It is our plan at White Rock State School to provide a world-class education and the lifelong learning skills to prepare our students for the challenges of tomorrow. We have an exceptional team of teachers and support staff who provide a supportive environment that fosters productive and innovative learning.

As we approach Week 4 of term 2, I would encourage all families to discuss with their children, what they’re learning, how they learn best, and where possible, support any work students bring home like reading, writing and spelling. Showing an interest in what your child is learning can significantly better their results and overall learning outcomes.

Parent Teacher Interview Session:
A monumental thankyou to the White Rock School Community for the exceptional turnout of parents and carers at last week’s Parent Teacher Interview sessions. Historically, we have had approximately 8-10% parental involvement at these events. We had an amazing turnout of 226 parents and carers which lifted our parental involvement to 48%.

Positive feedback was received about the format of the meeting in the hall as opposed to individual classroom format traditionally used. On behalf of all staff, we would like to thank you for your support.

Robotics – Watch this Space!
Thanks to our dedicated and hard-working P&C, there will be two new additions to WRSS and they are not new students. In alignment with Department of Education’s Education Initiative – Coding & Robotics, two Mindstorms EV3 robots will arrive this week. The P&C has provided the funds for these robots which will be coded and built by year 6 students. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.
School Uniform:
I have been very pleased with the efforts children are making to wear the complete and correct school uniform during the first two weeks of the term. Having everybody in uniform sets a very positive tone for the school and sends a clear message regarding the sense of school spirit which exists within our community. I encourage all students to maintain this standard throughout the year.

Children’s Attendance: Everyday Counts!
The best education begins with high attendance. 95%-100% is considered high attendance. Please ensure your child/ren attend school every day.
- 1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years
- Each day’s learning builds on what has been learnt before
- Good attendance begins in prep – it’s where good habits begin.

Newly acquired additions for the school, paid for by the P&C include:
- $1400 for some protective pads for the School Hall.
- $1000 for some Lego Robotics programs to be utilised by the Year 6’s, to further our vocational programs for the school. Exciting times ahead for WRSS.

We also have a new fundraising co-ordinator, Emma Craigen, so welcome Emma!

Be aware, we will be announcing a Working Bee, at our next meeting, for the beautifying of our school, stay tuned for that! That’s all for me, this week.
Keep rocking it at White Rock.
Cheers

Cleaning Position
White Rock State School currently has a vacancy for a permanent cleaner for 25.5 hours per week.

Interested persons should collect an application package from the school office.

Applicants are to outline in writing their experiences/knowledge against each point under ‘How you will be assessed’ in the role description.

Applications are to be forwarded to:
White Rock State School
PO Box 14009
Mt Sheridan Q 4868
to be received by close of business on Thursday 12 May 2016.

Any enquiries please contact the school on 4036 8803

Monday
P&C 2nd Monday of each month, 3.30pm
School Hoops 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday
Free Student Breakfast 7.30-8.30am
Play Group 9.00-11am.
Coffee & Chat 2-3pm

Wednesday
Free Student Breakfast 7.30-8.30am
Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am
Gualya Dance Indigenous Dance 3pm

Thursday
Free Student Breakfast 7.30-8.30am
Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am
FaFT (Families as First Teachers) 9-11am

G’day to all Students, Parents, Teachers and Citizens.
I trust everyone had a great Anzac Day holiday, and that everyone remembered the amazing sacrifices, our returned Servicemen and Women have made to our great country, that enable us, to live in relative safety and freedom. Lest We Forget.
It was great to attend the Edmonton Anzac Service, on Monday, and to see White Rock School, represented, by the immaculately dressed students. Well done to all, and the Teachers, who also donated their time.

Also, the attendance last Tuesday at our Parent/Teacher Interviews was beyond expectations. Congratulations to all Parents, and Grandparents in some cases, who made the effort to meet with the Teachers, to discuss your children's development. The total of nearly 250 individual appointments was a great result for our school, and reflects our increased results in NAPLAN and the whole pride we feel for our school. Excellent stuff.

Perfect school uniform

Absolutely NO dogs are allowed on school grounds
(Registered Help dogs are the only exception)

Parents are not to park in the staff carpark or collect their children from that area.
This is for safety reasons. Only staff or vehicles with the express permission of the Principal may enter this carpark.

Parents & Citizens’ Association

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Cross Country News

On Friday 15 April the annual cross country competition was held at school so that we could all have fun together and also to determine who from the upper years would go forward to represent White Rock at Cairns District Interschool Cross Country on The Esplanade this coming Friday, 29 April.

For the first time every year level took part in an age appropriate length course, which meant that our smallest Preps, competing in a 200m course, were as much a part of the day as the Year 6’s running the full 1.5km.

Trinity house won overall, but all of the house’s dressed in their team colours and wore their house face paints. Miss King, in particular, wore her Fitzroy house colour of red with pride (pictured).

Mr McClaren, our PE teacher, commented “It was so great to see every single child putting in 100% to finish their race. I wanted to include the younger years so that they had something to aspire to for when they reach 10, 11 and 12 years old and can represent their school.”

In addition to the practice going on in regular PE lessons, all students born in years 04, 05 and 06 were offered training before school which was reflected in the top 4 placegetters in these ages having undertaken preschool training most days.

Particular thanks to Mr Gower (Groundsman) who mowed the track around the oval and set up the marquees, Mrs Jackson (Music), Mr Prior (5A) and Mr Greene (6B) all helped set up the course and clear up at the end of the event.

The following 18 students were selected for the district competition: Samson, Radayne, Antonio, Shanice, Betty, Petrina, Justin, Jamal, Stevie, Genayia, Nourin, Shani, Jack, Akira, Kody, Shanara, Jeorjah and Araluen.

In the younger age groups the following girls and boys came across the line first:

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School Mother’s Day Gift Stall

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 who make a donation are able to visit the stall and make their purchases ahead of it opening to the school as a whole. The schedule we will follow for the children to visit is shown below (Please note that the gifts will be divided equally across the 4 sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday so that students will have the same chance to buy the gift of their choice regardless of year level. The ‘Open to the school’ sessions will be the items remaining):
On Friday 22 April the school came together for a sombre and moving ceremony in the school hall to honour the 101st anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli.

We were honoured to welcome Vietnam veteran Mr John Stella and his wife as our guests and speaker for the morning. Class 4A beautifully recited the poem ‘I went to see the soldiers’ by Kenny Martin and the choir performed ‘On the hill’ by Nathan Cahill.

The school was represented on Monday at the Edmonton Service by students Aurelia, Kerensa, Esther, Nathan, Ariel, Rowyn, Loani, Mitchell, and Lochlan and teachers Mr Joel Prior, Miss Bollington and Mr Hollis.

Did you know that you could win $10 to spend at the Book Fair?
Each purchaser will get an entry into the draw for one of six $10 vouchers to spend on books at the fair.

There will be some budget buster books priced at under $5 - even as low as $1 - and a wide selection across all age groups.

A brochure went home with all the Preps to Year 5’s last week highlighting some of the titles that will be available and promoting the ‘Read more in May’ competition for National Family Reading Month. We can order any titles should they run out, apart from the budget busters and these usually arrive the week after.

Miss Kippin, our Teacher Librarian, is predicting the most popular books for the older children will be Coding Unlocked and the new Pokemon book, closely followed by Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School and a new Timmy Cahill Soccer story that has just arrived.

For the younger students Miss Kippin thinks The Very Hungry Bear, Pig the Fibber and Wombat Stew will be most popular.

How accurate are her guesses? Look in the next issue of the newsletter to find out when we review the fair and the top books chosen.

Please note the fair has been extended into next week.

Tuesday - Friday
8.30-4.00pm each day
26 – 4 May
In the Library

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 started yesterday and runs until 4pm Wed 4 May
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 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.

Ready Readers Strong & Deadly Parent Program
Thank you to the families for attending our FaFT group in the library, I am sure you took away some ideas to support your children with reading.

This weeks learning experience: Weather Bear
This activity will help children to learn about hot and cold weather and how it relates to

Week 4’s learning experience (next week)
Mother’s Day – “I love you” letter– This activity helps to celebrate and nurture the bond between children and their mothers.

Improved road safety
Curtis Pitt, State Member for Mulgrave and Treasurer of Queensland, visited our school last week to inspect the new flashing safety lights you would have noticed near the General Store and on the bend by the neighbouring church.

“This program has been really well received and I’m keen to see even more far northern schools have flashing lights installed to remind drivers to slow down.” Mr Pitt said.

White Rock School Principal Dan Hollis said “Any work that is done that improves the safety of our children is welcomed by our whole school community.”

Uniform Shop - Jackets
These cool jackets are available to order. Price was not available at time of going to press. Please see Uniform Shop on Wed and Thur mornings 8.30–9.15am

Pick up and drop offs
We have received concerning reports of careless parking and reversing around the school, and in Dillion Close in particular. Please take extra care when reversing out of parking places.

Edmonton PCYC Adult Basketball Competition
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT REGISTRATION NOW
Days: Wednesdays
Times: From 6:00pm
Open for ages from 18yrs to 90yrs, no previous experience needed
Entry fee: $25 per team (must have a PCYC Annual Membership – Adult $35, Senior $25, Family $250)

Edmonton PCYC, 6104-41st Ave.
Enquiries: 404-3540 for further information and to register.
Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September

Something for everyone

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