Dear Parents and Friends,

Today I find myself writing this newsletter with many mixed emotions. As of week 9 this term I will be beginning 8 weeks of long service leave to travel to Gallipoli for the 100 Year Anniversary. This trip has been in the planning since 2011 and it is a little surreal that the time has actually arrived. My leave begins on Monday 23rd March and I return to Townview on Wednesday 27th May.

In my absence I will be replaced by Mr Ash Wagh (Deputy Principal - Barkly Highway State School). Mr Wagh will be coming to our next school assembly to meet our students and community members. Please come along and introduce yourself to him and welcome him to the Townview team.

As part of our continued efforts to be a school where the entire school community values the learning and safety of students, we highly regard feedback from parents and community members at all times. This week I have taken the opportunity to speak to all students at assembly on the importance of school attendance and valuing their education. I reinforced and reiterated our school reading focus of ATTENDANCE and LEARN TO READ, READ TO LEARN. Next week our teachers will be implementing PM reading tests and evaluating the reading skills and behaviours of our students. Our expectation is that all students are attending school so they are engaging in the learning and maximising their opportunities at school.

Last Tuesday I proudly took a walk through the classrooms with our Assistant Regional Director and it was great seeing all the hard work students are putting into their learning. I am thrilled at the progress the students are making and the dedication of our staff!

It has been an enlightening experience walking into classrooms and asking students to articulate what the learning intention of the lesson is and reading the visible data on their classroom wall that identifies learning goals and levels of achievement. Even our Prep students are able to tell me what they are learning in that specific lesson and what their Individual Learning Goal for the week is….very explicit learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Bianca Leyden who is Acting Deputy Principal whilst Mrs Phillips is on maternity leave. Mrs Leyden has transitioned into her new role and is doing a fantastic job.

I would also like to congratulate Mr Colin Sarmardin who also began a new role in our school as ‘Assistant Community Liaison Officer’. Mr Colin will be working with families, students and community to bring another tier of support to the services that are already offered, assist with attendance and student engagement in learning.

**EARLY DEPARTURES and LATE ARRIVALS**

If you need to pick your child up from school during the school day please inform their teacher or the office. Students must be signed out by a parent or caregiver from the office and are not permitted to wait at the front of the school. Children who arrive late to school must present at the office. They should be accompanied by a parent/carer or have a note explaining the reason for their lateness. Parents will be notified of continual lateness and permission will be sought for after school restoration time.
**Reading for Meaning: Why is it so important?**

Reading for meaning is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT as it reflects your child’s ability to effectively decode, process and comprehend the text. Take the time to nurture these skills as reading is not just an essential life skill but it is a fundamental skill that underpins the curriculum and enables your child to experience success as a learner.

Here are some questions you can ask your child about their reading:
- What word/s were used to describe ......?
- What was the main idea?
- What was the story about?
- Where did the story take place?
- What do you think the author is trying to say?
- What clue in the text makes you think that.......?
- After reading that, what does it make you think about?
- How could the author have improved this story/text?
- Can you tell me how you would have liked this story to end.
- What is the most important part of this story? Why?
- What changes would you make to the story if you were the author?
- If you would like some more ideas of HOW to help your child with their reading at home please talk to your child’s teacher.

**FREE ‘STUDENT ADVANTAGE’ MICROSOFT OFFICE 2013 SUITE**

Students and parents can now download a free copy of the Microsoft Office 365 Suite. This suite provides students with a subscription to the full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote.

After downloading, students will have the latest Office suite at home, on their personal PC’s, Macs and other mobile devices (up to five in total). Students need to visit the Learning Place student space to access a step by step guide and the download link.

**P & C AGM: All Invited**

The annual P & C AGM meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March. Please support our P & C by coming along to meetings as we need your voice to what’s important for our children and our school.

**Easter Bonnet Parade: Tuesday 1st April 9:00 am**

Our lower school is very much looking forward to this parade and you are invited to watch the excitement with us.

**A New Look Front Entrance**

The front entry gates of the school will also be receiving a new look as we enhance our entry with a replication of logos, symbols and images that reflect our school, Mount Isa and the community in which we live in. Consultation regarding the upgrade of the front entrance has taken place to ensure that all customs and traditions are respected. It is anticipated that this will begin to take place in the coming weeks.

**Community Garden**

Townview State School will be working in conjunction with Southern Gulf Catchment, NRM Group and community to develop a yarning space for our students and parents at the school. The Yarning Circle will be surrounded with local indigenous trees and bush tucker plants. We have liaised with indigenous elders to plan the area and have relied heavily on local knowledge to seek advice and input using a consultative process enabling all stake holders to have input into the development and sustainability of the area being established. The area has been identified as there is a natural circle of trees that can be extended upon to develop the area into a usable space that can be shared and used for activities such as NAIDOC celebrations and by class teachers to assist with embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives. This project has been underpinned with a strong emphasis on pride and identity for students and community. Having community participate on our project will build strong community links between home, school and community.

**Expected Environmental Outcomes of the Project?**

Through the development of the “Yarning Circle” and planting native indigenous flora we aim to
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attract greater fauna and birdlife to the area and enrich the soil through the planting of native trees that flourish in this region. The plant selection will consist of native plants that are drought resistant and will be sustainable during periods those periods.

The area will also encompass a ‘bush tucker’ theme that will provide sustained renewal of natural nutrients and environmental improvement. The bush tucker will be supported through composting and mulching to enhance the growth and boost harvesting of natural food sources. Students will have an understanding of seasons and harvesting.

Engaging students in this on-ground environmental project will enhance educational outcomes and increase engagement with school curriculum.

Students will benefit from the project through a hands approach that will encourage active engagement in all areas of the curriculum. There is a direct link to mathematical concepts involving design, developing of a plan, measurement and special awareness. Students will be engaged in researching local fauna and communicating with respected elders to gain knowledge of local country and traditions. Students have also embarked on a scientific journey of understanding environmental sustainability and the biology of natural resources. Technology will be embed into the project with the association of a link between a URL ‘scan code’ for each species of plant an a link will be developed to a website that will provide the reader with information specific to the plant. This will also enhance the celebration of cultural days and significant indigenous events such as NAIDOC and harmony day. The embedding of aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are closely linked to all Key Learning Areas within the Australian Curriculum. This is closely aligned to the ‘Closing the Gap’ strategy which enhances student learning, achievement and participation in all Key learning Areas.

When Will it Begin?

It is expected that this garden will begin to take shape over the holidays with much of the groundwork that requires machinery being used to lay the foundations for our plans.

EVERY DAY IN EVERY WAY WE DO THINGS THE TOWNVIEW WAY.

At Townview we are amazing because we are;

• Responsible
• Respectful
• Safe

See you all next term and have a safe and happy Easter vacation.

Yours in Education,
Loretta

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our daily attendance thermometer has risen this week from 87.3% to 88.3% (an increase of 1%). Although we are still below our 92.2% goal this small increase is very pleasing.

Please support your child’s learning and help them achieve their best by sending them to school everyday.
Hello Townview Parents and Carers,

Thank you for welcoming me into my new position as the Acting Deputy Principal! This is my 7th year working at Townview and during this time I have had various roles within the school that have allowed me to build strong relationships with our school community. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of such a fantastic school with great students, outstanding staff and supportive parents and look forward to continuing the hard work that each and every one of you put in to ensuring Townview is the best in all areas of teaching and learning.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence 20th March 2015

Our school has registered to be part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, being held on Friday 20th March 2015. 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 Friday 20th March to highlight our stand against bullying.

School Rules

Our school rules are very simple and can be applied not only at school but at home, at play and in the community:

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

These rules are taught explicitly in all our classrooms so that all students have a common understanding. When everyone keeps the rules our school is a calm, friendly environment for learning. Of course there will be times when some students will digress from the rules and staff will respond according to our “Responsible Behaviour Plan”. Students at Townview are also taught how to respond if someone is being unfriendly or not keeping our rules by implementing our high five strategy:

1. Ignore
2. Talk friendly
3. Walk away
4. Talk firmly
5. Report

Please support our Positive Behaviour program by reinforcing the school expectations at all times while our students are wearing their school uniform or representing our school, including travelling to and from school and in the wider community.

SWPBSD – School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

Students who arrive at school before 8:30 must go to the covered area next to the tuckshop – from 8:00 to 8:30 students are supervised in this area. For safety reasons students must sit down at this time – however they are encouraged to play quiet card games or board games. The SWPBS team have purchased some board games and playing cards for student use.

Sports News

Our touch football and soccer teams recently competed in a full day of competition which involved them playing 5 games against other schools in the Mt Isa district. All students involved displayed fantastic sportsmanship and impressive skills throughout their matches. The touch football team finished with 3 wins and 2 draws and are sitting in a great position going into the finals. The soccer team also had a fantastic result coming away with 4 wins and 1 draw out of their 5 matches and are currently sitting at the top of the ladder. Well done to all participants and good luck for your upcoming games on the 20th March. Go Townview!

The Week Ahead -

School Productions Next week we are lucky enough to have two groups performing at our
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school. The first performance “Making Friends” looks at building new relationships, fitting in and dealing with bullying while the second “Island Dreaming” incorporates traditional stories and cultural insights. We hope students gain lots of positive learning experiences from these performances.

School Photos – Wednesday 18th March Please ensure your child is dressed in the full Townview school uniform.

Have a fantastic fortnight!
Mrs Leyden

A Message From Mr Wagh

I would like to say how delighted I am to be joining the Townview State School community as the acting Principal from 23rd March- 23rd May. With over a decade of experience in Education, this is not the biggest school I have worked in and certainly not the smallest. I have worked in schools from 46 to over 1100 students. Townview SS has a very good reputation, and I see it as my priority to ensure that we continue to provide the best quality education for every student at our school.

My substantive position currently is as Deputy Principal of Barkly Highway SS, I also have plenty of experience in schools in the South-East corner; most recently Deputy Principal of Beenleigh SS and Crestmead SS. I have also acted as Principal of Boulia SS. I’m really looking forward to working closely with the Townview community and building strong relationships with everyone here.

Regards,
Ash Wagh

Townview State School
P & C’s
Annual General Meeting
Re-scheduled to
Wednesday 25th March 2015
6.00pm
Resource Centre

All positions will become vacant and are required to be filled.
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

Orders for Issue 2 Scholastic Book Club are coming in. Just a reminder that all orders must be in by tomorrow FRIDAY 13TH by 9am sharp.

**SORRY NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

Delivery from Sydney usually takes 2 weeks and the books will be handed to the children immediately they arrive.

Thank you for supporting Book Club.

**OVERDUE BOOKS**

Letters have today been handed to the children who still have overdue books from 2014. Please check with your child and encourage them to return their book on time.

![Image of children reading]

Encourage your child to read -

"READING IS TO THE MIND WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY."

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all out Townview Families,

Wow - what a great Disco we has last week! Lovely to see everyone in their favourite colours. A big thank you to our Teachers who helped and a really BIG thank you to our P & C fundraisers for arranging the event.

**Things Happening at Tuckshop**

* St Paddy’s Day - Tuesday 17th March. There will be cookies and special cake for .50c each.
* Red Day - Wednesday 1st April
* Easter Bonnet Parade - 1st April

Thank you to Miss Margi, Miss Margaret, Miss Cheryl and Miss Alvenia for their help in the Tuckshop.

**Meal Deals**

- **Pizza w/ milk or Slushie**
  - $5.00

- **Chicken Chips w/ milk or Slushie**
  - $4.00

Uniforms selling times 7.30am - 8.30am Monday through to Thursday.
Hello Townview School Community,

It is great to see students, staff and parents putting in such a huge effort for the last 3 weeks of this term. I think we will all look forward to a holiday so we can relax and enjoy the time.

**Bush and Cultural Garden**

Mick Brady from the Southern Gulf Catchments Limited, Rangers from Myuma, parents and community people have been meeting and making plans for the garden. Townview has the privilege of working with two well respected elders in our community, Aunty Joan and Uncle Alex Marshall who are experts in the field of bush tucker and medicine. Their knowledge and support is very much valued. Please come along on Wednesday mornings at 8.30am if you would like to suggest and support ideas for our garden.

**Deadly Choices**

Deadly Choices have been working with students from 5/6A on Tuesday in the middle session. Deadly Choices is a program which informs participants about staying strong and healthy, maintaining healthy lifestyles and making positive lifestyle choices. The program nurtures leadership and encourages participants to become positive mentors and role models in their community. I know the students and staff find the sessions very informative and well presented by the Healthy Lifestyle Workers from Gidgee Healing. This program will be running at Townview for the first term of 2015.

**Hearing Screening**

Townview will have the Hearing Health Worker from Mount Isa Community Health visiting soon to screen students who were missed in the last visit.

**Performances**

Pie Productions will be performing “Island Dreaming” on Thursday in the parade area, 11.15am – 12.15pm for P-3 students and 12.15pm – 1.15pm for students in years 4-6.

**Yarn Time**

You are welcome to attend our Yarning Time this Monday morning the 16th for a yarn and laugh over a cuppa. Hope to see you there.

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

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor
Students of the Week - 2nd March 2015

Prep A - Issac Holmes
Prep B - Ngatahi Pirihi-Tolcher
1/2A - Kysah Clapham
1/2B - Peake Ryan
1/2C - Lyric Wana-Pu
3A - Lulu Morley
3B - Shamisha Stuart
4A - Jennifer-Joyce Donaldson-Stevens
4B - Ely Page
5/6A - Emma-Lee Tydd
5/6B - Steven Page
5/6C - Cale Melville-Simmons

PE Award - Tammy Godfrey
SEP Award - Tamara Page
The Arts - Lea-andra Mamoose
Townview Spirit Award - Noah Cox and Serita Donaldson-Stevens

Students of the Week - 9th March 2015

Prep A - Cara Taylor
Prep B - Clancy Donovan
1/2A - Shayna Narayan
1/2B - Sarah Fray
1/2C - Liam Hay
3A - Carlos Kerr
3B - Peahi Siufanua
4A - Azalea-Leigh Wiki-Ormond
4B - Tallan McLuckie
5/6A - Savanna Halun
5/6B - Caleb Cadman
5/6C -

PE Award - Cale Melville-Simmons
SEP Award - Ely Page
The Arts - Lea-andra Mamoose
Townview Spirit Award -
Class Attendance Award Winners

02/03/15
Prep A

09/03/15
3A

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P & C School Disco - Wear your favourite colour and rock on!

Both students and staff had an awesome time at our recent school Disco. Not only was there fun and games, but thanks to our amazing P & C, all money raised will make its way back to our school. Thank you ladies - we love our P & C!
Mount Isa Athletics

Mount Isa Athletics Club
2015 Sign-on Days
Sunday 29th March, 2015
&
Saturday 18th April, 2015
Sunset Oval
10.00am – 1.00pm

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 219 039
Ages 4 years to 100+ years
Assistant Coaches & Volunteers also welcome

First Club Day will be Saturday the 25th April, 2015 commencing at 2.00pm

PCYC MOUNT ISA
67 Isa Street | 4743 0490

THURSDAY 3:15 TO 4:15
Age 8+

$20 TO become a PCYC member then its $5 per class

LEARN TO SWIM SIGN ON TERM 2 – BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 16TH MARCH
Mount Isa Aquatics is proud to continue offering the community the most comprehensive and experienced learn to swim program available. Mount Isa Aquatics believes swimming is a skill for life and we have made it our mission to teach every child in Mount Isa the skills required to swim, and to be safer in and around water.

Once again we are able to offer winter classes due to the 30m pool being heated to 30C! We are currently the only year-round swimming program on offer in Mount Isa. This will ensure the highest level of consistency in your child’s learning and development.

LESSON DATES: TERM 2 MONDAY 20TH April – SATURDAY 6th June 2015
LESSON TIMES:
Infants:
Mon 9:30am-10:30am.
Sat 10:00am-11:00am.
Preschool – Adults:
Mon 10:00am-11:30am
Tues-Fri 1:30pm-2:30pm.
Sat 10:30am-12:00pm
COST:
INFANTS: $90 (20min lessons).
PRESCHOOL – ADULTS: $105 (30min lessons).
PRIVATE: $60 (30min lesson).
DOUBLE DIP: Book in for 2 lessons a week and get the second lesson half price!!!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BLOCK LESSONS
The intensive programs are a terrific way to consolidate skills already learnt and progress to the next stage of your swimming and water safety development.
Block lessons will be available between 9:00am-11:00am on the following dates:
Tuesday 7th April – Friday 10th April 2015. $60/week
Monday 13th April – Friday 17th April 2015. $75/week

For all enquires please contact us via email:
brian.bern@mountisaquatics.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: NO phone, email or Facebook bookings will be taken.
Places are very limited so book early to avoid disappointment.
FULL payment is required when booking to secure your place.
No EFTPOS/CC facilities available.