From The Principal - Susette Birchley

Prep Enrolments:

Parents are advised that Prep enrolments are now being taken for the 2016 academic year. If you have a child born between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, he or she is eligible to attend Prep next year. It is important for us to have your child enrolled as soon as possible in order for preparations to be made for these classes. I would encourage parents to visit the school office and collect an enrolment application in the near future. It would be great to have spaces filled by the end of this term.

If any family knows of children living near them who are due to come to Prep here next year, please pass this information onto them. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Attendance:

I understand that sometimes it is very difficult to encourage children to willingly prepare themselves for school. I would ask that all parents, however, make a big effort to get their children to school every day because it is very true that EVERY DAY COUNTS! Thank-you for your perseverance with this very important matter.

Spring Concert:

On Thursday, September 10, all children will be participating in the school’s annual spring concert. The concert will once again be held at 12:00 noon on that day. It is held during the day as this enables all students to perform; not only those who may attend an evening performance.

All parents are invited to attend. As the concert is only an hour in duration we ask that the audience remain seated for the duration all performances. This will allow parents to observe the talent of the whole school and also ensures a sizable audience for the final acts. We hope to see you all here on September 10.

Congratulations Opti-MINDS Team

Last Sunday, our school’s Opti-MINDS team participated in the Far North Queensland Regional Challenge held at James Cook University. This was the culminating event of the six week challenge. The team chose to enter the Science and Engineering challenge and were tasked to devise a machine that would travel 1 metre in one direction using one form of movement, pause for a minimum of 1 second and...
no longer than 40 seconds and return to within 20cm of its starting position using a different mechanism to move the device. The team also had to participate in a spontaneous section in which they were given only a few minutes to produce a response around an unknown topic.

The team members were Mikayla, Amika, Para, Christopher, Ella, Taak and Ariel. These children conducted themselves beautifully on the day, looked great in their Opti-MINDS uniforms and were wonderful ambassadors for White Rock State School.

This has been a wonderful opportunity for these children to build team spirit, problem solve and extend themselves. Congratulations to all of them on their great effort.

I would like to thank Mr Joel Prior, Mr Matthew Grosskreutz and Mrs Kris Nolan for the guidance and support they extended to the team during the six week challenge. Thank-you also Mr Noel Gibbs and Mr Dan Hollis for their contribution. Greatly appreciated.

Whole School Review:
Last week our school participated in a whole school review. These reviews are conducted by Education Queensland in all state schools every four years. Three reviewers visited our school and looked at our operations according to nine domains. During the visit they spoke with many staff, students and parents. I thank all participants for their input into the review. Your opinions and knowledge assisted the reviewers in formulating recommendations that will assist us when planning for the next four years.

The reviewers were very impressed with our wonderful school community, its operations and environment and as they all came from the Gold Coast they were very happy to be in Cairns enjoying our beautiful weather. The Review Report will be posted on our website when it arrives in the next few weeks.

Trinity Baptist Church Coffee Club:
Each afternoon, our good neighbour, Trinity Baptist Church, allows parents to use their car park while waiting to collect their children. This very generous offer has now been matched with the offer of a cup of coffee while you wait on Thursday afternoons, starting next week the 3rd September.

Members of the church community will be offering a hot ‘cuppa’ from 2:30pm on a Thursday afternoon during term time to our waiting parents. What a fantastic gesture! I’m sure they will be looking forward to you taking up their offer. Thank-you to all involved. Your generosity and friendship is greatly appreciated.

The following email was received from our Assistant Regional Director and we would like to share it with all:

Subject: FW: Congratulations on your 2015 NAPLAN Improvement

Dear White Rock State School Community,

The purpose of this email is to acknowledge the wonderful improvement evident in the 2015 NAPLAN results at White Rock State School. There is no doubt that this improvement has come about as a result of the dedication and professionalism of staff, the high expectations of parents and carers, the continuing hard work of students and the expertise of school leaders.

Over the past 18 months I have had the pleasure of visiting White Rock State School on numerous occasions and on each occasion I have witnessed growing levels of student engagement in classrooms. I have been informed of the continued willingness of staff to collaborate and share effective practice. I have also seen the results of specialised programs that have been developed and delivered to assist the most vulnerable learners.

I encourage all of you to continue working together to ensure every student at White Rock State School reaches their academic, social and personal potential. Be very proud of your achievements!

Stephen Bell
Assistant Regional Director
Far North Queensland Region
Department of Education and Training

For this to be another successful year we are asking each student to make a donation of $2.00. This money will go towards activities we have organised for the week. Each child who pays $2.00 will receive a NAIDOC band and will get their name into the draw to win a $100 voucher for the Cairns Coconut Holiday Resort.

This will be drawn on Friday 18th September, 2015

Please hand your money to the teacher for collection and your name will be added to the draw.

Your support is greatly appreciated and good luck to all families.

With many thanks to the generosity of our supporter, Cairns Coconut village.

Naidoc Week celebrations will be held at our school in Week 10 of this term.

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The Year 6 students are organising a stall so that students can choose a heartfelt gift for their father figure.

Donations of items to sell are now being sought. Please hand them to your teacher. Students who donate a gift will be able to visit the stall next week Wed 2 Sept to make their own purchase ahead of the rest of the school.

The stall will be open to all other students next Thursday and Friday.

There will be some fantastic gifts offered for sale from between $1-$10.

Grab your pocket money and treat your Dad, Grandad, Uncle or family friend!

Our Guyala Cultural Dancers were recently invited to perform at the Edmonton Community Kindergarten as part of their NAIDOC Celebrations. Our students danced, sang, and interacted with the Kindy students.

Once the dancing was over we face painted the kindy children’s faces. We all enjoyed ourselves and it was a privilege to share our skills and knowledge.

Mrs Rollason and Mrs Feeters

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.

Our children have been playing in a hand ball league every lunchtime and are competing for some fabulous prizes.

Mr Puller is doing a grand job of organising the event and has created courts in the hall using masking tape.

Watch this space for announcements of the winners

Why do schools conduct their enrolments so early? This allows us to ensure that our class groupings are ready to go for Transition Day at Bentley Park College which for current Year 6 students will be on Wednesday 2 December, 2015. More importantly to ensure classes are organised for the first day back at school in January 2016. It also ensures that we receive the correct staffing ratio and funding from the government to provide resources for those student enrolled which are coordinated at the end of 2015.

Tanya Findlay
Deputy Principal Student Services 7-12

Bentley Park College - Junior Secondary Transition

On Wednesday 29 July, students and parents in year 6 were invited to an information evening at Bentley Park College. In addition to the discussion on subject offerings and class structures, information was provided on how to book an enrolment interview for students attending Bentley Park College in 2016. Mr Adam Catalano conducted enrolment interviews at Isabella SS on Thursday 13 August, however if you missed out on an interview, these can still be organised by ringing Miss Maha at Bentley Park College on 40408130 or booking online at https://bentleypc.sessionkeeper.com.au/. Interviews are only 20 minutes in length.

Hand Ball Competition

A Message from Bentley Park College
6A  Megan Gabrielle  Success - working hard in all areas, For being organised, committed and a respectful learner.

6B  William  Has tried extra hard to complete his work.

5A  Genaiya Ahnan  Genaiya has excelled at her reading during reading groups. Awarded for being focussed and on-task in class.

5B  Adian Justin  Success - writing amazing sentences with fabulous vocabulary. For being a learner and completing his work in class with great focus.

4/5D  Wendy Aiyana  For being a superstar learner. Aiyana has shown maturity and has been a fantastic role model.

4A  Cathy Shonoiya  Good learning skills. Always focussed and sitting ready to learn. Confidence. Always helping others and participating in class.

4B  Cindy  Cindy has been a responsible and independent learner.

3/4C  Hayley  Well done! You have been a superstar in Maths.

3A  Brocklan Maddison  Brocklan always thinks, listens and answers questions really well. Maddison works really hard in small groups.

3B  Mimia Jarkashar  Awarded for working harder in class. Always working hard, following instructions and being a respectful class member.

2/3D  Riley Logan  For showing whole body listening during instruction time. For a great effort in completing his Venn diagram in science.

2A  Tanay Janaya  Tanay is always striving to improve his writing. For having a great attitude to her work.

2B  Jacquita Max  For trying very hard to reach her goals this term. Max has made a good effort to improve his handwriting.

1/2C  Philip Dennis  Philip has made a fantastic effort at making a recount. Dennis has worked really hard with his reading a writing.

1A  Marcharl Jahlee  Making good improvements in his writing. Keep it up, Marcharl! Jahlee has worked hard to complete his teddy bear picnic recount.

1B  Kahlia  For always following instructions and settling into our class beautifully.

PA  Marley Jay  Marley has improved his confidence in his writing. Well done Jay in making great improvements in reading.

PB  Chloe Jeda  Chloe is always respectful and ready to learn. Good participation - always contributing to group discussions.

PC  Jack Sienna  Jack has been putting in maximum effort with his writing. Well done. Sienna is showing improvement with her counting.

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**Your guide to Term 3**

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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.
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
Start tomorrow
Don’t forget your togs!

Lessons are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 27 August
Come and see us in the office.

Lost and Found
A games handset has been handed in to the school office. If it is yours please come to the office and describe it to collect.

Pre school Children?
Thursdays 9-11am. Free.
ALL welcome.
Come and learn how to help your child learn.

This week we will be making number pegs.

Why not come and join us and help your preschool child recognise the numbers 1 to 5? We would love to see you there.

Positive School Focus - Mr Hollis

Together we have been learning that bullying is not acceptable and how to use our school oval. Please talk to your children at home about the areas we have been working on in class over the last two weeks.

Does your child do Student Banking at school?

To continue to offer this wonderful service at the school we are asking for a volunteer for just one hour each fortnight, at a time to suit you. Without a volunteer coming forward soon we may not be able to carry on.

Our school NAIDOC celebrations will be in week 10

Do you need help enrolling your Year 6 child into high school for 2016?

An ‘Enrolment Hotspot’ will be held at our school on the afternoon of:
Thursday 10 September from 2pm - 4pm

Brochures have been sent home and orders are due back:

Friday 4 Sept

Please put your tokens in the box in the school office or into the White Rock State School collection box in Woolworths Mount Sheridan. Thank you.

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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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**Family Fun Day to celebrate “Child Protection Week”**

**Tuesday 8 September, 2015**
3.00pm – 6.00pm
Ravizza Park (Ravizza Drive)
Edmonton

Join us in celebrating Child Protection Week 2015 with loads of FUN and FREE activities - games, face painting, jumping castles, community services stalls, history trailers, school choirs and bands, stage entertainment with Dccee and the Bopstars, animal petting zoo, a sausage sizzle and heaps more...

NAPCAN  Preventing child abuse

Protecting children is everyone’s business. Play your part...

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**JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING DISCO SUPERHERO PARTY**

**Blue Light Disco**

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST 2015  
6.00PM - 9.00PM  
$5.00 ENTRY

No pass outs. Children must be collected by parents

Edmonton PCYC 10-20 Walker Road, Edmonton P: 4049540
White Rock State School

UPCOMING CRICKET SEASON 2015/2016

North Cairns Cricket Club are looking for players of all ages from U7s to Adults.
All cricket equipment is provided. BYO drinks.
Under 8s & 9s are run by CRM, Saturday 16th September at 10am.
Under 10s & 11s are run by Craig, Saturday 16th September at 10am.
Under 12s is run by Craig, Saturday 16th September at 10am.
Under 13s & 14s is run by Craig, Saturday 16th September at 10am.
All Grades run by CRM, Saturday 16th September at 10am.

Free Student Breakfasts

Tues, Wed and Thurs

Last breakfast served at a strict 8.30am finish.

With our thanks to Woolworths, Rock Impact and the volunteers from Sheridan Gardens.

Have your Heard?

We now have a clinic in Edmonton.
Where: Stoke Street, Next to IGA
Contact: 4040 3100
Transport is available to the clinic from the Woree Overpass to Gordonvale.

White Rock Primary School Parent’s Coffee Club

Tuesdays 2-3pm
Outside school hall

CHESS CLUB

Wed, First Lunch in the Library.
Every child is welcome.
Even if you have never played now is your chance to learn.

Do you NEED HELP enrolling your Year 6 Child into high school for 2016?

Department of Education and Training and Centrelink staff will be available to assist you with:
- Completing your child’s High School enrolment for 2016
- Apply for your Child’s birth certificate (if required)
- Advise you of Abstudy entitlements (if applicable)

In Front of the School Hall

When: Thursday 10 September 2015
Time: 2pm – 4pm

To enrol your son or daughter into a State high school, you will need the following documents (please bring these with you):
- Child’s birth certificate
- Your drivers licence
- Your current lease agreement
- A recent utility bill
- A current pension or health care card with child’s name

Year 7 Enrolment packs for Bentley Park College and Woree State High School will be on hand with qualified staff to assist you complete your child’s enrolment application.

Communities for Children
An Australian Government Initiative

FREE!! Active Family Games
Term 1, 2015 (from 2 February to 30 March)

Edmonton
Tuesdays @ Ravizza Park, Ravizza Drive
School Age: 3.15pm – 5.15pm
Parents & Toddlers: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

White Rock
Thursdays @ Bak Part, Progress Road
School Age: 3.00pm – 5.00pm

- Games are for the whole family – children of all ages are welcome.
- Parents can join in, walk around the park or socialise on the sidelines.
- Children are the responsibility of their parents/careers, not the facilitators who run the activity.

This program is funded by the Australian Government

For more information contact:
Roz Metcaife – 4455 982 132
Amanda Nicholas – 0403 555 395
**MT SHERIDAN NEWSPOWER**

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

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**Bentley Park**

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We provide Quality
Before School Care 6:30am - 9:00am
After School Care 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Vacation Care 6:30am - 6:00pm
Enquire today
PH: 4035 4000
Drop off & pick up from White Rock State School

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**PICCONES SUPA IGA**

How the locals like it.

Over the past 12 months, Piccones Supa IGA and the Piccone Family have donated in excess of $200,000 to local schools, charities, and community and sporting clubs.

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**Trinity BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

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**MT SHERIDAN PLAZA**

**One Week FREE!**

Edmonton
Come and find out why as many Families are joining CKD EDMONTON!
- Fun Family Activity
- Fitness For Everyone
- Self Defence/Life Skills

Lindsay Martin
Chief Instructor and Examiner

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5.30pm
Down Park Community Hall
Fynce Street, Edmonton
Now enrolling 5 & ages from 6 years and above
Contact Lindsay: 0414 392 901
www.chooseedmonton.com or
Email: info@chooseedmonton.com

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**Garage Sale**

7am-1pm
Saturday 10th September

Something for everyone

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**The Cane Season is underway**

Please talk to your children now about the dangers of trains and bins.