Dear Parents and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly half way through Term 2 and there are just over 6 school weeks left in the term. Already this year we have achieved so much.

Undercover Fans
It was with great excitement that our school observed the installation of our wonderful new fans in the undercover area last week. This project has been a focus for our P&C for the past 18 months, and it is an absolute rewarding experience to see a goal strived for and achieved. I know the fans will be beneficial for our whole school community, and in summer we will be definitely appreciative of them. I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their generous support of fund-raising activities, that has allowed us to purchase these wonderful resources.

Newsletter Communication
As of Term 4, Townview State School will be moving to an email system for circulation of our school newsletters. This is to reduce the use of paper, time and to improve our current practices. The savings go well beyond reducing the amount of paper used, by facilitating a positive environmental impact. In our modern technological age, email has been identified as a preferred option of communication. We will be transitioning into email throughout Term 3 and as of Term 4, all newsletters will be sent electronically. If parents wish to receive paper copies of the newsletter you will be required to call into the school office to collect a copy. Can I please ask that all parents provide current email addresses to the school office to support us in this transition time?

Winter Uniforms
Our students look amazing in their uniforms. With the change of weather I would like to encourage parents to begin to consider transitioning into our winter clothing. Throughout the winter months all students are required to wear maroon long sleeve jumpers and jackets and maroon long pants. Your support in sending your child to school in full school uniform is appreciated. A REMINDER TO PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING.

World P&C Day
Friday 13th May is our school’s P&C Day. This day is a chance for us all to recognise the contribution made by the hardworking volunteers on our P&C Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the parents, carers, staff and community members who give up their time by being active members of the P&C. Our P&C really make a difference for the students at our school. A “Thank You” morning tea will be held on Friday 13th May at 9.30am in the kitchen.

National Sorry Day
National Sorry Day is on Thursday 26th May. It is held annually to remember and recognise the devastating effect the past removal of children continues to have on the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population. The National Sorry Day Committee has developed a website that provides teachers and community members with further information on how they can acknowledge National Sorry Day (http://www.nsdc.org.au).

NAPLAN
I was so impressed with the way our Year 3 and 5 parents, teachers and students embraced and participated in the National Assessment Programme for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing this week. We will now wait to review the student’s results in the coming months. Thank you all for ensuring our students were calm and relaxed to engage in the testing at an optimum level.

Important Dates
13th May - P & C Free Dress Day
20th May - Walk to School Day
26th May - TVSS School Disco
Principal’s News Continued...

Music Eisteddfod
Next week some our students will be performing in the Mount Isa Eisteddfod. This year marks the 50th Anniversary for the Eisteddfod and I wish our students the best of luck for their performances.

Attendance
Every day at school is precious learning time and for continuity in learning children need to be attending school every day, unless genuine reasons exist for them to remain at home. There is an abundance of research that shows there is a direct link between attendance and academic achievement. In all the years I have analysed student achievement results, I have found that the majority of children who struggle to achieve academically often have irregular attendance records. I strongly urge all parents and carers to continue to ensure your children attend school every day.

School Improvement Review
Last term our school participated in the National School Improvement Review. We have recently received our report from this process and it has identified many strengths for us as a school. The feedback that we have been provided will be used to develop the School Plan which is a document that is developed to set goals and targets over a four year period. It is pleasing to have our work confirmed and acknowledged and I look forward to our continued journey to move the school forward in the future.

P&C Meeting
Please be advised that a change to the date of our next P&C meeting has been made. The meeting will now take place on Wednesday 15th June 2016, commencing at 6:00pm.

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

Our Attendance Thermometer is currently 11.4% off our 95% target.
Hello everyone,

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Our PBL focus for Week 5 and 6 is Be Responsible: Be an engaged learner. Students and staff brainstormed in class, within cohorts and at Parade what Be Responsible: Be an engaged learner looks like, feels like and sounds like. To earn a token students need to:
- be engaged and participate in classroom activities and learning
- engage in discussions in whole class and group work
- do the activity the first time, everytime.

Sporting News
This term is packed with opportunities for our students to display their exceptional sporting abilities. The rugby league and netball teams have now been selected and students have started training. The Interschool Carnivals will be held on Friday 3rd June and Monday 6th June. We wish our students the best of luck in these competitions!

Mount Isa Teams
Congratulations to Amarah Body and Breana Mothe who have been selected in the Mount Isa Touch Football team to compete in the North West Queensland trials in Cloncurry. Good luck girls!

North West Selection
Congratulations to Amarah Body who was selected in the North West Queensland Netball team to compete at the Queensland Championships in June. Congratulations Amarah!

District Cross Country
Congratulations to our district Cross Country team who displayed exceptional sportsmanship at the District Carnival held at Happy Valley State School. The following students represented Townview:
10 years: Tisharn Koorabubba (3rd), Halle Donovan (7th), Ethel Seaton, Jayden Berry (15th), Clayton Malseed (10th) and Jamaron Mothe (11th)
11 years: Kelly Dalton, Adi-Anna Doyle, Dominick Roberts
12 years: Amarah Body (1st), Fay Dalton (3rd), Kathleen Farrelly (4th) and Craig Williams

Townview came 3rd overall. Well done to the team and Mr Woods. Our 12 years girls team came 1st in their age group.

Walk Safely to School Day
Parents and primary school children are encouraged to lace up their shoes and take part in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 20th May. An initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia, the annual, national event encourages parents and children to build regular walking into their daily routine. We’re asking our parents and students to get up early on Walk Safely to School Day and join thousands of other Australians walking all, or part of the way to school. It is planned for our students to meet at Apex Park on the corner of Templeton Street and Store Lane and walk to school with their teachers. For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way with your child? Walk Safely to School Day promotes the important message that Active Kids are Healthy Kids. Regular walking makes you feel better, is good for the environment and reduces traffic congestion around the school. For more information visit the Walk Safely to School website at www.walk.com.au.

Under 8’s Day
Mark the 25th May in your diaries and come along to Townview to celebrate Under 8’s day! The 2016 theme is “Early Learning, Everyone Benefits; Queensland Celebrating 60 years of Under Eights week.” The day will begin at 9:00am and conclude at 10:30am. Hope to see you there!

Have a great fortnight!

Mrs Phillips
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patti

Book Club orders should be finalised and handed to the children on Friday May 13th. For future Book Club orders, please ensure that they are in early, as we have had several disappointed children whose orders arrived will after 9am on the closing day.

Look forward to Issue 5 Book Club which will be distributed at the end of May. More to follow in the next newsletter.

Overdue books are still a problem and any assistance you can give by reminding children to return their library books would be appreciated.

Enjoy time READING with your children, as all time spent is beneficial in so many ways.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all our Townview Families,

I hope that all the mothers were really spoilt last Sunday. This Friday, the 13th May, is P&C Day, so a very big thank you to all our P&C members. They go out of their way to help our school in many ways.

Another thank you to my wonderful ladies who help in the Tuckshop - they volunteer extra hours to help our school as well.

**Meal Deals**

- **Chicken Chips/Flavoured Milk w/ Smiths Chips**
  - $5.00
- **Hot Dog w/ Popper**
  - $4.00

Uniforms are available for purchase from the Tuckshop.

*Next School Disco - Thursday 26th May.*
Students of the Week - 9th May 2016

Prep A - Akeira-lee Troxell  
Prep B - Hunwayne Ned  
1/2A - Kahdeisha Kyle  
1/2B - Issac Holmes  
1/2C - Amber Doran  
3/4A - Kathleen Coggan  
3/4B - Peake Ryan  
3/4C - Tristin Doyle  
5A - Kevin Kyle  
5B - Ethel Seaton  
6A - Cody Clair  
6B - Amarah Body

PE Award - Jai Body  
SEP Award - Troy Mayers  
The Arts - Germane Doyle  
Townview Spirit Award - Akeira-lee Troxell and Ramiah Booth

Class Attendance Winners

3rd May 2016 and 9th May 2016  
5B
Hello Townview School Community,

Looking Deadly…. Loud and Proud!
It was GREAT to see all students showing Townview Team Spirit by wearing their uniforms. You look so DEADLY walking around the school. To be in your school uniforms is showing how PROUD and LOUD you are about attending Townview with a great attitude to learning and achieving.

NAIDOC Celebrations
We will be busy planning NAIDOC activities over the next couple of weeks. Townview State School will be celebrating NAIDOC on Wednesday the 22nd of June. A parade and many activities will be held on that day for students and their families to participate in. The 2016 National NAIDOC theme is Songlines: The Living Narrative of our Nation. Songlines have been passed down for thousands of years and are central to the existence of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. These Songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and art. They carry significant spiritual and cultural connection to knowledge, customs, ceremony and Lore of many Aboriginal nations and Torres Strait Islander language groups.

Attendance Matters
Regular attendance at school is essential to assist your child to achieve their learning goals. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact myself or the school to discuss these concerns.

Hearing Team
The Hearing Health team will be at Townview from the 23rd - 27th of May, screening and reviewing students. Please contact the school if you would like to confirm if your child will be screened or reviewed.

Townview Team Spirit Award
Congratulations to Akeira-lee Troxell in Prep A and Ramiah Booth in 3/4C, who are showing great Townview Team Spirit. I will be looking out for students who are following our school rules - Be Safe - Be Responsible - Be Respectful. So try your best at school, have high attendance and it could be you receiving the Townview Team Spirit Award next week or the week after!

Yarn Time
Parents and Carers you are invited to come and join us in the kitchen after parade this coming Monday morning 23rd of May 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.

Please come to see me, or contact me at school if I can help and support you in anyway with concerns or issues here at Townview. I am looking forward to working with parents, students and staff to support and provide the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

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

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor
District Cross Country