Welcome back to a new term, I hope you all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the two week holiday. It was wonderful to see all the children return to school on Monday ready to commence school again.

Term 2 is always an important term as our years 3 and 5 students take part in the National Assessment Program, Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. These tests are designed to give a point in time snapshot of a child’s progress and to compare this progress with peers within the school, across the State and also across Australia. The tests will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May and all parents will receive an individual student report from these tests.

Attendance

At Townview State School we expect regular student attendance at all times. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

* they learn better
* they make friends
* they are happier
* they have a brighter future

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness is the only real acceptable reason for being absent from school. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. If your child is absent from school, parents must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand. Parents can assist by setting up routines such as:

* have a set time to go to bed
* have a set time to get out of bed
* have uniform and school bag ready the night before
* have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
* set a time for daily homework activities
* speak about school positively
* be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

Please contact your child’s teacher or myself as soon as possible for advice and support if you are having any trouble in getting your children to school every day.
Acting Principal’s News Continued...

ANZAC Service Reminder

Our Anzac Service this year will be held on Thursday April 24 at 8.40am. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. On Saturday 25th April students are invited to march in the ANZAC Day Parade representing Townview State School. Those who wish to take part in the march are to meet at 9.00am in the Lane way car park next to the Police Station on Isa Street. The march will conclude at the Civic Centre where the main service will commence at 10.00am.

I would encourage as many students as possible to attend this march. Students must be in full school uniform.

Upgrade/ Construction works

There has been significant work taken place over the holiday break, these include:

* Yarning circle garden underway

* Preparing of the mural near the front entrance of the school

* Lights upgraded at Prep

Staffing

Julie Jackson (Guidance Officer) is on leave. The Region has appointed Ann Christensen to backfill for the first four weeks of this term. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Tarsha Roberts. Tarsha will be co-teaching in 3A with Kate Truelson.

Regards,
Ash Wagh

ATTENDANCE

Our daily attendance thermometer decreased the last week of Term 1 but due to early holiday departures this was expected. We are still aiming to reach our target of 92.2% in Term 2.

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

WHOLE SCHOOL

| Attendance Rate | 79.1% |

TOWNVIEW ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 92.2%
Welcome back! I hope you all had a well-deserved, relaxing break and are ready for Term 2! It is going to be a busy term and I am looking forward to working with all of you in continuing the success of our school.

Every Day Counts, starting at 8:30am

We are working very hard to improve our attendance. Congratulations to our 60 students who attended 100% of Term 1. We had a wonderful day celebrating this achievement with a variety of activities including jumping castles, cooking, outside games, art and an indoor disco. Our class attendance award went to 3B. They celebrated with a Pizza Party on the last day of term for having the least amount of class absences at the end of term 1.

Our 2 winners of the scooters were:

Prep - Year 3: Rosa Kerr
Year 4-6: Nadine George

The first week of term 2 counts towards 100% attendance for this term. To qualify for the attendance fun day students must meet the following criteria.

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To qualify for Scooter Draw -

3 EXPLAINED absences or less
OR
3 late arrivals

Reading

Our whole school focus remains on improving reading with our students.

Developing Reading Skills

Developing reading skills is a focus that we are continuing at Townview with all our students. We use a range of reading strategies and prompts to assist students including:

Learning the skill required to read is the first step to reading competently. It takes practice, time, and patience to develop reading skills. Families can play an important role in helping a child learn to read by reading and engaging in books on a daily basis.

Below are a few suggestions that will help build comprehension skills.

Before

Your goal is to help your child build an understanding of what they are about to read. Look at the book’s cover and discuss what the book may be about, ask your child to predict what may happen in the story. Next, look at all the pages without reading the words, and discuss the pictures, and brainstorm what might happen in the story. Talk about any personal experience your child may have that relates to the story.

During Reading

Your goal is to help your child be an active reader. Read together and talk about what’s happening as they’re reading. Stop and discuss any interesting or tricky vocabulary words. If your child seems unsure of words they encounter in the text, stop, go back and reread if necessary.

Finally, remember reading can be great fun! Praise your child for having a go and foster their enjoyment for reading by choosing texts they are interested in.

P&C – Thank you

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful P&C committee for all the work they do for our school. I’m sure you will agree they went above and beyond last term in organising events and fundraisers which included a disco, numerous sausage sizzles, the Easter raffle draw and assisting with the attendance fun day last term. The P&C continued their efforts over the holidays with the painting of our school mural which will be completed this term. Thank you ladies, your work is greatly appreciated.

Have a fantastic week everyone!
Welcome back Everyone,

Hope you all had a good break and are ready for a great Term 2!

Now we are having cooler weather could you please order your child's lunches using the bag system as we do not cook a lot of extra hot food.

**Meal Deals**

*Chicken Chips w/Popper and Popcorn*

$4.00

*Sausage Roll w/Milk*

$5.00

Calling all mums, dads, grandparents and carers - if you are looking for something to do or if you have any spare time, your tuckshop needs volunteers! You will enjoy yourself and children like to see family members helping out in their school tuckshop.

Uniforms are available at Tuckshop from 7.30am. Unfortunately we do not stock any winter uniforms but we do have several TVSS long sleeved shirts available in some larger sizes for only $7.00 each.

**MAY is NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH.**

Make reading a family affair and encourage everyone in the family to read at least 10 minutes a day. Being a reading role model and reading together are important factors in a child's learning and literacy development. It is one of the BEST ways to grow a child's interest in the wonderful world of books.

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

*(Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis)*

Issue 3 Scholastic Book Club has arrived and will be handed to the children on **MONDAY APRIL 27th** with the closing date for all orders **FRIDAY MAY 1st - 9am sharp**. Sorry no late orders can be accepted after that time. It is easy to order. Complete the order form on the back of the brochure and return this, along with the correct money (if possible) in a sealed envelope with the child's name and grade clearly marked on the outside. Hand to teacher or take to the office ladies for collection by library staff.

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*(Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis)*
Our Easter Raffle was drawn at the Easter Bonnet Parade held in the last week of Term 1. There were twenty prizes on offer and the lucky winners were; Sara Coughlin, Gail Gallagher, Wyatt Apps, Zachary Speechley, Chelsea Berry, Mario Santini, Ev Arnold, Dominic Coggan, Johanne Coggan, Jess Hudson, Eugene Wilson, Kasey Ketchup, Lareese Ah One, Sarah Miskin, Danielle Milton, Ethan Simmons, A. Lawler, Amanda Trenerry and Matthew Costello.

Thank you to everybody who supported our school by purchasing tickets in this raffle.

To celebrate one of the most important days of the year and one of the most important people in our lives, we have organised another raffle of wonderful prizes for Mother’s Day.

Tickets were handed out to students yesterday and we again encourage our school community to support us by purchasing these tickets.

Tickets are only $1.00 each and the prizes will warm any mother’s heart!

Please return sold tickets to the office as well as returning any unsold tickets so they can be accounted for.

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**Reading for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners**

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COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN

20 weeks & 2 days

until Townview’s 50th Golden Jubilee Fete

12th September is the date to remember, from 5pm till 9pm
Townview school will be hosting a fantastic fete.

Some of the things to look forward to are:

➢ Truck Pulling contest (Truck donated by Rod Pilon Transport)
➢ Pie Eating Contest (Pies donated by Brumby’s Bakery)
➢ Sausage Eating Contest (Sausages donated by School P&C)
➢ Mount Isa Cook Island Group

There will be a lot more happening on the night once all the preparations are final. So please, mark your calendar to help you remember the date. Hope to see you there for a fantastic night.

Tickets available from the office