Dear Parents and Friends,

Our main focus at Townview this year, continues to be improving our students’ reading skills – starting in Prep right through to Year 6. Learning to read and comprehend is a complex task and being competent in this requires the support of many people. Teachers work hard to teach the strategies that good readers use. Curriculum leaders work hard to develop teachers’ skills to do the best teaching job they can. Support aides work with identified students to boost reading skills but the primary teaching begins in the home with parents. With parents as ‘first teachers’ and working collaboratively with the school, we have the potential to ‘change a child’s life’ by developing a love of learning which will provide them with choices and opportunities in the future.

This year we are staying the course and continuing with our explicit teaching of reading, however, we also acknowledge that reading is not just confined to the subject of English or restricted to reading books. Reading skills are universal and are required in all subject areas across the curriculum and present us opportunities in many forms of ‘texts’ – stories, poems, recipes, graphs, diagrams, maps, photos, videos, websites and text messages. Students need to master the skills of prediction, comparing, inferring and questioning to make sense of what they read to become real readers who can interact with the author in whatever social or cultural context that the text belongs. I want every student at Townview State School to be a reader. With only four weeks left of this term, I encourage families to touch base with their child’s teacher to see how best to help us to develop skilled and capable readers.

WRITING
As with reading, the skills of writing are also an important ability that must be developed in all of our learners. Our data indicates that we need to focus on writing as the next progression in our explicit improvement agenda. We are currently working with our teachers to support them in developing their capacity in the pedagogy of teaching effective writing skills and strategies. Next term, we will be including learners and will be implementing a school wide writing pedagogical framework for our school. Our teachers will also be working closely with our curriculum leaders to align the writing demands of the Australian Curriculum during their planning sessions. Exciting times ahead.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS
Commitment to learning has been and will continue to be a strong focus. This year we have really encouraged our students to ‘be the best they can be’. Our attendance rewards are linked to student engagement and success rather than just coming to school. Our classrooms have explicit learning walls with students being informed of, ‘what they need to know and be able to do, to be successful in their learning. Teachers are conferencing with students and setting individual goals in reading and writing. Classroom walls now consist of active learning rather than irrelevant content such as “birthday posters” etc. We have a no excuses theme that is delivered across the entire school and this starts with mindset and the belief that students can be successful. The wearing of the FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM, being successful assessment literate learners (student achievement) and Townview Pride are the forefront of this expectation. Being satisfied with barely mediocre in anything is no longer acceptable. We are a HIGH expectations school and we expect that our learners will learn. We believe that every child has the potential to learn and with the right support they will be successful. Our high expectations and high standards mindset is established in
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our school’s learning culture. This does not start and stop with students, it is an expectation that our staff, as high performing professionals, embrace the notion of “Shared Beliefs that all students can learn” and that EVERYONE can do better - there are no limits to a student’s potential except mindset.

A FOCUS ON TEACHING IN PREP: Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies
Teachers in up to 115 schools across the state, are involved in an Education Department funded program to enhance the ways in which they teach children in the first year of school. Using current national and international research, identifying how young children learn best, these schools, including Townview State School, are reflecting on their current teaching practices and considering opportunities to deliver the curriculum in ways that take account of children’s development. There is not one way of teaching. Teachers make decisions about the best way to teach particular subjects, content or groups of children and will draw on a range of different approaches. As a teaching team, we continue to refine our teaching practices in response to the children’s strengths and capabilities, interests and learning achievements. At Townview we will be implementing this pedagogy at the beginning of Semester 2. Our staff are currently engaging in professional development in Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies, and are excited about this instructional method for our early years learners. This program is a priority of the State Government and as it continues to expand to other schools, the learnings and experiences of teachers will be shared with all schools. Information about this program, including the research foundations can be viewed on the Department of Education and Training website.

UNDER 8’S DAY
Thank you to everyone who supported our school in Under 8’s Day this week. It was great to see so many parents engaging with the students to celebrate this day. A big thank you to staff and teachers for assisting us to host this event within our school community.

STAFFING CHANGES
There are some staffing changes that have occurred for us this week and in the coming weeks. These changes have come about due to Miss Morsch and Mrs Ortiz taking maternity leave to have their bubs. At the end of this week, we farewell Miss Morsch and we wish her the very best as she begins her journey towards parenthood. Miss Morsch has been replaced by Mrs Tarsha Roberts as our STLaN this week, and we congratulate Mrs Roberts on securing this position. Mrs Roberts will be working with our teachers to maintain our focus on developing capacity and capability in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. We welcome Ms Belinda Darling who is replacing Mrs Roberts in 3/4A. Ms Darling is a staff member of Townview and is already known to many of our students. We welcome Mrs Bab Newton into Prep A who will be replacing Mrs Ortiz at the end of the term.

SUCCESS COACH
We wish to congratulate Mrs Annette Moes for her successful appointment to the Success Coach position. Mrs Moes will be working across Townview, Sunset and Healy State Schools and will be with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Her role will continue to focus on attendance, working with outside agencies and pedagogy. She will be working with teachers to develop capacity and student engagement.

NAPLAN
Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 staff and students for their efforts during NAPLAN week. NAPLAN is a point in time test and whilst it is the first experience of National testing for our Year 3’s, it can cause some stress to students. Our teachers structured their week around the tests and made sure children were comfortable and were able to do their best. A big thank you to staff and students in other year levels who showed great consideration for these students during that time. Well done everyone.

ASG NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS
It is now time to nominate an outstanding teacher for the 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (ASG NEiTA). Now in its 22nd year, ASG NEiTA is Australia’s only community centred teaching awards where parents, grandparents, secondary student councils, school boards/councils, parent associations, committees of management and community organisations get to nominate teachers for an award. Nominated teachers, principals, deputy principals and centre directors have the chance of becoming the state and territory award recipients, with the national award recipients announced in March 2017. The national award recipients will be presented with $5000 professional development grants, helping them to pursue further studies, embark on international study tours and one teacher also gets the oppor
unity to attend the International Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Centre in Alabama. For further information, or to nominate a great Townview State School teacher or educator, please visit: www.asg.com.au/neita. All nominations for the 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards must be received by 5:00pm (AEST) on 31 July 2016.

ASSESSMENT, REPORTING AND ATTENDANCE
Our teachers are currently assessing student learning for Semester 1 reporting. I urge all of you to please send your child to school every day to assist us in this very important process. For teachers to accurately assess student work and be able to make informed judgements, your child needs to be at school EVERYDAY and on time. School starts at 8:30am and time is precious.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Last Friday, our students and teachers meet at Apex Park, and together walked safely to school. This national event was well supported by our school community and our students displayed excellent behaviour and road sense.

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

Winter Uniforms

Continuing our tradition of Townview Pride, there is now an expectation that all students should be wearing maroon long sleeve jumpers, jackets and pants in the cooler weather. It is strongly recommended that as these items are often taken off as daily temperatures rise, that they are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

A reminder that as of Term 4, Townview State School will be moving to an email system for circulation of our school newsletter. We will begin this transition in Term 3 and ask that as newsletters will be delivered electronically, that all parents/carers please provide us with a current email address. Please contact our office on 4745 4444 or visit us to provide your email details.
Our Attendance tracker has not moved beyond the red zone for the entire semester. Please help us to move this into the green zone. Our data tracking has been in the 80 percentile range since the beginning of the year.

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**LET’S MOVE THIS DATA TO THE GREEN ZONE**

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**Attention Landscapers and DIY’s**

Townview State School has assorted sizes of River Rock to give away. They would make a great addition to gardens or garden features.

When: Saturday the 28th May and 4th June 2016
Time: 9:00 - 11:00am

Trailers and utilities welcome at our Clarke Street side gate.
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patti

Issue 4 Scholastic Book Club will be distributed to the children on MONDAY May 30th and closing date for all orders will be FRIDAY June 3rd. Orders close at 9:00am sharp and no late orders can be accepted.

Help your child become a successful, proficient reader by sharing the love of books with them.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all our Townview State School Families,

Our school Disco is tonight and I hope everyone comes and shows us who they support in football or soccer (Soccer is called football in England). The Tuckshop will have Chicken Chips and Hot Dogs for sale as well as lots of yummy treats (some surprises as well!). While talking football, it is the first game of the NRL State of Origin on Wednesday 1st June - GO QUEENSLAND!!! We will have our Origin Biscuits and Cup Cakes for sale - biscuits are .50c each and cup cakes are $1.00.

There will be lots of maroon on the day to support our amazing Origin Team. Thank you to all our lovely volunteers - without them our Tuckshop would not run so smoothly.

Meal Deals

**Toasted Ham and Cheese w/ Popper**
$5.00

**Chicken Chips w/ Popper and Jelly Cup**
$4.00

Uniforms are available for purchase from the Tuckshop from 8:00am
Students of the Week - 16th May 2016

Prep A - Jazmin
Prep B - Jazmin
1/2A - Krystal Brown
1/2B - Issac Holmes
1/2C - Rosa Kerr
3/4A - Ramiah Booth
3/4B - Noah Cox
3/4C - Halle Donovan
5A - Kayden Apiata
5B - Princess Caseres
6A - Craig Williams

PE Award - Sailor Lee
SEP Award -
The Arts - Eugene Pouesi
Townview Spirit Award - Shakisha Escott and Stephen Strangways

Students of the Week - 23rd May 2016

Prep A - Jade Miller
Prep B - Joaquin King
1/2A - Josiah Slater
1/2B - Bella Handley
1/2C - Martin Connelly
3/4A - Billy Donovan
3/4B - Akira King
3/4C - Eugene Wilson
5A - Josh Thatcher
5B - Caleb Simpson
6A - Trenyce Wana-Pu
6B - Tanisha Cherrington

PE Award - Christopher Mason
SEP Award - Scott Henry
The Arts - Aimee Lobegeiger
Townview Spirit Award - Danielle Pitt and William Haupini
A new position has been allocated to Townview, Healy and Sunset schools for co-ordinated school responses to students identified as disengaging from school. This position is called a ‘Success Coach’. I am filling this position and will work across these 3 schools. I will be based at Townview on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. I am very familiar with Mount Isa having lived here since 1990. It is my responsibility to do ‘whatever it takes’ to ensure student success with attendance, behaviour, participation and attainment.

I will closely monitor attendance data and patterns and maintain strong links with families, student welfare processes and community agencies with the aim being to optimise student wellbeing to explicitly improve achievement, attendance, participation and behaviour.

I work alongside the teachers and staff at Townview School. Connections between parents/carers and staff are critical for our students wellbeing and learning. I am located upstairs in B block next to the 1/2 classes. Please drop by and see me whenever you can.

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**Annette Moes - Success Coach**

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**Townview State School P & C Raffle**

Tickets only $2.00 each  
Fundraising towards Year 5/6 School Camp

Tickets go on sale at our School Disco on Thursday 26th May and will be drawn at School Assembly  
on 20th June 2016