Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back everyone…
As we look into the future and back on the year so far we can confidently say that it has been a busy and productive one. We have succeeded in achieving many successes thus far.

You can read all types of research that will tell you how to identify a successful school; however I believe the best ‘Litmus Test’ is the response of the children, teachers and parents. We have been progressing well from the start of the school year and it is hard to believe that we are now at the halfway stage of the year and are about to embark on the final two Semesters.

I am fortunate in that I get to continually see the expert teaching and productive learning that takes place in our classrooms. At the end of last Semester we completed our data conversations for PM Benchmark Reading and student Levels of Achievement for English. I was extremely proud of the efforts that everyone has made towards improving our students skills to be successful lifelong learners and the data analysis reflected our strong focus on pedagogy and explicit teaching that is occurring in our classrooms. Overall, our school Level of Achievement for C or above in English increased in ALL year levels and there was continued progression in Reading.

The term has begun in an extremely positive manner and credit must go to our dedicated staff who have spent many hours ensuring that we have a ‘hassle-free’ start and productive semester. Credit must also go to the children who settled back quickly and industriously into ‘school mode’. I have been delighted by the many positive comments we have received about the school and how the children are progressing in their learning.

Schools are dynamic ‘people organisations’ and as a school community we all have a vested interest in the well-being of the school. The working relationship between the home and the school is a vital link, ensuring a positive and productive education for every child.

As Principal, my number one priority is the education, happiness and safety of every child. Children who are feeling happy and safe are receptive learners. If you have concerns about your child, please contact us, as ‘problems’ are far more easily attended to ‘at the time’. We are only too aware that at times parents tend to think their concerns are trivial and you debate with yourself whether you should contact the school. Our response is that NOTHING is too trivial when it comes to the education of YOUR child. So if you have concerns or want clarification, please contact us. I will ask you, however, to consider the following points...

- Teaching staff’s number one priority is teaching the children and therefore if you arrive unannounced, it may not be convenient or possible to release them from teaching duties to speak to you. It is always best to arrange a meeting time.
- If you want to meet with me, it is generally best to make an appointment as I can have a number of commitments throughout the day and am not always readily available.

Setting the Standards High
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 identified initiatives. During the course of the year we will be modifying our Curriculum Framework as well as further developing our assessment and reporting processes.

This Semester we have been able to release Miss Tracey Stone from class to lead the

### Important Dates

- **20th July** - Book Club Issue 5 goes home
- **23rd July** - TVSS National Tree Day
- **24th July** - Book Club orders close
- **31st July** - District Athletics Carnival
Principal’s News Continued...

School in the identification and assessment of EAL/D (English as Additional Language Dialect) students. We are developing strategies to target the learning needs of EAL/D learners in our school and I am excited about the opportunity that this focus will provide for our learners.

These initiatives will help us identify specific needs of our students, enabling us to further support their learning needs. 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.

QUOTE: He who jumps for the moon and gets it not, leaps higher than he who stoops for a penny in the mud.” Howard Pyle

At Townview State School we are:

- RESPECTFUL
- SAFE
- RESPONSIBLE

Working Closely with our Community

You can’t help but notice that Townview State School is going through an extreme makeover and it is hard to believe the work that has occurred at the school in the last 6 months.

Our improvement agenda is not only isolated to the classrooms and the learning that occurs within the walls of individual rooms but also extends to our whole school. You cannot help but stop and admire the transformations that are occurring in our external environment. On many occasions you have heard me say the phrases “from little things big things grow” and “it takes a village to raise a child”. I believe these two phrases compliment each other and are strongly evident in the wonderful community that we have here at Townview.

Since the beginning of the year our school has transformed into an open, welcoming and inviting environment that is full of colour and fun.

Cultural Garden

We were very fortunate to officially open our cultural garden at our NAIDOC day of Celebration on Wednesday 24 June and we are now pleased to offer this area to our community to enjoy. Our Journey began with the entrance to the school, to the designing, developing and opening of the cultural garden and recently over the holidays the extensive transformation of the Prep playground. Words cannot describe how truly grateful I am to be in a school with such a passionate group of parents and community members that go above and beyond to enhance our school.

The projects have all had one common theme and that theme was to create spaces that would enhance the learning opportunities of the students at our school. If you have not come in and had the opportunity to see the front school entrance, the cultural garden or the new Prep playground can I please invite you to do so because you will be amazed at our ‘new look school’.

A BIG thankyou to the wonderful people who have worked to bring these spaces to us in their own time and over the holidays for our students:

Prep

Look what we came back to….
Principal’s News Continued...

ATTENDANCE
Our attendance is a BIG concern. We are continuing to landslide in this area. We have significantly dropped to 85.3% which is 6.9% below our target. Your child’s education is important to us and we appreciate all efforts made to ensure they are at school learning and achieving.

TOWNVIEW ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 92.2%

Important Message for Parents and Carers
Acting Deputy’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.

Prep Area
As you will have noticed the Prep area had a huge ‘face-lift’ over the holidays and is looking absolutely AMAZING! It was a pleasure to observe the huge smiles on the Prep students’ (and teachers’) faces when they saw the area for the first time on Monday morning. I would like to thank and acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Tina Coggan, Sonja Coggan, Chris Taylor, Dea Graham, Kasey Cox, Owen Cox, Shantel Ah Kit, Allison Berry, Kelly McLuckie, Jessica Hudson, Julie Graham, Greg Humphrey and Sierra Ah Kit who worked tirelessly over the holidays in creating this outstanding outdoor space. I know the children and staff of Townview State School are going to get hours of enjoyment and learning opportunities from this incredible area.

Attendance
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 45 students attained 100% attendance 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.

Overall, our whole school attendance has decreased from 87.2% in Term 1, to 83.4% in Term 2. In order to give your child the best chance of success and to increase our attendance rate to reach our goal of 93%, please ensure they are coming to school on time at 8.30am every day.

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.

To qualify for 100% Attendance Day -
0 days absent
0 late arrivals
0 early departures

To qualify for Scooter Draw -
3 EXPLAINED absences or less
OR
3 late arrivals

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

Bianca Leyden
Welcome back to another exciting Term. We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and found time to enjoy THE LOVE OF READING.

Issue 5 Scholastic Book Club will be handed out to the children on MONDAY, JULY 20th and the closing date is FRIDAY, JULY 24th - 9am sharp. SORRY NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Still chasing overdue library books from Term 2. Any assistance you can provide by reminding the children to return their books as soon as possible would be appreciated. Borrowing commences next Monday and it is disappointing when borrowing cannot happen with an overdue book.

Welcome back to Term 3 - hope you all had a relaxing break. The cold weather is here so please don’t forget that we all tend to eat more as we try to stay warm. Tuckshop has limited hot food available at second break so we ask that you order your children’s lunches by the brown bag system to ensure they get the food they like.

**Meal Deals**

**Chicken Chips w/ flavoured milk**

$4.00

**Toasted Ham and Cheese or Chicken and Cheese w/ Popper and surprise**

$5.00

Wow what a wonderful surprise the Prep children got on returning to school. Thank you to our wonderful P & C ladies!

Don’t forget that uniforms can be purchased from the Tuckshop every morning from Monday to Friday.
Community Education Counsellor Corner - Miss Dixie

Hello Townview School Community,

Welcome back to another term of learning and exploring new things. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break.

Thank You
We had a very exciting end to last term with NAIDOC celebrations and the opening of our Cultural Garden that our community can enjoy. I would like to thank everyone involved with making the day run smoothly so everyone was able to enjoy themselves.

How great does the Prep playground look? The P & C Ladies have put so much time and effort into making a great adventurous play area for the Prep Students to enjoy. Well done ladies and partners for the work you have done to make Townview a great school to attend.

Yarn Time
Parents and Carers you are invited to come and join us in the kitchen after parade this coming Monday morning 20th July 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.

Winter time is certainly here with very cold days; please make sure your child has warm clothes as the school supplies of spare clothing are running very low.

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

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor

Reading for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners

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SAVE THE DATE

12th September 2015
Townview State School’s 50th Golden Jubilee
From 5.00pm - 9.00pm

Please join us to celebrate this special occasion.

Mount Isa Celebrates brings together a star-studded line-up of performing artists, with an impressive array of instrumental and vocal talent born and bred in the city.

Mount Isa Community Ensembles (MICE) has inspired the creation of one of the world’s most remote symphony orchestras. In their debut performance, the orchestra will share the stage with more than 300 musicians, including the Mount Isa Community Chorus and Combined Schools Choir.

Resplendent with both performances will be jazz star James Morrison, stunning vocalist Imala Tomi, internationally renowned concert pianist Andrew Hammond, violin virtuoso Ben Cooper, and the John Morrison Trio.

The grand finale will be a world premiere performance of Symphony of the Inland Sea by acclaimed Australian composer Matthew Owens. This evocative work is inspired by the extraordinary landscape in and around this iconic city.

FEATURES

James Morrison, Andrew Hammond, Ian Cooper, Imala Tomi, John Morrison, Paul White, John Barden
Sean O’Byrne, Conductor
Warwick Syrell, Assistant Conductor
Mount Isa Community Ensembles
Mount Isa Community Choir
Combined Schools Choir
Guest musicians from The Australian Voices
Directed by Gordon Hamilton
Guest musicians from Queensland Symphony Orchestra
Maria Cleary, Design

An impressive display of local talent alongside a star-studded line-up.
BOLLON STATE SCHOOL

30th Anniversary & Reunion

25th/26th July 2015

All welcome

For information flyer & RSVP contact:
bsm@bollons.eq.edu.au
or download from
www.bollons.eq.edu.au

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER CHILDRENS DAY

TUESDAY 4th AUGUST!
LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG FUTURES

NATSIAD is a day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families to celebrate the importance that family, culture and community play in our children’s development and wellbeing. It’s a day to help our kids stand tall and feel connected and proud.

Join us for celebrations including free fun activities, book making, health checks and more!

Mount Isa Neighbourhood Centre
72 Marian St
9.30am - 12.30pm

Join us to celebrate our children’s futures!

NATSIAD is Australia’s day of celebrating our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children

Contact Roxanne on 0406 227 111 or 4746 3566 for more info or to arrange transport.

ISA YOUTH HAS TALENT 2015

Conditions of Entry

Entrants must be between the ages of 5 and 25 years.

Entrants may enter, either as an individual or as part of a group.

Acts must not contain inappropriate lyrics or themes (Contact us for clarification)

Acts must not be longer than 5 minutes in duration.

The competition will be judged by a panel of professionals from the best of the arts.

The decision of the judges final. No allocation of prize.

Entrants under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian consent to participate.

Entrant must advise of preferred audition date.

Semifinalists will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop on the 03 August 2015.

Questions or concerns are to be directed to
Cr. Jean Ferris phone: 0417 779 442

Registration needs to be submitted by
28 July 2015

Email: info@isc.qld.gov.au

23 West Street Mount Isa open 8:30am to 3:30 pm.