Bomb Threats:
As most parents are aware, there has been a recent spate of bomb threats delivered to schools across Queensland, including several here in Cairns. I wish to reassure parents that in the unlikely event our school receives such a threat, Education Qld and our school has a process in place to ensure an orderly and swift evacuation of the school, the notification of authorities and to ensure the children remain hydrated and protected from the sun whilst out of the classroom. Our priority is to keep the children calm and safe.

Parents can assist us with this process by ensuring your children have a water bottle and their hat at school each day. These will be taken with the children during the evacuation process. If any parent requires clarification about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange an appointment with the Principal.

Request:
Each morning many parents are visiting classrooms to either speak with the class teacher or view their child’s recent school work. I would encourage all parents to begin this practice as it assists in building strong relationships between home and school and parents become very familiar with their child’s progress. Research shows that those children who are have parents who are interested in their education achieve better outcomes than those who don’t.

I would like to remind all parents that our first school bell rings at 8:50am. It is at this time the children complete what they are doing and get ready for the school day. At 8:55am all formal instruction commences in the school. Parents are asked to make their way out of classrooms on the first bell. This allows the teachers to settle the children and begin instruction on time. As all teachers must commence instruction at 8:55am, any further inquiries must come through the office. I thank you all in advance for your cooperation with this matter. Every minute of every day counts for our children.

 Behaviour Expectations:
White Rock State School’s Responsible Behaviour Plan provides a positive strategy to support students to develop appropriate and accountable behaviours which in turn enhance the learning environment of our school. Our three school rules – Be Safe, Be Respectable and Be a Learner – provide the cornerstone for this strategy.

Each term the classroom teachers explicitly teach the rules, which are then supported by a weekly focus lesson. Each week, visitors to the school office will see the weekly focus clearly displayed. Additionally, during week 5, all children in years 1 – 6 are provided with the opportunity to reflect on their behaviour up until that time during the term with the view to achieving an ‘A’ level behaviour award on parade. This reflection is the catalyst for teachers to conduct individual discussions with students who may need assistance in displaying more appropriate behaviour. To ensure our school is consistently well ordered, parents are asked to discuss these rules with your children and to reinforce the need for them to be regularly followed. When the school is well organised and orderly, the classroom teachers are able to focus on instruction thus maximising learning time for all children and in turn improving learning outcomes.

Healthy Lunches:
Healthy lunches and snacks are important for active children. There are limited times for the children to eat during the school day, so it is important the food that is consumed sustains them until the next break. Research shows that children who eat healthy food during the day are better able to concentrate than those children who have poorer choices. Many children are currently coming to school with highly processed lunch box options which often contain lots of sugar. Avoiding sweet options also assists with dental hygiene. Parents are encouraged to revise their child/ren’s lunchbox offerings and make changes if necessary.

Some healthy lunchbox suggestions are listed below:
- Fresh fruit
- Crunchy vegetables e.g. carrot, celery etc.
- Meat or protein food e.g. lean meat, hardboiled egg, peanut butter or nut paste
- Dairy food e.g. cheese stick or slice, milk, yoghurt
- Carbohydrates e.g. bread, roll, pita or flat bread, fruit bread or crackers
- Water NB: Only water is permitted in water bottles for classroom use
John Fleming’s visit:
Last Friday, Mr John Fleming, an educational consultant from Melbourne, visited our school. John has been a regular visitor to the school during the past few years. During his visit, John visited some classrooms and spoke with our first year teachers. His feedback to us was again very beneficial. John continues to provide lots of support to the staff in order to assist with improving outcomes for all children. Once again, he was very pleased with the progress the school has made and is looking forward to visiting again next term.

Families as First Teachers (FaFT)
The early years of a child’s life are the most important for learning and development. The Families as First Teachers Parenting Support Services Program builds family knowledge of early learning through active engagement in quality early childhood education programs. Play based programs support families through modelling, side by side engagement and discussion. Resources have been developed to give families information about how young people learn and how parents can make the most of everyday opportunities.

School readiness is addressed through FaFT in early learning groups with a focus on literacy and numeracy foundations, orientation to school programs and parent engagement initiatives. White Rock State School has commenced this program which supports parents to construct resources which they can then use to prepare their children for formal schooling.

Our school’s FaFT group meets each Thursday morning (9:00am – 11:00am) outside the school hall. Morning tea is provided and parents will leave with resources to assist them in the home. If you are interested in ensuring your child has the very best educational start, come along and join the group which is facilitated by Michelle Rollason under the guidance of Dan Hollis, one of our school’s Deputy Principals.

Sports Captains:
Last week our 2016 school sports captains were elected and presented with their badges on Wednesday’s parade. All were very proud to be selected to lead their sporting teams this year and proudly pledged their oath after being presented with their badges. I congratulate them all on their selection and wish them all the best in their role this year. Our 2016 sports Captains are listed below:

Fitzroy:
James Minniecon
Makayla Samuels Hastings
Michaelmas:
Betty Hart
Paiwan Sabadi

Trinity:
Bailey Ponting
Justin Samuel
Grafton:
Kiara Palmer
Kevin Edwards-Wilson

Positive School Focus

Last week every class talked about ways to get organised, and stay organised, at school.

This will help them to be focussed, ready to learn and is a good discipline for all aspects of their life as they grow.

This week we have focussed on how to be safe in the play areas. Please talk to your children at home about what they have learned in the classroom and how they are putting it to effect during their break times.

Dan Hollis, Deputy Principal

Parents & Citizens’ Association

Hello to all students, parents, teachers and concerned citizens.

Back into the year with a bang! We had a great first up meeting last week, with 2 new attendees and lots of discussion, contributing to the school debate.

We are planning to apply for a $30,000 Grant, to help build a brand new playground. Fingers crossed, we get it. It will be a great addition to the school. It would be located right next to the existing Year 1&2 playground.

Special mention to the Crossing Supervisors helping our kids cross the busy highway every school day. I have received reports of up to 14-18 cars every morning running the yellow or red lights, turning out of Foster Road, so it’s a miracle, no one has ever been hit. They have a very important job to do, and we thank them for keeping our kids safe.

AGM Meeting will be held at our next meeting. Special thanks to all office bearers for their great work last year.

All positions, will become vacant, and up for election. Monday 14th of March @ 3.30pm in the Admin building.

Hope to see as many parents there as we can get. It’s a very rewarding experience for anyone to be involved.

Keep rocking it at White Rock.
Cheers
Bill Schutz, President.
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<td>Awarded for always being on task and ready to learn.</td>
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<td>Bailey</td>
<td>For making a great start to the year. Always paying attention and ready to learn. Trina made a great start to the year. Always willing to help others.</td>
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<td>Sukhmani</td>
<td>Always following the school and classroom rules.</td>
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<td>Atlanta Cindy</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellent work ethic, bookwork and for helping others. Cindy has written an outstanding narrative and been an exceptional class member.</td>
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<td>Lucy Odin</td>
<td>A champion writer, using great vocabulary and description. Odin has made a super start to 2016; Being respectful and focussed at all times.</td>
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<td>Johanne</td>
<td>Awarded for being respectful and an enthusiastic learner.</td>
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<td>Hayley</td>
<td>Success—completing all classwork and homework to a high standard.</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Linton</td>
<td>For constantly trying her best and showing the upmost respect to teachers and her peers. Linton has shown outstanding effort in maths and is always ready to learn.</td>
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<td>Emily Thomas</td>
<td>Emily follows all of the school rules. Thomas is an excellent learner. He follows the rules all of the time.</td>
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<td>Hayley Bundy</td>
<td>For being safe, being respectful and being a learner. Bundy has been trying hard in all areas of learning and always has a go.</td>
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<td>Nikita Cody</td>
<td>Nikita is consistently being a role model for other students. Given for being a focussed learner. A great start to the year.</td>
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<td>Lyra Jada</td>
<td>Being a learner—for always displaying beautiful whole body listening. For being a great role model during class warm ups.</td>
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<td>Michael Amber</td>
<td>Michael always finishes his work on time and has been a fantastic student. Amber is always polite, on task and finishes her work.</td>
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<td>Kayla Rylee</td>
<td>For always being ready to learn. Rylee is a kind and thoughtful classmate.</td>
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<td>Shakani Arna</td>
<td>Shakani always tries her best and has been a great example to others. Fantastic writing! Also being an enthusiastic learner.</td>
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<td>Conwell Temperance</td>
<td>Conwell sets an example in class with his enthusiasm towards tasks. Consistently working hard and demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning.</td>
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<td>A wonderful start to 2016, Ashlee. Respectful and putting in a great effort.</td>
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<td>Lillyan</td>
<td>Lillyan has made a great start in Prep.</td>
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<td>Shaylee Marshall</td>
<td>Consistently showing respect and setting a great example. Always helping his classmates and teacher. Well done!</td>
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<td>Ebony Neio</td>
<td>Fantastic whole body listening. Great listening and following directions.</td>
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**School Banking**

Student Banking happens on a Thursday morning and we have dozens of eager savers BUT to continue we need a volunteer for one hour once every two weeks. It is simple and you will be shown what to do.

**Can you help?**

Please come to the office and have a chat.

**Outgrown Uniforms**

The office ladies would love any donations of your old school uniforms. Kids grown out of them? Know someone who has left the school? A big smile and thank you from Mrs Carr and Mrs Doyle is awaiting you.

**Scooters and bikes**

A reminder that if you ride to school you must securely lock your equipment up.
This PLAY based Literacy and Numeracy Families As First Teachers group is for children and their families from birth to Pre - Prep age. Families are welcome each Thursday morning from 9am to 11am at the front of White Rock State School hall.

Families as First Teachers supports children and their families to make successful transitions from home to early childhood education. FaFT encourages family members to get involved in fun interactive learning sessions at school and at home.

This week’s Learning Experience:

Months of the year – This activity helps children understand about time.

Next Week’s Learning Experience:

Colour Match - Helping children learn colours provides them with an opportunity to communicate more effectively - We will have fun with Red, Blue, Orange, Green, Pink & Yellow

There was a fabulous turnout at Play Group this week with plenty of kids to play together. Our Play Group is well equipped with lots of exciting toys to explore.

Come and join us for some free fun with your children and enjoy a tea or coffee with other parents - we would love to see you and we want to grow our preschool community here at White Rock.

Cynthia 0408 251 713

Your guide to Term 1

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| After School Activities ……..
...collecting your children on time

Please!

It is important that you pick up your children on time after such activities as Guyala Dance, which finishes at 4pm.

Staff need to leave on time to manage their own after work commitments.

What’s On … regularly at White Rock State School

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<td>Coffee &amp; Chat 2-3pm</td>
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Cairns Youth Orchestra is accepting new enrolments in ALL orchestral instruments at ALL levels for the Friday afternoon/evening weekly rehearsals. CYO 1 rehearse 5pm – 7 pm, CYO 2 rehearse 4pm – 5.30pm and Cairns Chamber Ensemble rehearse 7pm – 9pm. Enquiries can be made at telston@bigpond.net.au.

The Cairns Youth Orchestra (CYO) is an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for young musicians. They offer a variety of orchestral instruments for enrollment at all levels. The rehearsals are held weekly, with different times for CYO 1, CYO 2, and the Cairns Chamber Ensemble.

For more information or to enroll, contact telston@bigpond.net.au. This event is a great opportunity for young musicians to engage in musical learning and development.
Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September

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