Dear Parents and Carers,

At Townview our priorities and Explicit Improvement Agenda is aimed at improving the reading outcomes of all students as well as attendance. The explicit teaching of reading to improve student achievement is pivotal in making a difference in every student’s life. Our staff are supported to ensure that the teaching of reading is sharp, narrow and consistent. As a school, we have been working closely on ensuring that ‘good first teaching’ is occurring in ALL classrooms and that our pedagogy is aligned against proven best practices.

Consistency in the delivery of teaching reading and continuity across all classrooms is evident within our school as all class teachers follow the same four-phase approach. These strategies include:

- Modelled
- Shared
- Guided
- Independent practices

Our Reading Pedagogy Policy explicitly details these practices and implantation of them in our classrooms. These practices strongly align to research that embraces this delivery model as ‘High Yield’ practice and directly correlates to the work of our pedagogical friend Dr Lynn Sharratt ‘Putting faces on the Data’.

High Expectations

As Principal, I maintain high expectations for our school. I believe that every student has the potential to learn and every teacher has the skills and resources to enable students to be successful. Learners can experience success in many forms, they may improve a reading level or achieve a learning goal or simply learn the alphabet or a counting sequence. Learning is an ongoing life long journey and we want to ensure that every student has the opportunity to feel proud of their own efforts and achievements with their learning. Can I please ask that as parents, you acknowledge the successes of your son or daughter no matter how big or small their success may be? Please work closely with us in monitoring your child’s achievements and recognising their efforts to do well at school. Your child’s education is their future and the future is in their hands so let us all celebrate the small achievements as well as the big.

Townview Pride

As a school, we have established a strong culture of Townview Pride and my high expectations are also resonated through this. I am extremely proud of our school and the work that is achieved both in and out of the classroom settings. In our last newsletter, I wrote about the community projects that have been completed in our grounds recently, but this week I want to discuss the pride we maintain in our school from the student’s perspectives. When I refer to Townview Pride, I want to clarify that I use the term in a broad sense in that I reflect upon what I/we see, hear, smell, touch and taste within our school. I consider:

- How does the school present itself, are the grounds maintained, is there litter on the ground, can we identify learning in the classrooms and active engagement, is the environment inviting to community, are students wearing the school uniform?

- What is the teaching and learning that is occurring in the classrooms, can I hear discussion and delivery of content that is at student levels, is the content meaningful to our learners, is there laughter in the playground, are students having fun?

Important Dates

31st July - District Athletics Carnival
5th August - Rodeo Parade
14th August - Interschool Sport
12th September - Golden Jubilee Fete
Principal’s News Continued...

Last week when I was on duty in the undercovered area before school, one of our cleaners asked if I could speak with the students to ensure the lids on garbage bins are securely closed to eliminate the spread of litter by the birds. When I addressed this with the students, they responded in a positive manner and I was happy to see this being addressed immediately as students assisted to put rubbish in the bins and close the lids after doing so. Later that day four students came to me to tell me that they had closed the lids to the bins because they didn’t want our school to be dirty. At this point I not only congratulated and thanked them for helping to keep the school clean, tidy and presentable but I also reflected on the “pride” that was being demonstrated by the students.

School Uniforms

One of the elements that I am going to concentrate on in the coming weeks is presentation. I care about our school perception and I believe you as parents also have a strong vested interest in our school as well. The way students come to school and present themselves can and does make a difference to their learning. It is a goal of mine to have 100% of students in full school uniform and to be proud of wearing our uniform because we should all celebrate being learners in our fantastic school. I will be discussing this more throughout the term and on assemblies with the students. If you do not have access to a Townview school uniform please come and see us.

End of School Day Procedures

Phone messages

Please remember that the school day concludes at 2:30pm. Recently we have been taking last minute calls from parents wishing to get a message to students. Our office staff work tirelessly to endeavour to get all messages to students, however, it is impossible to relay information to students at 2:30pm when they have already exited the classroom. Please be mindful that calls to the office at 2:30pm adds additional stress to our wonderful front office team and they are placed into an unpleasant situation when unable to get a message to a student. Can I please request that all messages to students at the end of the day be phoned through to the school before 2:15pm, as this will allow adequate time for the messages to be delivered to students and then allow students the opportunity to process any changes that may be required for the end of the day arrangements. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Pick up and Collection of students

Lately we have also had a number of students being collected well after 2:30pm. Please ensure that your child is collected from school at 2:30pm. When students are remaining in the office or waiting for collection after the bell, they become stressed and unsettled. In the event of an undue circumstance that may adversely affect your arrangements for collection, please inform the office so we can inform students of your intentions or change of plan.

Term 3 Staffing

At the beginning of the term we welcomed two new teachers to Townview and a new Guidance Officer. I would like to take this opportunity to officially introduce and welcome Tracey Levick, Peter Summersby and Matt McGrigor to the wonderful Townview team.

Welcome

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Tracey Levick who has come to us with a wealth of experience from South East Qld. Tracey will be in a support role until week 9 of this term when she will transition into Year 4B to replace Mrs Megan White who will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave. We also welcome Peter Summersby who also joined us at the beginning of the term and is also from South East Queensland. Mr Summersby has been shadowing Mrs Sarah Heal for the last two weeks getting to know the school and the students, building relationships, identifying with school routines and procedures and observing the daily teaching and learning program in preparation to replace Mrs Heal in 5/6A.

Guidance Officer

We extend a very warm welcome to Matt McGrigor who has joined us as our Guidance Officer. Matt will be in the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and he can be contacted through the school office.

Farewell

On Friday last week we sadly farewelled Mrs Sarah Heal who has left us to begin her maternity leave. Mrs Heal is excited about the long awaited arrival of her expected new family member and we wish her and her husband Mathew the very best for this new chapter in their lives.

The Arts

Last week 35 of our students went to the Civic Centre to view the performances and witnessed the talents of “Emma Pask and The John Morrison Trio”. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students and we were very fortunate for them to be able to attend such a special event. A big thankyou to Miss Fisher, Mrs Heal and Mr Colin for supporting our students on this excursion and an extra big thankyou to Workpac and ZPH for providing the transport and assisting us to get them there. Again my reflection of Townview Pride shone brightly as I was extremely proud of the students that attended this excursion. On their return to school, feedback was provided.
to me from a number of participants that attended the show expressing acknowledgment and congratulations to the school, staff and especially the students for their exceptional engagement and behaviour at the event.

**Choir**
This term we are re-launching our Townview Choir. The choir will be open to students from Years 3-6 and will be facilitated by Miss Fisher. If your son or daughter are interested in joining the choir, please contact Miss Fisher and she will be more than happy to assist.

**Sport**
A big congratulations to Amarah Body in Year 5/6B for making the North West girls soccer team. Amarah went to Brisbane last week to represent the North West region at the Qld State Trials which is a major achievement. Well done Amarah we are all so very proud of you - congratulations!

**Attendance**
As indicated on page one of this newsletter, attendance is a priority for our school Explicit Improvement Agenda. Attendance at school is pivotal to student success. Every day missed of school is a significant loss of opportunity. We are committed to closing the gap and to do this we need ALL students to be at school learning. This term we have consciously altered our attendance rewards day program. Students who have 100% attendance will be eligible for the end of term attendance rewards day. We will no longer be considering doctors/dental appointments or late days as acceptable for attendance rewards. We have implemented this, as we are serious about improving the education for ALL students. Please work with us and ensure your child/ren are at school by 8:30am EVERYDAY.

Our attendance level has been dropping considerably and this is a major concern to me. I want every child to be successful and have opportunities later in life…it is now that these opportunities need to be in the forefront of our minds. As Johnathan Thurston advocates: “One day of missing training can mean a day on the bench...one day of missing school can mean a lifetime of missed opportunities.” In this newsletter I have shared our schools daily absence rate as well as the attendance percentage. As you can see the absence rate is 19.6%, which equates to nearly 20% of students. As the data below indicates, we are in the red zone for both attendance and absence. PLEASE ensure students are attending learning as THE FUTURE IS IN THEIR HANDS.

Our individual year level attendance for this term is:

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Whole School Attendance 80.4%

Daily Absence Rate 19.6%

Townview is a SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE school environment.

Kindest Regards
Loretta
Acting Deputy’s News

Hello everyone!

We have had a busy start to the term and it is great to see everyone back at school, following our school rules and jumping straight back into learning. As a staff our curriculum work is centred around the further development and continual improvement of how we teach our students. We regularly review and critique our classroom practices to align with current research and to inspire students to be the best they can daily.

I often have the pleasure of students visiting me to share their educational milestone to get recognition and encouragement for achieving their personal bests in various aspects of their school life, particularly reading and writing. It is always so heartening to see their smiles and the immense pride and pleasure they have in themselves when they make progress and achieve their goals. All too often we can become disheartened when we look at the level we are currently at if it is not where we want to be, however, I think it is extremely important that we take the time to look at how far we’ve come, and feel proud of the progress we’ve made along the way. This week I’d like to congratulate all our students who are working hard to achieve their personal best. I’d also like to share some fantastic writing that was presented to me by a student in Prep, Adrian Blom. Well done Adrian!

National Tree Day
Townview State School is proud to have contributed to National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day last Thursday 23rd July. This year more than 1.3 million trees were planted during the event by thousands of individuals, schools, communities and councils. Our student councilors did a great job in planting a variety of native trees around our Cultural Garden, further enhancing this beautiful area in our school. A huge thank you goes to Bunnings and the Mt Isa Garden Centre for their generous donation of plants. Thank you to our wonderful groundsman, Mr Greg, who ensured the plants had a healthy start and that they will continue to thrive in our Cultural Garden. Mr Colin was also on hand to assist the students with planting.

Rodeo News

Parade - Next Wednesday 5th August at 8.45am we will be having our Rodeo Parade. Special guests including the Rodeo Queen Quest Entrants, Big Al (Rodeo Clown), Chainsaw and Blondie (Isa Bull and Bronc Mascots) and Darryl Chong (McDonalds Sponsored Champion Athlete) will be visiting. We will also be having a competition for the best dressed students in Years P-3 and 4-6 categories. We would love to see you there in your best rodeo getup!

Mardi Gras

Once again the Mardi Gras Parade will be a major feature of this year’s Rodeo and Townview will be entering a float to join in the celebration. The theme is “It’s Showtime” which acknowledges the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Mount Isa Theatrical Society. A note will be sent home early next week with further information about student participation in the Mardi Gras Parade.

District Athletics Carnival

This Friday 31st July, 34 students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be competing at the District Athletics Carnival. I would like to wish our selected students the best of luck in their events.
Acting Deputy’s News Continued...

Attendance - Every Day Counts

I would like to remind parents of the importance of students attending school every day. Well done to Year 3 who had the highest attendance rate last week. For students to gain the most from their schooling they should be attending school all day, every day. If your child misses one day per fortnight it equals 20 days per year. This equals 4 weeks of school and over 13 years of schooling your child misses nearly 1½ years of school.

Each parent/carer of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends school on every school day. As a guide, activities such as shopping, haircuts, visiting family and friends, or tiredness are not acceptable reasons for student absences. You are welcome to talk to your child’s class teacher, or to admin, if you need additional support or would like some ideas on how to help get your child to school. The school is only too willing to work with parents to ensure that all students are learning at school every day. You can also visit the Everyday Counts website for further information www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Our attendance statistics for the last week are:

- Prep – 83%
- Year 1 – 74.8%
- Year 2 – 83.8%
- Year 3 – 84.4%
- Year 4 – 76.1%
- Year 5 – 81.2%

Just a reminder, to qualify for the Attendance Fun Day students must meet the following criteria.

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100% attendance means being at school 100% of the time. Let’s work together to improve our attendance, reach our goal of 93%, and provide the best possible chance of success for all our students!

Have a fantastic fortnight everyone,

Mrs Leyden
Acting Deputy Principal

Last week we held a very special morning tea to thank our amazing Working Bee team. The “Prep Working Bee Cupcake Morning Tea” was catered by our own wonderful Tuckshop ladies who lovingly baked a delicious selection of cupcakes to choose from.
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

Issue 5 Scholastic Book Club orders have been placed and will be handed out to the children upon arrival Wednesday August 5th.

It will not be long before Issue 6 arrives for distribution Week 6 - Monday 20th August.

We trust that your children enjoy their purchases and your support of all Clubs is appreciated.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all our Townview Families,

Beautiful weather we are enjoying at present and we hope it keeps up for our big Rodeo weekend.

A special thank you to our lovely P & C members for dressing up our Tuckshop. Job well done Ladies! Thank you also to our wonderful Tuckshop staff who do such a wonderful job.

Meal Deal

2 small pies and Popper
$4.00

Chicken Chips w/ flavoured milk and Milo Cup
$5.00

Don’t forget we have school uniforms for sale at the Tuckshop - purchases can be made every morning.
Students of the Week - 20th July 2015

Prep A - Brooke Ryan
Prep B - Toby Cox
1/2A - Mia Badman
1/2B - Jayden Lewis
1/2C - Lyle Major
3A - Leroy Ah Fat
3B - Hunter Clewes
4A - Josiah Sam
4B - Tara Matheson/Sean Wheeler
5/6A - Hunter Watson
5/6B - James O’Keefe
5/6C - Jamal Major

PE Award - Roman Body
SEP Award - Scott Henry
The Arts - Hunter Clewes
Townview Spirit Award - Latiah Richardson and Eiesha Simmons

Students of the Week - 27th July 2015

Prep A - Anare Sanderson
Prep B - Clancy Donovan
1/2A - Lachlan Roberts
1/2B - Khian Coughlin
1/2C - Joshua Tommy
3A - Joshua Archie
3B - Kalinda Donaldson-Stevens
4A - Shanaya Punch
4B - Kelly
5/6A - Fay
5/6B - Bridget Woods
5/6C - Ryan Fray

PE Award - Joshua Tommy
SEP Award - Shannon Smith
The Arts - Toby Cox
Townview Spirit Award - Harmony Minniecon and Maddison Hull
Class Attendance Winners

16/07/15  Kathleen Coggan  3B
Lareese Ah-One  4B
17/07/15  Johnathan Percy  1/2B
Levei Pouesi  5/6A
20/07/15  Skye Mahoney  Prep B
Amarah Body  5/6B
21/07/15  Zartiesha Harley  1/2B
Harmony Bennett  5/6A
22/07/15  Thelma George  1/2C
Azalea-Leigh Wiki-Ormond  4A
23/07/15  Lea-andra Mamoose  Prep A
Anika Cats  5/6C
24/07/15  Seth James  3A
Shanaya Punch  4A
27/07/15  Danielle Pitt  1/2A
Liarni Parsons  4B

Reading for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners

20th July 2015
4A

27th July 2015
3A
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE:
Townview State School’s 50th Birthday
Saturday 12th September 5.00pm - 9.00pm
64 - 72 Clarke Street
Mooroolbark, Vic 3138

It’s back!
Woolworths earn & learn

We’re thrilled to invite you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.