I am continuously blown away by the efforts of our community and our P&C Members. Last week we enjoyed many activities and festivities that the Rodeo brought to town. Our school entered the competition for decorating an area of the school as well as the Rodeo float on Friday night. Participation in these events does not occur without the help and support of our community members. I am pleased to announce that we won ‘GRAND CHAMPION’ for the decorating of the school space (tuckshop) as well as Most Colourful Float in the parade on Friday night. A big congratulations to all that is involved in making this occur for our students and our school.

NAPLAN
Families of our Year 3 and 5 students should have received their child’s individual 2015 NAPLAN reports this week. These reports give a snapshot of how students’ performed against the national average on each strand of the test. The Leadership Team have closely analysed the data and we are pleased that the school’s results have shown a pleasing improvement from our 2014 data in a number of the strands assessed in the NAPLAN tests.

Reading
Reading still remains a prime focus in our school and our Literacy coach has been working with staff and students around improved reading decoding and comprehension. This improvement is clearly evident in our NAPLAN Reading results where our students have achieved at National Levels in Year 3 and Above National Levels in Year 5. I would like for us to continue the focus on the importance of reading and what you as a parent can do if your child avoids reading. WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOUR CHILD AVOIDS READING? Remember that each child is an individual and there comparisons between your own children. Each one of us learnt to walk and talk in our own time, so it is with learning to read. Children who dislike reading are generally those who are having difficulty with the task. They develop avoidance strategies to delay the activity. At home they will want to go to the toilet, or they’ll be hungry, thirsty, tired, hot, cold, itchy or feeling unwell. Many children use television or other homework as an excuse. They even use other chores to avoid reading. For many families, reading time can swiftly become battle time. Try these strategies to help the struggling or reluctant reader at home:

• Make reading time short, frequent, enjoyable and unavoidable. Draw up a contract with your child which includes dates, times and durations. Begin with 5 minutes a day, 5 times a week. Make sure you discuss the purpose of the contract and reassure them that you want to help and support them. Children need to know that adults sometimes avoid doing things they don’t like, but learning to read is far too important to ignore.

• Try the ‘I read, you read, we read’ approach. When it is your turn to read, make sure you read with enthusiasm and expression so that your child sees it as a fun activity. Encourage your child to follow the words with their finger if it helps. You set

Important Dates

14th August - Interschool Sport
17th August - Issue 6 Book Club
24th August - Children’s Book Week
12th September - Golden Jubilee Fete
19th October - Pupil Free Day
Principal’s News Continued...

the pace when you read with your child and this will help to develop confidence. When it is their turn to read be firm and encouraging, praising their efforts and rewarding persistence.

• The parrot approach is a structured way of helping your child learn to read. You read a sentence or phrase and ask them to repeat it. Keep up this ‘my turn, your turn’ method throughout the book and continue until they reach a point where they want to read it to you.

• Be confident that your child will learn to read, but remember that everyone learns to read at a different pace. Talk to them about being patient and persistent and let them know that it will eventually happen. The single most important thing you can do to help your child is to READ TO AND WITH him or her regularly.

EARLY YEARS AND ORAL LANGUAGE:
3a ABECEDARIAN
The Abecedarian Approach Australia, 3a, is a set of strong teaching and learning strategies (Ramey, Sparling & Ramey, 2012). It is not a curriculum, but it can be used within many existing curricula with a focus on language — a commitment to make every experience an opportunity for talking, listening and learning language.

Enriched Caregiving: intentionally adding educational content to the daily, repeated routines of care.

Conversational Reading: individual and pair reading that emphasises back and forth communications.

Learning Games: 200 experiences or games played between an adult and one or two children.

The 3a Abecedarian Approach (Australia) is based on the 30 year longitudinal studies of Professor Joseph Sparling. The ultimate goal of this educational approach is to create positive outcomes for children in areas such as intellectual, social-emotional, and language development, and school readiness.

QSchools app
I would like to encourage parents and carers to download the QSchools app and make Townview State School your favourite school. Newsletters and news stories that are uploaded on to Townview’s website will then be “pushed” directly to you as soon as they are uploaded. This is a great way to keep up to date with school news and upcoming events.

Congratulations Miss Dixie,
Our very own Miss Dixie has participated in Professional Development in 3a Abecedarian training over a period of weeks this term. It has been a long learning journey and this week Miss Dixie graduated and received her certificate of competency.

Our goal is to implement the Abecedarian oral language as a key component of the teaching and learning that occurs in the Piccaninny playgroup. Data is informing us that our students are at great risk of increasing the gap as they are coming to school with limited skills in speaking and using language ineffectively in their learning. There are many things that parents can do to assist us with encouraging our little ones to use language effectively and to increase their skills at home. Activities such as reading and allowing your child to re-read with you, singing Nursery Rhymes and stories and engaging in conversation is just a small example. We hope to Close the Gap in students learning by implementing the Abecedarian program in conjunction with our strong focus on English as Additional Language Dialect (EAL/D).
Principal’s News Continued...

Importance Notice
I wish to advise that our school has been notified that an electricity outage will take place on Friday 14th August from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

- Students are required to bring a FULL packed lunch with ice packs if food is to be kept cool as there will be no fridges
- Students will require food for the entire day (both breaks)
- Tuckshop will be closed
- We will be using the brass bell in lieu of the automated bell
- Teachers will be adjusting lessons and pedagogy to deliver Curriculum content without the use of computers or smartboards
- Curtains in classrooms will be pulled back to allow sufficient lighting into the learning space

Thank you for your support in assisting us with this altered program.

At Townview we are:
RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE
Yours in Quality Education
Loretta White

ATTENDANCE
Our attendance is continuing to take a downward trend. Please ensure your children are at school EVERYDAY.
We are aiming for 93% attendance and at the moment we are 13% below our target. Students must be at school to allow them the best opportunity to be successful learners.

THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

Whole School

Attendance Rate

80.3%

Woolworths EARN AND LEARN

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You’ll receive one sticker for every $10 spent.
Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box that we have in the office at Townview State School or at your local woolies to earn valuable resources for our school.

ABSSENT FROM SCHOOL
(Don’t let it be Unexplained)
Ph: 4745 4444
Phone or leave a message!
Drop by the office or send a note!
Hello everyone,

It has been another busy fortnight at Townview State School with lots of exciting things happening around the school, in the classrooms and in the community. I would like to reiterate the importance of attendance and ask that you continue to support us to deliver the message “Every Day Counts”.

Celebrating Language Diversity at Townview State School

Many of our students come from diverse family, cultural and language backgrounds, and come to school speaking home languages other than Standard Australian English (SAE). At Townview State School we recognise and celebrate the differences that each student brings, particularly their varied language backgrounds.

The language a child acquires is primarily dependent on the languages spoken by their caregivers when they are very young. Although some children acquire SAE as their first language, the first language of others may be a language or dialect other than SAE, regardless of where they live. Learners of English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) are students who speak home languages, and/or use lingo, other than Standard Australian English.

EAL/D students come from diverse multilingual backgrounds and may include:

- Overseas- or Australian-born students whose first language is a language other than English.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students whose first language is an Indigenous language, including traditional languages (languages that originated prior to European colonisation), creoles and related varieties (new languages formed since colonisation), or Aboriginal English (dialects of English).

At Townview we are working hard to identify and acknowledge the differences in language our students have. Proficiency in the English language is necessary to successfully access the curriculum and by assisting us in recognising the valuable linguistic and cultural resources your child brings, can support us in providing the best possible learning opportunities for your child. Please help us in this process by informing administration if your child speaks another language at home - we would love to celebrate this great skill in our classrooms!

Social Skill – Resilience

Every fortnight we focus on teaching our students a social skill to assist them to deal with issues that may arise in their day to day lives. This fortnight our focus has been on the skill resilience. Resilience is a person’s ability to cope with living in spite of stresses. We cannot always prevent things going wrong for our children, but we can help them build strengths so that they are more able to successfully face challenges and setbacks. Some people not only face and overcome a difficult situation; they can even be strengthened by it. This week Jayden, Kathleen, Trenyce, Arjana and Tanisha, in 5/6C, did a wonderful presentation on Parade to help us all understand more about resilience. Here is the wonderful acrostic poem they created:

**R –** resilience is getting back up when you fall.
**E –** effort makes a difference.
**S –** successful people are resilient, they don’t give up when things get hard.
**I –** if you fail try again.
**L –** little steps towards big success.
**I –** ignore others who distract or annoy you.
**E –** energy to keep going.
**N –** never give up.
**C –** champions are resilient.
**E –** everyone can be resilient.

Special Events – Rodeo

Over the past week we have had many exciting events happening around school coinciding with Mount Isa’s Rodeo. Last Wednesday we had our Dress-Up Parade in which Big Al, Blondie, Chainsaw and the Rodeo Queen entrants came to visit. It was fantastic to see so many students and staff members dressed up and enjoying the festivities.

A huge thank you to our P&C committee who out did themselves yet again in decorating our school tuckshop and float as part of the Rodeo competitions. I’m sure anyone who saw these displays would agree that the committee did an outstanding job, taking out grand champions for the best venue display and most colourful award for the float – well done, Team Townview!

Sporting News

This Friday our AFL and Softball teams will compete
Acting Deputy’s News Continued…

Rodeo Fun at our special Rodeo Parade

against other schools in Mount Isa. We wish all our students the very best of luck and know you will do our school proud regardless of the score at the end of the day.

Book Week Competition
Every year books and Australian authors and illustrators are celebrated by schools and libraries, as part of Book Week, to highlight the importance of reading. At Townview students from Prep to Year 6 have been working hard on getting their entries ready as part of the Book Week Competition, which is due this Friday.

Students in Prep – Year 2 read the book “Snail and Turtle and Friends,” written and illustrated by Stephen Michael King, and had to design a shell of a turtle symbolising the differences of friends.

Students in Years 3 & 4 read and discussed the book “The Cleo Stories – The Necklace and the Present” written by Libby Gleeson, and had to create a design showing a person/people who is/are special in their lives.

Students in Years 5 & 6 thought about their favourite books and/or movies that have been made based on a book, and had to create a design depicting their ideas.

Talk to your child/children about the books they have read this week. “Books are uniquely portable magic”

Stephen King.

Have a great fortnight,

Bianca Leyden
Acting Deputy Principal

Yarning Circle Recount - by Josephine and Jovanna 1/2C

This afternoon 1/2C went to the Yarning Circle. We went to the Yarning Circle because we were asking Miss Dixie some questions. All of us had fun. It was fun because we got to learn about the Yarning circle and the plants. At the Yarning Circle we sat in a circle and we were listening to Miss Dixie. At the Yarning Circle we also learnt about plants and how they give us medicine, flour and food. At the Yarning Circle we had our pirate hooks. We had the pirate hooks because our questions were written on them. We have lots more questions to ask Miss Dixie next time we visit the Yarning Circle. We are looking forward to going back to Yarning Circle!!! Miss Dixie said TOWNVIEW ROCKS!!!
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

Issue 6 Scholastic Book Club will be handed to the children on MONDAY AUGUST 17th. Closing date FRIDAY AUGUST 21st 9am SHARP. Sorry no late orders can be accepted.

Please hand completed orders along with the correct money, if possible, with your child’s name and grade clearly marked on the outside of an envelope to the office ladies for collection by the library. Thank you once again for supporting Book Club.

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK
“BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”
Monday 24th - Friday 28th August

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, Australian authors and illustrators. This is an important week, as a panel of educators look at material from different fields and then chose books for the short list and finally announce the overall winners on Friday August 21st. Mount Isa Library Network celebrate this week by organising competitions from one or two of the shortlisted books to highlight the importance of reading. Our entries are judged and prizes handed out on parade Monday 24th August. These along with other entries from the District, are taken to the City Library to be judged and displayed for Children’s Book Week.

During this week take the time to visit the City Library to see the great display of children’s work.

“Books Light up our World” in many different ways, they empower us, entertain us and help us to grow as human beings. Why not enjoy a GOOD BOOK today.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all our Townview State School families,

Busy, busy week we have had at our school. Being Rodeo week, there were lots of happenings! Well done to our lovely P & C ladies for making our school Tuckshop the “Grand Champion Display” this year.

Meal Deals

Hot Dog w/ Slushie or flavoured milk
$5.00

Chicken Chips w/ Popper and Icey Stick
$4.00

Thank you to all students, teachers, parents and ladies in the Tuckshop for making our Tuckshop so wonderful!

Don’t forget that uniforms can be purchased each morning from the Tuckshop.
Students of the Week - 3rd August 2015

Prep A - Adrian Blom
Prep B - Cyrus Maher
1/2A - Deeyahali Marsh
1/2B - Jozie Parkes
1/2C - Mitchell Barlow
3A - Whitney Turuva
3B - Eiesha Simmons
4A - Shadiamond Nemo
4B - Phoenix McMillan
5/6A - Levi Turuva
5/6B - Caleb Cadman
5/6C - Gracelyn Doolan

PE Award - Lulu Morley
SEP Award - Tamara Page
The Arts - Isabella Turuva
Townview Spirit Award - Gracelyn Doolan and Sarah Tydd

Students of the Week - 10th August 2015

Prep A - Cooper Scobie
Prep B - Rosa Kerr
1/2A - Wyatt Apps
1/2B - Lebron Wiki-Ormond
1/2C - Denzel Body
3A - Owen Tuqiri-Onasu
3B - Audrey Eussen
4A - Brooke Body
4B - Dakotah Armstrong
5/6A - Levei Pouesi
5/6B - Shanyse Body
5/6C - Marie Mason

PE Award - Derek Walden
SEP Award -
The Arts - Jorja Nyrhinen
Townview Spirit Award -
Class Attendance Winners

3rd August 2015
3A

10th August 2015
4B

Reading for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners

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Townview State School Mardi Gras Fun
Townview State School Golden Jubilee Fete
12th September 2015
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Entry via Kookaburra Street

- FOOD
- DRINKS
- STALLS
- GAMES
- PRIZES

- Entertainment
- Time Capsule Opening
- Eating Contests

- Cent Sale
- Glow Sticks
- Lucky Dips
- Jumping Castles
- Face Painting
- Fun, Fun, Fun

THE BIG FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK TOUR 2015!

The Mount Isa City Library presents Sigig UVA at the Civic Centre! The kids' show event for children aged 7-11 years. Tickets are available at the Civic Centre.
Monday, 31st August 2015
Two sessions available, from 10:30am or 12:00pm.
For bookings or information, please contact the Civic Centre on 07 4747 3333.