Welcome back to term 4; the final term for the year. I trust you all enjoyed the break from routine with your family during the vacation. It is great to see the children return to school with renewed enthusiasm for learning and a spirit of cooperation. The time spent ‘recharging their batteries’ has been very beneficial.

Term four is always a busy term and no doubt this one will prove to be the same. As the children are consolidating their learning for the year and building on those skills in preparation for the year ahead it is timely to reflect on the ways in which parents can assist in improving outcomes for their children thus contributing to the school achieving our shared vision:

- Ensure your child/ren are at school on time every day. Every day counts!
- Ensure your child/ren have a nourishing breakfast before coming to school. Children need sustenance to be able to concentrate effectively and attend to the academic tasks required of them.
- Ensure your child/ren have all the necessary requisites for the school day. Being fully equipped for the day ahead helps them to be organised and ready for learning.
- Have your child/ren dressed in full school uniform every day. The wearing of the school uniform builds pride and a sense of belonging amongst the children.
- Discuss the school rules with your child/ren and explain why it is important these rules are followed. (Be a learner; Be safe; Be respectful) Building and maintaining a culture of learning within our school requires everyone’s support.
- Discuss your child/ren’s progress with the classroom teacher/s regularly. Children thrive when they know everyone is on the ‘same page’.
- Take the time to think about these tips. By ensuring all of them are in place your child/ren will be well on the way to a successful academic future.

Thank-you for your assistance and support. The staff wants only the best future for your children and together we can achieve so much.

Director General - Education Queensland’s Visit:
Last Friday, our DG, Dr Jim Watterston, visited White Rock State School. He was joined by Mrs Deb Dunstone (Regional Director), Mr Nick Seeley (DGs Executive Director) and Mr Noel Pearson (Founder of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership).

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From left: Deb Dunstone, Dr Jim Watterston, Matt Groskrenz, Susette Birchley, Marco Trovalusci, Dan Hollis, Kris Nolan.
Jim had heard good things about our school’s progress and wanted to see things for himself. He spent 2 hours here visiting classrooms and talking with the leadership team. Dr Watterston was very impressed with the school, its staff and operations and the engagement of the children. It was an honour to have him in our school and providing positive feedback to the staff and students.

**Prep Open Morning:**

The school is hosting a Prep open morning next Monday, October 19, commencing at 9:00am. All parents who have children commencing their Prep year in 2016 are invited to come along, meet the Principal, teachers and other staff members. Details are included below

- Arrive 8.45am
- Commences: 9:00am
- Principal welcome
- Teachers outline curriculum offerings
- School routines and expectations are discussed
- Session - How to support your child in the reading process
- Tour of the facilities
- Morning Tea provided
- Child care provided
- Enrolment forms available

If you know of any families who have a Prep aged child please extend this invitation to them. We’d love to see as many parents as possible join us for the morning session.

NB: Any family wishing to enrol a child for next year in our Prep program is required to present a birth certificate. Parents are advised it takes approximately three weeks to apply for and receive a birth certificate from the office of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

**Pupil Free Day:**

Monday, October 19, is a designated Pupil Free Day. Classes will not be operating on this day as all staff will be involved in a professional development activities.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:**

Parent teacher interviews are to be conducted during week 3 of the school term (Oct 20 – 23). The teachers have set aside times on each of the nominated days. If any parent is unable to attend during this week, please advise your teacher/s and an alternative time will be made available.

Parents are invited to make an appointment through the school office to speak with your child’s class teacher about his/her progress to date. I strongly encourage all parents to make the time to attend these very important discussions.

In the past we have had a very disappointing response to this invitation. It is important for our children to understand that the home and the school are working together. When they know that their parents really care about their education, children’s effort is increased and outcomes are improved. We want a bright future for all of our children. Please support us in this endeavour and phone for an appointment today.

**Free breakfasts:**

Our breakfast program resumed this week. Meals will be served each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning this term commencing at 7:30am. As children need to make their way to class in time for the bell at 8:50am the last breakfast will be served at 8:30am. To date, these breakfasts have been very well supported and the children’s manners when dealing with the volunteers have been exemplary. Once again I extend a huge thanks to Woolies Mt Sheridan and its staff along with the volunteers from Rock Impact and Mt Sheridan Gardens. Our children are reaping the benefits of their generosity.

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**Bak Park Mural Painting Competition**

Does your child love to draw and create new designs?

Entry forms can be collected from the school office. Please make sure artwork is returned to the school office no later than Friday 30 October 2015 for a chance to win some cool prizes!

Please contact Mariko at Cairns Regional Council for further information on 4044 3228.

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Cairns Regional Council is asking White Rock State School students to help beautify nearby Bak Park with a tropical-themed mural on the outside of the toilet block. An artwork competition is being held for students to submit designs and ideas to be used in the mural. Submissions must have a bright, tropical theme, and mum or dad will need to provide consent for Council to use the artwork in the mural design.
Your guide to Term 4

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Parents & Citizens’ Association

Welcome back to our last term for the year. Before we know it, Christmas decorations will be popping up everywhere. My, how the year has flown by, once again.

I can announce today, that our Annual P&C End of Year Christmas party and Carols will be held on the front lawns of our school on Friday 27th November, from 5-7pm.

A free ice block for the kids, will again be on offer. Get ready for a great night of food, singing and fun with the whole family. Put it in your calendar now, and we hope to see another big turnout.

Anyone wanting to help organise this great event, can get in touch with me, via my phone number below.

Very important information here, Parent - Teacher Interviews will be held at the School next week, from the 20-23rd October. It's critical that all parents attend these interviews, to get inside the details of your child's performance in their class.

From studies conducted, it's apparent that a child's success in life and school is 80% related to the parents and home environment and only 20% from the school influence. Therefore, the first thing a parent can do, is take an active role in their children's development. This starts with reading to your child at home every night, and attending next weeks teacher interviews.

We hope to see a better result than last time.

That's all for this week. Keep rocking it at White Rock.
Bill Schutz.
President P&C    0417210835.

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White Rock State School Students’ Movie Night

For White Rock State School students only. Sorry, the invitation is not open to younger siblings, friends from other schools or high school siblings.

**Date:** Thursday 29 October 2015
**Time:** Open for food from 5pm. Doors open for seating for film at 5.45pm.
**Cost:** Gold coin donation per person
**Movie:** Oddball (G Rated)
**Food:** Pizza $2 a slice or $10 a whole pizza box
Chips and chocolate $1
Lolly bags 50c
All drinks $1
**Bring:** Your own blanket, sleeping bag or bean bag if you wish.

**Pick up:** Please collect your children by 8.00pm sharp as there will be no supervision after this time.

Come and Enjoy!
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All enquiries to the school office

A huge thank you to our Administration, staff, students and all involved in making our White Rock Naidoc celebrations a huge success once again. To all of our sponsors and those who gave their donation to help cover costs a huge thank you.

As you can all imagine a lot of time, effort and cost go into making our Naidoc the success it is.

A special mention to our invited guests and wonderful volunteers for their contribution to our event.

Thank you to the Biddigal Dancers, Ms Pauline Lampton, Guyala Dancers, our school choir, Mrs Peeters and Mrs Rollason for the wonderful Naidoc dance performances.

Big thanks must also go out to Mr Greene, Mr Grosskreutz, Mr Prior and Mr Hollis for sharing their deadly dance moves with us; it was a great way to finish off a fantastic week of celebrations.

Congratulations and well done to Mrs Peeters and Mrs Rollason for co-ordinating another successful Naidoc week. We hope everyone enjoyed their Naidoc experience and look forward to what next year brings.

A big win for Tuckshop

This week our Tuckshop Convenor, Leesa Jarvis, proudly accepted a $1000 grant from food supplier Max Stocks and NAFDA Australian Foodservice Distribution as part of their Food for Kids 2015 program.

The Tuck Shop team worked hard to complete the application with parent Shannean Moncrieff writing the winning poem explaining how the school desperately needed a new freezer in Tuckshop.

Well done all. All our children will benefit from the extra work the team put in to win.

At the end of Term 3 draws were held for those students who had reached 100% attendance for the term.

McKeira was the lucky winner of the Ipad mini after her ticket was drawn from all those who qualified to enter.

Draws were made from each year level and the winner was awarded a $50 gift card. The winners of these were:

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Will your child achieve 100% attendance for the entire year? We hope so!

On the right you will see copies of posters depicting the areas that we have been looking at with your children over the last two weeks.

Please take the time to discuss as a family what they have learned and how you are able to best support them from home.

Positive School Focus - Mr Hollis

Be a Learner

Face your fears
Admit mistakes
Tell the truth
Do the right thing

Our School Rules

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner
Free Student Breakfasts
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Last breakfast is served at 8.30 sharp.

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

Year 3 Zoo Excursion
Wednesday 21 October
Have you paid your $12.00? If not please see the office straight away

FREE after school activity
10 pin bowling
Please see the letter sent home to each family at the same time as this newsletter for the terms and conditions and the application to be considered for this great offer.
Garage Sale
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The Cane Season is underway
Please talk to your children now about the dangers of trains and bins.

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