Student Attendance:

High student attendance is essential for students to achieve to their potential. When analysing the reasons some children progress more rapidly than others the most significant contributing factor is consistent attendance. Congratulations to those parents who consistently send their children to school on time, in uniform and ready for the day. It makes a big difference to their outcomes. All staff are passionate about seeing each child reach their potential and this can only be achieved if the children are at school. I also wish to remind parents that if your child/ren is/are away from school for any reason to contact the school on the morning of the absence. Your diligence with this is greatly appreciated.

Attendance Officer: As many of you would know in order to track student attendance, the school has funded, through the Investing for Success initiative, a school attendance officer, Mrs Michelle Rollason. It is Michelle’s job to monitor class rolls each day and to make contact with the family of any student who has an unexplained absence. Many of you have met Michelle over the years and know she plays an important role in our school. Should you receive a call from her, please understand she is performing her designated duty, the outcome of which is to improve overall school attendance for every child. Remember...EVERY DAY COUNTS!

The good news is that currently our overall attendance rate is 93.8% which has increased from last year’s average of 91.2%, however our goal is to achieve a minimum of 95% overall for the year. Well done parents. Keep up the good work!

P&C AGM:

The P&C association will be holding its Annual General next week, March 14, in the school meeting room commencing at 3:30pm. All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend and participate in the decision making process. It was great to see some fresh faces at last month’s meeting. We hope to see some more on Monday, March 14.

Coding Program:

Recently, Mr Dan Hollis, one of our school’s Deputy Principals, engaged the services of staff from James Cook University to conduct a computer coding course for students in year 4 at our school. This program aligns with the state government’s Advancing Education initiative. Students wishing to participate in the program, which is run each Thursday afternoon after school, had to address selection criteria before entering the program. Items submitted ranged from posters to video animations. I congratulate all eighteen participants on their selection and commend them for their interest and initiative.

The coding program teaches children fundamental computer coding which enables children to create basic computer programs, games and interactive activities. Once the children have gained an expertise in this area, in term 2 they will continue the program by teaching others wishing to learn these skills.

A big thank-you to Mr Hollis for organising the program and Mrs Boni Minnicon, our school’s technical officer, for her support. Computer coding will play a big part in the future for our children. It is our hope many others will want to participate in term 2.

Football News: Cont. on p2
For the past three weeks, representatives from our school have been participating in the annual Foundation Cup, an interschool rugby league competition. This group is coached by Mr Joel Prior and supported by Mr Gerard McLaren and the parents of the players. To date, the team is undefeated, having won its previous three games against Yarrabah, St Michael’s and Trinity Beach. I congratulate the boys on their efforts so far. It is very pleasing to hear that not only did the boys win their games, they have also demonstrated great sportsmanship. Well done to all and thanks to the parents who get their children to the games and to Mr Prior and Mr McLaren for ongoing support of these boys. Your time in greatly appreciated.

Crossing Supervisor:
Many of our school community would have noticed the recent addition of crossing supervisors on the highway recently. After many months of campaigning, our local councillor, Kathy Zeiger, was able to secure the services of the supervisors to ensure the safety of our children walking to and from school. This is a major achievement for our community as there have been many reports of students having ‘near misses’ with vehicles travelling along the highway and/or entering the highway from Mt Sheridan.

In order to keep our children safe, I ask all parents to discuss the road safety rules with their children and in particular, if they are crossing the highway or Progress Road, to adhere to the directions of the crossing supervisors. Although this topic is covered at school on a regular basis, it is always good to have it reinforced at home. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Spelling Bee:
This Saturday, two year 4 teams and two year 6 teams will be competing in the Mt Sheridan Spelling Bee. The children have been preparing for this event by ensuring they have learnt the most commonly spelt words and many challenging words too. Each team is looking forward to the competition and I know they will give of their very best. I congratulate them on their eagerness and commitment to our school. I look forward to finding out who will go through to the final. Good luck to them all. Teams are listed on page 3

The entire school took part in sessions last week reflecting on general behaviour at school. The elements that we looked at are certainly transferable to all other areas of the children’s lives, so please take time at home to discuss with them what they learned.

This week we have been looking at how to behave in eating areas. This is creating calm and clean meal breaks, with good manners practiced by all.

Dan Hollis, Deputy Principal

Already we are into March, and the year is progressing well. We now have over 500 kids attending our school, and with everyone dressed in the school uniform, they all look great. This month it is our AGM, which will be held in the Admin Building @ 3.30pm Monday the 14th of March. Anyone interested in attending to hear a rousing and inspiring speech from me highlighting the past year efforts is welcome to attend. We will also be electing new office bearers for the coming year, however you must be a member of the P&C to vote in the elections.

Fingers crossed everybody, Peter Wood (our Treasurer) has made a great effort in submitting a grant to the Qld. Govt. Community Gambling Fund, for the purchase of a brand new playground for the Preps-grade 3 area. I believe we have a very good chance of winning this, and of course, this will benefit the whole school if we succeed. Special mention to our 2 ladies in the tuckshop, Lesa and Sharmaine, who have done an exceptional job with the uniform sales in the first months of this school year. This is a vital part of our school, and the funds we make there, go to many things in the school. Also, thank you to all the many volunteers that help out. Thank you all.

Bill Schutz, President. 0417 210 835
Please note: These awards are for Week 2 and 3 of this term and so reflect the class names prior to some class moves and renames.

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<td>Sania Terence</td>
<td>For amazing creative writing on demand.</td>
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<td>Having beautiful bookwork in all of his school books.</td>
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<td>Aurelia Dean</td>
<td>Always being organised and ready for the day.</td>
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<td>For being a considerate student and always ready to learn.</td>
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<td>Kody Shanice</td>
<td>Kody has exceptional homework standards.</td>
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<td>Exemplary bookwork and a role model to all of our students.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Caitlin</td>
<td>Always giving 100% effort.</td>
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<td>Tyler Z’Hane</td>
<td>Focussing hard and being a super learner. Tyler also has super manners.</td>
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<td>For trying really hard to focus and learn.</td>
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<td>Summer Conner</td>
<td>For independently writing an interesting narrative.</td>
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<td>Conner has been a learner - participating in lessons and doing his best in all tasks.</td>
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<td>Ester</td>
<td>For success - great effort with class work.</td>
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<td>Maddison</td>
<td>For being diligent with her homework and for having a fantastic attitude.</td>
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<td>Mitchell</td>
<td>Mitchell has been a great learner; he listens, thinks and responds well.</td>
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<td>Tayla Peter-John</td>
<td>Tayla has demonstrated persistence with persuasive writing.</td>
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<td>For trying hard during writing.</td>
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<td>Jamie</td>
<td>Always being ready to help a fellow classmate and showing respect.</td>
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<td>Kheandra</td>
<td>For always giving everything a go and striving to do her best.</td>
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<td>Shakur</td>
<td>Awarded for showing excellent whole body listening.</td>
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<td>JJ Tyriek</td>
<td>Continuously being a safe responsible learner.</td>
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<td>Tyriek has been working quietly in class.</td>
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<td>Ty</td>
<td>Ty always shows respect and sets an example to his peers.</td>
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<td>Jeremy Misha</td>
<td>Being respectful, trying his hardest and always finishing his work on time.</td>
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<td>Mischa is always being respectful and trying her hardest.</td>
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<td>Jack Malak</td>
<td>Putting in a consistent effort with his class work.</td>
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<td>Malak has made a great start to her new school and being a great learner.</td>
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<td>Ireanie Nathan</td>
<td>Ireanie has been a kind and respectful student at all times.</td>
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<td>For settling in well to his new class and always trying his best.</td>
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<td>Elias Mimia</td>
<td>Elias has made a great improvement in his cutting.</td>
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<td>Awarded for being a respectful person in our classroom.</td>
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<td>PB</td>
<td>Keagan</td>
<td>For being a learner by consistently showing whole body listening.</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Emily</td>
<td>Emily is always being friendly at school.</td>
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School Banking

A big thank you to Summer Manning, mum of James, who has put her hand up to assist Debbie Sullivan with the student banking.

Student banking happens on a Thursday morning.

Come and support our kids this Saturday at the shopping centre!

**Year 4 Students**
- Heat 1 9am: Bartholomew, Sky and Hayley
- Heat 3 10am: Jack, Axl and Araluen

**Year 6 Students**
- Heat 1 12.30pm: Sukhmani, Chris and Ariel
- Heat 2 1.00pm: Brett, Makayla and James
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:
Days of the week. This activity helps children learn the days of the week. This is part of learning about time and routines. This is important when they get

Next Week’s Learning Experience:
Hanging monkeys to 5 This gives children practice recognising numbers to 5. This activity also assists with fine motor skills.

Year 5 and 6 Camps
Thinking about the payments coming up?
Make life easy - drop by the office and sign the Centrepay forms to spread the cost and we will do the rest. The earlier you do it the smaller the fortnightly deductions. Remember that the camp fee must be paid in full before the children depart.

Your guide to Term 1

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What’s On! …regularly at White Rock State School

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In this year’s Rugby League Development Cup. There are 21 teams participating.

Our team is coached by Year 5A teacher Mr Prior and supported by Mr McLaren and consists of the following players; Samson, Radayne, Sebastian, Cody, Justin, Kelton, Jamal, Paiwan, Bailey, Mathius, Sania, Rahjon, Kobi, Antonio, Betty, Kevin and Lorenzo.

The first 2 matches were qualifiers to see which pool we would be placed in. Game 1 was against Trinity Beach. It was a great game to watch as all the players really played well as a team. White Rock won 28-0. Radayne and Kobi scored two tries each. Sampson scored one try but Justin converted his own try whilst Betty did a whopping kick to convert one of Kobi’s tries.

The team were in high spirits for the second game against Yarrabah. This feeling didn’t last long as White Rock was losing 18-6 at half time. After an inspiring half time speech from Mr Prior, the team went back onto the field knowing they could win. They surely didn’t let anyone down. With an amazing comeback, we kept Yarrabah scoreless in the second half and won 28-18. Two tries each to Jamal and Kobi with a single try for Bailey. Kelton, Kobi, Justin and Cody all successfully kicked their conversions for 2 points each.

Our third game, which was our first game for competition points, was against St Michael’s. We scored in the opening seconds and converted the try. We dropped the ball a lot so subsequently there were a lot of handovers to the other team. Our defence was unbelievable. St Michael’s had a lot of possession of the ball and tried very hard to get through but we just stopping them. Once again two tries each to Jamal and Kobi. Radayne who scored an amazing 90m try as well as converting Jamal’s first try. White Rock won 22-8.

Our next match is Wednesday the 2nd of March against Gordonvale, 6.20pm at the Mann St ovals. Watch this space for news on how we travel in this competition.

With thanks to Mr Prior and Mr McLaren who give up their free time to coach the kids and attend their games.

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Our White Rock State School team

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