Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back one and all to the start of the 2016 school year. Our staff have been incredibly busy over the last week preparing for our new school year. It was wonderful to see the children back at school on Wednesday and ready for all the exciting challenges that this year will bring. We have an exceptional staff teaching your children and I can’t wait to see what we will be able to achieve this year! It is with great pleasure that we welcome many new students and their families to Townview State School. It has also been great to see so many of our families returning safe and sound for another year.

TOWNVIEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

Townview State School has a Leadership Team that consists of:

Loretta White (Principal)
Yvette Phillips (Deputy Principal)
Anthony Reader (Curriculum Co-ordinator Master Teacher)
Hayley Morsch (Literacy Support Teacher)
Tracey Stone (Reading Support Teacher and EAL/D Coach)

The purpose of Townview’s Leadership Team is to maintain a sharp focus on improvement, to coach staff and to grow as leaders enabling the best support for our staff at Townview State School.

STAFF WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome a number of new staff members to our school. Now is a great opportunity for all parents and carers to make contact with your child’s teacher and get to know them. The relationship between parents and teachers is a vital part of the education partnership and a key factor in student success in school. At Townview we will promote learning partnerships with students and parents that ensure that all students are given the opportunity to succeed. A big welcome to the following new staff members:

Principal’s News

Mrs Amanda Kirley - Prep
Miss Shannon Curtis - Year 1/2
Mrs Ashleigh O’Rourke - Year 4
Miss Laura Gavin - Year 5
Miss Carla Frohloff - Year 6
Mrs Belinda Darling - LRT

A big welcome back to Mrs Gayle McLachlan who returns to us from leave in 2015. Our new staff come with a wealth of teaching experience so we are very lucky to have them. We welcome each and every one and we know that they will create many wonderful memories at Townview State School.

DAY 4 AND DAY 8

As it is every year, our classes are based on projected enrolments only. A student enrolment census is collected on Day 4 and Day 8 across Queensland State Schools. This means that depending on student numbers across the school, some classes in some year levels may change. If this occurs we will give notice to all parents of children that this effect. We ensure that when making class changes, all factors are considered before the change occurs. If you know of anyone looking to enrol with us, please advise them that to support us we encourage all new enrolments to be entered before 5th February 2015. Due to the additional Pupil Free day this year Day 4 is calculated on attendance for Monday the 1st of February and Day 8 is Friday the 5th of February. Please assist us with this process and ensure that your child is at school so they are included in our whole school numbers that are submitted to Regional Office.

Important Dates

5th February - Welcome Back BBQ
10th February - P & C Meeting
11th February - Tuckshop Red Day
Principal’s News Continued...

ATTEND AND ACHIEVE GUARANTEE

Exciting News! Our school is launching a new focus for 2016 that is aimed at increasing outcomes for all students and increasing every child’s potential to be successful. We are calling it our Attend And Achieve Guarantee. The program is a wonderful opportunity that enables learners to take responsibility for their own learning and encourages students to strive to be active and engaged learners. It is a partnership between parents and the school and is aimed at providing opportunities for students whose attendance level is greater than 95% or more to be successful. Essentially, students who miss less than 10 school days in one calendar year will meet benchmarks for learning, be eligible for increased learning support time to ensure that they meet or beat their end of term benchmarks and will be in greater position to achieve a ‘C’ or above in English. This focus reflects our school motto: Knowledge, Tolerance, Integrity - Preparing students for the Future.

ATTEND AND ACHIEVE

In 2016, Townview State School is committed to ensuring students who attend 95% or more of the school year will meet or beat their year level benchmarks.

In partnership with parents we are committed to doing whatever it takes at school, to individually case manage those students who do not meet these year level benchmarks.

ATTENDANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND REWARDS

In conjunction with our Attend And Achieve Guarantee program we have reviewed our process for acknowledging student attendance. For returning parents, this change was indicated throughout Term 4 newsletters last year. For our new parents, welcome to a wonderful opportunity to invest pride in your child’s perception and belief of school and learning. This focus strongly aligns to our school vision: At Townview we believe that – together we BELIEVE, ACHIEVE and SUCCEED.

In 2016 Attendance will be acknowledged at the end of every term for students who receive a ‘C’ or above in English.

UNIFORMS

Townview has a uniform policy that will be enforced at all times. Wearing the uniform puts students into the mindset of ‘learner mode’ and they code shift their thinking from casual engagement to positive learning and purpose. The wearing of the uniform gives students a sense of security and belonging. It represents ac-

PARKING

Safety is always at the forefront of our business at Townview and to ensure our students arrive at school in a safe manner please remember that the top car park is for staff only. There is a drop off and pick up zone for collection of students where parents may drive through. Please do not park in the staff car park as students run across the pick up and drop off zone, putting themselves at risk of running in front of cars pulling in and out.

REMEMBER OF QLD TOBACCO LEGISLATION

A reminder to all community members that in 2015 the Queensland Government passed amendments to the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act (1998), banning the use of smoking products, including tobacco and electronic cigarettes, in all enclosed and outdoor areas at state and non-state schools in Queensland - including primary, secondary and special education facilities for five metres beyond the boundary of school land. The new laws took effect from 1 January 2015.

Five metre buffer includes: A five metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks.
Principal’s News Continued...

Five meter buffer excludes: Residential and business premises that share a boundary with the school grounds; meaning that if the land shares a boundary with a residential or business premises, the five meter buffer does not extend into this land. Further information: For information about Queensland’s tobacco laws, contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or visit www.qld.gov.au

CHAPLAIN SERVICE FOR THE SCHOOL
Since my arrival at Townview in 2014 I have been actively campaigning for a school chaplain. I am happy to announce that at the end of last year we secured State Government funding for this position and we will be securing a chaplain in the coming weeks. This role is a great asset to the school and community and I am excited that we will be able to access the service of a local chaplain in our setting. Further information regarding this will be provided at a later date.

INDIGENOUS LIAISON COMMITTEE MEET AND GREET - YARN TIME
You are invited to come and join us Monday 1st February at 9:30am for a cup of coffee and a chat straight after assembly. We would love to get to know you and share a story or two.

FREE WELCOME BACK BBQ FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY 8:00 am

Please come to a WELCOME BACK BBQ on Friday 5th February to start the new year. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet all the teachers and you can feel free to have a chat with your child’s teacher and participate in a welcome back assembly greeting from Mrs White and Miss Dixie.
Welcome back to Townview State School Library. The library will be open at first break commencing Monday February 1st. Borrowing for students will begin on Monday February 8th.

We will be continuing with Book Clubs again this year. Issue 1 of Book Club should arrive in early February. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter. Book Club is a great place to find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Welcome to all our students, teachers and families. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break! The Tuckshop is opened from 7:30am - 12:30pm for lunch orders. We ask that you please use the brown bag system for both breaks and if you have any queries please contact me in the Tuckshop.

**Meal Deal**

*Chicken Chips w/Flavoured Milk and Milo Cup - Ice cream*  
*$5.00*

Uniform sales at Tuckshop from 8:30am - 11:30am

**Please see the current uniform price list attached to the back of this newsletter**
Community Education Counsellor Corner - Miss Dixie

Hello Townview School Community,

Welcome back to the 2016 school year!!!! I would like to extend a warm Townview welcome to our new students, parents and staff. We know you will love attending Townview just as we will love having you here. I hope that everyone had a great holiday and I know you are ready for a big year, learning and achieving your goals.

Looking Deadly…Loud and Proud!
It was GREAT to see all students showing Townview Team Spirit by wearing their uniforms. You look so DEADLY walking around the school. To be in your school uniforms you are showing how PROUD and LOUD you are about attending Townview with a great attitude to learning and achieving.

Yarn Time
Parents and Carers, you are invited to come and join us in the kitchen after parade this coming Monday morning 1st of February 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.

Please come to see me or call me at school if I can help and support you in anyway with your time here at Townview. I am looking forward to a busy term working with parents, students and staff to support and provide the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

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

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health

Townview State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outing (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements. Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts. Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff supporting your child. For any enquires, please contact the school office on 4745 4444.
TOWNVIEW STATE SCHOOL
UNIFORM PRICE LIST
AVAILABLE AT THE TUCKSHOP

Hats – Wide Brimmed and Bucket $12.00
Reversible Coloured Hats $16.00
Maroon School Shirt $30.00
Sport Shirt – Flinders, Kennedy, Leichhardt $30.00
(Worn on Fridays and Sports Day)
Maroon Shorts – Unisex (micro fibre) $20.00
Maroon Skirts – Girls $20.00

Flinders – Red
Kennedy – Yellow
Leichhardt - Green