From The Principal - Susette Birchley

NAPLAN Results:

Last week, the 2015 NAPLAN results were forwarded to schools across Queensland. The parents of the participating students in Years 3 and 5 will receive a written report today. Parents are asked to take the time to review the report. If any parents need clarification about the report, please do not hesitate to ring the school to speak with your child’s teacher or one of the leadership team.

This year White Rock State School achieved its best ever results. In six of the 10 areas our school’s average scores were above the nation’s score and the remaining four scores were equivalent to the nation. This is an outstanding result for our school and our children. I congratulate the students on their results and thank the staff for the focussed effort they have put into ensuring our children’s education is second to none! Well done to everyone! Please see the results below:

Year 3

The Bar shows White Rock State School’s Average.
The top line shows National Average
The bottom line shows State Average (QLD)

Year 5

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The bottom line shows State Average (QLD)
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Working Bee:
On August 1 the school’s P&C Association conducted a working bee to complete a number of jobs that would ordinarily take our School’s Officers a significant period of time to complete. Thank-you to the parents and staff who willingly gave up their time to assist on the day. It was a great roll up and much was completed. Your support of our school was greatly appreciated. A huge thank-you to Steve Gower, our school’s Officer, for his efficient organisation of the Bee. Everything flowed smoothly because the workers knew what to do and had the necessary equipment to complete their task. Thanks also to Noel Gibbs, also our School’s Officer, and Steve for giving up their time to ensure the day ran like clockwork.

I would also like to say a special thanks to Bill Schutz, our P&C president, for organising the barbeque and for his ongoing enthusiasm for getting things done for our school. Great job Bill.

All in all the morning was very successful and confirmed the old saying that “many hands make light work”. Well done everyone. Additional photo’s from the day can be found in the P&C Article on page 3 of this newsletter.

School Review:
Next week our school will be undergoing a whole School Review. The review process is new to Education Queensland this year. Previously we have had Teaching and Learning Audits involving only one auditor. A School review involves three reviewers who will spend three days at our school looking at the programs that are offered, the manner in which the programs are delivered, the systems established within the school and the school’s compliance with Education Queensland’s expectations. They will be focussing on our main improvement agenda which is to improve reading and writing across the school. Many schools this year have already taken part in a review and have found the process very positive.

Following the review, the reviewers will offer recommendations that will assist us in moving forward as a school. During their time here they will speak with many people and may approach parents who are waiting to collect their children. If a stranger comes and speaks with you about our school, don’t be alarmed, it will more than likely be one of our reviewers.

Following the review a report will be sent to the school which will be placed on our website for everyone to read. I welcome the feedback we will receive about our operations and look forward to making our great school even better.

Opti-MINDS Update:
For the past five weeks seven of our students have been preparing for the 2015 annual Opti-MINDS challenge. This year they have once again chosen to undertake the Science and Engineering challenge which is again very challenging. The children are currently making props, writing and learning their scripts and most importantly constructing a device to the given specifications. The children will compete in the long term challenge and the spontaneous challenge on Sunday, August 26 at the James Cook University Smithfield campus. Parents are welcome to attend. I wish the team all the very best on the day and feel sure they will do their best.

Theatrical Review by 6A
Slice of Vaudeville:
Last week the students of White Rock had the opportunity to attend a special magical show called “Slice of Vaudeville”.

The show was absolutely awesome. It was jam packed with magic tricks, puppetry and comedy. Every student was completely enthralled by the show, which had everything from birds flying out of a hat, to a talking, moving whiteboard. We would thoroughly recommend this show to any school aged child. It was spectacular!

Year 6A

The Library is holding a sale of pre-loved fiction books during National Book Week:

Wednesday 26 August
Thursday 27 August
Friday 28 August

All books will be just 50c each.

Come and bag your self a bargain. There will be something to appeal to all children.
6A    Kerry    For being an organised, committed learner.
6B    Hayley    Hayley has assisted in maintaining class routines.
5A    James    Achieving success in writing his comparison.
5B    Jessie    Jessie has been a super focussed maths learner.
4/5D  Jamal    Awarded for showing excellent focus and work ethic.
4A    Tamzyn    Always being focussed on the teacher and sitting up straight. Really good ‘Whole Body Listening’
3/4C  Kerensa    Resilience—Finding new ways to overcome obstacles.
3A    Connor    Connor listens, thinks and responds well.
3B    Sureya    For working harder in class.
2/3D  Allan    Always showing respect and being the first to show whole body listening.
2A    Zeerah    Always displaying whole body listening.
1/2C  Ghaedda    Well done on settling in quickly and being amazing in her new class.
1A    Cody    For making a great start at his new school.
PB    Ella    Ella has been joining in well during class warm ups.
PC    Peyton    A great attitude towards learning. Well done!

Note: If your child’s name is not here but they were awarded Student of the Week it is because you have not returned a Permission Note to publish their name, or have declined permission.

Parents
Citizens’ Association

Good day to all Parents and Friends, Students and Teachers of WRSS.
Firstly, I must say a huge thank you to all the Parents, Teachers and partners and the school kids who turned up 2 weeks ago for our Working Bee!

In my 3 years as President, I have never seen such a large turnout. There was lots achieved that morning, and it was great to see everybody caring so much for our great little school. Awesome Stuff! We hope to have another one next term, so it would be great to see another turnout like that.

On a personal note, I will be representing the P&C at the annual State P&C Conference coming up in September on the 11th and 12th, down in Brisbane. There has been no one from our P&C in the last 5 years attend, so it's well overdue. The theme is "Riding the Wave - Education mega trends". Should be an informative couple of days, so I hope to come back to WRSS with some new fresh ideas for our committee.

We have also recently purchased a cordless EFT-POS machine for the Tuckshop, with tap and pay function. By all reports, it has made life a lot easier for the ladies in the uniform and tuck shop. It also makes it quicker for parents. A win-win for all.

Keep Rocking it at White Rock.
Cheers,
Bill Schutz
President.
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Family Portrait Fundraiser

5th & 6th September, at the school.
Bookings are being taken NOW!
With thanks to Mrs Randall, our PB teacher, for organising.

Year 1 Swim Lessons
Dates have Changed - New dates are in the calendar below

Have you paid yet?
Lessons are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 27 August
Come and see us in the office.

Your guide to Term 3

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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

Prep 2016
Do you have a child born 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
Enrolment packs are now available from the school office.

School Banking
We really need a volunteer to help us run the children’s banking scheme. Can you spare JUST ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT TO HELP?

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3.00pm - 7.00pm
Wuchopperen Health Service
6 Moignard Street Manoora

FACE PAINTING - ART - CRAFT
TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLAND DANCING - HIP HOP WORKSHOPS
TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES - JUMPING
CASTLE - FIRE BRIGADE - ZOO TO YOU
WEAVING - ENTERTAINMENT - HEALTHY FOOD

For more information please call 4080 1000

JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING DISCO SUPERHERO PARTY

Blue Light Disco
Saturday 29th August 2015
6.00pm - 8.30pm
$9.99 entry

No pass outs. Children must be collected by parents.

Edmonton PCYC 10-20 Walker Road, Edmonton P: 40465540

UPCOMING CRICKET SEASON 2015/2016
NORTH CAIRNS CRICKET CLUB WILL HAVE A TEAM AT THIS YEAR’S CRICKET AUSTRALIA NATIONAL SCHOOL DAYS.
WHERE: ROCXDRUM PARK, MAERS ST MANOORA
WHEN: 14AM TO 12PM, 22-30 AUGUST 2015
ALL CHILDREN, GIRLS & BOYS OF ALL AGES ARE COVERED BY THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF CRICKET OFFERED THIS SUMMER. FIRST-TIMERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS FROM FUN TO COMPETITIVE. UNDER 5’S INTO INDOOR CRICKET, FRIDAY Afternoons (softball), UNDER 11’S TO 12’S (black, Friday afternoons (softball) UNDER 13’S AND UNDER 14’S TO RUN BY CCC, SATURDAY 13 FOR THE DRAGONS, ALL 3 GRADES RUN BY CCC, SATURDAY & SUNDAYS ON-SITE ON-DETAY. JUNIOR SEASON WILL COMMENCE AFTER SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. SEASON STARTS SHORTLY.
CONTACT NORTHS YOUTH PROGRAMS.
www.cairnscricket.com.au

BASKETBALL AFTER DARK
21st Aug. 2015 6-9pm
Edmonton PCYC, Walker Rd
Free Entry

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We specialise in school stationery

Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September

We provide Quality
Before School Care 6:30am - 9:00am
After School Care 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Vacation Care 9:30am - 6:00pm

MT SHERIDAN PLAZA (opposite Woolworths)
PHONE: 0740-363699 FAX: 0740-363599
E: bevvalee@yahoo.com.au

MT SHERIDAN NEWSPOWER
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The Cane Season is underway
Please talk to your children now about the dangers of trains and bins.

Community Youth Group
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30
Grades 4 - 12
Call Steve for more details 0407 127 204