Thank You
We have come to the end of another great year for Townview State School! We have seen wonderful achievements being made, academic as well as in all other fields. This year we have achieved so much. As a school we have witnessed many things grow from small ideas into great accomplishments. I am extremely proud of the teachers for the explicit teaching and learning that they are delivering in the classrooms, and I am enormously proud of the changes that have been made to our schools environment. As I enter the classrooms, I witness students engaging in the curriculum, teachers embedding the process of learning walls and developing assessment literate learners and successful lifelong learners. Not only are our students classroom learning environments inviting, we have also worked closely with our P&C, external organisations and community to enhance our exterior environment. This year we have seen a renewed entry to the school, a new mural that identifies our school motto and vision: ‘Preparing students for the future’ and ‘Together we Believe, Achieve and Succeed’, a cultural Bush Garden and Yarning Circle as well as a complete make-over and colour being brought to the Prep playground. I have been extremely proud and honoured to have been a part of this amazing journey that we have been on this semester and I cannot wait to see what we will be able to achieve together in 2016! Thank you for your support and commitment to our school. I look forward to leading Townview State School next year and to be a part of your child’s primary schooling career!

Class Lists for 2016
Class lists will be displayed on Friday 22nd January 2016 at 9.00am on the notice board near the office.

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Reading Focus
We have completed our 4th and final Reading Data Cycle! Congratulations to everyone! Our entire school (staff, students and parents/carers) have worked tirelessly the past 10 months to achieve the following PM results:
End of Data Cycle 1 = 45.1% of our students at Reading Benchmark level.
End of Data Cycle 4 = 55% of our students at Reading Benchmark level.
We have increased the number of students in our school reading at Benchmark Level by 9.9%.

Student Leaders 2016
Our 2016 School Leaders were announced at our Awards assembly on Monday 30 November. Deciding to stand as a school leader and delivering a speech to the entire school community is a very courageous task. Our leaders were elected by our students and staff through a rigorous application and voting process. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our 2016 leaders are:

- Amarah Body
- Natasha Connelly
- Breana Mothe
- Kathleen Farrelly

A big congratulations to our elected school leaders. I look forward to working with you next year.
Farewell Miss Matheson and Mrs Richardson
At the end of every school year, staff transfer to other schools. This year we sadly say farewell to two long standing Townview staff members, Miss Donna Matheson and Mrs Alisha Richardson. We wish them all the very best and thank them for their dedication, hard work and support that they have provided to students and staff and we will miss them greatly.

Student Free Days 2016
Earlier this term the Minister for Education, Kate Jones, announced Monday 25th January 2016 as an additional Student Free Day. As the 26th of January is the Australia Day public holiday, all students will return to school on Wednesday 27 January 2016.

Endorsement of Rodeo Weekend Student Free Day
Earlier this term I wrote to all parents informing you of a proposal being put forward by our region to change the October panel Student Free Day to the Friday of the Rodeo weekend for all Mount Isa schools. I am now able to confirm that this has proposal been approved by the region and endorsed by the Director-General, Dr Jim Watterston. The rescheduling of the Student Free Day is being implemented to minimise student absenteeism and was undertaken through consultation processes at all state schools and colleges in Mount Isa.

Sarus Crane Awards
Last Thursday our school was acknowledged by Southern Gulf Catchments at their AGM as the winners for the ‘Schools Category’ for the improvement of land and environment. Townview nominated our Yarning Circle and Cultural Garden under the sustainability and land improvement category for the awards and was excited to be announced as the winners for 2015.

Attendance
Attendance has been a strong focus for us as a school, however we realise that it is time for change in this area. Data and evidence has indicated that our attendance levels are dropping to a critical area of concern. As a school we must address this decline in attendance and instil a value of learning with our children. This fortnight our attendance thermometer has dropped to a record low of 82.8%. This is a significant number of students who are not achieving and succeeding as learners. Time away from school is time that is lost from learning. With the Australian Curriculum being a scaffolded curriculum that builds upon prior concepts it is concerning that students are missing vital pieces of information and learning. Our students education is important to us and we want to ensure that they have the potential to be successful learners in the classroom. This does not occur without conscious effort and commitment from our families and students. From the beginning of 2016, our focus for recognising and acknowledging attendance will be aligned to academic achievement. Students will be rewarded at end of term parades for improvement in their individual level of achievement results. This process will be of greater personal significance to students and will allow them to strive to achieve their academic goals. We will be informing parents of the new procedures for 2016 at our Day 8 Welcome Back BBQ.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 in 2016
Yours in Education,
Loretta
Hello Everyone,

Student Leaders and Sports Captains
I would like to thank the 2015 Student Leaders and House Captains on a fantastic effort this year. You set a wonderful example with your hard work and dedication.

Student Council News
I would also like to thank the 2015 Student Councillors for their amazing contribution this year. You did an outstanding job of representing the student body of Townview State School.

Attendance Awards
Congratulations to Prep A who won the Class Attendance award this term. 38 students have achieved 100% attendance this term, which is the highest for the year. These students were rewarded with a Fun Day of water activities on Tuesday. Congratulations to Ebony Wood, Kathleen Coggan, Eugene Pouesi, Peyton Lewis, Travis Wood and Kathleen Farrelly on achieving 100% Attendance for the year. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done!

Interschool Sports
Futsal
Congratulations to our Futsal team who came runners up at the recent Interschool competition. The Townview team displayed outstanding sportsmanship as they progressed to the finals, however where defeated by St Josephs 2-1. Congratulations to Mr Woods and Mr Froud on another successful year.

Basketball
Our Basketball team showed determination and an eagerness to learn new skills at the recent Interschool basketball competition. The team were reward with a place in the minor final. The team drew with St Josephs to finish in equal 3rd position. Congratulations to Ms Kempin, Ms Ereka and the team on another amazing season.

To our students moving on to high school, congratulations and I wish you well in your educational career. Keep the Townview pride shining.

I would like to wish all the families of Townview SS a safe and happy holiday break and I look forward to working with you in 2016.

Yvette Phillips
Deputy Principal
Hello to all our Townview State School families,

What a wonderful event our Christmas Concert turned out to be - students, parents, carers and staff had a very merry time. Christmas Hampers were drawn at the concert and the lucky winners were;

1st Prize: Kathleen Coggan
2nd Prize: Sarah Misken
3rd Prize: Anne Carson
4th Prize: Jeanine Coady
5th Prize: Kathleen Coggan

Tina Coggan sold the highest amount of tickets and Sonja Coggan donated the highest amount of items for the hampers - thank you so much ladies! Thank you also to everyone who supported our Christmas Concert and Christmas Raffle. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe 2016.

Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

Once again our school year draws to a close. We thank you for supporting our Book Clubs and Book Fair in 2015.

Look forward to sharing the love of reading with the children in 2016.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

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2016 Uniform Sales
Thursday 21st January 2016
Friday 22nd January 2016

The Tuckshop will be closing at 12.00pm on the last day of the school year, Friday 4th December 2015.
Students of the Week - 23rd November 2015

Prep A - Bella Morris
Prep B - Layla Body
1/2A - Dakota Wiki-Ormond
1/2B - Raymeekar Barlow
1/2C - Tristin Doyle
3A - Kahn Wilson-Charles
3B - Khi King
4A - Danielle Sebaly
4B - Tara Matheson
5/6A - Savannah Ryan
5/6B - Sharmah Spain
5/6C - Ashea Nona

PE Award - Amarah Body
SEP Award - Josiah Sam
The Arts - Zac Speechley
Townview Spirit Award - Tara Matheson and Jayden Richardson

Class Attendance Winners

Prep A were the Class Attendance Winners for Term 4. The Prep-pies celebrated with a Pizza Party on Wednesday.
Community Education Counsellor Corner - Miss Dixie

Hello Townview School Community,

Wow, what an amazing year at Townview State School! Congratulations to all the award winners at our Awards Day held on Monday. It was fantastic to acknowledge all our student’s achievements this year. Another congratulations to our new Student Leaders for 2016 - I know that your will do your school, family and yourself proud.

Goodbye, Farewell and Thank You

Goodbye to staff and families that will be leaving Mount Isa. I hope that your memories of Townview State School and Mount Isa will be strong and happy. Thank you to community, parents, staff and students for your support over the past year and I look forward to working with you all in 2016.

Until next year I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Dixie Sarmardin
Community Education Counsellor

Ready for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners

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Book Packs will once again be available to purchase from the office in 2016.

All year levels - $50.00 per pack.
Office re-opens on Monday 18th January 2016.

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**DRAMA CLASSES**

with

Rebecca Lister

Term One - 8 weeks:

Beginning Wednesday February 3rd
Ending Wednesday March 23rd

Students grades 4, 5 and 6 - Wednesday 3:30 – 5:15pm
Students grades 7, 8 and 9 - Wednesday 5:30 – 7:15pm

Price: $160 (for 8 week term)

Where: Mount Isa Neighbourhood Centre
72 Marion Street, Mount Isa

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