Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we end another term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for the school and the learning of your child. Thanks to all the parents and caregivers that had parent-teacher meetings over the last two weeks. I hope that you found these meetings informative as we work together to further improve your child’s learning. It has been another busy term, which has been very rewarding. We have seen tremendous student improvement in reading, which has been our major focus. It has certainly been a busy term, with Life Education, swimming lessons, Eisteddfod, 5/6/7 camp, Red Track, movie night, National Tree Day and Naidoc Week. Our school Rewards Day this Friday will be a great way to end the term. On behalf of all the staff, we look forward to your continued support in term four.

D. Broadfoot
18th September, 2014

Rewards Day
This Friday is Railway Rewards Day. This is a day when all students are rewarded for their consistent display of the school rules and values. Students that have had 3 incidents resulting in ‘time out’ will not participate in the activities. The student council have organised ‘Techno Day’ as the Rewards Day theme. This will involve students being able to use the school’s iPads (60 of them!), computers and the new Xbox. Students may also bring their own device (e.g. ipod, Gameboy, etc) however strict rules have been provided for this and were sent home this week. Please reiterate these rules with your child.

Techno Day Rules

- You can bring your device (needs to be named and given to your teacher in the morning and will be given back during your class session and given back at home time)
- You can share your device only if the other person agrees
- No social media
- No rude or violent apps
- Look after the schools devices
- In the computer lab you can do anything apart from social media, and rude or violent sites
- No sound on devices unless headphones are used.

Crossing the road
If your children cross the roads around our school, please remind them to cross at the designated crossing areas. A ‘near miss’ recently is a timely reminder of the importance of discussing this safety concern.

Parking
Please do not park illegally around our school, even if you are just dropping off or picking up your children. This is especially important around our crossings. Parking close to our designated crossing areas is endangering the lives of our children.

Eisteddfod
Our school choir, led by Mrs Nichols, won the Eisteddfod last week! Enormous congratulations must go to all of the choir members, who worked extremely hard for a number of weeks to prepare for this event. Their hard work certainly paid off, as they outclassed all of the other schools, including much larger schools and private schools. Thanks to Mrs Nichols for giving up so many lunchtimes to lead the choir to such success!

How to help your child with…. Confidence
Confidence is the full trust and belief in oneself, a self-reliance and assurance in one’s abilities. The ‘litmus test’ for the degree of confidence a student has can be tested by how they approach new challenges. Lack of confidence is one of the greatest barriers to successful learning. Children who lack confidence have yet to learn that:

- Making mistakes is an essential part of learning.
- Important people love us for who we are, not for what we can do.
- We all have many skills that we have not yet discovered.
- Being successful means doing your best, not being better than other people.

Listed below are some ways in which you can help your child to become more confident, and therefore more successful as a learner:

- Be excited and interested in their achievements, no matter how small.
- Build on any special strengths with praise and new opportunities.
• Ensure that your children feel safe and supported in taking risks. Every child needs to learn that it is fine to make mistakes and that trying and not succeeding straight away is part of learning.

• Take a child’s interests and activities seriously. Let them see that their experiences are valuable.

• Ensure all challenges are realistic. Nothing succeeds like success and the more success children have the more confidence they bring to any new challenges.

• Carefully consider the place of competition in the life of the child. Despite what some people think, an individual’s success in life, in the things that matter, does not depend on being faster, stronger or smarter than other people. Success is about doing your best and being proud of yourself.

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**Labour Day Holiday**

Please note that school resumes on Tuesday 7th October, as Monday 6th October is a public holiday for Labour Day.

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**Enrolments**

Enrolments for 2015 will continue when school resumes next term. If you know parents that have children looking to enrol here next year, including in Prep, please encourage them to contact the school in week one of term four.

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**School Watch**

School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding schools against vandalism, theft and arson. Schools are at high risk of deliberate damage because of their very nature and design. Because they are regularly left unattended and unprotected they are vulnerable. Schools are community property so we must all work together to protect them.

We depend on students, parents and all members of the local community to:

1. **LOOK**
2. **LISTEN**
3. **REPORT**

Do Not take any further action. If you see or hear suspicious behaviour, report the incident immediately by ☎️ 131788.

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**Think Green Act Purple**

A reminder about our School Battery Recycling Program. Place all your dead batteries in our purple recycling bin to help us win the “Battery Weigh In”. It’s part of our program to help educate Australia about proper and responsible battery recycling.

**Battery World**

245 Ingham Rd, Garbutt TOWNSVILLE PH: 13 17 60

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**Citizen of the Week**

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**Hoy**

Saturday 27th
September under D Block at
2.00pm

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Emily, Gracie & Maddison enjoying their day at Red Track

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**Have you ‘Likeds’ our new Facebook page?**

[https://www.facebook.com/RailwayEstate](https://www.facebook.com/RailwayEstate) This page will be updated with school events and information throughout the year.