Alyssa Body
SEP Award - Kristen Fisher
The Arts - Zarellzi Major
Townview Spirit Award - Lea-andra Mamoose and Fay Dalton
Class Attendance Winners

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Reading for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners

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Join me for a cuppa
On behalf of the Cancer Council

Hosted by Kacey.

Date: Thursday 28 May 2015
Time: 9.30 till 11.30am
Place: ARB 4x4 Accessories/Atlas Super Store
Mount Isa
GOLD COIN DONATION.
Treats, Drinks and Raffles will also be available for purchase.

More information—Kacey 0403936494

TOWNVIEW GOLDEN JUBILEE
18 WEEKS AND 2 DAYS TO GO

As you are all aware the 50th Golden Jubilee committee have been hard at work organising and fundraising for a wonderful night to come, but we are in need of a little help, if any parents, friends, or even older children would like to help please feel free to see or contact one of our friendly committee members for any of the following:

Food Vendor Co-ordinator
Jess Hudson
0488 634 904

Entertainment Co-ordinator
Deanna Graham
0411 987 232

Donations / Gifts Co-ordinator
Tina Coggan
0407 839 837

Stalls (other than food) / Games Co-ordinator
Kacey Cox
0403 936 494

Even if it is for just only an hour, a little goes a long way.

We are also asking if anyone has any of the following they have available to donate for the night:
- Gazebo
- Slow Cookers
- and anything else you might think will come in handy

All donations are welcome and many hands make light work.