Dear Parents and Friends,

It is with great admiration and pride that I return to Townview State School from my recent long service leave. When I walked into the school on Tuesday morning I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging. My feelings were reaffirmed when completing my duty in the undercover area shortly after. It was great to see EVERY student in full school uniform and ready to learn. The sense of ownership and responsibility that is being adopted by our learners is amazing. Following my duty I then spent time visiting classrooms and commended our students on their commitment to being engaged learners who are ready to learn, achieve and be successful. As I reflect on our journey of embedding Townview Pride within our school, what we have achieved over the last 6 months is nothing short of remarkable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Yvette Phillips for leading the school during the last two weeks as Acting Principal, and Miss Tracey Stone for taking on the role of Acting Deputy Principal. I have no doubt that the school continued to move forward under their combined leadership. I wish to acknowledge their work in maintaining our strong commitment to ensuring curriculum delivery to every student, thus enabling them to be successful literate learners. Thank you both for your leadership and support of our students and staff. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a very special welcome to our new families.

As terms go this is a big one;

- Report cards will be issued at the end of the term. Reports will give parents and carers an indication of their child’s performance on curriculum assessment tasks covered in the first half of the year.
- The National Assessment Programme (NAPLAN) is conducted with students in Years 3 and 5.
- Trials for many of the sports that the North West region competes in are conducted and our school has our Athletics Carnival
- All this busyness happens amid a number of public holidays giving everyone three long weekends (one being for Mount Isa show day on the 17th June).

On top of these commitments there are also a lot of extra opportunities.

- We have already engaged in ANZAC commemorations and a whole school performance called “A Swag of Tails.”
- A number of Year 6 Students will be extending their experiences by being part of the Mount Isa Youth Parliament on the 1st June.
- Our P&C are running the Mothers’ Day Stall on the 5th and 6th May.

**ANZAC DAY**

On Friday 22nd April the school held our ANZAC Day service. ANZAC Day is a very important part of Australian culture and it is great opportunity to foster the “ANZAC spirit” within our students. Staff have discussed the positive interest that our students demonstrated during the formal proceeding and the mark of respect for what this day means to our society. I believe it was a wonderful school event and I would like to thank Miss Stone for organising the parade, the school leaders for playing an active role in the running of the parade and our guest speakers who delivered messages to our community. I would also like to comm-

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**Important Dates**

- 29th April - Book Club Orders Close
- 2nd May - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 5th May - Tuckshop Red Day
- 5th - 6th May - TVSS Mothers Day Stall
- 10th - 12th May - NAPLAN
end our students, staff and parents who attended the ANZAC Day march and service on Monday. The representation of the school community is an indication of the younger generations keeping the messages of ANZAC alive, messages of mateship, courage, sacrifice and resilience.

**NAPLAN**

On Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May, and Thursday 12th May, students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. The NAPLAN tests are a formal measure of how students are performing, however, it is important to remember that they are a point in time test and only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process. We expect that the test results will be sent to our school in September this year, and an individual NAPLAN report for each student will be sent home around this time. These confidential reports will show your child’s results against key national information in each year level. Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in our teaching programs. We will endeavour to make these tests as stress free and supportive for all students as possible. I have found that students take comfort in completing the tests together with their peers, so where possible, please try to ensure your child is present at school and on time for these tests. Students who are absent are required to sit makeup tests on Friday. Furthermore, ensuring your child is well rested from a good night’s sleep and has had a good breakfast each morning can assist with their concentration and help them to focus on tasks for longer periods of time which is very important with these assessments.

**BEFORE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS**

For the safety of all students I would like to remind our community that before school is not a playtime and all playgrounds are out of bounds at this time. While teachers are at school early in the morning, this is their preparation time and there are no formal duties before school. Students should not arrive at school before 8.00am and once they are here they are to sit under the covered area till 8.25am. At 8.25am students can move to their classroom areas to sit and wait for classes to start. Ball games, running around and using equipment etc are still not allowed during this time to prevent accidents from happening in unsupervised games.

**QSchools App and Communication**

I hope that by now you’ve been able to download the QSchools app to your Smartphone so that you have an easy way to keep up to date with any school notifications, newsletters and calendar events that get posted on our website. The ‘Important Dates’ section of the newsletter provide a quick summary of everything that is planned this term. This along with our Facebook page, website notifications and QSchool app will help parents know what’s happening at Townview State School. I would also encourage parents to update their contact details (form available from the office) to include their email address so that newsletters and, as all families come on board, school notes and class notes/letters can be emailed to ensure that information to parents is received in a timely manner. Please keep up the great job you do as parents in supporting your child’s learning – good sleep, nutritional meals, establishing routines, encouraging independence, giving positive feedback, providing a caring family environment, timely contact with teachers. Your job as a parent is incredibly important in helping your child be successful in school and in life.

**P & C Meeting**

Our school’s P & C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th May in the Resource Centre. The meeting begins at 6.00pm and everyone is encouraged to attend. The school P & C plays a vital role in the education at Townview State School. The committee is not just a fundraising body, it provides valuable advice and guidance to inform school decision making. The P&C meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

**Attendance Matters**

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students in maximising their potential. If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to advise the school and provide a reason for the absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note
- telephone the school
- visit the school.

Justified reasons for absences may include if the student:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is sick
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral).

Absences for reasons such as the following may not be justified:
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- shopping
- sleeping in
- minding younger siblings
- minor family events such as birthdays

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

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

Dear Families,

ANZAC Day
We held our annual ANZAC Day service on Friday 22nd April. Our guest of honour was Mr Peter Smith who told of his stories as a soldier during wartime. We thank Mr Smith for sharing his stories. During the week leading up to ANZAC Day, our Student Leaders were selling poppies, wrist bands and Australian flags. Congratulations to the Townview students and families on raising $190.00 for the Returned Services League (RSL). Our Student Leaders laid wreaths at both the Dawn and Morning service at the Mount Isa Civic Centre. We had 49 students, many families and staff attend both services representing Townview with Pride.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Have you noticed the positive vibe in the school? Our new PBL focus has seen a shift in our student’s behaviour choices. The first 2 weeks of this term we focused on Be Safe: Walk. Students and staff brainstormed in class, within cohorts and at Parade what Be Safe: Walk looks like, feels like and sounds like. Students seen walking were given tokens and once a student earned 20 Be Safe tokens they were rewarded with a Be Safe wristband. At the end of Week 1, 6 students received wristbands and at the end of Week 2, 56 students earned a wristband. Students wearing wrist bands are role models in the school. In Week 3, students can still earn Be Safe: Walk wristbands even as our focus shifts to Be Responsible: Be On Time. Again students will discuss what Be Responsible: Be on time looks likes, feels like and sounds likes in class, during cohort meetings and at Parade.

Student Council
Our Student Council will meet weekly this term. Our current focus is establishing a rewards program for our PBL focus. Student Councillors are discussing the reward
options for students who are part of the ‘Wrist Band Club’. The criteria to enter the ‘Wrist Band Club’ are students who have earned 3 wrist bands or are Student Councillors, Student Leaders or House Captains.

School Performance: A Swag of Tales
Recount by 3/4A Student Roman Body
On Wednesday, the whole school watched a show called “A Swag of Tales.” The actor, Henry, picked me and two other friends to join in the play. For my part, I got married and had three children in the 1800s. Us three had to put on olden day clothes to show what it was like back in time. I was also a goldminer and so was Jayden. My wife had to do all the hard house work. Before Henry picked me for the play, he had olden day toys that he made. The funniest toy was the one that punched you in the nose when you smelled the perfume. It was fun.

Sporting News
Congratulations to Charlette Crayford who has been nominated for the 12 years Presidents Rugby League team to complete at the State Championships.

District Cross Country
Mr Woods has been busy training our school cross country team in preparation for the District Carnival on Thursday 28th April. We wish all our athletes the best of luck.

AFL Clinic
Townview has been lucky to secure the services of Kieron, AFL Development Officer, to run an AFL clinic for students on Fridays at 1st break. The clinic will run over 3 weeks and students will learn and practise basic AFL skills.

Administration Day
We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contributions that Mrs Arnold, Mrs A and Mr Greg give each and every day to the Townview community. We thank them and acknowledge their amazing efforts.

P & C Mother’s Day Stall
Our P & C will be running a Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May 2016. Students can view the items on sale on Wednesday 4th to identify items that they think their Mother or significant female in their life would like. Students will be given a wish list to take home indicating the cost of gifts on their list. Students will have the opportunity to purchase items during scheduled class buying times.

Spinifex Gifted and Talented Program
Interested Year 6 students have been given a Spinifex Gifted and Talented application program. This application needs to be completed and signed by student’s class teacher before 6th May. Students can drop their applications to the Townview office or Spinifex State College office.

Have a fantastic fortnight,
Mrs Phillips
Hello to all of our Townview Families,

The days are flying by and I can't believe it is Week 3 already! I hope all of our TVSS students are working hard. The cooler weather has come so please ensure your child has a little extra lunch - the children seem to be hungrier this time of year. The Brown Bag system should be used to ensure your child gets what they want for lunch. We do not have extra hot food available at 2nd breaks. Our next RED DAY is Thursday 5th May - there will be softdrink, chocolates and lots of special treats available.

**Meal Deals**

Large Pie and Popper  
$5.00

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Reading is always rewarding when shared.

*MAY - NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH*

National Family Reading Month is designed to get more kids reading with their families. Family reading is one of the BEST ways to grow a child's interest in the wonderful world of books. 

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**Orders for Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club are due to be handed in Friday 29th - 9am sharp. Sorry no late orders can be accepted.**

Have you purchased a Townview pen, coffee mug or Golden Jubilee Recipe Book? Call into the library as we still have them for sale.

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**Chicken Chips w/Popper and Milo Cup**  
$4.00

Uniforms are available to purchase from the Tuckshop daily from 7:15am - 1:00pm.

- All shirts $30.00
- Skorts and shorts $20.00
- Bucket Hats $12.00
- Reversible Hats $16.00

Sorry, we do not carry winter uniforms.

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**Quote from Scholastic - MORE KIDS READING - KIDS READING MORE.**
Students of the Week - 18th April 2016

Prep A - Christian
Prep B - Cassidy-Rae Marshall
1/2A - Zarellzi Major
1/2B - Deegan Shute
1/2C - Lachlan Roberts
3/4A - Jahrell Sam
3/4B - Eiesha Simmons
3/4C - Kajarlee Kyle
5A - Lareese Ah-One
5B - Scott Henry
6A - Kyharma Solomon
6B - Levi Turuva

PE Award - John Vatuvei
SEP Award -
The Arts - Lachlan Roberts
Townview Spirit Award -

Class Attendance Winners

18th April 2016
3/4A