From The Acting Principal - Dan Hollis

Reconciliation Week:
Classes last week acknowledged Reconciliation week at our school. Reconciliation is an important time for all Australians and especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our school parade celebrated Reconciliation week by opening the parade with a moving acknowledgment of country and introduction by James in 6A and Jamal in 5/6D. We were also entertained with two beautiful songs sung by Aiyana and Zedikiah in 5/6D. All the students did an incredible job! Thank you also to Michelle Rollason our Student Attendance Officer (SAO) for assisting in preparation.

Working Bee Thank You:
It is incredibly rewarding to see families supporting our school. Thank you to the families who attended last Saturday’s Working Bee. You have contributed to keeping White Rock State School the most aesthetically pleasing school in Cairns. Well done and a great job to all who attended.

Student Academic Reporting:
It is that busy time of the year where teachers are working incredibly hard to plan effective learning sessions and gather student academic data for reporting. Your child’s report card will be sent home with them in Week 11 Monday the 20th June. Please make time to sit with your child to discuss their learning and achievement over semester 1. Connecting with your child’s learning through discussion can be incredibly beneficial for academic performance. Please make a time to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss results from semester 1.

Help us reach our Targets:
Everyday Counts!
Currently our school attendance rate is 92%. Our Target is 95%. We are ever so close. Each week I analyse individual student and class attendance data. There are still students who miss one day per week every few weeks. Please help our school reach a 95% plus attendance rate by ensuring your child attends everyday on time with a healthy lunch.

UPCOMING EVENTS
- IP/IP Meeting.
  This Fri, 10 June, 2pm
- P & C Meeting.
  Next Mon 13 June, 3.30pm
- Year 5 camp 2nd payment due
  Thurs 16 June
- School Movie Night
  See page 6 for details
- School Reports issued.
  Mon 20 June
- School Athletics Carnival.
  Thurs 23 June
- Last day of term.
  Fri 24 June
- P&C Fundraising BBQ
  Sat 2 July. Election Day
- National NAIDOC week
  Starts 3 July
- First day of next term.
  Mon 11 July
- Prep Enrolment Applications
  Applications open Tues 12 July.
- Opti-minds starts today
  Runs for 6 weeks
- Year 5 Camp Final Payment
  Thurs 4 August
- Year 5 Camp
  24 - 26 August

Above: Aiyana and Zedikiah
Right: James and Jamal

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07 4036 8866
Uniform Shop now open Wed and Thurs 8.30-9.30 am

Principal:
Susette Birchley
Deputy Principals:
Marco Trovalucsi & Dan Hollis
Head of Curriculum:
Kris Nolan
Business Services Manager:
Kathy Scott
Thank you to all students who applied to join Opti-minds. The teams have now been selected and are as follows:

**Team One:**
Chris, Ariel, Sukhmani, James, Rowyn, Lucy and Jade

**Team Two:**
Lilli, Bartholomew, Jack, Amrita, Esther, Emma and Jeorjah

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**School Dentist**

The van is still on site but we don’t know for how much longer. You must book by phoning them NOW:

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Don’t delay

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**P & C Fundraiser Entertainment Books**

This fantastic book is available through Tuckshop. Great money saving offers. $55.00
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**Working Bee in pictures**

A huge Thank You to the parents and staff who came along and helped at our Working Bee on Saturday.

Here is just a selection of the photo’s from the day. It was surprisingly fun and we enjoyed a BBQ at the end as a reward for our hard work. A lot of work was covered and the school now looks much smarter for the effort put in.

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**What’s On**

…regularly at White Rock State School

**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
And they’re off!

$ 3 pack
$ 6 pack
$ 2 pack

Photo’s from our ‘Under 8’s’ morning on Tuesday 31 May
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<td>Ella Napoleon</td>
<td>For always doing her homework. Great job Ella. Making a huge improvement in homework.</td>
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<td>Marie</td>
<td>Great improvement with her attendance. Being ready to learn and developing good organisational skills.</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Antonio Juliana</td>
<td>For creating an amazing advertisement for his assessment. Wonderful listening and focussing during all lessons.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Ryan Karalee</td>
<td>For being a respectful and considerate class member. Showing 100% effort in all aspects of school.</td>
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<td>Tyler Georgie</td>
<td>For completing his work to a higher standard; and being very focussed in class. Georgie has written fantastic newspaper reports.</td>
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<td>4/5C</td>
<td>Emma</td>
<td>Always staying focussed in numeracy sessions and doing her best.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Silvara Ky</td>
<td>For awesome writing. An awesome oral presentation on endangered animals.</td>
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<td>Melanie Daniel</td>
<td>Great improvement with her attendance and good effort in Maths. Daniel is an honest and caring member of our classroom.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Josiah</td>
<td>For working very hard in Maths.</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Maverick Ziair</td>
<td>Well done on being a great friend and trying hard during writing. Trying hard in all areas of learning.</td>
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<td>3C</td>
<td>Dylan Naho</td>
<td>For trying hard and being more focussed. Finding his focus and settling into a new school.</td>
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<td>Leo Annie</td>
<td>Being more focussed in class and making an excellent effort in his writing. Annie has shown improved focus and confidence in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Ryonie Roseanne</td>
<td>For making an excellent effort to improve her writing and writing a great retell. Keep it up. Roseanne is making some good gains with her phonics.</td>
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<td>BJ Hayden</td>
<td>For excellent improvement in his behaviour in and out of the classroom. Hayden is continuously being a role model to others.</td>
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<td>Kaylee-Rose Hasani</td>
<td>For consistently being enthusiastic in all areas of learning especially our warm ups. Hasani has stayed in the classroom and been a learner. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>Sienna Tane</td>
<td>For always trying her hardest and finishing her work on time. Trying his hardest and finishing his work on time.</td>
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<td>Jeda Toby</td>
<td>Having a great imagination during narrative writing. Toby has been a wonderful learner, tried hard and completed all his work.</td>
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<td>Johnathon</td>
<td>Great work, Johnathon, on trying your best to complete all learning.</td>
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<td>PA</td>
<td>Zoey Elias</td>
<td>For putting her best effort into her handwriting. Elias is always trying his best in all his work.</td>
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<td>PB</td>
<td>Zaya</td>
<td>Zaya has shown improved concentration when writing.</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Angel Aisea</td>
<td>For always doing as she is asked and trying her best. Well done. Trying hard during reading group.</td>
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**2017 Ready Steady Prep**

Enrolment opens Tuesday 12 July for children born 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

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No matter which school our Year 6 students will be enrolling in ready for next year, all were guests of Bentley Park College last Thursday to experience a day in the life of a High Schooler.

The following recount has been written by Shaniqua and Jamal.

On Thursday, the Year 6’s went to Bentley Park College for their Transition Day. We experienced what school is like at high school. We learnt robotics, cooking, art and our favourite science.

A big thank you to Ms Jackson, Mr Greene and Mr Prior for accompanying us and to Mr Catalano and the teachers at Bentley Park for co-ordinating our visit, sending a bus to pick us up and drop us off and making it so much fun.

Mrs Reason’s Craft Group

Every Wednesday lunchtime Mrs Reason runs a craft group in her P/1D classroom for any children that would like to attend on a regular basis.

“It started out as a group for Year Two girls but as soon as I saw how happy it made everybody I threw open the doors to anybody who enjoys a little quiet time and a chat with other like minded students.” Mrs Reason said, “Some weeks we will do origami and others we will make snowflakes, but I am open to ideas the kid’s may have and they vote each week on what they would like to do.”

If you would like to join this group please look out for Mrs Reason around the school and let her know that you would like to be counted in. Numbers will need to be limited at some point to allow for space and materials needed.

Did you know?

White Rock State School has purchased every student in our school access to the fantastic Mathletics online learning community.

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More information about this website can be found at: www.mathletics.com.au

Asian Honey Bee Swarm

Early on Monday of last week staff arrived at school to find a swarm of busy Asian Honey Bees making themselves at home on the front fence. They must have heard about our school working bee coming up and decided to drop in early to lend a hand, but it was soon realised that we had to get rid of them quickly and it was not a safe job for our resident ‘Mr Fix It’, Groundsman Mr Gibbs. The area was cordoned off and the professionals were summoned in the form of Wayne Veivers from local expert company Bizzie Bee Honey.

Native to South-East Asia, the Asian honey bee has pronounced black and yellow stripes and is smaller and less hairy than the European honey bee. The Asian honey bee is a possible carrier of bee diseases and pests, and feral infestations could also compete with other bees for resources.

As at August 2015, the area known to be infested by Asian honey bees surrounds Cairns and spreads north to Mossman, west towards Mutchilba, Atherton and Malanda, and south to Mena Creek and South Johnstone. Early detection is essential to prevent Asian honey bees from establishing in new areas. Report all suspect bees seen close to international ports and outside of the known infested area around Cairns.

Biosecurity Queensland - Telephone 13 25 23
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The excavator was booked for 6am the next morning to move the compost heap to make more room for our expanding staff’s cars.

There was no time to activate Mr Gibb’s (joke) plan to leisurely get in a couple of French backpackers from The Lagoon to harvest and clear the vines. Unbeknown to us he worked on into the evening in his own time to fill a trailer with the pumpkin bounty and the next morning there was a harvest festival display and a note telling us all to enjoy.

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Pumpkin Panic

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Champion reader

Bartholomew tells us what his favourite book is right now - The value of Learning: The Story of Marie Curie by Ann Donegan Johnson

This story is about a girl named Marie Curie and how things were in her time. What really inspired me about this book is how she did her work without eating and grew weak and realised this was a really bad idea. I would highly recommend this book for Grade 3+ as it has many words and a lot to learn.

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Love Reading?

Are you up for a challenge? Yes? Well read on……

No matter what school year you are in now is the time to go and see Miss Kippin in the Library and sign up for this state wide reading challenge. There is a letter explaining with this newsletter Don’t wait, head to the library today.
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