Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow!! It is amazing to think that this is the last newsletter for the term and that we are three quarters of the way through 2015. As I am writing this newsletter, I am reflecting on the work that has been completed and the successes that we have celebrated. I would like to thank the staff for their relentless commitment to the improvement agenda and the continued focus on enhancing student learning and achievement through pedagogy.

At the beginning of this week, we engaged in our end of term data conversations to review the achievement and academic success that students have made in reading and levels of achievement (A-E). We then triangulated our data against regional benchmark and learning expectations of the Australian Curriculum. Our results are pleasing with the biggest gain in Year 2 showing an improvement of 12.6% of students achieving at or above benchmark.

Our teachers work tirelessly in the best interest of every student every day enhancing all learners success and potential. With a strong and explicit improvement agenda in place we believe that with regular attendance and engagement and the right support all students have the ability to learn and achieve benchmark.

Preparing for Prep in 2016
As we enter the final term of school we will be beginning our information and transition program for future 2016 Prep students. If you have a child who was born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 and are considering enrolment into our Prep program, please call into the school office to collect an enrolment pack or visit the ‘Prep’ stand near the Tuckshop area at our upcoming fete. Our school newsletter will have regular information relating to our Prep Information sessions and our Stay and Play session so please continue to watch this space.

Our 2016 Prep transition program will entail 4 phases -

**Phase 1: Meet & Greet with the Principal and Deputy on Tuesday 15th September (Week 10 of this term)** We will be hosting a Meet & Greet with the Principal and Deputy in the staff Learning Hub (located in A Block above the Administration Office) for all future parents to come and engage in discussion and a question and answer session. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming all new parents to Townview.

**Phase 2: Prep Information Sessions**
On Wednesday 4th November (Week 5, Term 4) we will be hosting two information sessions that will be presented by our current Prep teachers. The teachers will be discussing important information to assist parents in preparing students to “Get Set” for Prep and the curriculum that is covered in the Prep programs.

**Phase 3: Stay and Play**
On Wednesday 18th November (Week 7, Term 4) we will be hosting a “Stay and Play” morning where future Prep students will be able to come and participate in the Prep program and enjoy the wonderful learning environment.

**Phase 4: Data Collection**
During Week 8 of Term 4 we will be timetabling future Prep students to come in and par-
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Participate in a range of activities to allow us to assess your child’s abilities and make decisions based on the best interest of the students to prepare for their learning in 2016. More information regarding this will be communicated during our information sessions with parents at our Meet & Greet and Parent Information sessions.

Enrolments for our Prep Year in 2016 are NOW open. Please tell your family and friends! Townview’s Prep is awesome! Our Prep students are very important learners and you’d be amazed at what they can do! They are developing very competent reading and writing skills and this early learning sets them up for success in life. Please encourage anyone with a young child to come and collect an enrolment pack today.

Arriving at School on Time and Ready for Learning / Late Arrivals at the Office Everyday

Although we are able to celebrate the continued growth of student achievement, I strongly believe that we could achieve even greater results if students were at school learning and achieving from the beginning of the day. Formal learning begins in all classrooms at 8:30am with literacy and reading in all classrooms. Reading is our focus and students who are not at school to engage in these lessons are missing vital learning time. Every morning I witness the office ladies printing a myriad of late slips for students who are late to school. Five to ten minutes everyday equals 25 – 50 minutes of lost learning over a week. This time over 40 weeks is a considerable amount of lost time that can never be regained. Please ensure your child is at school learning and achieving from the beginning of the school day, which starts at 8:30am. Our office ladies also loose time to complete their workloads when they are spending 30-40 minutes every morning orienting late slips for students who should already be in class achieving and succeeding. Please help us to improve this.

Townview Pride: Wearing our Uniform with Pride

I am constantly communicating the strong value of ‘Pride’ that we hold deeply at our school with our positive relationships with parents, students and community. These last two weeks we have observed a cultural shift in our school with students taking pride in wearing their uniform and demonstrating their connection to the school culture. It is pleasing to see so many students adhering the school uniform policy and are attending school in full school attire every day. As teachers and school Administrators, we will continue to advocate this policy with our learners and I appreciate the support of parents and families who have supported us in the enforcement of this. Our students look prepared to participate in learning and are ready to engage as learners of Townview and we will be maintaining this high expectation with all students. Please remember that if students feel the cold and they feel the need to wear long pants or jumpers then they need to wear the maroon tracksuit pant and/or jacket to school. Jeans, other coloured tracksuit pants and coloured jumpers/jackets are not Townview uniform. If students choose to wear the wrong clothing to school then we will supply them with the correct uniform from our emergency supply which need to be returned to school laundered the following day. Your continued support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

- VISION: Wear the full school uniform with Pride and attend school as a learner
- VALUES: I do my best work and am a member of the school community
- NON-NEGOTIABLES: Wear the MAROON TOWNVIEW STATE SCHOOL SHIRT AND SHORTS. Coloured sports shirts can only be worn on Friday and ‘Deadly’ shirts are not part of the uniform.

Townview State School 50\textsuperscript{th} Jubilee Fete

This weekend we will be celebrating the 50th Jubilee of the school and I am looking forward to participating in this marked occasion. I am feeling very fortunate to be the Principal of Townview and able to share and enjoy this celebration with our students, staff, parents and community. Please see details of the Fete activities that will be on offer for students and families to engage in later in this newsletter. Our wonderful P&C have been working tirelessly for 12 months to bring this event to us and we are all excited to be a part of such a momentous occasion. Please mark the 12th September in your diary and we hope to see you at Townview from 5:00pm to join in the celebrations.

Start of Term 4

Please note the first day of Term 4 (Monday 5 October) is a public holiday for Labour Day. ALL students return to school on Tuesday 9 October. There is NO Student Free Day at the start of the term.

Townview is amazing because we are;
- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY and please keep a watch on our precious school. School Watch phone
Acting Deputy’s News

Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of another term, with only one more term left in the school year! It certainly is a very busy time with both students and staff working extremely hard as we continue on our path of improvement in a variety of areas of our school, particularly reading and attendance. There are also many events that have, and will take place over the coming weeks including interschool sport, attendance and behaviour reward days, parent-teacher interviews, wear gold to support the Golden Octopus Foundation, not to mention our 50th Year Anniversary Fete this Saturday!

Specialist Programs – The Arts

At Townview State School we are very lucky to be able to offer our students a variety of specialist programs. One of these programs is The Arts which is run by the very talented Miss Victoria Fisher, who takes all of our students from Prep through to Year 6 to teach them Dance, Drama, Media Studies, Music and Visual Art at different stages throughout the year. The students absolutely LOVE this program which allows them to express themselves through a variety of different mediums. On Monday on Parade some of our Prep and Year 4 students showcased the work they have been doing in class – what a treat it was to watch the Preps perform a dance and Year 4 a stomp sequence!

Sports News

Last Friday our AFL and Softball teams competed in the 2nd and final round of the interschool carnivals and came away with OUTSTANDING results. In all competitions Townview students demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and skills and must be commended for their efforts! The AFL grand final was a very close match played between Sunset and Townview with the final score 34-27 to Sunset. In Softball our team put in 110% and came away as GRAND CHAMPIONS! Well done to all the students that competed – you did our school very proud! A huge thank you must go to our wonderful teachers; Mr Woods, Mr Froud, Miss Kempin and Miss Ereka for coaching and managing the AFL and Softball teams throughout the competition.

Golden Octopus Foundation

Next Wednesday 16th September we would like everyone to come dressed in yellow or gold and to donate a gold coin to support The Golden Octopus Foundation. This organization provides much needed funds towards research and trials, as well as raising awareness and providing support for families of children with cancer. This charity is one that is very close to our hearts at Townview, as one of our students, Kael Lovelock has Langerhans Cell Histiositios. On Monday Kael shared his story with us on Parade. This is what he said:

My name is Kael and I was born with Langerhans Cell Histiositios. LCH for short. It is a 1 in 200,000 rare cancer. It attacked my skin, ears, bone, lungs, and liver. I had to have IV chemotherapy in which they gave to me by putting a needle into a special thing called a portocath. A port is a thing that they surgically put into my chest so that the veins in my arms wouldn't collapse. Chemo makes you very tired and very sick. After I finished my two month course of chemo I got to go home. I had been living at the Ronald McDonald House in Brisbane. I had to go back to Brisbane every three weeks to have more chemo. Within three months of my maintenance I relapsed. That means that my cancer came back. This time it was attacking my skin, bones, liver, lungs, spleen, bone marrow and spinal fluid. I had to move back to Brisbane. I was very sick because of my cancer plus I had a staff infection and Paraflu. My new treatment was an immune suppressant. The idea was to turn off my immune system and reboot it, kind of like a computer. It didn't work. I was dying. My lungs were scarred and collapsed. I had to use a machine to help me breathe. My liver got sick with a disease call Sclerosing Cholangitis. My skin turned yellow and my eyes turned gold. My tummy was so big that it hurt to move. My bones grew thick with calcium. This is called hypocalcaemia. I had to have 3 different blood transfusions every day. My Doctor wanted to try a new chemo. It only had a small chance of working. It did and very slowly I got better. I almost needed a bone marrow transplant. After a year in Brisbane I got to go home. I had to go back to Brisbane every three weeks. I was finally classed as in
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remission on September 20th 2010. I have had 55 surgeries. September 20th this year I will have been in remission for 5 years. I still have liver disease and will one day need a new liver. My spleen is really big and takes up all of my tummy. It also eats my white cells which means that I bleed really easily and I get sick very easily.

I will be having a big and scary surgery soon that will hopefully make my spleen better. I am apart of the Golden Octopus Foundation so that I can help kids with cancer. I want to spread awareness and fundraise so that other kids don’t have to leave their home towns and go to a big city for treatment. Go gold! Bright and bold so our kids can grow old!

The foundation was started April 22, 2015 by 16 year old Keely Johnson who has the same rare cancer as Kael. The foundations Ambassador is Lee Kernighan and their Mascot is Ollie the Octopus. His eight arms reach out to all of the eight groups of cancer.

Attendance Day Parade
Monday 14th September is our Attendance Awards Pa-

have had NO absences, NO late arrivals and NO early departures during Term 3, and as a reward will be participating in the end of term Fun Day on Thursday 17th September.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parents you will have received a note this week inviting you to attend a short interview with your child’s class teacher in Week 10. I would encourage you to take this opportunity to discuss any academic/behaviour or other queries, because, through working together we can ensure that ALL students who attend Townview State School are provided the best possible education outcomes.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents, students and especially our amazing staff for all their hard work throughout the term. I wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing holiday and can’t wait to see what term 4 has in store for us!

Mrs Leyden
Acting Deputy Principal

Attendance
Our attendance still continues to spiral downwards considerably below our expected 93%. Our thermometer for last fortnight is reading 80.2%, this is a drop again of 0.3%. We have not hit our target this term at all and we are 8 weeks into the learning. We must move this thermometer up to improve the students learning opportunities.
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

IT’S HAPPENING AGAIN!

Book Fair
Under The Sea

Have a WHALE of a time at our Book Fair
When: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Keep these dates in a safe place. More information after the school holidays.

50 Year Celebrations
Saturday 12th September 2015
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

You are invited to visit the library and check out the memorabilia, and if possible, help with names missing from photographs from earlier years. While in the library purchase a commemorative coffee mug and pen to remember this great event.

Coffee Mugs - $8.00
Pens - $6.00

Look forward to sharing the memories...

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Hello to all our Townview families,

The days are flying and before we know it we will be on Spring Holidays. BIG THANKYOU to all our wonderful children for their manners and don’t they look so good, LOUD AND PROUD, in their maroon uniforms. Tuckshop is looking forward to our BIG 50th Birthday Fete - we will be selling lots of tasty food, treats and drinks.

Meal Deal
Small Pie w/Redrock Chips and Slushie
$5.00

Chicken Chips w/ Popper and Icy Stick
$4.00

Thankyou to our great ladies who keep our Tuckshop running so smoothly. Don’t forget school uniforms can be purchased from the Tuckshop.

50th Birthday Fete Menu

Steak Sandwich
Hot Dog
Chicken Chips

Red Velvet/Butterfly/Banana Cup Cakes
Chocolate Carrot Cake

Toffee
Fudge
Coconut Ice
Carmel Popcorn
Marshmallow
Students of the Week - 31st August 2015

Prep A - Eugene Simmons
Prep B - Jehkyelin Rankine
1/2A - Zidean Major
1/2B - Les McMillan
1/2C - Jahrell Sam
3A - Jahkye Maher
3B - Danika McDonald
4A - Kaydee McNamara
4B - Kyrarn Harley
5/6A -
5/6B - Kamira Bowman
5/6C - Tammy Godfrey

PE Award - Jahrell Sam
SEP Award - Shannon Smith
The Arts - Jayden Berry
Townview Spirit Award - Ashea Nona and Alyssa Body

Students of the Week - 7th September 2015

Prep A - Stephen Strangways
Prep B - Ioselani Pouesi
1/2A - Richard Walden
1/2B - Noah Cox
1/2C - Lyric Wana-Pu
3A - Lakita Brown
3B - Shamisha Stuart
4A - Ethan Simmons
4B - Scott Henry
5/6A - William Haupini
5/6B - Allayah Shute
5/6C - Tanisha Cherrington

PE Award - Cody Clair
SEP Award - Polly Davis
The Arts - Sharmah Spain
Townview Spirit Award - Shannon Smith and Jarrod King
Class Attendance Winners

27/08/15 Preston Wallace 3A
Odell Major 5/6B
07/09/15 Sammie-Maree Rapson 1/2C
Harley Schmidt 4A

28/08/15 Bella Morris Prep A
Marie Mason 5/6C
08/09/15 Isabella Turuva 1/2C
Levi Turuva 5/6A

31/08/15 Billy Donovan 1/2B
Caleb Simpson 4A
09/09/15 Stephen Strangways Prep A
Jayden Richardson 5/6C

01/09/15 Sarah Tydd 3B
Charlie Bower 4B

02/09/15 Josiah Slater 1/2B
Malachi Body 5/6B

03/09/15 Ava Badman Prep A
Dominick Roberts 5/6C

04/09/15 Amy-Lee Bond 3B
Danielle Sebaly 4A

Ready for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners
The golden Jubilee Fete for Townview State School is fast approaching with only days to go. We are still hoping for donations of certain items.

Some items we are seeking include books (children's and adults), blocks of chocolate for a ChocBlock Toss, rubber ducks/animals, miscellaneous new items to use as prizes for our Tombola Stand (pasta sauce jars, pre-wrapped lollies/candies, personal items, shampoo, soaps, conditioners, etc. jars of spreads such as vegemite, peanut butter and cake mixes). If you have any of these items to donate we ask that you kindly leave them at the school office by Friday morning.

Every donation we receive will make a difference resulting in a highly successful and unforgettable Fair. All monies raised will go back to the school and our children will reap the benefits.

Unfortunately, there will be no Sweets Stand at our Fete, but the lovely Tuckshop ladies will be selling sweets and treats directly from the Tuckshop, as well as Hot Dogs, Steak Sandwiches etc.

There will also be plenty of performances on the main stage to keep you entertained during the night.

The library will also be open with memorabilia from the past 50 years of Townview State School. Merchandise to commemorate this major event will also be available to purchase.

There is a lot of work that goes into organising and running a Fete. Please contact the office if you able to volunteer on the night – even if only for an hour.

**LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR FETE GREAT.**

Celebrating with a Bang!
Fireworks Display
9:00pm
Townview State School Fete
Don’t miss the Spectacular
Closing Ceremony