Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At Railway Estate State School, we have been working hard to develop an exemplary school culture, through a commitment to high expectations as well as making school an enjoyable place to be. In many ways an exemplary culture is something that is intangible and cannot be seen; it is more of a ‘feeling’ that you have in a school. People working in a school with an exemplary culture feel positive and respond positively to one another. An exemplary culture in a school is about staff, parents, students and the community feeling enormous pride in their school. It is about teachers feeling energised, appreciated and motivated; being open to new challenges; unafraid to look critically on current practices and a willingness to work as part of a team. It is about students striving to do their best and feeling proud of their learning. It is about visitors to the school saying that this school has a great feel about it. It is about parents who are keen to be involved in their children’s learning and who want to send their children to the school because it feels right. We are certainly well on the way to developing this exemplary school culture and thank all the families that work with us to develop this.

D. Broadfoot
3rd September, 2015

Railway Rewards Day will be held once again in week 10. 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 ‘Class Parties’ as the Rewards Day theme. More details will be provided in the ‘Student News’.

Year 5/6 Camp
In just over a week’s time our Year 5 and 6 students will attend camp at Daradgee Environmental Education Centre. It is sure to be a great opportunity to gain new knowledge and skills. It will also be a fantastic opportunity to strengthen relationships and develop leadership qualities. We wish all our camp students well for the opportunity ahead!

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
On Thursday 10th September our Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Central State School for interschool sport. It is sure to be a great day! A separate note and permission form is being sent home shortly regarding this excursion. Students will need to return the permission form to attend.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
We will be trialling holding parent-teacher interviews in weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4. This will allow for term 3 assessments to be completed, which will make for a more informed discussion regarding student progress. Teachers will send home details closer to the time.

Donations – Thanks!
Thank you to the parents that have donated to the breakfast program recently. As our school grows, the demand for milk and other breakfast program items goes up. We especially rely on donations of milk and we are very appreciative of these contributions. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to drop a bottle in to the breakfast program before school.

Support Staff Recognition Week
This week we recognised the fantastic work that our support staff do at Railway Estate SS. Miss Narelle and our teacher aides work tirelessly to ensure that our students, staff, parents and community are well supported. These staff go above and beyond to support our school community and we are very grateful for this. We acknowledged their hard work during parade this week.

Good luck to our amazing choir, who will head to the Civic Theatre next Friday 11th September to compete in the Eisteddfod. Thanks to Mrs Earle for dedicating so many lunchtimes to working with the choir.

INTERCARNIVAL FAIR
We are hosting a CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR. Each class will be invited to preview the books during their library session. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers.

Our Book Fair selling times will be:
Beginning Monday 31st August
8:30-9:00am
You, your family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.
Credit Card facilities are available. No AMEX please.
How can parents help a Year 4 to 6 child read at home?

- Ensure your child is exposed to a wide range of reading materials. Newspapers, letters, recipes, TV guides, magazines and puzzle books.
- Encourage your child to read for different purposes:
  - Reading novels
  - Reading and explaining instructions for using new appliances
  - Reading interesting articles from the community
  - Read to a younger brother or sister
  - Take an interest in books written by favourite authors. Talk about the book series.
  - Encourage your child to talk about books he or she has enjoyed or disliked. Foster thoughtful criticism and comment on a book.
- Support the learning process by guiding and advising. Talking things through is very important.
- Talk to your classroom teacher about homework expectations. Ask if there is anything further you can do to support your child.
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**Citizen of the Week**

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**EXCLUSIVE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY - Railway Estate State School**

Railway Estate State School has requested AustNews to provide their Newsletter service for a 12 month period. **Distribution**

- The school distributes newsletters every fortnight over a 12 month period to 180 families, teachers & staff.
- Your ad will be displayed on every newsletter.
- These are exclusive advertising positions (only one of each type of business on a newsletter)

If you would like to promote your business in this way please contact Donna on 3330 1636 or donna@austnews.com.au

**Oddball Community Movie Event**

**SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

**10.30 AM**

**EVENT CINEMAS, TOWNSVILLE**

Cost: $20 ticket incl Holiday Activity Pack

Raising funds for Lions Community Projects

Tickets available from www.trybooking.com

Club Secretary Melissa 0411 212 364
Scott - Anacoda Catering

**TOWNSVILLE CLEVELAND BAY LIONS CLUB**