It is difficult to believe the first school term of 2016 is rapidly coming to an end; and what a busy term it has been! The children have settled well for the year and our overall attendance rate has risen from 91.2% in 2014 to 94.4% for 2016 to date. This great improvement in attendance directly affects the children’s academic outcomes. We can’t teach the children if they are not here. It is our aim to achieve 95% attendance for the entire year. Imagine the difference we can make!

I thank all parents for regularly having your children in full school uniform, with a healthy lunch and here on time every day. I know it takes a great deal of organisation to prepare children for their school day. Your efforts ensure your child has every opportunity to succeed which will, in the long run, pave the way for successful life.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable holiday with your families and a happy Easter. We, the staff, look forward to working with your children again after the break.

Spelling Bee News:
On March 5 four White Rock State School Spelling Bee teams entered the Mt Sheridan Shopping Centre Spelling Bee. The first two groups entered the Years 3-5 division and the second two groups entered the Years 6–9 division. All four teams performed very well and all made the finals which are to be held on March 19 at the shopping centre. I wish these children all the very best for the competition and I know that, whatever the outcome, they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school and they will have gained a lot of confidence from the whole experience. Well done to all contestants. We are all very proud of your efforts.

Parent teacher Interviews:
The school will be conducting oral reporting sessions for parents on Tuesday, April 19 (Week 2, Term 2). All staff highly value this reporting time and have been disappointed in the past with the percentage of parents who have taken advantage of the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher/s. Next term a new format is to be trialled in order to cater for the needs of more parents. Interviews will be of fifteen minutes duration and conducted between 3:30pm and 7:30pm. All teaching staff will be set up in our school hall. If a parent has forgotten to arrange a time, they can access their teacher/s when and if they have a spare spot. A sausage sizzle will be operating on the night and all attending parents and children will receive a ticket to access the barbeque after their interview. Tea, coffee and water will be available. Parents are asked to contact the school to arrange an interview, as has been the practice in the past. It is our hope we can meet with as many parents as possible. When parents take an active interest in their child/ren’s education, outcomes improve. Let’s do our best to support our kids.

Absences:
From time to time a child may need to absent from school. It is the policy of White Rock State School that the parent or guardian of the child contact the school office by phone to advise of the absence and its reason. There may be times when parents are unable to contact

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the school by telephone. In this instance we would ask that a note be sent along with a sibling on that day. It is important that siblings do not relay oral messages about their brother or sister’s absence as we need the information directly from the parent. There have been instances in the past when messages have been passed on by students about their sibling’s absence and the parents have been unaware. In the interests of safety and well-being for all students it is important for the school to have that important information directly from the parent. Thank-you for your assistance with this very important matter.

**P&C Information:**
On March 9 our school’s P&C association held its AGM. A big thank-you to the small number of parents who attended. The existing executive body was re-elected as is. Please see below for details:

**Positive School Focus**
Parade is an important and respectful part of our school week.

We come together as a school on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm and all parents and supporters of the school are invited to come along and join with our staff and students to celebrate our successes and hear the notices for the week.

As part of our Positive School Focus all classrooms have been looking at the behaviour expected of students during parade. Please talk to your children at home about what they have learnt with their teachers about Parade Protocols and then why not come along half an hour earlier on Wednesday to collect your children from school and join our parade? Your children would love to see you there.

Dan Hollis, Deputy Principal

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**P&C committee for 2016 is as follows:**
President : Bill Schutz
Vice-President : Mark Pullar
Vice-President : Jodie Conduit
Secretary : Steven Mock
Treasurer : Peter Wood

Congratulations to these people on their re-election. I would like to say a very big thankyou also to our executive who work tirelessly and often thanklessly to improve conditions and resources for our children. Their contribution makes a huge difference to our school. Their selfless dedication is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank those of you who regularly support the P&C and their ventures. Your support is vital to the ongoing success of the operations of this wonderful school group.

**Obstathon** – to be held on Thursday, March 24 on the school oval

**Easter Bonnet Parade:** Thursday, March 24 (Yrs P-2) - 2:00 – 3:00pm in the School hall

**Inter-house Cross Country Race:** Friday, April 15, 9:00 – 11:00am - school oval

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**Closing the Gap in Education Workshop**
Last week we held a workshop for our Aboriginal & Islander Parents on how we can improve their children’s learning in education. We would like to thank the parents who attended, this shows you want the same outcome for your children as our school does. This will provide a strong pathway to a better education. We as parents and carers hold the key to giving our children the best opportunities available— and the main key to success in schooling is ATTENDANCE.

Michelle Rollason (Attendance Officer & Indigenous Liaison) and Barbara Peeters (Indigenous Liaison)

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Hello to all students, parents, teachers and friends,

Thank you to all who attended our AGM on Monday. In my 4 years at the helm, I have never seen our meeting so full of interested participants. Not a spare seat in the house. Plenty of discussion was had, and reports given.

I will publish my Presidents report in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all executive committee members who were re-elected and also a new face which will add new flavour to us stale old blokes :)

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<td>For writing and publishing a fabulous narrative. Well done on your creative narrative writing.</td>
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<td>Kevin Loani</td>
<td>Always having a go and being ready to learn. Being a positive role model in class and always working to achieve her best.</td>
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<td>Cheyanne Leon</td>
<td>Achieving personal goals in maths with enthusiasm. Writing an excellent and entertaining narrative.</td>
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<td>Beau</td>
<td>Giving 100% effort in all aspects of school.</td>
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<td>Georgie Yasserie</td>
<td>Having a super focussed learning attitude. Focusing, listening and working hard in all lessons.</td>
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<td>Georgina Cygnet</td>
<td>Being respectful and helpful. Always being respectful, trying his best and never giving up.</td>
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<td>Axl Jack</td>
<td>For being an awesome helper and valuable contributor in class. Always being a valuable class member.</td>
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<td>Araluen</td>
<td>Writing an amazing writing piece and having a fantastic attitude towards literacy.</td>
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<td>Dylan Katie-May</td>
<td>Dylan has been working very hard to follow the classroom rules. Writing excellent persuasive texts.</td>
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<td>Jade</td>
<td>Always staying 100% focussed, completing all work on time and being a role model.</td>
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<td>Jessie Kye</td>
<td>Being dedicated to improvement in persuasive writing. Always follows directions and being dedicated to his learning.</td>
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<td>Allan Philip</td>
<td>Making a good effort to start his work more quickly and write more. Always showing respect by listening carefully.</td>
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<td>Lucius Justina</td>
<td>Working well in class and actively participating in lessons. Lucius is a role model. For 100% effort in her demand writing.</td>
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<td>Ben</td>
<td>Always trying his hardest and being a caring class member.</td>
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<td>Masaki Kayla</td>
<td>Always trying his hardest and finishing his work on time. For being a kind friend and always trying her hardest.</td>
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<td>Anahlie</td>
<td>Fantastic recount writing and always being ready to learn.</td>
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<td>Being a hard worker and respectful learner. Well done and keep going.</td>
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<td>Making great improvements with his sightwords and reading. Putting her best effort into her reading.</td>
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<td>Always being polite and using good manners. Trying her best to complete her work.</td>
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### Free Breakfasts at School

**Tomorrow, Thursday 17 March, is the last breakfast of this term.**

Please look in the first newsletter of next term to see when the breakfasts will begin again.

With big thanks to Rock Impact Church, Woolworth’s Mt Sheridan and the volunteers from Bupa Mt Sheridan. Without all of these people the breakfasts would not be possible.
EVERY White Rock State School team made it to the Spelling Bee finals this Saturday. Good Luck!

We have four teams competing in the finals so please come to the shopping centre on Saturday morning to cheer on all of our amazing spellers.

Year 4 - We have Jack, Axl and Araluen leading the pack at 9am, followed by Bartholomew, Sky and Hayley at 9.30am.

Year 6 - At 11.00am Sukhmani, Chris and Ariel will be doing us proud and at 11.30am you can support Brett, Makayla and James.

The action happens outside Woolworths supermarket and always draws a big crowd.

Cross Country
Date Change
Now Friday 15 April

Week 1, Term 2

Prep to Year 6 will be taking part

Obstathon this Friday
30 minute time slots on The Oval

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- Students to bring spare clothes, towel, sunscreen & hat.
- Money is to be given to your class teacher by Tuesday 22 March at the latest.
- Remember to choose a prize and mark it on the sponsorship card.

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. There are great reward prizes to be earned for regular savers.

Please visit a Commonwealth Bank branch first to register an account for your child.
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Easter Bonnet Parade

Years P-2
Thursday 24 March
2-3pm

Parents and caregivers are invited to the School Hall

Raffle tickets will be available for sale next week before school and during first lunch in the undercover area.

$1 a ticket

Mr Hollis’s ‘Tie Day Friday’ gains some unlikely support from 6B

Our deputy principal, Mr Hollis, had thought that nobody other than the staff of White Rock State School had noticed his smarter than usual outfits on each Friday of the week.

However Mr Green’s 6B class has been preparing a little neck wear of their own and surprised our Deputy Principal last week with a whole class full of comical ties. Good on you kids, most of your ties were a lot more tasteful and easy on the eye than our Deputy’s!
Community Notices

**Basketball After Dark**

**FREE ENTRY**
18th March 6pm-8.30pm
Ages 11+ welcome
Music + much more!

PCYC Edmonton 10 Walker Rd, Edmonton Qld 4069
07 4045 6540 | ggec.org.au/edmonton

“Come get your game on”

**Blue Light Disco**

Saturday 30th April 2016
Children from Prep to Grade 6 welcome
$5.00 Entry Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Children must be collected by an adult. No pass outs

Edmonton PCYC 10-20 Walker Road 07 4045 6540

**The Benefits of Reading to Children**

- Join us for a one-hour presentation on the benefits of reading to children.
- We will explore how reading to children each day can:
  - Improve their brain development
  - Increase their empathy skills
  - Introduce their language skills
  - Create a loving, nurturing environment
  - Create a love of books and reading

We will also be discussing some tips and strategies to make reading an enjoyable and relaxing experience between child and caregiver, especially if you’re not a reader yourself or feel you don’t have enough time in the day to devote to reading.

When: Tuesday April 26th 2016
Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am
Where: Learning Care Community
91 Bannockburn Rd, Boonah
Contact: 07 4632 6880
Bookings essential

Cost: Free

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents” - Emilie Buchwald

Please note that we do not have capacity for child minding.

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