Wow! Where did term 3 go? As we approach the third term holidays, we can look back on a very successful term. Students and staff have been involved in a wide range of events and activities, and once again we have enjoyed and celebrated many successes. We are looking forward to another great term at White Rock State School. Our teachers are committed to building a school of excellence with a continuing focus on students’ ‘Learning together’. We request that you actively participate in your child’s education.

**Every School Day Counts:**

Regular attendance in class is needed to fully understand school work and do well on all assessment tasks. Children who are absent or come late miss valuable information in their learning. Please ask your child every school day if schoolwork needs to be done, and if so, make sure your child completes the homework and brings it back to class to help reinforce what they have just learned. The last day of term 3 is Friday 18 September. Learning will be happening until the very last day. We return to school on Tuesday 6 October, as the Monday is a public holiday.

**Holiday Safety:**

It is timely to have discussion with your child/ren about holiday safety. Classroom teachers will be talking with students around safe behaviours and road safety for the holiday break. We hope all have a fantastic holiday and that students safely return at the commencement of term 4 Tuesday October 6th.

**School Watch:**

We can all keep our school safe during the holidays. If you see unwelcome visitors in our grounds - make the call to 13 17 88.

**Enrolment Hot Spot for Year 6:**

Tomorrow sees a ‘Hot Spot’ being set up at the school for parents of our year 6 students who are going to high school next year.

Staff from Bentley Park College and Woree High School, as well as Abstudy advisors will be on hand outside our school hall from 2pm-4pm to guide you through enrolling your child. Please see the advertisement on page 5 of this newsletter.

**Spring Concert:**

Our school’s annual Spring Concert will be staged tomorrow, September 10, commencing at 12:00noon sharp. All parents are invited to attend. As the concert is only one hour in duration, we are asking parents to remain seated for all performances rather than leaving after your children’s performance has finished. Movement in and out of the hall is very distracting for the children, particularly when they are attempting to deliver their performance. Your assistance and cooperation with this matter will be greatly appreciated. We hope to see as many as possible tomorrow. Enjoy the show!
**Handball Competition Results**

The Term 3 Handball competition has finished with a great effort by all the students involved. The completion ran at first lunch for three weeks and was for Yr3-6 students. There was a great show of sportsmanship from all students involved. A big thanks to the volunteer Year 6 students and to Mr McLaren for their help refereeing of games.

Some facts from the Handball competition:
- Days played: 14
- Number of students involved: 137
- Most students in a day: 85
- Average students per day: 72
- Number of games played: 16,405
- Average games per day: 1,172

The Bike Winners will be announced on parade today.

Do you know which lucky boy and girl won?

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**Year 5 Camp News**

A report from Miss Bollington

The sunshine was pouring on the 67 super-keen Year 5 students who attended the Daradgee Environmental Centre from the 26th-28th August.

Every student demonstrated the exemplary behavior that we come to expect from White Rock students and every child challenged themselves in different ways - from climbing a six metre high wall to eating asparagus and feta cheese (which some people discovered they liked!).

The level of cooperation, the communication and teamwork that was built within the groups was a credit to all the students involved. From marshmallow toasting to practicing their Spring Concert item, taking photography lessons and nursing baby animals, I am sure every student can say they had a ball at Daradgee.

Miss Bollington

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**School NAIDOC Week is next week!**

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, September 15th**
- 9.15 am - NAIDOC Parade
- Didgeridoo player - Travis Kulka
- Opening – School Leaders
- Mr Hollis
- Mr Neville Reys
- Biddigal Dance Performance
- White Rock SS Choir
- Morning Tea for Guests & Parents

**Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th**
- Painting, Prep - Year 6. Art Workshop - with Mr Shane Wallace
- Dhari making – with Ms Jawai
- Djunbunji Land & Sea
- Program Workshop
- Kai Kai Restaurant – Food tasting for the students

**Friday, September 19th**
- Closing Parade Guyala Dance Performance
- Announcement of competition winners

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.
There will be student banking in the last week of term.

A big, big thank you to Leanne Huxley who has put her hand up to run the banking on alternate weeks. Debbie Sullivan continues as the 2nd volunteer - Thank you.

Thank you to teacher Lisa Griffin for organising the Father’s Day Stall with her band of willing Grade 6 students.

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G'day to all Students, Teachers and Friends,

Another couple of busy weeks for the P&C, culminating in the great press coverage last week in the Cairns Post, regarding the hazardous situation our school kids face each and every day in crossing the Bruce Highway, at the Foster Road intersection.

Special thanks to local councillor Cathy Zeiger, who has been at the forefront of this battle, with the authorities who deny us a safe crossing! We will keep fighting for the safety of our kids! They have to be our No. 1 priority.

This is the letter that I sent to the Editor and is an edited version of what was published in The Weekend Post.

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Jim Campbell and the Cairns Post for highlighting the dangerous situation our kids face, each and every day, crossing the Bruce Highway at the Foster Road intersection (C/P 2/9).

Also, thanks to local councillor Cathy Zeiger, who has been fighting like a bulldog for our school.

As President of the White Rock State School P&C, I must add further to the debate. It has been a constant worry for parents and teachers alike, so why isn't something being done about it? It's been happening for years.

Let's commission some engineers to come up with a solution. They could easily build a bypass over the highway. Fairly simple really.

Yours, Bill Schutz, Mt Sheridan

On a brighter note, I would like to highlight the fantastic efforts of a local man, Les Bennett, who now lives at BUPA Mt. Sheridan. He faithfully drives up to the school, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning to help all the other volunteers running our free breakfast program, the "Boost Brekky". On behalf of the P&C and the grateful hungry students, we would like to thank Les for his amazing dedication to helping every week for approximately 5 years!

You are an inspiration to many, and it's great to see the elderly being involved with our school. Well done Les and thank you. That's all for this week. Keep rocking it at White Rock.

Cheers,
Bill Schutz
President P&C
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Year 1 Swim Lessons

Tomorrow and then the last lesson is next Tuesday

Don’t forget your togs!

Positive School Focus - Mr Hollis

Positive School Focus

Be a Learner

- Don’t give up
- Be flexible
- Adapt to new challenges
- Ask for help
- Bounce back – Start again

Friendship - Getting Along

Resilience - Bounce Back

White Rock Primary School Parent's Coffee Club

Tuesdays 2-3pm Outside school hall

No Coffee Club or Playgroup next week, but we will start up again in the first week of next term. However, a reminder that Trinity Baptist Church opposite has a free coffee club on Thursday while you pick your children up in the afternoon.

Happy and Safe Holiday

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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.

UPCOMING CRICKET SEASON 2015/2016
North Cairns Cricket Club are looking for players of all ages from 5 to adults. All children, girls & boys of all ages are covered by different levels of cricket on Saturdays.
First times to experienced cricketers from 8am to 4pm.
Under 8’s: 9am to 12pm, Wednesday & Saturday
Under 11’s & under 14’s: 9am to 12pm, Friday & Saturday
Under 12’s & under 14’s: Run by WCA, Sunday
Grade: 1st & 2nd grades 11am to 3pm, Saturday & Sunday
Senior cricket commences at the beginning of September. The non-season will commence after the September school holidays. For more information contact Peter Fulby 0418 977 445.
www.cairncricket.com.au

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  Time
Thursday  10am
Tomorrow  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 driver’s 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.

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Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September

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

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

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