With much to be achieved this term in only a few short weeks, it is vital that every child attends every day. The teachers will be finalising instruction, reviewing the year’s work, assessing their students and reporting the outcomes to parents – a very busy and important time. If children are absent for even the shortest time their outcomes are affected. Parents need to be aware that there will not be a ‘wind down’ time for the year. Our children will be gainfully engaged right to the very last day of the term. Your support in ensuring your child/ren are at school on time each and every day will be gratefully appreciated by the staff and will have enormous benefits for your children.

Hat and Shoe Policy
I wish to thank all parents who have ensured their children have a hat and shoes to wear during recess. So many children are enjoying playing out in the yard which is wonderful to see. I wish to take this opportunity to remind parents that when children leave the classroom for either play or outdoor learning activities they must be wearing a hat, preferably a White Rock SS school hat, and closed in shoes. Those without hats and shoes must stay in the undercover area during recess. Your support with this will ensure our children are protected from the damaging rays of the sun and that their feet will be properly protected.

When parents are purchasing shoes for the beginning of the school year, it is important lace–up black or white joggers are selected rather than slip on shoes. The laced-up footwear ensures the shoes remain on the children’s feet when they are playing and do not become projectiles that could harm another student.

Prep Open Morning:
Thank-you to the many families who joined us for the Prep open morning on October 19. It was fabulous to have such a great showing of very interested parents. There are still vacancies in our Prep year for 2016. If you know of any families who have a Prep aged child and who are considering White Rock State School for the 2016 Prep year, please ask them to enrol as soon as possible to secure a place. It is important for ‘in catchment’ students to enrol early to enable us to offer places to those children who are out of catchment. Your assistance with this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

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.

2016 Secondary Enrolment:
The region is currently tracking the enrolments of all year 6 children transitioning into secondary school in 2016. To date many of these children are still to be enrolled. In order to account for every child, parents are encouraged to enrol their children now for the 2016 academic year. It is important for children to be enrolled well before the end of 2015 to provide the secondary schools (State and Private) sufficient time to place children in appropriate class groups and provide the families with the book lists and other important information. Ideally all children will start their secondary schooling on the first day, fully prepared and ready to learn. Beginning after the school year begins can be really unsettling for children as they often miss very important information. Please assist your child by enrolling now. Your assistance will be of enormous benefit to him/her.

School Departure and Care:
Parents are reminded that children are to be collected from school by no later than 3:30pm unless participating from the school by no later than 3:30pm unless participating
in organised after school activities. A teacher is on duty at the front of the school until 3:30pm to ensure the safety of all departing students. Students are now asked to sit quietly outside the hall each afternoon while they wait to be collected. This strategy has been put into place as many children are choosing to stay and play rather than making their way home, thus causing many an anxious parent to contact the school. Thank you for your understanding.

P&C End of Year Function:
This year the school is holding its annual end of year family function on Friday, November 27. As part of the festivities a raffle will be conducted. The raffle will offer a number of opportunities to win a Christmas hamper. We had many happy winners last year. Families are asked to donate non-perishable Christmas items for our hampers. These items can be handed in at the tuckshop or to the school office. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and the money raised will be used to support the students of White Rock State School. More details about the evening will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Last week a parent information session was held to inform parents on how we can improve and achieve students outcomes in education.

This was held to reinforce the importance of school attendance because we as parents and carers hold the key to giving our children the best opportunities available in Education. We need to get our kids to school to make a difference, close the gap and achieve success for our students. Schools can’t teach if your child is not attending school.

If you were unable to attend but would like further information, or just talk to somebody, our Home Liaison staff would love to hear from you: Michelle Rollason and Barbara Peeters - 4036 8888

Bak Park Mural Painting Competition

Does your child love to draw and create new designs?

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.

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.
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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:** Sponge Bob  
**Food:**  
- Pizza $2 a slice or $10 a whole pizza box  
- Chips and chocolate $1  
- Lolly bags $0.50  
- 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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In the last newsletter we reported that Tuckshop had been the lucky competition winners of $1000 from food supplier Max Stocks and NAFDA. A new freezer will be purchased with the windfall. We thought you might like to see the poem that clinched the deal, written by parent Shannean Moncrieff:

**At White Rock our Tuckshop’s really cool**  
It’s the heartbeat of our little school.  
Healthy foods and treats to eat  
It’s where the kids and teachers meet!  

*Our colours are bright blues and gold.*  
*Our Kids always do just what they are told....*  
When we’re not learning our ABC’s,  
*We’re eating Chicken chilli wraps and grilled cheese.*

Another freezer would help our volunteer’s lots,  
With the treat food we get from Max Stocks.  
*We use heaps of fresh food everyday*  
And need a place to store some extra away.

*We could sell tickets and fathers’ Day Stalls.*  
But the classes need books and the PE class needs footballs.  
*There’s never enough funds to go around,*  
So NAFDAs grant would see us sound.

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**Happy Teacher’s Day!**  
**THIS FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER.**  
your work is greatly appreciated  
**Show your teacher you care and say Thank You!**  

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Please Donate!  
Thank you!  
Our wonderful P&C are asking every family to donate items suitable for hampers to be raffled to benefit our students. Please take items to Tuckshop. Thanks!
### Student Absence Line

Please call before 10am  
Telephone: 4036 8866  
Be ready to provide us with:  
Child’s name (please spell out clearly if an unusual name)  
Class & Reason for absence and your phone number

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<td>Has shown an outstanding attitude and effort in maths. Awesome work in achieving goals. Gartchel has a great attitude towards his work.</td>
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<td>Tyrell Para</td>
<td>For showing a great attitude during daily writing and being a positive role model during breaks. Always willing to lend a hand.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Laylanie</td>
<td>Congratulations on a successful start at White Rock.</td>
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<td>Payvin Aurelia</td>
<td>Success—challenging himself in maths. For being an amazing cooperative drama student.</td>
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<td>Stevie Juliana</td>
<td>Has demonstrated courage by consistently doing the right thing. Juliana always shows an outstanding application to learning.</td>
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<td>Shanara Shanice</td>
<td>Always paying attention in class and being ready to learn. For always paying complete attention and taking responsibility to be ‘a learner’ at all times.</td>
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<td>Aiona Atlanta</td>
<td>Being a persistent learner and trying her best. Well done! For being a learner by staying focussed and working hard.</td>
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<td>Eymon has shown outstanding persistence in maths work.</td>
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<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>For excellent thinking. Lachlan is always listening, thinking and responding.</td>
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<td>Azaria</td>
<td>Azaria has shown an improved recall rate for her maths facts.</td>
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<td>Katie-May Emily</td>
<td>Katie-May is always demonstrating beautiful whole body listening. For making a fantastic start at White Rock State School.</td>
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<td>Mitchell Jamie</td>
<td>Mitchell is always making interesting contribution to class discussions. Keep it up! Jamie is always being a kind and helpful classmate.</td>
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<td>Biankah Kyan</td>
<td>Awarded for working hard on writing tasks. For being a learner and working hard.</td>
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<td>Naomi</td>
<td>Well done on making a great start at your new school.</td>
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<td>Hakeem</td>
<td>For excellent behaviour. Always completing his work and being a good role model.</td>
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<td>Great maths thinking. Always working to the best of his ability. For working hard on his writing and not giving up.</td>
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<td>Ty</td>
<td>For knowing 300 sight words. Fantastic reading!</td>
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<td>Narelle Savannah</td>
<td>Narelle has settled in well to her new school. For showing a huge improvement with her writing.</td>
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**White Rock Primary School Parent’s Coffee Club**  
Tuesdays 2-3pm  
Outside school hall

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**Student Banking Thursdays**

We offer a banking service for our children which is run by parent volunteers. We encourage all students to join and begin good saving habits for life.

Please visit a branch first to register an account for your child.

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**Student of the Week**

Do you have a child born 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?  
Come and see us at the school office NOW!  
We still have places available and are finalising our numbers

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Did you know that koala means ‘No Drink’? Koalas don’t drink water. The amount of eucalyptus leaves they consume each day actually contains enough moisture to support their daily needs. Koalas are a marsupial and are related to the wombat. The only time they are on the ground is when they are running to another tree to get more food. These were just a few of the many facts the grade threes, and some fours, learnt while visiting the Cairns Tropical Zoo as part of their term 4 geography unit.

On arrival at the zoo, we went straight to the Bird Show. We saw kites, hawks and eagles. They performed free flight tricks through the crowd. It was amazing to see. The zoo had about 4 aviaries which housed cockatoos, owls, curlews, and lorikeets—too name but a few. We also saw cassowaries, giant pelicans and emus.

The reptile house was filled with reptiles such as snakes, turtles, lizards, iguanas and frogs. Some of these were endangered species. We saw many venomous and dangerous snakes such as tiger snakes, red bellied black snake, eastern brown snake and even a boa constrictor.

A fresh water crocodile, was being fed a mouse and was very aggressive. It was fascinating to watch him grasping his meal with his powerful jaws.

Also huge komodo dragons were kept behind glass cages. The komodo dragons looked like 3m long lizards!

One of the significant things about the zoo is that they save animals. Gummy the fresh water crocodile has a mouth that doesn’t close properly and Byb only has three legs. These crocs would not survive in the wild. The zoo helps endangered animals like the Cotton Top Tamarin from Columbia. They have settled into their new home in Cairns quite well with help from the zoo.

Unfortunately, the Cairns Tropical Zoo is closing down soon and the local community, as well as the tourists, will not be able to enjoy and appreciate the significance of the zoo.

We had a very enjoyable and educational experience at the Cairns Zoo that we will remember for a long time.

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**Extra! ... Extra! ... Read all about it!**

Newspapers are a part of life and a new one is always something to shout about.

When the White Rock Bulletin hit the streets (White Rock state school playground) last term the extra bonus was lots of school and local news for the students and parents and the reward was high sales and plenty of interest.

The edition out sold the first run and eventually went to three repeats peaking with sales reaching 220 copies. This prompted one of the Bulletin’s first editors, Dean Batze, to comment that the best thing about the paper was the amount of money it made.

And after printing costs were deducted the profits of $24 were donated to the Queensland Heart Foundation, a charity chosen because of the number of deaths that involve heart disease.

Year 9/7 teacher, Mrinder Young, launched the idea for the White Rock Bulletin earlier this year as a special group project for her class and the class aide John Fisher. Students had to apply for the various positions advertised for staff on the paper and there were many eager applicants received.

Editors, reporters and sales staff were then employed and production commenced.

Now staff have been engaged by the second edition which will be printed this term and a change of staff will be made for the two editions to be produced in the third term of the year. This will allow all students in the composite year 8/7 class to experience work on a newspaper. Applications for the positions must be submitted in writing giving a resume of previous experience and what qualities the applicant feels they have which are suitable for the job.

Interest in the production of the paper is very very keen. Students give up six lunchtimes each week to bread up compilation ideas are discussed and prospective advertisers canvassed from the business community. As well as local news there is a National News Roundup and a Kids Corner of puzzles and cartoons. The paper is produced on the computer system at the school under the guidance of Jill Hubert.

The first edition carried only stories written by the year 6/7 students but the next White Rock Bulletin will have news submitted by all grades at the school.

Maddison Batze (below), from class 3A found this news article from The Cairns Post circa 1991 at home. It refers to the very first ‘paid for’ school newspaper which her father edited while a schoolboy here himself.
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.

Guyala Cultural Dance

Week 6 will be the last week of cultural dance for this term.

Basketball After Dark

20th Nov. 2015 6-9pm

Edmonton PCYC, Walker Rd

Free Entry

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- 28 September – 2 October 2015 (6 Wednesdays) $55 (p/p)
- 17 October – 18 November 2016 (5 x Saturdays) $55 (p/p)
- 16 – 18 December 2016 (3 x Saturdays) $55 (p/p)
- 11 – 13 January 2017 (6 x Wednesdays) $55 (p/p)
- 13 February – 15 March 2017 (3 x Saturdays) $55 (p/p)

10am – 10pm

Includes: water safety rash shirt, water bottle and drawstring bag

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BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be.

Positive Self Identity

This workshops promotes positive and nurturing parent child relationships.

We use mindfulness and reflection to support you to review and enhance your parental communication, promote respectful interactions and encourage the development of your children’s positive self identity.

Independent evaluation concluded that the Bringing Up Great Kids program is an effective intervention for building positive parent-child relationships, reducing parenting stress and minimising the possibility of harmful parent behaviors towards their children.

When:
Wednesday 21st & 28th Oct, Thursday 5th November
Wednesday 15th & 22nd November (5 weeks)

Time:
5pm – 7pm. Supper Provided.

Where:
Hambledon House Community Centre
177 Bruce Highway Edmonton

Contact:
07 4032 6600 (bookings required)

Cost:
Free of charge.

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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.

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