Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a positive start to the final school term, with the students returning enthusiastically. It is always great to see them reunite with their friends. It is very important that we continue with high expectations of work ethics and behaviour, especially in term four as the year comes to an end. Please encourage your children to remain positive and focused to finish the year on a high. A new term brings new opportunities for students to achieve. Students have been reflecting on term 3 reading goals and setting their final goals for 2015. We have made significant progress in reading achievement and we are excited about seeing the final results in testing later this term. Please work with us to help your children achieve the set reading goal (due home by week 3), by ensuring that they read every day. If your children are still learning sight words, please work especially hard with them to complete their levels so that their reading can progress. Our data shows that there is a direct improvement in reading when sight words are learnt.

D. Broadfoot
15th October, 2015

Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep for 2015 have now begun and we are filling up fast again! If you have a child that is eligible to start Prep next year please pick up an enrolment pack from the office. Please pass on this information if you know of another parent or caregiver that will be enrolling their child in Prep at RESS next year.

Student Free Day

Monday 19th October

Please note that this Monday 19th October is a mandated student free day. This day will be used for staff professional development. Our focus will be around a number of areas, including collaborative analysis of our progress towards our achievement targets and school priorities, followed by further class and whole school improvement planning. We will also be engaging in further professional development in phonological awareness.

Date Claimer:

Year 5 and 6 Awards Night
Parents and caregivers of Year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend the Year 5 and 6 Year Level Awards and Graduation evening on Thursday 26th November. More information will be send home shortly with details of the event.

School Disco Expectations

We are looking forward to a great Halloween disco. The final of Railway’s Got Talent will also be held. We will be reinforcing the following expectations at parade on Monday:

Expectations:

- All students are to be picked up by an adult. No students are to be walking home by themselves.
- Students are not permitted to be outside the designated areas, including under D block unless they are buying food at The Railway Café.
- Students are not permitted to bring soft drink/energy drinks/chewing gum to the school for this event.
- Have a great time and allow others to have a great time too.

WORLD TEACHER’S DAY

World Teacher’s Day is Friday 30th October for Queensland schools. We are looking forward to celebrating the great work that our teachers do. It is a great opportunity to give your thanks too!

2016 School Captains

The process for selecting school captains and sports captains began today. Our captains have been taking on an ever increasing role in our school. Year 5 students that wish to nominate for these positions will be bringing home a School Leader Policy and Procedures booklet this week to discuss with their parents. It is a very rigorous process, but it is also a very important and rewarding one.

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to check lost property if your child/children has lost something. There are quite a few items from the school camp that are still unclaimed. All items not collected by the end of November will go to charity.
**Citizen of the Week**

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**MILO T20 BLAST CRICKET PROGRAM**

Summer in Australia means CRICKET! And with summer approaching, now is a great time to sign up for the following local program:

**WHAT:**  
TOWNSVILLE JUNIOR CRICKET MILO T20 BLAST PROGRAM

**WHERE:** Tony Ireland Stadium, Sporting Drive, Thuringowa Central QLD 4817

**WHEN:** Friday nights starting 16 October (15 Week Program) 5:15-6:45pm

**WHO:** 7-12 year olds

**COST:** $150 (includes bonus Brisbane Heat cap, carry bag and polo shirt)

**REGISTER:** For further information and registration, head to [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

**The Uniform Shop**

School Uniforms are available for purchase from The Railway Café. New uniforms are $28. The best days to catch us are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school but if you need a uniform outside these times please let us know at The Railway Café.

**RESOURCE SCHEME**

- Thank you to the families who have paid or have made arrangements to make payments.
- A reminder that the balance (as per the agreement) is now due. Payments can be made at the office between 8.00am and 4.00pm.