It is difficult to believe this is the final newsletter for 2015. The year has been eventful, rewarding and productive. 2015 is a year that will be remembered for many reasons, in particular our school’s outstanding NAPLAN results. These results are the direct result of productive teaching and learning episodes and parental support. I congratulate the teachers on their attention to detail and the great efforts of the children. Well done all. When we work together, so much can be achieved for our children. We, the staff, are very proud of the gains our students have made in their learning this year. 2016 will provide us with the opportunity to replicate the results and build on these achievements. We all look forward to the challenge.

Thank-you:
I would like to take the opportunity to thank the P&C and IPIP associations who have worked enthusiastically throughout the year raising funds and purchasing resources to enhance the educational experience for our children. Although only a small group, their input makes a big difference to our school. If you have an hour to spare once a month, please consider joining these groups, having your say in school life and contributing to the well-being and outcomes of our students.

Thanks to the volunteers: Each year in our school we have many people who volunteer their time in a variety of ways. We have the ladies who support the tuckshop and uniform shop and others who work in the classrooms. We also have our student mentors who visit the school each week and our Religious Education teachers. We have those who assist on the P&C committee and others who help out at fund raisers and working bees, not to mention those who cook our children a free breakfast each week. I thank each of you who have so generously given your time during the year to enrich the lives and well-being of our students. This support brings a ‘richness’ to our school that would otherwise not be here. Your effort, freely given, is appreciated by us all.

“Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls.” ~David Thomas

School Uniforms:
Parents are reminded that students are expected to wear their school uniforms to school each day. Our uniform consists of the White Rock State School shirt, royal blue shorts, skort or skirt, White Rock State School dress, laced up shoes and socks and royal blue broad brimmed hat. Jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons.

The wearing of a uniform each day helps us to build a sense of identity and pride in our school. I thank all parents who ensure their children are appropriately attired in their uniforms each day. We now have approximately 90% of our students who wear their full school uniforms each day which is a huge improvement. Our goal is to have 100% of our students in uniform next year.

The opening times for the Uniform Shop for the start of the 2016 year are shown on page 3 of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing all of our children commence the school year in their full school uniforms. Thanks everyone.

2015 Student Leaders
During the past few weeks many of our year 5 students have applied to be a part of the student leadership team for 2016. The process entailed writing an application, delivering a speech to the year 3,4 & 5 students and participating in an interview with a panel of teaching staff. This is quite a daunting process followed by student and staff voting. I congratulate all applicants on their courage and hard work.
throughout the application process and commend them for their desire to lead our wonderful school. Regardless of the outcome, all applicants learnt a lot from the process. The calibre of applicants this year was outstanding ensuring the selection process was very challenging. Those chosen as either a school captain or a student counsellor are listed below. Congratulations to this outstanding group of students. I know they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school next year.

School Captains:
Sukhmani and Ariel

Student Counsellors:
Aurelia, Christopher, Ailiyah, Wendy, Loani and Alexandra.

School Closure
School will close for the summer vacation this Friday, December 11. Parents are reminded the school is out of bounds during this period. Should anyone notice suspicious activity in or around the school during the vacation period we ask that you contact the School Watch telephone number - 13 17 88, as soon as possible. We want to ensure our children return to a school that is in the state as it was left. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

2016
School resumes for the 2016 academic year on Wednesday, 27 January. It is vitally important that all children return to school on that date. The teachers begin establishing classroom expectations and routines right from day one. When children miss these initial discussions they can feel quite disoriented and left out. The school will be closed on January 25 and 26.

Parents are also asked to ensure their children have all of their requisites for the new year on the first day. This assists the children to be organised and focussed. I understand this is an expensive time of the year for families, however, the effort made to purchase the necessary requirements makes an enormous difference. Thanks for your help.

On Day 8 of the school year the government conducts an enrolment census. The number of children attending school at this time determines the funding the school will receive for the year. If your children will be returning to school for 2016, but after the census day, please contact the school before the end of the week to let us know. Your child will then be able to be included in our numbers.

2016 Class allocation
Class lists will be posted on the wall of the undercover area by 8:00am on Wednesday, January 27, 2015. Please check these lists for your child’s name and make your way to the allocated classroom to meet your child’s new teacher.

Year 6
Alison Jackson
Jeremy Greene

Year 5/6
Havinder Singh

Year 5
Emma Bollington
Joel Prior

Year 4/5
Kathleen Power/ Rashmi Palazhi

Year 4
Lisa Griffin
Kiana Salterelli

Year 3
Kate Paul/ Stephanie Vaughan
Valerie Harvey
Sam Finch

Year 2/3
Mia Davison

Year 2
Billie-Rose Neal
Shelly Daniels

Year 1/2
Caitlin Tansey

Year 1
Jo Easterbrook/ Jana Peppler
Frankee King
Natalie Reason

Prep
Kylie O’Brien
Kelly-Jean Randall
Richelle Murray

Other teaching staff positions:
Principal - Susette Birchley
Deputy Principal - Marco Trovalusci
- Dan Hollis
Head of Curriculum - Kris Nolan
Positive School Support Manager - Mark Pullar
Master Teacher - Matt Grosskreutz
Teacher Librarian - Anne Kippen
Support Teachers - Michelle Smith
- Tara Callesen
SWD teachers - Bree Grosskreutz
- Julie Williams
- Naomi Newling
LOTE Teacher - TBA
Music Teacher - Jennifer Jackson
PE Teacher - Gerard McLaren
Local Relieving Teacher: Sharon Jawai and Rowena Quinlan
Guidance Officer - Joe Sinopoli
Staff Farewell:
The following teaching staff are leaving our school at the end of the year. I thank each of them for their contribution to the education of our children. Their hard work and commitment to the learning and well-being of our children has been greatly appreciated by us all. Their presence as a staff member at White Rock State School will be greatly missed. I wish them all the very best for the future and hope they will carry with them fond memories of their time at White Rock State School.

Chloe Evans: Transferred to Isabella State School
Peter Rowe: Retiring
Suzie Taylor: Contracted to Cairns State High School

Finally, I wish you all a safe and happy festive season and a relaxing holiday with your families. We, the staff, look forward to working with your children again in 2016 and know we, together, can encourage and support our children to reach great heights.

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Booklists 2016
A list of the supplies that your child will need on the first day back at school next year has been sent home.

The lists are also held at the newsagency in Mt Sheridan Plaza and the newsagency at Bentley Park, plus at Harleys Educational Supplies in English Street.

Mt Sheridan Newsagency offers a great service whereby you can order online: www.mtsheridanbts.booklists.com.au

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Uniform Shop Opening Times
The uniform Shop will be open for 3 days in the week BEFORE school returns:
- Wednesday 20 Jan, 9am -12 noon
- Thursday 21 Jan, 9am - 12 noon
- Friday 22 Jan, 9am - 12 noon

They will also open on the first day back, Wednesday 27th Jan, from 8am-12 noon and then Thursday 28 and Friday 29 Jan 8.30-10.00

Please be aware that The Uniform Shop is staffed by Volunteers.

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No Tuck Shop this Friday
Please be sure to pack a healthy packed lunch for your children on the last day of term.
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.

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<td>6A</td>
<td>Tamea</td>
<td>Well done Tamea on your outstanding test results.</td>
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<td>6B</td>
<td>Kevin Dai-Dai</td>
<td>For being friends with everyone and forever smiling. Awarded for nearly doubling her quick facts score.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Genaiya Ariel</td>
<td>Well done on your improved results in maths. Always ready to help teacher and her peers.</td>
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<td>5B</td>
<td>Petrina Adyn</td>
<td>For being a learner and growing in confidence in maths. Awesome comprehension by creating a super science journal.</td>
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<td>4/5D</td>
<td>Harmony Shaniqua</td>
<td>Harmony is accepting of others and has been a great friend. Shaniqua has been setting an excellent example for others.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Lucy Tristan</td>
<td>Fantastic maths results. Well done! Outstanding Quick Facts results, Tristan.</td>
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<td>4B</td>
<td>Kyle Maysie</td>
<td>An improved effort in all classroom tasks. For being respectful, listening and following instruction.</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Normany Kesha</td>
<td>For being a focussed learner and always trying her best. Always an outstanding student.</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Taleigha Melanie</td>
<td>Taleigha has improved her maths skills and understanding. Congratulations on settling into your new school.</td>
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<td>Michelle Aeon</td>
<td>For being a respectful listener and always showing ‘on task’ behaviour. Aeon has written a great narrative.</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Robert Kayne</td>
<td>Robert has shown an improved effort in completing set tasks. An improved confidence when reading.</td>
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<td>Katie</td>
<td>Katie has shown more kindness and consideration to her peers, keep it up!</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Bailey Anthony</td>
<td>For writing an excellent recount. Demonstrating ‘You Can Do It!’ skills every day.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>McKenzie Allan</td>
<td>For accepting others and being a good friend. Allan has been working hard to improve his speed and neatness when writing.</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Lila</td>
<td>For being a learner and always putting in her best effort with class tasks.</td>
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<td>P/1D</td>
<td>Michael Philip</td>
<td>Michael has been a helpful and responsible student. Always working to the best of his ability. Always being respectful and leading by example.</td>
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<td>PA</td>
<td>Ezekiel</td>
<td>Ezekiel has made a great effort in learning to read.</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Madeline</td>
<td>Madeline is always helping out her friends.</td>
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School Furniture Sale

The school would like to dispose of many items of furniture that are no longer of use to us in return for a cash donation to the school.

Items include, but not limited to:
- Children’s chairs and desks
- Teachers’ desks
- Baby Change Table
- Closet
- Trolleys
- Children’s bookshelf units
- Low art tables
- Toys, Dryer, fridges and much, much more.

This Friday Only
8am - Come to the school office

These items are all sold as-is. With no warranties, no ongoing support, and no returns.

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Peter Rowe, our Sports Teacher here at White Rock State School, retires at the end of this week after 22 years at this school and 40 years as a teacher.

Peter qualified in 1975, this was back when the average price of a Brisbane house was $23,700 and a teacher’s salary was $12,600. This was the year that the Vietnam War ended and PNG gained independence from Australia.

Peter’s first school was Silkstone State School on the Darling Down’s. From here he was transferred to Yarrabah then onto Cairns West, Woree, Waterford, Sarina, Whitchfield and Trinity Beach before making White Rock his professional base.

A classroom teacher until as recently as 2010, Peter then took the plunge into teaching Sport and has lead our school through many successful sports days and carnivals.

Mr Rowe has taught thousands of children over the years including at least three of our current staff, Joan Vincin, Jana Peppler and Kate Paul!

When people have spoken about Peter at his Retirement celebrations recently the common theme is of his focus, attention to detail, patience, tenacity and his ability to stay so incredibly cool, calm and collected.

Mr Rowe, you will be missed by one and all. Happy Caravanning!

Pedestrian crossings

Pedestrian crossings are safe places on the road marked for pedestrians to cross at. Drivers must give way to pedestrians that are on the crossing.

Children’s crossings

Children’s crossings work when kids are going to school or back home. They’re marked by orange flags.

If there is no supervisor at the crossing, you must give way to pedestrians walking on the crossing, or stepping on to it, until they’re safely back on the footpath.

If the crossing has a supervisor, you must wait until the pedestrians have crossed the road and the supervisor has returned to the footpath.

You must not overtake a vehicle in front that has stopped at a children’s crossing. This is because a car in front of you makes it difficult for you to see children who may be using the crossing.
Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September
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