Welcome back to a busy and exciting term 2. It is an absolute pleasure to be the Acting Principal of the best school in Cairns, White Rock State School for term 2. Mrs. Birchley will be heading over to Freshwater State School for the term. She has put effective systems in place to ensure that our positive and supportive learning environment is maintained. I will be liaising with Mrs. Birchley regularly so that our improvement agenda outcomes are achieved.

Label ALL Equipment:
Please ensure that ALL your child’s belongings are labelled CLEARLY with their names. This includes school hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. Last term lots of items were misplaced and never found, as they had not been labelled.

Classroom hydration:
Water is the only drink allowed inside of the classroom. We do not encourage students to bring in sweet juices and milk based drinks as they stain and damage the buildings carpet and attract ants. We encourage students to bring water along to school and for it to remain on the desk for easy access.

Parent Teacher Interview Session:
Research shows that student’s outcomes are significantly enhanced when families are involved in their child’s learning. Our Semester 1 Parent/ Teacher session will occur on Tuesday April 19 from 3.30 to 7:30 in the school Hall. It is our hope to see at least 75% of our parents this time. Please contact

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Mt Sheridan Q 4868
Email: principal@whiterockss.eq.edu.au
Website: www.whiterockss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 07 40368888
Fax: 07 40368800
Student Absence Line: 07 4036 8866
Uniform Shop now open Wed and Thurs 8.30-9.30 am

Principal:
Susette Birchley
Deputy Principal:
Marco Trovalusci
Head of Curriculum:
Kris Nolan
Business Services Manager:
Kathy Scott
Children's Attendance - Everyday Counts:
Attendance is a cause for concern in our school and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. Many children in our school have attendance figures below 95%. This is nationally categorised as being unsatisfactory. Children who are not in school are not receiving the education to which they are entitled. National Statics show the following:

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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.

This week’s Learning Experience:
Come along and learn how you can support your little one with reading -

Ready Readers Strong & Deadly Parent Program
Thursday 21st April From 9am ‘till 11am in
The Resource Centre Room (next to the library)

Read everyday, anytime, anywhere
All welcome
Thank you to all who bought tickets. We raised just over $500 for P&C funds.

Tuesday - Friday
26 - 29 April
In the Library
Before and after school
Bring the whole family to visit the school library and have a look at the wide range of books we have for sale - there is something for every age group and taste, even titles for parents.

The book fair starts the day after Anzac Day

Parent Teacher Interviews
Next Tuesday 3.30-7.30pm
Each slot is 15 minutes
In the Hall

Please book at the school office or call us on 4036 8888.

It is so important to have a conversation with your child’s teacher and we are looking forward to meeting every parent.

There will be a sausage sizzle for all families who meet with their teacher on Tuesday.

Term 1 winners of the 100% attendance draw:
The lucky winner of the iPad mini was Ellie from 2A
Prep: Deahn Year 3: Isabelle
Year 1: Masaki Year 4: Dustin
Year 2: Linda Year 5: Katherine
Year 6: James

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7 week basketball course, Years 2-5, at school, Mondays 3.15-4.15pm, starts Term 2 April 18. $85.00
Come and learn the rules, practise skills and have fun playing basketball in the exciting and interactive 7 week program run by Cairns Taipans Alex Loughton and Cameron Tragardh.

Payment to be made at the school office

Free School Breakfasts
At the time of going to press we are uncertain if breakfasts will resume next week. Please feel to call the office on 4036 8888 or drop in for up to the minute news.

Year 5 and 6 Camps are coming up
It is not too late to make a Centrepay arrangement with us. See the office who have the forms and can help you.

Remember that the camp fee must be paid in full before the children depart.

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White Rock State School awarded Highly Commended Award

All four of our Spelling Bee teams were successful in making the semi-finals of the Spelling Bee. One team, made up of Bartholomew, Hayley and Sky, made the Grand Final and ultimately came second.

Although we may not have won the Mt Sheridan Spelling Bee, the organisers awarded WRSS a Highly Commended Award. The organisers "were blown away by the politeness of our students and the way they carried themselves" and therefore awarded us this prize.

Mr Prior, teacher of 5B, said “The judges words made me so proud of our kids as it summed them up perfectly and each of them represented the school impeccably. Each and every one of them enjoyed the experience and it was great to see their smiles.”

Cross Country - This Friday, 15 April

It’s that time of year again…..Cross Country Running Races. This year at White Rock State School, all children are invited to run in their age group.

Things to remember: - All children must run in shoes, hats are required and a water bottle and sunscreen is recommended.

Don’t forget to support your house by wearing your house colours. Fitzroy – RED, Grafton – GREEN, Michaelmas – YELLOW and Trinity – BLUE.

Come along and cheer for these athletes as the first 3 place getters for 10, 11 and 12 year old boys and girls will represent WRSS at the District Cross Country held on the Esplanade on Friday the 29th of April, 2016.

Gerard McLaren
HPE Teacher

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Obstathon News

The weather was great.....but we sure got MUDDY!

What a fantastic day was had!
The profit raised for the school was over $4,000.

Highest Fundraisers:
- Logan PC $200.00
- Noah 4A $194.50
- Harley PB $150.00

11 children raised over $100 each.

Prizes should arrive mid term

Pizza Party anyone? Highest fundraising class was PB - $797. Well done and enjoy your pizza PB.
2nd was 4A with $725.30 and 3rd 2A with $496.10

School Mother’s Day Gift Stall
The stall will be open for business in Week 4 of term - w/c Tuesday 3 May

To enable the stall to offer lovely gifts for our lovely Mums we are asking for donations, please, of gifts under the value of $10. Please take the donation to your classroom teacher.

Children that make a donation are able to visit the stall and make their purchases ahead of it opening to the school as a whole.
Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September

Some-thing for every-one

Business advisors & accountants
Peter Wood
T: 07 4045 1551
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Mt. Sheridan QLD 4868
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Drop off & pick up from White Rock State School

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