Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back one and all to the start of the 2015 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 Tuesday 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)
- Bianca Leyden (Curriculum Co-ordinator)
- Alisha Richardson (Literacy support)
- Anthony Reader (Master Teacher)

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.

Principal's News

A big welcome to the following new staff members:

- Miss Patricia Stark Yr 2A
- Miss Tracey Stone Yr 3B and LRT
- Miss Megan White Yr 4B
- Anthony Reader (Master Teacher)

And a big welcome back to Mrs Danielle Gibbs (3B) who returns to us from maternity leave.

Our new staff come with a wealth of teaching experience so we are very lucky to have them at Townview. We welcome them and know that they will create wonderful memories of 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 effects. 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.

PARKING

To ensure the safety of our students please remember that the top car park is for staff only. There is a drop off and pick up zone for collection of students. Please do not park in the staff car park as students run across to the drop off area in front of cars puling in and out.

We acknowledge the Kalkadoon People, traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future.

Week 1, Term 1, 2015

Principal: Mrs Loretta White
Deputy Principal: Mrs Yvette Phillips
P & C President: Ms Ann Wilkinson

P & C Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6.00pm
Principal’s News Continued...

**SCHOOL FOCUS 2014: Literacy Improvement**

We will continue our focus on Reading Improvement. We are also incorporating a sharp focus on Writing improvement this year. In every classroom there will be Reading Blocks and Writing Blocks dedicated to improving our outcomes.

**LOTE**

We are currently investigating options for the delivery of the LOTE curriculum (Language Other Than English – Japanese) at Townview State School. At current, we do not have a LOTE teacher on staff and we will be investigating access to this curriculum through online learning and distance education. LOTE will continue to be delivered to students in years 5/6 who are at Benchmark for Reading and Writing. Students who are not at Benchmark for Reading and Writing will access a Literacy Program during the time that LOTE occurs. Parents of students in Yrs 5/6 will receive a letter once details are finalised.

**MATHLETICS PROGRAM**

This year Townview will not be implementing the Mathletics program as we strongly focus our efforts on the explicit teaching and learning of the Australian Curriculum and school improvement agenda.

**SCHOOL CROSSINGS**

Please remember to cross the road safely. Our crossing supervisors are here to ensure that students cross the roads correctly and safely. We ask that parents support us by using the school crossings at all times.

Assembly: Monday 9:00 am

This year our Assembly will continue to take place on Monday morning. Please feel free to attend and help us celebrate the achievement of our students.

**CHAPLAIN**

At the end of last year I informed parents that we were applying for a school chaplain for 2015. It is with sadness that I report we were unsuccessful in our application.

**INDIGENOUS LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MEET & GREET**

Monday 2 February at 9:30 am

You are invited to come and join us 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**

**THURSDAY 8:00am**

Please come to a WELCOME BACK BBQ on Thursday 5 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.

When: Thursday 5 February

Time: 8:00am

Location: Parade area

**EVERY DAY IN EVERY WAY WE DO THINGS THE TOWNVIEW WAY.**

At Townview we are proud and amazing because we are;

• Responsible
• Respectful
• Safe

Have a great fortnight.

Yours in Education,

Loretta
NEW TOBACCO LEGISLATION

The Queensland Government has 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 - and for five metres beyond the boundary of school land.

The new laws took effect from 1 January 2015.

These laws offer further protection to the Queensland public and in particular, children and young adults, from exposure to harmful environmental tobacco smoke. Children’s health is particularly affected by environmental tobacco smoke, with exposure increasing the risk of ear infections, respiratory illness and asthma. The new laws apply at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays.

The five metre ‘no smoking’ buffer will ensure that smokers extinguish their smoking products well before they approach school land. Smoking in motor vehicles where children under the age of 16 are present has been banned in Queensland since January 10.

School land

Land on which a state school provides education programs under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Land on which a non-state school provides primary education, secondary education or special education under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001.

Land on which a state or non-state school provides other educational facilities, instruction or activities, for example sport grounds. This includes land that is owned or leased by the school.

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.

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
**WELCOME TO BOOK CLUB**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to another school year. The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating once again in Scholastic Book Clubs. Scholastic offer a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books, and are offered at very reasonable prices.

Scholastic Book Clubs operate eight times a year. Simply select books your child would like and fill in the Order Form on the back page. Then return the order and the correct money (if possible) in a sealed envelope with the child’s name and grade clearly marked on the outside to your classroom teacher by the closing date. Should you wish to pay your order by cheque please make it payable to TOWNVIEW STATE SCHOOL not Scholastic. Orders can also be paid by calling 1800 557 908 or “on line” [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment). A receipt number will be issued. Please complete the credit card receipt at the bottom of the form (this is a security measure for all concerned, as no credit card numbers are shown on the form) then return the completed order to the office where the library staff will collect it. The orders will be forwarded to Scholastic in Sydney and should arrive back at the school within 2 weeks. They will then be distributed by the classroom teacher for your child to bring home.

Scholastic offers a full guarantee of satisfaction, so that if an item is unsuitable, you will be able to receive a full refund. However there is never any obligation to order.

Our School also benefits from Book Club. Reward points are issued and can be redeemed for a wide range of books and other valuable learning resources. These, in turn, further assist in providing your child with a fun and stimulating learning environment. Please take time to peruse the books available in each Book Club.

Issue 1 of Book Club has arrived but thinking of the expense of getting children ready for the new school year, we have decided to start Book Club with Issue 2. Further details will be provided in next newsletter. Please order on time as NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

You’ll 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.

Margaret Rigby/Patti Newman – Book Club Organisers

**Borrowing next week. There are still some children with overdue books form 2014. Please ask your child/children if they have an overdue book and encourage them to return it as for students commences soon as possible.**
Hello Townview School Community,

Welcome back to Townview for another great year of learning and achieving.
It is great to see students, staff and parents starting the year off with lots of enthusiasm. The Townview Spirit is well and truly alive with the terrific start to the year.

The first 2015 “Yarning Time” for Parents and Carers will be on the 2nd of February after parade at 9.30am. Come along to the kitchen in C block to meet other parents, myself and Mrs White over a cuppa and cake.

I look forward to working with Students, Parents, Staff and Community to keep this a great school to attend.

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor

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**Important Dates**

**Saturday 31st** - State Election

**Monday 2nd** - First School Assembly

**Thursday 5th** - Welcome Back BBQ

**Wednesday 11th** - P & C Meeting

6.00pm Resource Centre

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**Townview State School invite application for the following position:**

**Permanent Schools Officer—Grounds and Facilities (Janitor Groundsperson)**

- 38 hours per week

All prospective employees must make application for and be able to obtain a blue card (Working with Children Check) from Public Safety Business Agency.

All Applicants must address Assessment Section in the Role Description.

Application Packages are available from the school office. Applications close Friday 6 February, 2015, 3.30pm.

Please deliver applications to Townview State School office or post to “The Principal, Townview State School, PO Box 2110, MOUNT ISA QLD 4825.”
Hello and welcome back to our current and new Townview families. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break!

Meals Deals for the fortnight are;

**Chicken Chips with a flavoured milk or Slushie plus a Milo Cup**
$5.00

**Small pie, Popper and Paddle Pop**
$4.00

Valentine’s Day cookies will be available on Friday the 13th February for only $.50c each.

Uniform sales are between 7.30am and 9.00am. Please see our current price list below.

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**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
- Embroidered School Shirts – Larger Sizes $30.00
- Sport Shirt – Flinders, Kennedy, Leichhardt (Worn on Fridays and Sports Day) $30.00
- Embroidered Sports Shirts – Larger Sizes $30.00
- Maroon Shorts – Unisex (micro fibre) $20.00
- Maroon Skirts – Girls $20.00

- Flinders – Red
- Kennedy – Yellow
- Leichhardt - Green
Mount Isa Junior AFL sign on day is Sunday 15th of February at Legend Oval from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Players can also pick up sign on forms from Power & Air Solutions on the Barkly Highway. For more information call Adrian Cameron on 0419 66 33 42.
Talkabout Social Skills

A small group program for improving the social communication skills of primary school children.

Does your child have difficulty:
- Making friends?
- Expressing emotions?
- With low confidence?
- Understanding the body language of others?
- Sharing, losing or compromising?
- Understanding social rules?
- Having conversations outside of their special interests?

The program, run by an experienced speech pathologist, aims to build the friendship and life skills of children using the Talkabout Social Skills hierarchy. The program works on building self-esteem; understanding and responding to body language; and using appropriate conversation skills.

The program includes:
- 8 x 45 min group sessions, and
- materials for home practice.

Where: Isa Therapy Services, 12 Marion Street
When: Commencing in the 1st week of February
Cost: $380

Spaces are limited so book early to secure your spot. To register your interest for the program please contact Isa Therapy on (07) 4743 6695 or email

The SOS Approach to Feeding™

A program for improving the feeding skills of picky eaters and problem feeders.

Does your child:
- Only eat a restricted range or variety of foods (less than 30 foods)?
- Refuse food if it is prepared in a different way?
- Cry and “fall apart” when presented with new food?
- Refuse entire categories of food textures?
- Almost always eat different foods than the rest of the family?

The SOS (Sequential Oral Sensory) Approach to Feeding program is an effective way to address problematic feeding behaviors in a variety of settings and populations. Parents and caregivers of children who struggle to eat are faced with self-facilitated and often confusing challenges. The SOS Approach uses an approach which acknowledges the “whole child”—inclusive of sensory development and motor skills, learning/behaviour, cognition, nutrition and environment.

The SOS Approach focuses on increasing a child’s comfort level by expediting and learning about the different properties of food and allowing them to interact with food in a playful, non-threatening way; beginning with the ability to tolerate the food in the room and in front of them/her, then moving on to touching, tasting, and eventually eating and eating foods.

The program includes:
- 8 x 60 min sessions, food and other therapy resources (assessment and education sessions not included)
- Where: Isa Therapy Services, 12 Marion Street
- When: Term 1, 2023
- Cost: $70 per session

Spaces are limited so book early to secure your spot.

To register your interest for the program please contact Isa Therapy on (07) 4743 6695 or email