Dear Parents and Caregivers,

‘Townsville is the crime capital of Queensland’. This statement has been reported in the media recently and is no doubt as concerning to you as it is to me. This week’s Townsville Bulletin reported that 54% of arrests for crime over the last year were of children aged 10 to 16 years. As a parent and an educator, this is alarming and very disheartening. Thankfully, we have a great school community and together we are united in our efforts to raise and educate children that will contribute greatly to society. There is a saying that ‘It takes a village to raise a child’. In essence, this means that the development of each child is the responsibility of every community member. As children grow and learn more about their world, they will be influenced by many people, who will have an impact on their decisions and attitudes towards themselves and to the world. Teachers and parents, the peer group and the community all contribute to the progress children make in their learning. Let’s continue to do our best to address the headlines, by continuing to make our ‘village’ a safe and supportive one, where education is highly valued and where every person who walks through our gates contributes to the future of our children.

Principal’s comments...

D. Broadfoot
Principal
26th May, 2016

Reconciliation week 27th May – 3rd June
As part of Reconciliation Week we focus our attention towards this year’s theme, which is ‘Our History, Our Story, Our Future.’ This is a time for all Australians to reflect on our national identity, and the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and rights in our nation’s story.

‘Our History’ reminds us all that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.

‘Our Story’ reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story, as do the stories of both trauma and triumph told by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also encourages each and every one of us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

‘Our Future’ reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, in the knowledge that we believe in fairness for everyone, that our diversity makes us richer, and that together, we are stronger.

UNIFORM AND JEWELLERY
Unfortunately, some standards seem to be dropping with many students not wearing full school uniform. Please endeavour to ensure your children are wearing the required school shirt and royal blue shorts or skorts, or the school dress.

We also spoke about jewellery on school parade this week. No jewellery is permitted, except for earrings and watches.

Rugby
Good luck to our RESS Rugby team, who will be competing in the Development Cup tomorrow. The boys and girls have trained very hard during their lunchtimes and have developed some great skills! Thanks once again to the development officers, Miss Deuble, Mr Inch and Mr McDonald.

TUCKSHOP
Sadly, Maurice Cook, our tuckshop convenor has resigned. Maurice has been a great asset to our school over recent years. He has provided our students with healthy food options, most of which have been prepared on-site. Maurice also volunteered countless hours to provide food for discos, fun nights, movie nights and other special school days. He has put many strategies in place to ensure that the tuckshop was financially viable for the first time in many years.

The P&C and Mr B are currently reviewing the many applications for the convenor role, before interviewing the shortlisted applicants. We look forward to continuing to provide a great tuckshop service to our families.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Interschool Cross Country recently. It was a challenging course and all students ran their very best and represented the school at the highest level.

Rewards Day
Railway Rewards Day will be held in week 11, on Thursday 23rd June. 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 ‘Rollerskating at Sk8way’ as the Rewards Day. More details will be provided in the ‘Student News’ and an individual notice.

Saturday 4th June under D Block at 2.00pm
P&C News

Railway Café
We recently said farewell to Mr Cook, our Tuckshop Convenor for the past 3 years. We would just like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mr Cook for all of his wonderful work during this time. Not only did he volunteer at all our events but all of last year he volunteered one day a week to help us see the Railway Café make a profit. He will be missed and we are sure the kids will join us in thanking him for being so awesome!

HATS
Don’t forget the new school hats are now available at the Railway Café on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings only. For just $16.00 you get 2 hats in one and they are size adjustable to fit all ages.

V8 Parking
Yes, it’s that time of year again! The V8 parking provides us with our biggest fundraising opportunity of the year and all the money raised goes back into our school community in so many ways. But we can’t do it without an army of volunteers. A roster is going up outside the Railway Café, so please put your name down, even if it is only for an hour.

Uniforms
Since late last year we have been working with the students and school community to look at some new designs for our school uniforms. All designs have now been finalised and will be on display at The Railway Café for the rest of this term. The new uniforms will be available for purchase later this year. We will be phasing in the new designs over the next 12 months and existing uniforms will be acceptable to wear. We will have news on pricing and availability soon.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2016
For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to the school.

Envelope orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the RETURN OF CASH & ENVELOPES ON PHOTO DAY.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code-5E1 4KM MLC. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that:

1. Sibling/Family photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family photos will be cut off at 12.00am the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

ALL ORDERS PLACED ONLINE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL FOR COLLECTION

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Nominate a Great Teacher Today
Do you know a teacher you’d like to thank? A Day Made Better gives you the opportunity to thank a primary or secondary school teacher who is making a difference. If chosen as one of 10 winners, they’ll receive $5,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom. Help us recognise these inspiring people by nominating them today.

Nominate a Teacher you’d like to thank before June 17th
Great teachers are worth celebrating
ADAYMADEBETTER.COM.AU

School Resource Contribution
Please note that the school resource contribution can be paid at the school office. We strongly encourage your commitment to this important scheme. This contribution helps to provide important resources for the students’ curriculum needs, particularly as we do not use textbooks. The contribution is $80 for year levels 1 to 6 and $100 for Prep. Thank you to those that have paid this already. EFTPOST facilities are now available.

Teach your child to dial Triple Zero (000) and remember details
The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game at http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/.

When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location.

More information can be found at http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/default.asp