Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Week 7 Newsletter. On return to school from my long service leave I have been absolutely amazed at the hard work and focused effort that has been demonstrated by all staff and students. I am so very proud of our fantastic school and it is difficult to express my true feelings on paper.

I am delighted that our school has continued to implement our explicit improvement agenda towards achieving high performance outcomes. High performing schools achieve high performing outcomes and this is achieved with good quality first teaching, continuity, consistency and pedagogy.

As per Lyn Sharratt’s “Putting Faces on the Data” framework that we follow, I have conducted classroom ‘Walk Throughs’ and I can honestly say that the evidence of high yield strategies being implanted in our classroom reinforces how SO very proud I am of our school. Classrooms at Townview reflect:

- Consistency and clarity
- Students engaged and on task
- Assessment tasks explicitly broken down for understanding
- Expectations and levels of achievement are evident
- Student goals are specific, visible, clear, articulate and very detailed
- Students know what they need to know as well as how to improve
- Reading data walls indicate reading levels and improvements

This reflects how incredibly lucky I am to have our staff teaching your children at Townview SS!

Our School at a Glance

In addition to the wonderful work in the classroom there has also been some fantastic work happening in our external environment. The development of the community garden and yarning circle is coming along nicely and I see this as a wonderful addition to the staff, students, parents and community. Watch this space for continuation of this great area during NAIDOC celebrations as the team have exciting activities planned to add to the space.

Along with the community garden we have had the pleasure of seeing a transformation to the entrance of the school. The paintings on the left and right wings of the entrance, kindly being completed by our P & C, certainly adds to the business of ‘who we are’ at Townview as the images capture our inclusivity and our local Mount Isa community. A big thankyou for the work that is being undertaken by this very hard working team.

Reading Focus

Our school wide focus on improving Student reading comprehension performance is also an ongoing component of the Education Department’s strategic plan for schools.

This year we have implemented a Reading Booster program that is aimed at focused
targeted reading strategies being taught to students who fall just below their benchmark achievement levels. This program has achieved outstanding results with 10 out of 12 students successfully reaching benchmark and becoming fluent with their reading. A big congratulations to Miss Stone and her students.

20 Minutes Reading Each Night
Spending 20 minutes of reading each night makes an incredible amount of difference to a child’s schooling. You can support the school and your children’s reading development by reading with them for 20 minutes every night. It is a wonderful way to spend time with your child while you are showing them that reading every day is very important.

NCCD (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data)
All Australian state and territory governments have agreed to implement a nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability through a phased approach from 2013, with all Australian schools participating by 2015. In 2014, 74 North Queensland schools participated in the process and completed the data entry process. In 2015 all 111 North Queensland schools will be involved in the data collection process.

The purpose of the nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability will help to present a more reliable, consistent and transparent view of students with disability across Australia. This improved information will help education authorities and schools better target programs and resourcing decisions, contributing to more effective outcomes and a quality learning experience for all young Australians. Letters were sent home this week to families that will be involved in the data collection process. Townview teachers will be participating on Wednesday 10 June. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the office.

Acknowledgment of the Outstanding work that is occurring at Townview
Townview State School has been asked to participate in a regional study in the area of Reading. Our school has been acknowledged as a school that is implementing ‘high yield practices’ and as such we will be working closely with our region to further develop the quality teaching and learning that is occurring in our school. A specific focus for the study is the planning for and teaching in literacy blocks using modelled, shared and guided instructional practices aimed at successful and independent application of learning. This is a very exciting opportunity as we are one of three schools involved in this project. Again, another example of the excellent teaching and learning that is occurring in the classrooms with our excellent teachers.

Kindergarten to Prep Transition
Transcitioning to school from kindergarten is a major change for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years’ teachers in schools and kindergartens. A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community. Have a look at the Step Up into education website (http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/) for more information and resources or come and talk to someone in administration.

Communication
Teachers are only too happy to have a conversation with you about your child’s progress in all aspects of schooling. You do not have to wait for Parent/Carer Interview times or the upcoming Semester 1 report cards. If you have a concern about your child’s learning please come and discuss them with their class teacher.

Student Council News
I must commend the work that is being achieved by our Student Council under the excellent guidance of Mrs Sarah Heal. This year the hard working team has not only established a sports borrowing system at break times where students can come and borrow equipment to play with, but they also put a lot of effort into...
fundraising for the community. Last Thursday the Student Council took part in the Biggest Morning Tea to assist in raising funds for the Cancer Council. Our wonderful teachers baked some delicious treats for the students to eat for a gold coin donation. The teachers were also treated to a morning tea. Altogether our school managed to raise $145.00 for this great cause.

On Friday the Student Council supported a ‘Wear Red Day’ for The Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal. Where again thanks to our wonderful community who supported them they raised $125.00. I am so pleased to be a part of a school that has such great students, teachers and community involvement.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted in supporting the efforts of our student council.

Have a great two weeks!

Regards,

Loretta

ATTENDANCE
Unfortunately our attendance thermometer did not increase by very much this fortnight...

Please support your child’s learning and help them achieve their best by sending them to school everyday.

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Hello everyone,

There have been many exciting events happening around the school and it is wonderful to observe the academic, sporting and behavioural achievements that continue to take place at Townview. As we are getting closer to the end of the term assessment is prevalent in all our classrooms. I would like to stress the importance of students attending school every day so they do not fall behind in their work.

**Morning Routine – Arriving before 8.30am**

Please remind your child that if they arrive at school before 8.30am they are to wait in the *undercover area* near the tuckshop where there is a teacher on duty. Students are not to go to their classroom to put their bags or lunch boxes away, nor are they to play on the oval or outside the Prep area, as these areas are unsupervised before school.

**Student Council News**

The Student Council have been doing some wonderful work around the school raising money to support various charities and organisations. Last week the Student Council and some students in Years 5 & 6 sold delicious treats as part of The Biggest Morning Tea in support of the *Cancer Council*. They also organised a “Red” day to raise money for the *Red Shield Appeal* in which students and teachers wore the colour red and donated a gold coin. Well done to everyone involved that helped raise over $200 for these very worthy charities. Many thanks to Mrs Heal and the student council for organising these events.

**Under 8’s Day**

Under 8's day was held on the 20th May and was a HUGE success! Townview students from Prep to Year 3, younger siblings, parents, teachers and children from Eileen Fisher Kindy had a wonderful morning completing activities that included building with blocks, making kites, an obstacle course, painting, making pasta pictures, playdough, puzzles, bubbles, decorating biscuits and a visit from the Fire Brigade. Thank you to everyone that came along and to the wonderful staff at Townview for their organisation and running of the day.

**Walk to school safely day**

On the 22nd May, a number of Townview students, parents and teachers met in Apex Park and participated in the annual, national event *walk to school safely day*. It was fantastic to see so many people taking part in this initiative.

**Sports News - Rugby League and Netball**

Our netball and rugby league teams have been training very hard in preparation for the Inter-school carnivals. We wish all our students the very best of luck and know they will uphold the Townview Values and compete with sportsmanship, spirit and pride. Go TOWNVIEW!

**Assessment and Reporting**

At the end of this term your child will receive a semester progress report. Reports reflect judgments about the quality of student learning, based on evidence collected during the reporting period. The evidence of each student’s achievement is collected using a range of assessments aligned to the curriculum through each unit of work. This assessment folio provides the basis for reporting judgments about the student’s overall level of achievement in the learning area. Teachers continually monitor student learning and provide feedback that builds each student’s capacity to improve. Ongoing feedback and clear expectations enable students to reflect on and monitor their own progress.

Our school reporting processes aim to assist parents in understanding:

- the learning expectations for the student.
- the student’s achievement in each area.
- how well the student is engaging with the expected learning (effort).
- how the student may be able to improve.
- the behaviour expectations at Townview

In addition to providing written reports twice a year, our school offers parents opportunities to discuss student progress throughout the term. We encourage you to engage with your child’s teacher on a regular basis to discuss how your child is progressing. By working together we can ensure we are creating the best possible learning opportunities for students.

Have a fantastic fortnight everyone,

Bianca Leyden
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

Issue 4 of Scholastic Book Club orders have been placed and should arrive next Thursday. Upon arrival the orders will be handed to the children.

Thank you once again for supporting the Book Clubs.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all our Townview Families,

Gee Wiz another week - only three weeks to the winter school holidays. We think winter has definitely arrived and the wind and colder weather makes the children very hungry. The Tuckshop does not have a lot of hot food available at second break so please order through the brown bag system.

State of Origin was excellent and the children loved participating at school. We had a special Origin cake and biscuits for sale and the Tuckshop will again support the game on the 17th June - Go Queensland!!!

We would like to welcome our new volunteer, Alison Berry, to the Tuckshop. Alison created some extra special designs for our State of Origin treats and it was lovely to have some new ideas. Thank you to all the lovely people involved in making our Tuckshop the best!

There will be two Red Days this term - 10th June and the 17th June which is our Athletics Carnival. There will lots of different treats available on these days.

Meal Deals

**Bacon/ Egg/ Cheese Muffin**  
with Up & Go Milk  
$5.00

**Chicken Chips**  
with Popper and Milo Cup  
$4.00

Remember we have uniforms for sale in all sizes.
Hello Townview School Community,

Congratulations to students who have received awards over the past couple of weeks for your great effort in learning and achieving at Townview. Keep up the great work so I can recognise you for having Terrific Townview Team Spirit. Students show team spirit by having a positive attitude to learning and attending school. Remember the Townview School rules are; Being Safe, Being Responsible and Being Respectful.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Townview School will celebrate NAIDOC on the 24th of June which is the last Wednesday of this term. The day will commence with a special parade and many activities on the day. There will be several elders and invited guests attending on the day who will be sharing their knowledge and skills. Activities for the day will include;

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural talks
- Cooking
- Art and crafts
- Deadly Choices talks on healthy lifestyles
- Face painting
- Bugs and grubs
- Story Telling
- Helping Deadly Readers - for parents/carers

Parents please come along to celebrate and share the day with your children at school.

Yarn Time

As next Monday is a public holiday, our next Yarn Time will be on the following Monday the 15th June.

Parents and carers you are invited to come and join us in the kitchen after parade every Monday morning. This is a time for sharing, meeting and catching up with what is happening at Townview over a cuppa and a laugh. We look forward to seeing you in the kitchen after parade. Thank you to the parents/carers who have attended in the first two terms of this year.

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

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor

Photographs of our Student Leaders, Student Councillors and graduating classes were taken by the school’s official photographer during their visit last term. Proofs can be viewed at the office and copies ordered for only $20.00 each. These photographs would be a wonderful reminder of your child’s achievement at Townview State School.
Students of the Week - 25th May 2015

Prep A - Wesley Booth
Prep B - Jemma Falla
1/2A - Sarah Mayers
1/2B -
1/2C - Tanika Maher
3A - Zahnayah Doyle
3B - Kathleen Coggan
4A - Troy Mayers
4B - Nathan George
5/6A - Andrea Dorigo
5/6B - Steven Page
5/6C - Arjana Ojha

PE Award - Kathleen Farrelly
SEP Award - Joshua Tommy
The Arts - Tarmieka Melville-Rankine
Townview Spirit Award - Shanaya Costello

Students of the Week - 1st June 2015

Prep A - Ava Badman
Prep B - August Dalton
1/2A - EJ Harrison
1/2B - Thomas Melville-Simmons
1/2C - Denzel Body
3A - Jayden Berry
3B - Audrey Eussen
4A -
4B - Clayton Malseed
5/6A - Sidney Body
5/6B - Delphina Nero
5/6C - Marcus Scobie

PE Award - Julian Eussen
SEP Award - Lareese Ah-One
The Arts - Eugene Simmons
Townview Spirit Award - Skye Mahoney and Ashley Nyrhinen
Class Attendance Winners

20/05/15  Adrian Blom  Prep A
James Tyson  5/6B
21/05/15  Riley Berry  Prep A
Leo Apps  5/6B
22/05/15  Harmony Minniecon  1/2A
Trenyce Wana-Pu  5/6C
25/05/15  Skye Mahoney  Prep B
Jesse Power  5/6C
26/05/15  Wyatt Apps  1/2A
Travis Wood  4A
27/05/15  Tane Williams  Prep B
Laine Clarke  5/6B
28/05/15  Wesley Booth  Prep A
Marcus Scobie  5/6C
29/05/15  Zidean Major  1/2A
Liarni Parsons  4B

Reading for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners

25th May 2015  Prep A
Shamisha Stuart  3B
Trenyce Wana-Pu  5/6C
1st June 2015  3A
Danika McDonald  3B
Kathleen Farrelly  5/6C
Kesa-Lee Savuro  1/2C
Delilah Webb  4B
Our wonderful P & C Committee hard at work on the entrance murals. Thank you so much ladies - we absolutely love our P & C!!