Dear Parents and Friends,

Wow, I cannot believe that it is almost the end of term! Looking back we have had an incredible first term. It has been extremely busy with our strong focus on the explicit teaching of Reading, our Whole School Review, Parent/Teacher Interviews and our restructuring following Day 8.

Reading and Writing Data Cycle Meeting
Our teachers engaged in their first reading data conversations last week. These meetings are scheduled to occur in the second last week of every term. They are an important process that allows us to discuss each child’s achievement in Reading. Next term we will be including a strong focus on Writing as well. Information discussed at these meetings is then transferred to a whole school data wall where we are able to ‘Put Faces on the Data’, enabling us to track and monitor every student’s strengths and areas for improvement. Our staff work incredibly hard to improve our student’s results. Please thank a staff member when you see them!

The Which Way Wall in the Kitchen
The use of data in the school is open and transparent for parents and teachers to engage in the success, achievements and focus for improvement for every child. We have transferred the practice of ‘Putting Faces on the Data’ into the Kitchen where Miss Dixie has a ‘Which Way wall’ to track and monitor the progress of indigenous students with parents and families. Please take the time to come and see Miss Dixie and engage in a conversation about your son or daughter with the wall.

Parent Teacher Interviews
This week our teachers engaged in many conversations with parents regarding their child’s achievement. This is an extremely important opportunity that the school encourages strongly. I would like to encourage all parents to make a time to discuss the successes of your son or daughter with their teacher.

Attend And Achieve Program
Last week we held an information morning regarding the Attend And Achieve program. I would like to thank everyone who attended our morning, as well as extend a big show of appreciation to Chappie Les who came and cooked pancakes for us. We will be implanting this program next term with our Success Coach, Mrs Annette Moes and Miss Dixie. If you are considering taking part in this program please come and see us to arrange enrolment. This is a targeted program of support for indigenous students who are not attending 95% of the time and who are not achieving benchmarks for reading.

Attendance Day Success
I would like to say how proud I was to be handing out 116 attendance certificates to our students who met the criteria to participate in the Attendance Day rewards activities. This is more than double the amount from our previous model which is an extremely positive approach. At Townview we are all about coming to school to learn and be successful and realigning our attendance rewards focus to reflect this strongly demonstrates this clear expectation.

2016 Townview State School P&C Association Annual General Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of the Townview Parents and Citizens Association was held on Wednesday, 23rd March. It was a pleasure to
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welcome all members to our P&C Association and I look forward to working with them in shaping the future at Townview State School. Congratulations to our elected 2016 Executive Committee members:
President - Ereka Bexfield
Vice President - Deanna Graham
Secretary - Evelyn Arnold
Treasurer - Kelly McLuckie

Fundraising Committee members:
Tina Coggan, Deanna Graham, Jessica Hudson, Kelly McLuckie, Kacey Cox, Sonja Coggan, Allison Berry, Shantel Ah Kit, Rocky Brown, Sharyn Brown and Anita Donaldson.

Thanks to those members who volunteered to coordinate our various working parties to ensure that their goals are achieved for the benefit of our Townview students. Our P&C is an active group of volunteers who provide advice, feedback and support to improve our school. New P&C members are always welcome. General P&C meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Be involved and work with us as we all strive to enhance for your child’s future – your school, your business!

Student Attendance and Assessment
As we are at the end of the term and our teachers are finalising school work and assessment, please remember that it is extremely important that all students from Prep to Year 6 attend school every day. This allows teachers to gather the information that enables them to make a professional judgement about each individual student. Your support during this time is vital.

Every Day Counts, Starting at 8:30am
At Townview we are working very hard to improve our attendance. Out thermometer continues to be in the 'red'. I am very concerned that many of our students are missing opportunities to learn when they are not at school. Every day counts and children need to start their day at school at 8:30am, ready for learning. Research shows that the first session at school is when learning occurs most. Many of our classes begin their Guided Reading at this time therefore it is vital for your child to be at school to access learning at 8:30am.

ANZAC Service
Our Anzac Service this year will be held on Friday 22nd April, after the Easter holidays, at 8:40am. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Keep Watch on our School These Holidays
With the holidays upon us, please keep an eye out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call the School Watch number - 13 1788 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Acting Principal
During my planned absence in Week 1 and 2 of next term, Mrs Yvette Phillipps will be acting in my role as Principal. Miss Tracey Stone will replace Mrs Phillipps as acting Deputy Principal during this time. The school will be in very capable and safe hands for the commencement of Term 2.

This is the last school newsletter before the Easter holiday period so I’d like to take this opportunity to wish all in our school community a very happy and safe Easter break.

“Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world’s work, and the power to appreciate life.” Brigham Young

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
Deputy Principal’s News

Hello everyone,

As Term 1 comes to a close, I would like to thank Townview staff for the many exciting learning opportunities that have occurred within class environments. It was evident, from the 116 students eligible for the Attendance Rewards, that students have been engaging and meeting the demands of the curriculum.

Books in Homes
At our Parade in Week 8, Sergeant Cath Purell, Books in Homes Ambassador, and Jemma Schweikert, Glencore representative, presented our students with 3 books and a book bag. We are very thankful for the continued support of the Books in Home program.

Attendance Rewards Day

Our Attendance Rewards Day student participation hit a new record, 116 students. Wow, what an outstanding effort by our students and staff. We had a great day full of fun, cooking, jumping castles, sports with Mr Wood, Games room fun and Just Dance with Ms Fisher and Ms Gavin. Well done to all the students involved. I put the challenge out, can we beat 116 students in Term 2?

Interschool Sports
Cross Country
Mr Woods held another successful Townview Cross Country Carnival last Friday. Congratulations to all the students who competed. It was fantastic to watch students encouraging each other and showing Townview Pride. The winners of the age divisions were;
9 Years
Girls - Peake Ryan
Boys - Oscar Crayford
10 Years
Girl - Nadia Page and Zartiesha Harley
Boys - Zidean Major and Jayden Berry
11 years
Girls - Kelly Dalton
Boys - Damien Age
12 Years
Girls - Fay Dalton
Boys - Craig Williams
Congratulations to the students in Leichhardt, the winning house!

Fun Run
Our Prep to Year 2 students competed in the Fun Run on Tuesday morning. Again it was great to see every child running and/or walking laps of the oval with big smiles on their faces. Thank you, Mr Woods and the Sports Captains for organising and running a great morning.

District Sport
Congratulations to Amarah Body who was selected in the Mt Isa District Soccer Team. At the regional carnival last weekend, Amarah was selected in the North West team to compete at the State Championships in June. Along with Soccer success, Amarah has also been selected in the Mt Isa District Netball Team which will travel to Richmond in May to compete in the Regional trails. Good luck Amarah!
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Next term our PBL team will be focusing on different rules throughout the term. The first fortnight, we will focusing on “Be Safe - walk”. In classes, students will brainstorm what “Be Safe - walk” looks like, sounds like and feels like. In the classroom and the playground staff will be looking for students following the focus skill and will hand out tokens as a reward. These tokens will be taken to class and students will record their tokens on the Be Safe Behaviour tracker. Once students have reached 20 tokens at the next Parade they will receive a Be Safe wrist band. Over the remainder of the year we will be responsive to the staff and students within the school environment as we select our focus rule and skill.

Walk to and from School
We have had reports of Townview State School students entering properties without permission when walking to and from school. Students have been observed smashing watermelons in someone else’s property on Doughan Terrace. Students have been spoken to in regards to walking to and from school and the right way to do this.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday.
Looking forward to working with you in Term 2.

Mrs Phillips
Deputy Principal
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

Book Club Issue 2 has been distributed to the children and we hope they enjoy reading over the holidays.

Our next Book Club will be handed out in Week 3 Term 2. More details in the next newsletter.

Enjoy your Easter and have a safe and happy holiday.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Happy Easter and a safe and restful holiday from the Townview Tuckshop Ladies - see you all in Term 2!
Students of the Week - 14th March 2016

Prep A - Chloe Schmidt
Prep B - Christopher Mason
1/2A - Isabella Turuva
1/2B - Clancy Donovan
1/2C - Shontaye Armstrong
3/4A -
3/4B - Charlie Vatuvei
3/4C - Zartiesha Harley
5A - Harley Schmidt
5B - JJ Donaldson-Stevens
6A - Arjana Ojha
6B - Lorelle Major

PE Award - Oscar Crayford
SEP Award - Kirsten Fisher
The Arts - Josiah Slater
Townview Spirit Award -

Class Attendance Winners - Term 1

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