Principal’s News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We began our term Monday morning with an assembly where I reminded students of our high expectations and Townview Pride. It was a timely opportunity to reinforce the ‘business’ of school and reiterate to all of our learners’ importance of being an engaged learner. At the beginning of Term 1 we linked our attendance reward framework to achievement and effort. At the end of that term we celebrated the success of 120 students who attended school 95% or above, received a ‘C’ or above in English or an ‘A’ for effort. In Term 2 this data increased to 126 students being acknowledged and receiving certificates. I have set the challenge for 150 students to receive certificates at the end of Term 3. Achieving academic success, attending school and celebrating outcomes is rewarding for the teachers as well as the students as our dedicated staff spend many hours ensuring students receive the best quality education and that the Australian Curriculum is taught explicitly and with clarity.

Email Newsletter Communication

Last term we informed parents that we were transitioning to electronic newsletters this term. I hope you have all provided the office with your email addresses to receive this communication. If you have not done so yet can I please encourage you to visit the office and update your details or provide us with an email address that you currently use? I am hoping that the electronic delivery of the school newsletters reach all parents so our community is aware of what is happening at the school. We often hear the comments that the paper newsletters were ‘scrunched’ in the bottom of the school bag or ‘lost’ in transit. By moving into this electronic delivery of information these scenarios will not be able to occur. Our objective is to have informed parents with timely delivery of the newsletter.

High Standards

As a staff we continue to look at ways that help improve the learning outcomes of all our students. With this in mind we are continuing to put in place various strategies to further enhance the learning and achievement of all learners. We will continue to look at student data to drive improvement in the school. Level of achievement (A-E) will be a focus for us to monitor student progression and success. Teachers will be analysing data to make adjustments to the learning when required. Your child’s success is important to us. Please assist us in giving your child the best opportunity to be successful by sending them to school EVERYDAY- EVERY LESSON COUNTS. This time last year we began a focus with our English as Additional Language Dialect (EAL/D) students in our school by developing teacher understanding and identifying who our EAL/D learners are. This term we are providing targeted support for Year 2 EAL/D learners. Our aim is to provide students with the best possible opportunity to be successful in 2017 NAPLAN.

Student Safety - Notification of Attendance

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and for the Queensland Government. This week the Deputy Director General announced that as a result of the report When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school. In response to this report, the school will be investing in an automated notification system.

Important Dates

20th July - P & C Meeting
25th July - Book Club Issued
29th July - Book Club Closes
12th August - Pupil Free Day
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that will inform parents immediately if your child is not at school. We are currently investigating the purchase of this system and are awaiting notification of standing offer arrangements with Education Qld that are currently being finalised. The same day absence notification will inform parents immediately via a text message directly to your mobile phone. Until this is implemented the school will be advising careers of children in out-of-home care by phone call to inform if the child in care is not at school. Can I please ask that parents call into the office and update all contact details to enable us to contact you if needed? Also, it is vitally important that parents and carers inform the school if your child is absent on any given day.

Parental Co-operation
Student safety is an ongoing concern for me and the school community. Please support us in this by collecting your child from school and then moving on quickly. Parents are not able to park in the Collect and Go Zone at the top of the school as this creates a backlog of traffic down Clarke Street. Likewise parents can I please discourage parents meeting in groups to have lengthy discussions during drop off and pick up times, as it is easy to become engaged in conversation and focused supervision can become compromised? It has been reported that students have been seen on the road when this occurs and this is a great concern.

Walking Safely to School
Please remind students about walking to and from school safely. Stranger danger is not something that we can become complacent about. As parents, we worry about our children at all times and the best job we can do is to be talking to them continually about personal safety and safe behaviours.

Our School Cares About Attendance.
Each newsletter we communicate our attendance data with our parent community through our thermometer and inform you how we are tracking. I am continually seeking ways to improve attendance at Townview. This term we will be installing attendance thermometer signs throughout the school to inform our students and community of our attendance levels and reinforce that attendance matters. I am hoping the visual signage will reiterate the importance of coming to school and encourage students to help us to move the arrow to our target of 95%. I will be discussing this with the students at assembly next week. Please assist us to reach this target and send students to school every day. This week our attendance is tracking at 70%. This is a BIG concern as every day and every lesson counts. Our School Cares About Attendance.

School Opinion Survey
The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted be-
tween 11th and 29th July 2016. Families, staff and a selection of students have been invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well, and how we may be able to improve. Parents/carers are welcome to complete their survey online through the use of our school computers. This can be arranged by contacting the school office or Miss Dixie.

There has not been a day when I have not felt proud to be at Townview State School and also honoured to be part of such a great school team. Thanks to our staff, students, volunteer helpers and P & C for working together to make our school the successful school it is.

EVERY DAY IN EVERY WAY WE DO THINGS THE TOWNVIEW WAY.
At Townview we are amazing because we are;
• Responsible
• Respectful
• Safe

Yours in Education,
Loretta
Deputy Principal's News

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all had a lovely holiday. This term is ten weeks long and during this time we have lots of events and exciting things happening around our school.

Assembly: 8:45am Monday
As from next week, our assembly will once again be held at 8:45am in the undercover area. Please feel free to join us to hear about important things happening around the school, as well as to celebrate the achievements of our students.

Attendance Rewards
Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. It was great that 126 students attained 95% attendance and a ‘C’ or above in English and an ‘A’ effort last term and got to enjoy a day of fun which included jumping castles, cooking, art, games and an indoor disco on the second last day of term. Prep A celebrated their achievement of being the class with the least number of absences for the term with a pizza party. The first week of Term 3 counts towards 95% attendance for this term. To qualify for the attendance fun day students must meet the following criteria.

Let’s work together to improve our attendance and provide the best possible chance of success for all our students.

Sporting News
This term, ALF and softball carnivals will be held on Thursday 31st August and Friday 16th September. Trails for each sport will be held in the coming weeks.

District Athletics
On Friday 22nd of July, Townview will send a team of 35 students to the District Athletic Carnival which will be held at Sunset Oval. We wish all our students the best of luck!

Hockey
Hockey training begins this Friday. We had a huge response from students interested in playing hockey however only 20 students could participate. Ms Frohloff and Miss Ereka will be coaching the Townview hockey team on Fridays from 3:00 – 4:00pm.

RSPCA Visit
The RSPCA Education bus will be visiting Townview on Thursday 21st July. Each class will participate in a 30 minute session focusing on Animal Welfare.

Rodeo Float
Townview State School will be entering a float in the Mardi Gras. This year’s theme is Love Our Land. Permission notes will be sent out in the coming weeks to students interested in participating on the night.

That’s all from the Deputy’s desk. Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Yvette Phillips
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patti

Welcome back to another exciting term of reading.

Book Club Issue 5 will be handed out to the children on MONDAY 25TH JULY with a closing date for orders FRIDAY 29TH JULY at 9am sharp. Sorry no late orders can be accepted. When ordering Book Club please use the order sheet provided in the brochure as cutting out the picture is not sufficient for ordering purposes. If you are ordering Book Club for a younger sibling and include this order with the older siblings order, please let your child know that this has occurred, as it saves a lot of confusion for us. We hope you enjoy your purchases from Book Club and look forward to bringing you more good reading material in future issues.

Borrowing for students commences this Monday 18th July. We still have a number of overdue books from last term. Please encourage your children to return their books on time. As always, your assistance is appreciated.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all our Townview State School Families,

Welcome back to Term 3 and we hope that everyone had a lovely winter holiday. Please order children's lunches by the brown bag system - the colder weather makes the children very hungry and extra hot food is not always available.

No credit can be given at the Tuckshop. The Tuckshop is run by Townview State School's Parents and Citizens group. Please do not make our employees feel uncomfortable by asking for credit.

Meal Deals

Hot Dog with Milk
$5.00

Chicken Chips w/Popper and Home-made Milo Cup
$4.00

Uniforms are available to purchase from the Tuckshop from 8:00am to 12:00pm.
As we head into the cooler months in Mount Isa, many of us find it difficult to get out of bed and organised. The better prepared you are in the morning, the less likely your child will be to run late, miss the bus or (worst-case scenario) miss school altogether. Keep mornings hassle-free and your child’s attendance record spotless, by having your child:

- Wake up at the same time each day. Have your child use an alarm clock
- Eat a healthy breakfast. Get dressed, brush teeth and make bed.
- Grab their school bag and lunch and head out the door.
- Prepare lunch the night before to save more time in the morning.

Please phone the school if your child is unable to attend school and the reason for this. It is important that we know if your child will be away.

Have a great term.