From The A/Principal - Dan Hollis

I hope that all families had a restful and exciting holiday. We are ‘all cylinders firing’ at White Rock State School with staff ready to facilitate another solid 10 weeks of learning.

Mrs. Birchley will continue at Freshwater State School in Term 3 and is due back in Term 4. I will continue in the Acting Principal role for this Term. Mr Trovalusci has taken leave for Term 3 and is planning a well-earned family road trip. Mr Pullar will be the Acting Deputy Principal in his absence.

Encouraging Full School Uniform Everyday:
Please ensure all students are in the correct school uniform with covered shoes and a White Rock SS Blue broad-brimmed hat.

After School Pick Up Arrangements:
We are experiencing an increasing number of calls during the day requesting that children are contacted in their classrooms with revised arrangements for after-school. In doing this the learning and focus of whole classes is disrupted. While it is inevitable that there will be the occasional emergency arrangement, it is requested that you make plans wherever possible with your children before leaving home in the morning.

QSchools App:
Please download our school's app for a great way to keep up to the minute with our school. More details are on page 2 of this newsletter.
All students need to be at school on time and Tuckshop needs to be ordered and breakfast consumed before this time. If you are accompanying your children to tuckshop please make sure they head straight to class while you place their order so that no learning time is missed.

Do you have the White Rock State School QSchools App

You will have at your fingertips: Our contact details, latest school news, calendar events, newsletters, tuckshop menus, uniform shop info, important school messages…….

Class starts at 8.50am SHARP

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Please contact me with any offers of assistance.

That’s all for this week.
Keep rocking it at White Rock.

Cheers
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Parents & Citizens’ Association

President: Bill Schutz
0417 210 835

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Thank you to our Tuckshop Management Team of Lesa and Sharman, who co-ordinated a successful day and to all the volunteers who helped, thank you very much.

P & C Fundraiser Entertainment Books

This fantastic book is available through Tuckshop. Great money saving offers. $55.00

Come and have a look for yourself.

HELPFUL TIPS

• If you already have the app please download it again now as it has been improved and the latest version includes the features you need.

• Be sure to scroll down to ‘Settings’ and tick the Emergency Alerts and the Announcements boxes so we can send important new info to your device. We promise not to bombard you.

School Dentist

The van has now finished at the school after being here for several months

You can make appointments to attend the main clinic at Cairns North by calling them on 1300 300

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Wow! What a big day it was. It was great to see everyone competing, having fun and doing their best. Lots of colour amongst the children and teachers and great support from many of the families cheering from the side. A big thank you goes out to our groundsmen, Mr Gower and Mr Gibbs, for marking the running tracks, fixing the long jump pits and setting everything else up for the day. Thanks to Mr Prior, Mr Pullar and Mr Greene for helping to set up in the morning and dismantling in the afternoon.

Congratulations to Trinity (blue) for winning this year’s trophy and well done to Grafton for winning this year’s spirit trophy. White Rock State School will be sending 45 students to the inter school athletic carnival. This takes place on Friday 29 July at Woree State School. Good luck to all of these competitors.

Mr McLaren

Sports Day at a Glance
1st Place - Trinity
2nd Place - Fitzroy
3rd Place - Michaelmas
4th Place - Grafton

Winner of The ‘Spirit’ Trophy: Grafton

Age Champions:
10 Year Girl - Shanara, Trinity
10 Year Boy - Jack, Trinity
11 Year Girl - Genayia, Trinity
11 Year Boy - Justin, Trinity
12 Year Girl - Betty, Michaelmas
12 Year Boy - Samson, Fitzroy
We will be singing in the rain!

We might be singing in the rain right now......

......but it is not a reason to be absent from school or to arrive late. Be prepared, after all it happens every year - Slip, Slop, Snap! Slip on a raincoat, slop on your gumboots, snap up an umbrella and leave a little extra time to get to school.

Raincoats that also cover the child’s backpack are for sale at our uniform shop ($16) and options are also available over the road at the shopping centre.

The overall draw winner for the iPad mini was Talita in 1C.

Will your child be in the draw for Term Three?

In line with Government Legislation on school Tuckshops our canteen will be winding down our supplies of Iced Coffee and will not be ordering more. Instead why not enjoy an icy cold 200ml fresh milk with a straw for just $1?

Money has just been sent out and so there is no better time to spend it on your school needs:

- Stock up at The Uniform Shop
- Pay your Year 5 camp fees
- Pay for your children's live arts performance which is coming to school on 5 August. $4.00 per child
- Sign up for Auskick after-school. Info on page 3.

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Jonas teaches students words from the local languages, Ga Tui Mzema and Effutu. With their newly learnt words Jonas gets the entire audience participating in traditional call and response songs.

Students learn about many traditional African instruments that are made from easily found natural resources. Add to all this Jonas’ wide smile and infectious laugh and what you get is a truly memorable, lively and uplifting, feel good show.

Live Interactive Theatre Performance at School
Friday 5 August $4.00 per student
(There has been a price reduction from $4.40 to $4.00)
Flyer and payment envelope has been sent home. Please return to your classroom.

The winners were:
Prep: Mikayla PC
Year 1: Keira 1B
Year 2: Leo 2A
Year 3: Mitchell 3A
Year 4: Linton 4B
Year 5: Erin 5B
Year 6: James 6A

Term Two
A draw took place on the last parade of last term for all the students who had achieved perfect attendance over the whole term.

There was a $50.00 gift card to be won in the draw by each year level and then an overall draw of all students with 100% attendance for the grand prize of an iPad mini.

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Mrs Rehn with one of her favourite books in the school library, ‘Better Out Than In’ by Adam Wallace.

Mrs Rehn is passionate about books and getting our kids reading. So much so that she works in the school library and takes qualifications in Library Studies in her own time.

This book is from a category she has named ‘Stinky, Gross and Silly’ and says she just loves to see the Year 2-4 boys in particular grab these books and get stuck into reading when they otherwise may be a little more reluctant. “Anything that gets their nose in a book and keeps it there means that I am helping to set them up for a lifetime love of reading and learning”, she says.

Mrs Rehn approached the author of this book and asked him to sign it for the W.R.S.S. kids.

Can you read what he wrote?

Come to the library to see for yourself!

We are very fortunate to have the support of Woolworths at Mt Sheridan who donate food and The Rock Impact group, who provide the volunteers to cook and serve our students breakfasts. The breakfasts have commenced again this week for Term 3 and run on Tue, Wed and Thur from 7.45am with the last breakfast served at 8.20am to enable the children to eat and get to class.

With our grateful thanks to:

FREE!

School Breakfast

We are now accepting Applications for Enrolment for Prep and packs can be collected at the school office. Information on our Enrolment Management Plan can be viewed online or explained at the office.

White Rock State School, Progress Road, White Rock, QLD 4868
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“[Esio Trot] is a really funny book that has a lot of in-jokes,” Kiara said. “I reckon it will most appeal to the cheekiest kids in the school and they could be any age from six to twelve”, she added. “There was a bit of a love interest going on between the two main characters and a tortoise and there are some great ‘backwards English’ parts where you really have to concentrate to read the words back to front. It was great! Now I want to read the whole series”.

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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.

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 our Learning Experience will be:
Alphabet heart match - this activity gives children the opportunity to try match the upper and lower case letters. This learning experience will make it easier to be ready for learning to read and write. Please come and join us.

Next week we will be doing:
Turtle numbers– This helps children learn to match the numbers 1- 6 with the right number of dots.
We meet on the veranda outside the hall and you do not have to have children attending the school to come along.

Left, 8.30am Wednesday: An average scene before school in White Rock State School’s Health room. Well, almost.
Please cover your child’s grazes, sores, scratches, corns, splinters and warts before they leave for school. We carry a very limited amount of first aid items for emergencies at school and are unable to offer a complementary pharmacy service at the office. The pharmacy at Bentley park opens at 8am and at Mount Sheridan it is 8.30am.
Of course for mishaps that happen on the way to school, or at school, we are always happy to patch them up and get them back to class.

A message from Bentley Park College

Junior Secondary Transition
The Bentley Park College Student and Parent Information Evening for students interested in enrolling in year 7 at BPC for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 27 July from 5.30 – 6.30pm in the College Theatre. Application forms for enrolment will be available on this evening or can be collected from the Main Administration building between 8am – 3.45pm each school day. Information evenings are great opportunities to ask those burning questions you have about what Junior Secondary looks like and what the expectations of students are at BPC. Our new uniforms for 2017 will also be on display.

Facts you should know: Each year 7 Core teacher takes their class for Form, English, Mathematics, History and Geography. Year 8 and 9 Core teachers take English and History/Geography or Mathematics and Science. Year 7 students have their own year level Camp and special day events that support the school’s leadership development and wellbeing programs. We look forward to talking with you on Wednesday 27 July.

Tanya Findlay
Deputy Principal
Student Services 7-12
FOR FUN FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE
DO YOU ENJOY HAVING FUN?
MAKING NEW FRIENDS
TRYING NEW AND EXCITING CHALLENGES?
THEN GIRL GUIDES COULD BE JUST WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.
GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND SEVENTEEN CAN BECOME A GIRL GUIDE.

Girls in Guiding achieve goals, improve communities and grow in confidence.
GUIDING IS FOR ADULTS AS WELL
Any woman 18 years and older who is prepared to make
Guide Promise can be an adult member.
Take advantage of the personal and professional development opportunities that Guiding offers. Develop skills in areas such as leadership, event planning, advocacy, communications and more. Mentoring and training programs are available.

Make a Difference in the Lives of Girls and they will make a difference in yours.

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is the flagship community event of the Australian Government’s Anzac Centenary national program.

The multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art touring exhibition will be presented at the Cairns Convention Centre 14-20 August 2016. You will be surprised how much there is to learn and understand about the First World War and the Anzac Centenary.

The Experience features an extensive collection of military artifacts and interpretive materials spanning all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations with Australian involvement from pre-war Australia to the present day.

Cairns will be one of only five towns in Queensland to present the free exhibition with other stops in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Mackay and Townsville.

The Experience covers an area equivalent to three basketball courts and includes more than two hundred artifacts, still and video imagery and a range of visual displays and interactive experiences.

Tickets are free but bookings are essential - book online at http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/book-tickets
Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September
Something for everyone

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PICCONES SUPA IGA
How the locals like it.
Over the past 12 months, Piccones Supa IGA and the Piccone Family have donated in excess of $200,000 to local schools, charities, and community and sporting clubs.

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