Dear Parents and Friends,

With only days left until the end of this term it is hard to believe we are almost halfway through the year. Term 2 has been an incredibly busy time with many celebrations in sporting, educational, national events and cultural activities. There is still a very busy end to the semester ahead of us, with important school events on our calendar.

Staffing
As we enter the mid-way juncture of the year and celebrate our many achievements, we also have mixed emotions as some of our staff will be leaving us or taking extended leave. On the last day of term we will be farewelling, Mrs Kyryn Ortiz, Miss Amy Riach and Miss Victoria Fisher. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and thank you for your continued focus, hard work and dedication that you have given to the teaching profession and the learning of every student at Townview. You will be sorely missed by all students, staff and parents.

In addition to the above staff leaving, it is exciting to have Chappy Les increase his days at the school from 2 to 3 for the remainder of the year. Chappy Les will now be working on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which is wonderful news for TVSS.

Sporting
It was also wonderful to see so many parents/carers attending our Junior and Senior Athletics Carnival last Wednesday and Thursday. The students displayed an extremely high level of sportsmanship and participation. The overall winners for the day were Flinders. I’d like to give a huge shout out to Mr Woods and thank him wholeheartedly for organising the two day carnival. The organisation and management of this event is a mammoth task and Mr Woods always delivers a fantastic two days. Also, congratulations to every Townview student who attended and participated in the events - you are all winners!

The Arts
Our students also entered some of their wonderful art work in last week’s show and they were truly amazing. It’s great to see the wide array of talent that we have amongst our students and the creativity of the thinking that is behind the development of the pieces. A big thank you to Miss Fisher for enabling the students to ‘show and display’ their work and for teaching them the many visual techniques and use of mediums.

Report Cards
Teachers have been very busy finalising assessment and writing end of semester report cards, and these were sent home with the students yesterday. The report card gives information about what has been taught, how your child has performed academically and the effort that your child has exhibited. In the overall comments this semester, teachers have commented on your child’s achievements and provided the focus for Semester 2. Parent/Teacher interviews will occur again at the end of Term 3, however, parents and carers are most welcome to make an appointment to speak to their child’s teacher prior to this time should they feel that this is necessary. In some cases, teachers may request an interview with parents to further explain the report card results and comments. We encourage you to discuss your child’s learning progress with their teacher and this is best done by contacting the class teacher to arrange a suitable date and time.

Important Dates
24th June - Last Day of Term 2
11th July (Monday) - First Day of Term 3
**Principal’s News Continued...**

**NAIDOC**
On Wednesday we celebrated NAIDOC day at our school. It was a great day that enabled everyone to come together and celebrate Aboriginal culture in an inclusive setting. This year, once again, Miss Dixie and her team delivered a fantastic day with an array of activities and events that were fun, educational, engaging and yummy. This is a wonderful day of celebrating tradition and I thank everyone who supported and had an input into its success.

**NCCD (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data)**
On Monday 20th June 2016, all teachers at Townview participated in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability (NCCD). All Australian state and territory governments agreed to implement a nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability from 2015. The purpose of the nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability, is to present a more reliable, consistent and transparent view of students with disability across Australia. This improved information will help education authorities and schools better target programs and resourcing decisions, contributing to more effective outcomes and a quality learning experience for all young Australians. Letters were sent home last week to families who will be involved in the data collection process. Information and fact sheets are available from the Department’s website: http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-datacollection.html or Australian Government Department of Education website: http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability. Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact the school directly.

**Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies**
In our last newsletter I discussed the schools involvement in the Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies pilot project. The teaching pedagogy is based on the key characteristics of effective early years teaching and pedagogy. Our teachers have been engaging in professional learning in preparation to facilitate this focus in their classrooms from the beginning of next term.

**Characteristics of Effective Pedagogies**
Characteristics guide the selection and development of learning experiences. Educators consider how best to incorporate one or more of these characteristics when working with children, and colleagues to be responsive to the individual child, context and purpose of learning. The 11 characteristics that teachers will use when planning learning experiences are identified in the displayed image;

**Student Absences and Late Arrivals**
Changes have been made to the process of recording student absences and late arrivals at school. Any absence that is considered unreasonable e.g. no uniform or lunch, will now be entered under the students enrolment as an “unauthorised” absence. As our school has put practices into place to assist students and their families in these areas, these are no longer valid or expectable reasons for non-attendance. These changes have been made in accordance with Department of Education recommendations. Late arrivals to school deemed as unreasonable e.g. slept in, couldn’t find shoes, will also be recorded as “unauthorised”.

**School Opinion Survey**
The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 11th and 29th July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Once received, access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students. Parents/caregivers 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.

**Staff Car Park**
Unfortunately there has been an incident in our staff car park, resulting in damage to a staff member’s vehicle. At no time is parking permitted or children to be collected from this area. We appreciate your support in using the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone and other designated areas for transferring your children to and from school.

Lastly, thank you to our fantastic teachers for all their hard work and dedication that they bring to school every day to ensure the teaching and learning of our students is of the highest quality. A high performing school achieves high performing outcomes and our teachers are a credit to the profession of Teaching. I wish them all a very deserving break and hope they manage some ‘down time’ in the upcoming holidays. Townview is a SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE school environment. Please enjoy your time with your families and the school holidays and I will see you all in Term 3.

Stay safe and kindest regards,

Loretta
Deputy Principal’s News

Hello everyone,

As we near the end of another extremely busy and productive term I would like to thank the parents and students of Townview for their contribution to the success of our school over the past semester. I would also like to thank our amazing staff who provide infinite opportunities for our students’ to achieve academically, behaviourally and in extra-curricular activities. Without their knowledge, commitment, organisation and dedication, these opportunities for success would not be possible.

Books in Homes Program
This term we have continued the Books in Homes program which is an initiative organised through Glencore aiming to improve literacy skills, while fostering a lifelong love of reading through the provision of quality books to children. Last Monday students received their take home packs which included books chosen by them from over 48 different titles. A huge thank you to Mrs Roberts for the coordinating the program and to Mrs Newman and Mrs Rigby for putting together the book packs. The students were very excited to receive their books and begin their reading!

Attendance Day Parade
On Monday 20th June we celebrated students who have achieved 95% attendance during Term 2 and who achieved a ‘C’ or above in English or an ‘A’ for effort. Students participated in the end of term Fun Day on Thursday 23rd June. In total, 126 students attended our Attendance Fun Day. Congratulations to all these students.

PBL: Gold, Silver, Bronze Behaviour Levels
Congratulations to all students that have attained a gold, silver or bronze level of behaviour for consistently displaying respect, responsibility and safety this term. Behaviour rewards occurred on Tuesday 20th June. There were 79 students on a gold level who enjoyed pizza and a movie party, 105 students on a silver level who made their own Ice-cream Sundaes and 61 students on a bronze level received an Icy Stick as a reward for following our school rules reliably.

Athletic Carnivals
Congratulations to Mr Woods for organising two very successful sports carnivals. The Junior Carnival saw students in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students participate in running events, ball games, field events and novelty races. A great day was held by all!

The Senior Carnival involved students running 100m, 200m and 800m as well as shot put and long jump. It was fantastic to see so many families come out and support the students during both carnivals.

Congratulations to our age champions:
9 years Age Champions- Eiesha Simmons and Tristin Doyle
10 years Age Champions- Tisharn Koorabubba and Ethan Simmons
11 years Age Champions- Kyharma Solomon and Damien Age
12 years Age Champions- Fay Dalton and John Vatuvei

Mr Woods will now select a Townview Athletics team which will compete at the District Carnival in Term 3.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing and happy holiday!

Mrs Phillips
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patti

Thank you for supporting our Book Clubs in Term 1 and 2. We are looking forward to the distribution of Issue 5 in Week 4 of next term. More information to follow in the next newsletter. Have a fun filled, relaxing holiday and if travelling, stay safe.

Wishing you an enjoyable and safe winter break!

See you all next term,
Mrs Ronda and the Amazing Tuckshop Team
Students of the Week - 13th June 2016

Prep A - Aaron Cashmore
Prep B - Leisha Retchford
1/2A - Nathan Kirley
1/2B - Ebony Wood
1/2C - Daylan Rusty
3/4A - Jayden Lewis
3/4B - Sarah Mayers
3/4C - Hosea Ned
5A - Faith Page
5B - Shakisha Escott
6A - Adri-Anna Doyle
6B - Allayah Shute

PE Award - Cody Clair
SEP Award - Jahkye Daley
The Arts -
Townview Spirit Award - Ethan Simmons and Germaine Doyle

Class Attendance Winners

13th June 2016
Prep A
Hello Townview School Community,

With our school term coming to a close we have celebrated our many achievements over the past term. Congratulations and well done to all the students who have tried their very best in learning, participating in class and attendance. Well done to all the students who received awards at parade on Monday. Keep up the GREAT work.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Yesterday Townview celebrated NAIDOC with many activities. We began our day with a very special parade with many invited guests and parents attending. Welcome to Country was delivered by a Kalkadoon Elder, Megan Sarmardin performed our National Anthem and continued traditional Songlines throughout the day, along with fire making and Didgeridoo playing with Shaun Major.

All students moved with their classes and participated in many planned activities such as:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Talks
- Bush Toys
- Cooking (Johnny Cakes)
- Art and Craft
- Face Painting
- Hunting Skills

I would like to thank the following people who helped make our day a huge success; Aunty Joan Marshall, Uncle Alec Marshall, Aunty Di Marshall, Megan Sarmardin, Shaun Major, Mr Andrew White, Janine Gertz and the Townview P & C Committee. Thank you to students, staff and parents who made this such a GREAT & DEADLY day. I know everyone enjoyed the day especially the eating the Johnny Cakes!

Please see the attached schedule for the NAIDOC program that will happening within the Mount Isa community from the 1/7/16 until the 10/7/16.

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

Have a safe and relaxing holiday,

Dixie Sarmardin

Community Education Councillor
Our Attendance Thermometer is currently 10.6% off our 95% target.

A reminder that as of Term 4, Townview State School will be moving to an email system for circulation of our school newsletter. We will begin this transition in Term 3 and ask that as newsletters will be delivered electronically, that all parents/carers provide us with a current email address. Please contact our office on 4745 4444 or visit us to provide your email details.