This is the final school newsletter for the term and for semester one. It is difficult to believe half of our school year has passed. During this time the staff has witnessed great improvement in student outcomes and attendance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support during the semester. When strong partnerships are maintained between the school and home great progress can be made. I would encourage all parents to visit their child’s classroom to discover the learning that is taking place and to take the time to meet with the classroom teachers on a regular basis. Keeping abreast of the ongoing educational needs of your child will lead to greater success.

School Sports Day:
Next Thursday, June 25, our school will be conducting its annual Inter-house sports carnival. This is a day which the children enjoy enormously and a time when we see lots of parents visiting the school. In order for the day to run smoothly the following arrangements have been made:

- On the 8:30am bell all children are to proceed to their classrooms to prepare for the day.
- This year the day will commence with a march past of all of the sporting houses. The children will assemble in their house groups in the hall at 8:50am sharp (after the bell). The march past will commence at 9:00am. (All children should arrive at school by no later than 8:30am on that day to ensure they are ready for marshalling)
- The children will need to wear their house colours on the day.
- Children will need to bring their lunches and water bottles to the oval at the commencement of the day – (during the march past)
- First events commence at 9:30am.
- All children MUST remain in their house groups at all times during the competition. Children are not permitted to leave their house tents to sit with parents, although parents are invited to sit under the tents with the children. It is essential this arrangement is strictly observed to avoid children missing events because they were not where they should have been for marshalling.
- The children will have their normal two breaks during the day. It is during these breaks they will be permitted to visit the tuckshop food stall on the oval and not at any other time.
- The oval tuckshop will be open all day for the convenience of parents.
- The main Tuckshop in the under cover area will not open on Sports Day.
- Parents are reminded to ensure all personal belongings are named so they can be returned to the rightful owners in the event items should be lost – inevitably many items are found at the conclusion of sports day.
- Please note: This is a primary school sports day. Secondary students are not welcome here on the day as they should be at their own schools participating in their normal school activities.

Our sports day is about participation and developing sportsmanship. While winning is a wonderful outcome for some, for the vast majority of children it is the spirit of participation that helps them to shine. It is often the last in the race who receives the loudest applause. This spirit of persistence is a highly desirable trait both on and off the sporting field. I wish all of the children a wonderful carnival and trust they will give of their best in every event. May the best team win!!

School Requisites:
As the children have now been at the school for six months, much of their stationery has been depleted. During the holidays all parents are asked to do a ‘stocktake’ and replenish items where necessary. When students have all the necessary tools for learning, they are focussed and organised and able to concentrate on...
the job at hand. I thank parents for their support in this matter.

**School Uniforms:**
As children grow rapidly, many parents, at this time of the year, may wish to purchase new uniforms. The uniform shop will be open on the first day of the term for any parents who wish to purchase items. Parents are asked to purchase the correct uniform for their children:
- * School shirt
- * Royal blue shorts (not black or navy blue), skort or skirt
- Uniform dress
- Royal blue school hat
- Lace up shoes
- White socks
- Royal blue broad brimmed school hat

When our children are dressed in full school uniform, a strong sense of school pride is created and student behaviour improves. Currently we have approximately 90% of our students wearing their full school uniform each day. Thank-you parents for your assistance in this very important matter. It makes a big difference.

**Staffing - Semester 2:**
As the school classes are being reconfigured to support enrolment growth and to alleviate the pressure in our many oversized class rooms, classes and their teachers for semester 2 will be arranged as follows:

6A: Lisa Griffin
6B: Alison Jackson
5A: Mia Davison
5B: Emma Bollington
4/5 C: Joel Prior
4A: Jeremy Greene
4B: Rashmi P/Kathleen Power
3/4C: Samantha Finch/ Gerard McLaren (Fridays only)
3A: Valerie Harvey
3B: Rowena Quinlin
2/3 D: Stephanie Vaughan
2A: Billie- Rose Neal
2B: Caitlin Tansey
1/2C: Sharon Jawai
1A: Chloe Evans
1B: Jana Peppler/ Jo Easterbrook
P/1 D: Natalie Reason
PA: Kylie O’Brien
PB: Kelly-Jean Randall
PC: Richelle Murray

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Stephanie Vaughan back to the fold following twelve months of maternity leave. It will be wonderful to have her back working with, and making a difference for our children.

**Working Bee:**
As you would be aware, our P&C working bee was postponed last week-end due to the inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 1. I am hoping many of you will be able to put aside a morning to come and assist the school with additional maintenance projects, followed by a sausage sizzle, a cool drink and a chat. Help to keep our school strong. Come along and support your P&C association, even if you can only spare an hour. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Opti-MINDS:**
During the past few weeks a number of the students have been auditioning for the 2015 Opti-MINDS team. The team consists of only seven students, so as you can imagine, the selectors’ task was extremely difficult. I would like to congratulate all of the students who gave up their time to audition. It is very encouraging to have so many students willing to represent our school in the wider arena. Well done to all. The selected team members are: Mikayla, Isabella, Amika, Ariel, Ella, Christopher, Sukmani. Reserves: Para and Judah

Congratulations to these children. I know they will do a great job, learn a lot and be wonderful ambassadors for our great school. The competition commences on July 13.

**Holidays:**
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday. We, the staff, look forward to working with your children in term 3 and building strong partnerships with all families.

Parents are reminded the school grounds are out of bounds during the vacation period. Should anyone notice suspicious activity within the school during this time, please call the school watch number 13 17 88. We would like to return to the school in July and find it the same way in which it was left. Thanks for your assistance. We have a beautiful school and we would like to keep it that way.

**Cont. from front page**
Parents & Citizens’ Association

Another successful meeting was held yesterday, where we welcomed a new member to the fold, local Councillor Cathy Zeiger. It’s great to have such an influential person attending our meetings, and this can only benefit our little school. Welcome Cathy.

It is great to see all the parents every morning and afternoon with their children. Parents interested in and involved in their children's education has been proven to have a tremendous impact on how these children perform at school so while around the school ask your child’s teacher if there is anything you can do to assist them in the classroom or how to better support them from at home.

There will be a special P&C meeting prior to the next general meeting on 20 July 15 at 3.30pm to pass a new P&C constitution. A draft of the proposed constitution will be available to read in the office from Monday 22 June. Please attend the meeting if there is anything you would like to raise with the constitution.

Due to the weather we postponed our Working Bee from last weekend to Saturday 01 August from 8am to midday. Everyone is welcome and it is a great way for you to make the school a tidier place for your kids. We are also putting out a special call for any concreters who can assist with a small slab on the day. A sausage sizzle lunch and drink will be held after.

Cheers
Bill Schutz, President and
Mark Pullar, P&C Vice President

Are you a concreter?
We would love your help at the Working Bee.

A message from Miss Kippen in the Library:
It is time to return all those lovely library books you have been enjoying. Please bring them back by next week at the very latest.
You can borrow again next term and myself and Mrs Rehn look forward to seeing you again after the holidays.

Back to the LIBRARY!
PLEASE!

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### Student of the Week

**6A** Kerry
- All of 6A
- Always working to her potential.
- All of 6A showed exceptional behaviour at the Bentley Park Come and Try Day

**6B** Marlon
- Amillia
- Marlon blasted through the Quick Facts Club
- Thank you for helping Matthew at the Bentley Park open day.

**5A** Shanice
- Awarded for always being focused and ready to learn.

**5B** Adyn
- Being a learner—using amazing vocabulary and interesting ideas to complete his English.

**5C** Napoleon
- Excellent attendance all semester.

**4A** Kobi
- Lucy
- For organisational skills. Always ready to learn and always polite.
- Lucy has demonstrated really good organisational skills and great whole body listening.

**4B** Cindy and Alirah.
- Both girls are always trying their best at all assignment tasks.

**3/4C** Shonoiya
- Sean
- Shonoiya is always being helpful and is a considerate class mate.
- Sean has shown confidence with swimming lessons.

**3A** Jade
- Jade listens, responds and learns.

**3B** Emma
- Congratulations to Emma who has worked hard to achieve her targets.

**2A** Erika
- Bailey
- Excellent effort in all areas and greatly improved bookwork.
- For being persistent. Always trying his best at everything.

**2B** Mitchell
- Mitchell sets a good example by cleaning up our school, well done!

**2C** Bundy
- Kylarnie
- Bundy is always putting in 100% effort into all that he does.
- For doing a fantastic job of her narrative work.

**1A** Derric
- Leo
- Derric has made a great improvement in his behaviour and learning. Keep it up!
- Leo has shown persistence in working hard to improve his narrative writing.

**1B** Justina
- Aniken
- Given for being a kind and respectful student.
- Better listening, better learning! Well done.

**1C** Maple
- Fabulous learning Maple. Always ready to participate and learn in our class.

**PA** Gypsy
- Gypsy has made improvement in her reading.

**PB** Maddison
- Liam
- Awarded for always showing respectful behaviour.
- Good work. Fantastic sentence writing.

**PC** Kai
- Malachi
- Has remained focussed in reading groups and put in 100% effort.
- Malachi has shown a huge improvement in his writing

### Have you returned your Permission Form?

As part of our website upgrade we are updating publishing permissions for all students in the school. Publishing permission allows your child’s image or name to be featured. Full details are on the form.

You need to return a signed form - whether you chose a ‘Yes’ or a ‘No’.

Additional copies of the form are available in reception.

### Your guide to Term 2

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Do you have a child born 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?

Enrolment packs will be available for collection from the school office next term. We look forward to seeing you.

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Belated Thank You

We would like to thank two mums who very kindly made items for our Mother’s Day Stall last month:
Thank you very much to Isabel Maczi and Nikki Trave who both have children in PB.

Instrumental Music Lessons - Wind only

Ms Rankine, our visiting instrumental music teacher, is taking leave and will be replaced for the first 7 weeks on next term by Mr Dan Bruce. Unfortunately this means that there will be no wind instrument lessons next week. Mr Bray’s students are not affected.

School Parade in the last week of school

School Parade has been moved to the Friday, 26 June, which is the last day of term. The time will be 2.15pm as there are many awards to be given out, including the terms 100% attendance draw. So, if you want to be in the ipad mini draw you MUST be at school right up until the last day of term! All are welcome so please join us.
There will be no parade on the usual Wednesday afternoon.

Year 6 - High School School Transitions

The Open Day for our White Rock year 6 students to experience Woree High School is NEXT MONDAY.
Information has been sent home via the classroom.

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Come and Join in on our FAFT programme! Each Thursday from 9:00-11:00am outside the school hall.

What we have been up to: We have worked on helping our children to learn colours and provide them an opportunity to communicate more effectively. Sorting things by colour is an important mathematical concept for children to learn.

Prepositions—are position words like on, under, over, in, up, between. They can be hard for children to learn and are important because they teach children new words and help them start to say more complex sentences.

No FaFT next week due to Sports Day. Recommencing week 2 of next term

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**Readers Cup**

"Rock Stars" rock at Readers Cup

On Friday 12th June the White Rock "Rock Stars" team of Laneekah, Mikayla, Paiwan and Neti travelled to Whitfield State School to represent White Rock in the FNQ Region Readers Cup Competition.

Each competing school had a team of four people who had to read 6 books in the 2 months leading up to the competition. This year we had to read "The Red Wind", "Blueback", "The Silver Donkey", "The Ruins of Gorlan" and "Ayu and the Perfect Moon".

Twenty two schools competed, answering questions about the books. It was fun answering the 60 questions, even though they were very difficult and you had to remember lots of details about the books. This the first time White Rock has entered a team and even though it was very hard we had fun doing it. Miss Kippin was very proud of us and said we had worked very well as a team.

Teams from the Atherton Tablelands came first, second and third.

By Neti

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**Eggcellent Articles from 5A Students**

**The Egg-Citing Soldier Drop!**

On Wednesday 10th of June 2015, six groups from 5A at White Rock State School created a device that would stop an egg from breaking from the height of 4m! Since the weather was a bit wet, we had to do the drop under the handball courts because it was covered.

We all thought about designing an enclosure so the egg wouldn’t fall out, so we put the egg in a plastic cup with cotton balls in it. We then made a cube out of a big A3 piece of paper and put the cup inside. Then once the cube was made, we took some string and tied a balloon onto the cube and finally, we cut a straw into little pieces so that we could stick a little bit of straw everywhere on the bottom.

All the groups only had $5,000 to spend! The price for a balloon was $3000, 1 cotton ball was $50, a 30cm piece of string was $500, 30cm of tape was $500, a piece of A3 paper was $1000 and a straw was $50. At least the cup was free!

After creating the device, our teacher, Mr Prior, launched each team’s devices. All of the team’s eggs cracked, but there was one team who won a prize for the best design. It was a really tough challenge.

The thing that our group could have improved on is we should have put something at the bottom that wouldn’t let the cup touch the floor. As soon as the cup touches the floor the egg cracks straight away. We also learnt that the balloon does nothing unless it is filled with helium gas. We only had our breath to use.

By Sukhmani, Wendy, Aaliyah & Shanice. (5A)

**EGGSTREMELY COOL**

On the 10th June 2015, 5A held an eggcellent Egg Drop.

The Great Egg Drop is a challenge where teams have to build shuttles to save an egg from breaking after being dropped from 4 metres onto concrete using materials we bought from our budget of $5000. There were six teams and we had approximately 45 minutes to plan and design and then around 20 minutes to create the budget.

Designing was a little difficult, but a lot of people enjoyed it and want to do it again soon. One of the students, Sania said, “It was really enjoyable and we hope to try again to make it work next time. I have a CRACKING idea!”

We built a shuttle called the MuLamb, complete with a parachute. We used 90cm tape, 2 straws, 10 cotton balls, 1 egg pilot, 30cm string and 2 A3 sheets of paper. Everything we bought added up to our $5000 budget.

Sadly, our craft did not protect our pilot but at least the craft didn’t break only the egg. The only one that survived was Usher’s design, The Penguin.

Harmonie said,” It was hard but it was worth it!” We like the design of the MuLamb even though it failed and cracked. If we do it again we are sure to do it better, have more fun and next time not break the egg.

By Christopher & Harmonie
Are you really struggling to feed your kids? Are your children hungry?

**IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TREATMENT** the dentist makes contact with you and you are offered an appointment at one of the static school dental clinics in town.

There has been a disappointing take up on these treatment appointments once parents have been advised they are needed. If you have been contacted but need help making the appointment come and see the school office staff who will help you. Remember the treatment is also

Let’s get these kids to the Dentist

As part of C & K Open week White Rock Kindy will be hosting a garage sale and sausage sizzle.

If you have any children that are almost Kindy age, come and drop in on the open day as spaces for 2016 are starting to fill up OR just come and grab a bargain at the garage sale!

**When** – Saturday 20th June

**Where** – White Rock C & K (in front of White Rock State School)

**Time** – 7 am – 12 noon

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**What’s on at White Rock regularly?**

**Guyala Playgroup**, Tuesdays 9-11am

Parents with children under school age are most welcome.

**Coffee Club**, Tuesdays 2-3pm

All parents are invited to join us and meet with others, organised by Mission Australia

**Free Breakfast for children**

Tue, Wed & Thurs 7.45-8.30am - Thank you to Woolworths Mount Sheridan and The Rock Impact Group

**FAFT—Families as First Teachers**

Thurs 9-11am

**Free Dinners. Kahl Park 6.15-7pm.**

**EVERY DAY** For hungry children and all under 21’s.

Run by Street Level Youth Care

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**ST MARY’S COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT DETAILS**

Wed 22nd July 2015

4pm - 6.30pm

Teachers and students will host the Open Night and be available to answer your questions. Go into a draw to win an iPad Air and

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Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September

Some-thing for every-one

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