Dear Parents and Friends,

It has been a very busy start to the year with our Day 8 restructure, the formation of our three Year 3/4 classes, our Whole School Review in Week 5 and a recent visit from Selwyn Button, Assistant Director-General – Indigenous Education, on Monday 29th February (Week 6). It was an absolute privilege to have Selwyn request to visit Townview. This occurred due our hard work being acknowledged and being recognised as a school that is achieving some great results with our students.

Even with all of this occurring throughout the last two weeks, it is great to see the school so settled and the active learning that is taking place in all of our classrooms. This school is a great place to be and I credit this to the hard work and effort that each and every one of our teachers, parents and community bring through the gate every day.

All of our students, including our 37 Prep Year students along with our many ‘new’ students in Years 1 to 6 are settled and focused on making learning a priority. Our teachers are currently assessing student PM reading data for our short term data conversations next week and I am keen to see the distance travelled for our students with their reading achievement. We have set targets and benchmarks for reading and I am looking forward to analysing our progression from Prep to Year 6.

New Staff
This week we welcome two new comers to our Townview team. Our new Chaplain (Les van Lelyveld) begins working with us and will be onsite every Thursday and Friday as a support for students, staff, parents and families. I have included information regarding the chaplain role with this newsletter to provide more information regarding his position in the school. Our second new addition is Mrs Annette Moes who will be working in a new role as a ‘Success Coach’ until the end of Semester One. Annette will be working closely with us in driving our Attend And Achieve program, student engagement and attendance. I am looking forward to working with Chappie Les and Annette and feel fortunate to have their skills in our school. Please assist us to welcome both Annette and Les to Townview.

Townview Pride
Last week we inducted our school leaders and I am very excited to have such a passionate group of students leading our school this year. At our induction I spoke to the students about leading Townview as role models and with Townview Pride. I can already see this resonating with our leaders as they pave the way by modelling the correct wearing of the school uniform and the way in which they address, meet and greet visitors to our school.

2016 Focus and Annual Implementation Plan
Each year state schools develop their Annual Implementation Plan that sets out what the explicit improvement focus is for the year. This year at Townview State School, we are keeping a tight focus on READING. From Prep to Year 6 we will continue to embed a consistent approach to teaching the reading and writing demands of the Australian Curriculum. Teachers are tracking students’ reading data with teacher aides supporting the teaching of reading strategies.

Oral Language Parent Workshops
To assist us to move forward in our explicit improvement journey we are considering the option of conducting oral language workshops.
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for parents. The workshops would enable parents to work closely with us to develop skills that will promote strong foundations for reading success. It’s important that we all work together to develop capable readers who are able to use their reading strategies across all curriculum areas. These workshops will be on offer during Term 2 and will be communicated through the newsletter.

Communication
Communication between home and school is imperative at both school and class level. At times, the lack of communication can be as simple as, ‘We didn’t get the class note / newsletter’. At a school level we can help keep you informed when notices are sent home by placing a ‘notification’ on our website. For families to access this notification, the easiest way is to download the free QSchools app to your smartphone and select Townview State School as your favourite school. Be sure to tick the box about receiving ‘push notifications’. The QSchools app will allow you to see any notifications such as newsletters, upcoming events, tuckshop menu as well as any calendar events that link to other parts of our website. At a class level, teachers are making themselves available for you to meet with them either through organised events such as ‘information sessions’ and before and after school appointments. Some staff have shared their email address with families and this can often be a direct path to maintaining contact with your child’s teacher. This is an easy way to know what the ‘learning’ is in the classroom, how your child is going and how you can help.

Electronic Newsletters
As of next term there will be an option for parents to receive our fortnightly school newsletter by email. If you wish to take up this option send an email to admin@townviewss.eq.edu.au and ask to be added to the newsletter mailing list. Alternatively let us know at the office or send a letter containing your email address to school with your child asking to be put on the mailing list.

Townview State School P&C
The P&C is also a great way to hear what’s happening at school as well as allowing parents to contribute to making the community of Townview State School great. Our P&C work very hard and are always willing to welcome new members. The next meeting is our AGM which will be on Wednesday 23rd March at 6:00pm.

Fans for the Undercover Area
At our P&C meeting this week we announced that we have been able to purchase our much awaited fans for the undercover area and that they will be installed on 27 and 28th April. The P&C has worked tirelessly to fundraise for these fans and they will make a big difference to the outside undercover area. It is through the efforts of our wonderful committee that we can have these purchased and installed in our school.

Staff Car Park
Please be mindful that the staff car park is not a collection point for students. We are witnessing parents collecting students from this area and it is a considerable safety concern. Please refrain from using the staff car park at all times. Your support and understanding with this is greatly appreciated.

Attend And Achieve parent meeting
Please join us on Wednesday 16th March in the kitchen for an information session and discussion regarding the Attend And Achieve program. We are looking forward to implanting this in Term 2 and are excited to be able to bring this focus to our school.

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
Hello everyone,

The past 2 weeks have been very busy at Townview and as the end of term approaches it seems to becoming increasingly busier. Lots of exciting events are happening and we welcome families to come and celebrate with our students.

Student Leader Induction
We held our annual Student Leader Induction on Monday 29th February. Our Student Leaders, House Captains and Student Councillors were presented with their badges.

P.I.E Productions
On Monday our Year 5 and 6 students participated in a performance titled ‘Wadjiny’ by Troy Allen. This interactive cultural awareness program used song, dance, music, didgeridoo and artefacts to engage students in stories.

It was very interesting. I heard some stories from the past and some stories from the present. I found the dances fun, interesting and noticed that he always had animals with some special actions. He dressed up in a very traditional way and his name was Troy. He was cool and funny and had a son too. He showed us some of the weapons; I don’t remember what they were called. He also talked about the didgeridoo and showed us how to play it. He said we use our voice box. I really enjoyed watching and learning about the indigenous way and it was funny at the same time. By Sofia (5B)

It was very interesting. It was fun and I got up and did a dance with him. I heard stories from the past and present; it was very cool learning about stuff that I have never learnt before. So much fantastic stuff like the boomerang and the paint they made. Thank you for coming to our school. By Travis (5B)

Clean Up Australia Day
Townview Students participated in Clean Up Schools Day on Friday 4th March. Every class was allocated an area and students and staff donned their gloves and bags and collected rubbish. Feedback from students and staff was positive and even more exciting that very little rubbish was collected. Our school community should be commended for ensuring our school is kept clean and

Religion
Our Year 5 and 6 students have begun religion. Our Year 3/4 classes will begin religion classes in Term 2.

Year 5/6 Camp
Year 5 and 6 teachers are currently finalising the costings for camp. Letters regarding the cost of camp and
payment options will be sent out before the end of term.

Upcoming Events

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence 18th March 2016
Our school has registered to be part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, being held on Thursday 18th March 2016. The National Day of Action is a day where school communities across Australia, take a stand together against bullying and violence. Townview is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together at Townview, we are sending clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not okay - at any time. The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is a major activity organised by Bullying. No Way! We are asking all children to wear the colour orange to school on Thursday 18th March to highlight our stand against bullying.

Interschool Sport
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to play in the Townview Cricket and Soccer teams at the upcoming Interschool Carnival on Wednesday 16th and 23rd March.

Cricket: Craig Williams, Zorita Major, Teshawn Gaulai, Cody Clair, Charlotte Crayford, Kyharma Solomon, Zac Speechley, Ethan Simmons, Cecil Sarmardin, Yoshi McDonald.


Easter Bonnet Parade
Families are welcome to attend our annual Easter Bonnett Parade on Wednesday 23rd March beginning at 9:00am. Students will be making Easter bonnets or hats in class.

Attendance Rewards
In Week 9 our Attendance Celebration Day will occur on Tuesday 22nd March at 8.40am. There will be no Parade on Monday in Week 9. The criteria for students to participate in our Attendance Rewards Day are shown below.

Have a great fortnight,
Mrs Phillips
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Issue 2 Scholastic Book Club is due tomorrow, Friday 11th at 9:00am sharp. Sorry no late orders can be accepted. Delivery usually takes 10 days after ordering, and hopefully orders will arrive and be distributed before school breaks up on Thursday March 24th.

Remember there is no obligation to buy.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Next week is the last week of borrowing by students for Term 1. Please encourage your child to return their book or books on time, so they may have the opportunity to borrow again next term.

Thank you for your assistance.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all our Townview families,

The weeks are flying - Easter is only 3 weeks away! Tuckshop will be putting prices up from .20c - .30c on selected items after the school holidays. A new pricelist will go home with the first newsletter of Term 2.

Our next RED DAY will be ST PATRICKS DAY on Thursday 17th March. We will have lots of treats and "green things" too. Thank you to our wonderful Tuckshop Ladies, Miss Margi, Miss Cheryl and Miss Allison and our lovely student volunteers - you are doing a great job!

Parents please be aware that plastic forks and spoons attract a .10c cost. Unfortunately, there is NO EFTPOS available for Tuckshop food and NO CREDIT can be given. Uniforms are available for purchase from the Tuckshop - send your children to school looking LOUD and PROUD in their Townview uniform.

Meal Deals

Pizza Rounda or Pizza Single w/ Chocolate Milk
$5.00

Chicken Chips
$4.00
Students of the Week - 7th March 2016

Prep A - Aimee Lobegeiger
Prep B - Josephine
1/2A - Jarrod King
1/2B - Jehkyelin Rankine
1/2C - Dominic Coggan
3/4A - Oscar Crayford
3/4B - Tamara Harrison
3/4C - Khi King
5A - Ryan Niesler
5B - Ethan Simmons
6A - Naomi Vatuvei
6B - Jesse Power

PE Award - Patrick Armstrong and Akira King
SEP Award - Lareese Ah-One
The Arts - Billy Donovan and Abbey Cox
Townview Spirit Award - August Dalton and Zac Speechley

Class Attendance Winners

7th March 2016
3/4C
Hello Townview School Community

Looking Deadly…Loud and Proud
Thank you to all the students who are showing GREAT Townview Spirit by wearing their uniforms. You look so DEADLY walking to school, while you are at school learning and when you are going home. To be in your school uniforms you are showing how LOUD and PROUD you are about attending Townview with a great attitude to learning and achieving.

Townview Team Spirit Award
Congratulations to the students who are demonstrating 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.

Indigenous Performance in Education - P.I.E Productions
On Monday the 7th, students from Year 5 and 6 were fortunate to see a performance here at school by Troy Allen. Troy Allen used song, music and didgeridoo, dance, artefacts and fire making to tell the stories of his people. He delivered an interactive cultural awareness programme in a fun and educational learning environment which had all the students and staff engaged. The performance was thought provoking and encouraged discussion of his rich and diverse culture. I would like to thank him for sharing his stories and culture with Townview School.

Attend And Achieve Guarantee
I would like to invite parents to the Attend And Achieve Guarantee information session to be held at the school on Wednesday the 16th at 9:00am. Townview is committed to ensuring students who attend 95% or more of the school year will meet or beat their year level benchmarks. In partnership with parents we are committed to doing whatever it takes at school, to individually support students who do not meet these year level benchmarks. We will continue to work as hard as we can to catch your child up, as fast as we can and we will stick with them until we do. If you would like more information regarding this meeting please contact the school and leave a message.

Yarn Time
You are welcome to attend our Yarning Time this Monday morning the 14th of March for a yarn and laugh over a cuppa. Hope to see you there.

If there is any way I can help and support yourself with your child’s journey through education please contact me at school.

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

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor
HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER for the Golden Octopus Foundation

TERRACE GARDENS
19th March
10am - 12pm

Tickets $50 from BEM 4743 7181

ACES HOCKEY CLUB
Looking for junior players now!!

UNDER 8's
UNDER 11's
UNDER 15's

Training Time: Each Wednesday 5.15pm
Where: Mount Isa Hockey Grounds, Sunset Parade
Games Times: Saturday Afternoons

Come & Give Hockey a Go !!!

For more info or to register please contact Kepa on 0420 544 278
or email: aceshockeymtisa@gmail.com
Loan Equipment is available

NIGHT MARKETS & FOOD STALLS
FIJIAN ENTERTAINMENT & CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

Jumping Castle
Market Stalls
CENT SALE

The Fijian Appeal Food and Fun Festival is an alcohol-free event.
For more details contact the Fijian Community Group
Tina Nobile - 0456 232 390 or Yilame Temo - 4444 710 195

FIJIAN APPEAL FOOD AND FUN FESTIVAL

Buchanan Park
Mount Isa

All proceeds raised on the night will be donated to affected areas around the Fiji Island

FRI 11 MAR 2016
6PM - 9PM
FREE DENTAL SERVICE – REGISTER NOW

If you have a child who is between 4 years of age and completing grade 10 in 2016, they are now eligible to register for a free check-up and treatment with the school Dental Service operating in Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Normanton.

Children who are under the age of 4 or those who have already completed grade 10 are required to hold a Queensland issued Generlink concession card to be treated under the free dental service.

Registration by Email: Your child/children can be registered with the school dental service by emailing the following details to:

MT_ISA_Dental_Admin@health.qld.gov.au

- Child's full name
- Child's date of birth
- Parent's address
- Parent's telephone
- Grade

Registration by Phone: Your child/children can be registered by contacting the school dental service directly on (07) 4744 4407 or (07) 4744 4401.

Mount Isa Athletics

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Mount Isa Athletics Club
2016 Sign-on Days

Sunday 20th March, 2016
&
Saturday 9th April, 2016
Sunset Oval
10.00am – 12.00pm

Birth Certificate will need to be sighted for all new members
Form and Information available at www.mountisaathletics.com.au
Or contact David Scott on 0402 219 639
Ages 4 years to 100 years
Assistant Coaches & Volunteers also welcome
First Club Day will be Saturday the 16th April, 2016 commencing at 2.00pm.