Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday with your families. On behalf of the staff I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. It has been wonderful to see the children return relaxed and refreshed from a lengthy break. As I travel around the classrooms I am impressed with the manner in which the children have settled for the year. They are enthusiastic and willing and eager to learn. I thank all parents for the excellent manner in which you have prepared your children for their new academic year. Most children have arrived with all of their necessary requisites to undertake their studies this year thus allowing them to be organised and ready for learning. Last week, also, we had approximately 99% of children wearing their full school uniform. Well done parents and thank-you! Your efforts assist us in building a sense of pride in our school.

2016 will be a year of high expectations for our school community. We will be building on the good work achieved last year and embarking on the first year of our new four year plan for the school. We are committed to improving student outcomes and reducing student disciplinary absences. In order to achieve these goals, communication between home and school needs to be regular and productive. I encourage parents to visit your child/ren’s classrooms regularly to understand what is being taught and to ascertain how well your child is achieving. When parents take an interest in their child’s education, outcomes improve. I thank you in advance for your support and assistance in ensuring 2016 is a successful year. We, the staff, are excited about the year ahead and look forward to being a part of your child/ren’s lives during 2016.

A big welcome also to our new and returning staff who have joined us this year. We hope they will be very happy at our school and I am confident they will make a very positive contribution to our school community. They are:

- Ms Frankee King (Yr 1 teacher)
- Ms Shelly Daniels (Year 2 teacher)
- Ms Kiana Saltarelli (Year 4 teacher)
- Ms Havinder Singh (Year 5/6 teacher)
- Mrs Kate Paul (Year 3 Teacher)
- Ms Lani Anthony (Teacher aide)

**Parent Information Sessions**

During the next two weeks all class teachers will be conducting class information meetings for parents in order to inform parents of the classroom expectations and routines and curriculum offerings. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for our teachers to get to know the parents of the children they are teaching and to build partnerships that will benefit your child’s outcomes.

We hope as many people as possible will take advantage of this great opportunity. The teachers will be notifying parents of scheduled meeting times in the near future.

**Staff meetings:**

Parents are advised the school’s staff meetings are to be held each Wednesday afternoon commencing at 3:15pm. All teaching staff are required to attend. Should anyone need to meet with a teacher regarding their child’s progress or well-being, please be aware the teachers will not be available at this time. Thank-you for your consideration in this matter.

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Susette Birchley

**Deputy Principals:**
Marco Trovalusci and Dan Hollis

**Head of Curriculum:**
Kris Nolan

**Business Services Manager:**
Kathy Scott
Breakfast programme:
The school’s breakfast programme commenced this week. Breakfasts are served at the school hall each Tuesday to Thursday morning from 7:30am to 8:30am. Once again our good friends from the Rock Group, Sheridan Gardens and Woolworths Mt Sheridan will be providing and preparing the meal. I thank them in advance for the wonderful work they do and for their generosity. I hope there are many children who take advantage of this healthy start to the day. The breakfast consists of scrambled eggs on toast, a glass of milk, piece of fruit and toast and spreads.

Day 8:
This Friday is Day 8 for our school. This is a significant day for every Queensland State School as our enrolment census is taken. The children who have attended our school this year can be counted on our census. All staffing and school funding is based on this figure. It is important therefore, for all students to be in attendance by this day. Should anyone know of anyone who has not returned to school this year or who may be intending to enrol in the near future, please ask their parents to ensure they come to school before Friday or contact the school office if there is a valid reason for their child/ren not attending so far this year. I thank you for your assistance in this very important matter.

School Leaders:
The following students received their leadership badges on parade today:

School Captains - Sukmani Taak and Ariel Franks
Student Counsellors -

Christopher Lambourn
Aurelia Wood
Ailiyah Anson

Loani Marshall
Alexandra Weatherburn
Wendy Xiong

I know these children will be wonderful ambassadors for our school and I wish them all the best for their leadership year.

We consider all of our 6 students to be school leaders whose role it is to set a good example for the younger children. Next week the year 6 classes will be travelling to Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre to participate in a leadership day. The activities provided will assist in developing within each child a sense of responsibility and pride in themselves and their school. The children will be accompanied by their class teachers. I trust they will all enjoy a very worthwhile experience with the learnt skills standing them in good stead for the rest of the year.

P&C Meeting:
The first meeting of the school’s Parents and Citizens Association will be held next Monday, February 8 in the school’s meeting room commencing at 3:30pm. This forum enables parents to have a ‘voice’ and to be involved in the school’s decision making process. I would like to invite all parents to attend these meetings, in particular our first of the year. I hope you are able to join us.

Parent Reminder:
Parents are reminded that only staff vehicles are to be parked in the school grounds. Currently there are several parents driving into the school to collect their children. This is not permitted as the school car park is out of bounds for all students in the interest of safety.

Although I understand parking can sometimes be difficult at the end of the day, I ask that this practice cease immediately. Usually by 3:15pm the parking issues at the front of the school have abated. As there is a teacher on duty until 3:30pm, it is acceptable for the children to be collected a little later than 3:00pm.

I would also remind parents to use the pedestrian gates only when accompanying your children into the grounds. There are many people currently walking through the staff car park which is not permitted in the interests of safety. I thank all parents for their adherence to these requests.

Parents & Citizens’ Association

Hello to all students, parents and concerned citizens for another fun filled year of learning at White Rock State School, the best school in Far North Qld. I trust you all had a great Xmas break and are all refreshed, ready to get into another year.

We will be holding our first P&C meeting for 2016, next Monday @ 3.30pm, in the Admin. building. On the agenda, will be how we can spend some of our money accrued, to benefit the kids, in the best way.

Any new parents that are interested in attending, you are most welcome. Many hands make light work, so new faces are always great to see.

The following month will be our AGM, at which all roles on the committee will be up for election.

Have a think, and decide to donate some valuable time for our school. It's most rewarding.

See you soon! Keep rocking it at White Rock.

Cheers, Bill Schutz President
### Your guide to Term 1

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### Positive School Focus

This week we will be returning to working with our children on our school’s core values so that they are fresh in their minds as we start this new school year.

The teachers will be revisiting the messages of Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being a Learner in classroom sessions and the posters below are displayed throughout the school. Please also talk to your children at home.

Mr Hollis, Deputy Principal

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**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be a Learner**

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**Perfect Attendance!**

In the last week of term the draws were held of all the students who had achieved 100% attendance for the 2015 school year. The lucky winners were:

Overall draw winner who received an Xbox: Georgina 4A

The winners of each year’s draw won a $50 gift card:

- **Year 6**: Toni
- **Year 5**: Braydon
- **Year 4**: Juliana
- **Year 3**: Jeorjah
- **Year 2**: Zane
- **Year 1**: Ananda
Have you moved? 
Or changed telephone number? Have your emergency contacts changed? We have found that mail has been being returned to us as some of you have moved over the holidays. Please come and see the office if any of your contact details have changed so that we can update your details.

Community Notices

**Recommences**

Our Indigenous dance group will recommence next week (week 3)

Come along and grab your application form on the first day from Mrs Peeters or Mrs Rollason

**Free Student Breakfasts**

We are fortunate to be offer these breakfasts to students on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday mornings starting again from this week from 7.30am with a strict last serving at 8.30am.

These breakfasts are possible due to the generosity and volunteers from Rock Impact Church, volunteers from residents of BUPA, food donations from Woolworths Mt Sheridan and the assistance of Mission Australia. We thank you all.

**Guyala Dance Group**

Weds 3-4pm, School Hall
Years 4-6 Only

Come along and grab your application form on the first day from Mrs Peeters or Mrs Rollason

**Budgeting workshop**

Are you wanting to better manage your finances in 2017? 
Many individuals and families struggle to make ends meet, particularly around Christmas time.

Are you feeling the guilt after Christmas? Are the bills stacking up?

Join our financial counsellor for a free financial information workshop on managing your finances, including useful tips on saving and sticking to a budget.

When: Tuesday 9th February
Time: 16:00
Where: U5HD and Community Hall, Birk St, North Ward
Contact: 4024 5050 (Banking group)
Cost: Free. Tea and coffee provided.

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