From The A/Principal - Dan Hollis

NAPLAN Results for 2016:
At White Rock State School we believe that the best preparation for the National Assessment Plan for Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) is high quality teaching every day.

I assure all parents & carers that our school delivers rigorous Australian Curriculum in all classrooms. Our teachers work very hard to ensure that all students are learning to the best of their ability each day.

NAPLAN reports were sent home early last week. Each Year 3 & 5 teacher went through the NAPLAN reports with the students before sending them home. If you have any queries about the report, please make a time to meet with the classroom teacher for further information or clarification.

The tables (right) show the points that the nation has grown in both Year 3 & 5 in comparison to our school. It is clear that if a child attends every day on time, that we as a school can significantly enhance student learning outcomes. Well done to all families for your continued support.

WRSS Year 3 Growth Compared to Nation:

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Book Club orders are due back Fri 26 August

Phone: 07 40368888
Fax: 07 40368800
Student Absence Line: 07 4036 8866
Uniform Shop now open Wed and Thurs 8.30-9.30 am

Acting Principal: Dan Hollis
Acting Deputy Principal: Mark Pullar
Head of Curriculum: Kris Nolan
Business Services Manager: Kathy Scott
Results are Skyrocketing at WRSS!
Our grade 4, 5 and 6 students have just completed their mid-term maths assessments. We are very proud and excited to announce that we are seeing our results skyrocket!

Our teachers are saying they have got more A’s, B’s and C’s then ever before. This is fantastic news for our students and community. We should all be proud and celebrate the successes that are being achieved everyday at White Rock State School.

The Australian Ballet spends the week with us at White Rock State School
We were very fortunate to be selected as the only school in Far North Queensland to host The Australian Ballet’s 'Out There' workshops and enjoy a performance of Sleeping Beauty by the professional dancers.

The program is designed to bring the art to schools and groups who would otherwise not have access.

Photos: Kids having fun trying out their moves. Left, dancers putting on a performance and showing costumes.

As seen on NEWS

Our Year 4-6 students worked with two of the most elite ballet dancers in the country and learned about body language, choreography and synchronisation. This was an amazing experience for our student for which we are very grateful.

Parents & Citizens’ Association
Hello to all students, parents and friends and teachers.

Another busy month at the P&C with lots of stuff happening all around the place.

We are now busy getting into the nuts and bolts of the playground grant that we have won, and it looks positive for the school. An audit of the playgrounds has been done, and we now know what needs to be replaced and upgraded. Looking good for 2017!

Special mention must go to the teachers, staff and the Principals, Mrs Birchley and Mr Hollis, for their continued passion and commitment for the NAPLAN program. White Rock School has excelled in recent years and this must be highlighted. Compared to the whole nation, we are showing phenomenal improvement. This shows, not only that our students are getting smarter, they are becoming better students and therefore better people for it. Well done all.

Our committee has decided to hold another Working Bee. This will be held on the Saturday morning of October the 15th. Please grab your partner and your kids and come down to the school for a good spring clean from 8am-12 noon. Food and refreshments will be provided after the morning’s work. We hope to see another good turnout like the last one.

Our next meeting will be held in the Library on the 10th of October at 3.30pm. Hope to see some new faces there, so please come and join us and be involved in your school.

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

President:
Bill Schutz
0417 210 835

Sat 15 October

Working Bee

Some of the students in 4B who received an A on their mid-term celebrate their
Our Family Portrait sessions by North Point Photos, are always a sell out success and also raises much appreciated funds for our school to spend on all students. Prep C teacher, Mrs Randall, has once again offered her time to organise the event. Return the voucher sent home with your details and an appointment time will be allocated for your professional photography session. If in doubt drop into the school office.

NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held at our school in Week 10 of this term.

For this to be another successful year we asking each student to make a donation of $2.00. This money will go towards activities we have organised for the week.

The first 500 to pay their $2.00 will receive a McDonalds Reward Card which entitles the recipient to a free child friendly meal and also contains vouchers for free kids bowling and entry to four of our Cairns Theme Parks.

Please hand your money to your teacher for collection and your name will be marked down and you will be rewarded

Book Week is in Week 7 of this term (next week).

The Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Week is held every year in the last week of August to celebrate the great children's and young adult books being written and published in Australia – some of the best in the world.

Prizes are awarded in a number of categories with winners chosen by a panel of Librarians, authors and experts in the field. The shortlisted books for the annual awards are on display in the library. Winning books are announced on August 20.

White Rock Book Week Activities:
Displays around the Book Week theme in the Library and Lunchtime Activities for students including videos of Australian stories.

Competitions: Entries to be handed in to the Library by end of school on Friday, August 26. Winners announced in the Newsletter on Wednesday August 31 and prizes handed out at Parade. Prize for each year level.

Sections:
Years P to 2: Draw your favourite Australian Animal and write why it is your favourite. (A4 size paper with Name and Class on the back.)

Years 3 and 4: Make a poster advertising your favourite book about or set in Australia. (A4 size paper with Name and Class on the back.)

Years 5 and 6: Write a short essay on your favourite Australian Author and why you chose them. Essay should be typed on one side of an A4 page and may be illustrated. (A4 size paper with Name and Class on the back.)

Please encourage your children to take part in these activities and come along and see the prize winning books on display in the Library. We always love to see families browsing.

Thank you to McDonalds for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

Are you Year 5 camp ready?

Come and see the office ladies who will be very pleased to take any money still owing or give you another copy of the camp list.

24-26 August
That’s next week!
The countdown is on.

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Sat and Sun
3 & 4 September
Just $15.00

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<td>Betty</td>
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<td>Harmoney</td>
<td>For always putting her best effort into completing activities.</td>
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<td>Outstanding bookwork and commitment to learning.</td>
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<td>Isaiah</td>
<td>For his incredible effort and achievement in maths.</td>
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<td>Jahkai</td>
<td>Working very hard and writing very neatly</td>
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<td>Demonstrating resilience and perseverance in all areas.</td>
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<td>Nikita</td>
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<td>Such improved focus in class. Amazing work!</td>
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<td>Rylee</td>
<td>Being a focussed in class and trying her best.</td>
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<td>Well done Allan. For a great effort in her number facts.</td>
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<td>Working well in reading groups.</td>
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**Guyala Glory**

The White Rock State School Guyala dancers did themselves proud when they visited the Edmonton Community Kindergarten last week and performed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island dances.

The Kindy kids thoroughly enjoyed our performance and joined in with the Taba Naba. Our students followed on with face painting on the kindy children. The students received high praise for their dancing and behaviour from the kindy staff.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Schrieber, Mrs Peeters and Mrs Rollason for their ongoing support.
Mckenzie Grosskreutz from 2A is a reading machine! He tells us that “sometimes mum and dad have to keep my book in their room so I go to sleep when I’m supposed to!”

“My favourite book I have read so far is Harry Potter written by JK Rowling,” exclaims Mckenzie. “I would read a part of it in bed and then my dad would take a turn. My dad loves Harry Potter just as much as me. We have all the books, some of them we even have two copies!”

“I wish I would get an invitation to Hogwarts, but I don’t think they learn much about maths,” said Mckenzie.

Mr Grosskreutz, our very own Master Teacher here at White Rock State School, says “As a kid and an adult I love to read. My favourite genres to read are Fantasy and Sci-fi.

The book I loved the most when I was little was “The Pirate Who Wouldn’t Wash” by Michael Salmon. My mother, father and sister all took turns reading this book to me. I can remember laughing when the pirates had had enough of his smell and shoved him headfirst into a bucket of suds and forced him to have a wash. I was always disgusted when the food he ate had weevils crawling all over it. YICK!

As a dad I love to see that my kids both love reading. My eldest son has inherited my love of Harry Potter and my youngest son loves to have two or three books lined up before we turn the lights off at night. Reading can really take you places. Nothing gives me more delight than reading to my boys.”

The White Rock State School Bowling team were awarded second place in the Tenpin Bowling Association of Queensland Inter-School Challenge 2016 for the Far North Region at the weekend.

Loani, Mitchell and Isabelle made up our team and had been training for weeks with their coach both after school and on Saturday mornings.

The students bought back the trophy to be proudly displayed at school and each wore their medals.

“As each one of us got at least one Strike in the competition and loads of Spares. It was a great competition on Sunday and it is definitely something that I want to keep going with and get better and better at.” said Loani.
Talkabout The

White Rock School is not only a place where children learn reading, writing and math. It is also a school where students can learn how to get along with other people to develop social skills. Social skills play a very important role in every child’s emotional health and well-being. These skills underpin student’s academic achievement and are necessary for achieving success beyond the schooling years.

Students who have been selected to participate in the ‘Talkabout Program’ can learn how to increase self esteem, enhance communication skills, and improve behaviour by using assertiveness skills.

The program directly teaches these skills through modelling, role-play, rehearsal and practice. Students who ‘work’ in the Lunch Time Cafè are given the opportunity to practice these skills in a supported environment with real interactions. From such an experience students have reported back feelings of improved self belief, increased awareness of the importance to have these skills and areas they feel they can continue to improve in.

Congratulations to these students on their commitment to this activity and their outstanding behaviour! Thank you to the guests who were lucky enough be invited along!
White Rock School thanks teacher Mrs Naomi Newling for organising, baking and setting up the special cafè.

The stall will be open for Business
- Wednesday 31 August
- Thursday 1 September
- Friday 2 September

To enable the stall to offer gifts for our Dads we are asking for donations, please, under the value of $10. You can be as creative as you like.

Please take your donations to your classroom teacher by Friday 26 August.

Children that bring an item to donate will be able to visit the stall and make their own purchases ahead of the stall opening to the rest of the school.

Stall open to students who have made a donation of a gift will be:
- Tuesday 30 August at 1st Lunch

**FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE**
Prize is a lovely fishing rod and tackle box with the reel donated by Tony and Leonie Yates.

Tickets $1 each
Tickets on sale Monday 15 August.

This week our Learning Experience will be:

**Hungry Mr Frog and the shape bugs** — knowing about shapes is an important part of early learning. When children look at things (like bugs), they may not know it but their mind is looking at its shape and colour. Knowing shapes helps children organise the world they see around them.

Next week we will be doing:
**Rhyming Words** — This activity will help your child learn about rhyme, rhythm and repetition. It will help children learn the sounds of the number words and how those words rhyme with other words things they know. All of these skills help them learn to read and write when they get to school.
**Community Youth Group**

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30
Grades 4 - 12
Call Steve for more details 0407 127 204

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**Cairns Youth Orchestra**

has recommenced for the third term and is open for enrolments. If a student is currently learning any musical instrument and would like to find out what it is like to be part of an orchestra, please contact the secretary via email telston@bigpond.net.au for more information. Cairns Youth Orchestra consists of three orchestras, (CYO 2 junior), (CYO 1 for more experienced students) and our Chamber orchestra (for advanced players) and practises every Friday afternoon at Darts Hall, McNamara Street, Manunda.

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**Child Protection Week 2016**

**Family Fun Day**

Tuesday 6 September
3.00pm – 6.00pm
Ravizza Park (Ravizza Drive)
Edmonton

Join in celebrating Child Protection Week with loads of FUN and FREE activities - games, face painting, jumping castles, information stalls, entertainment, animal petting zoo, a sausage sizzle and heaps more...

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**“Tai Chi & High Tea”**

Celebrate Seniors Week 2016
Join us for a fun and friendly Tai Chi class, morning tea and entertainment

Monday 15 August 9.30am-11.30am
Hambledon House Community Centre
177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton

and

Wednesday 17 August 9.30am–11.30am
Gordonvale Community Hall
Cannon Street

Only $5.00 per person
For further details or to RSVP, phone 4044 3410 or email hambledonhouse@cairns.qld.gov.au

Sessions led by a fully-trained Tai Chi instructor

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**Invitation – join us and celebrate**

South Johnstone Mill’s Centenary

11am – 4pm. Sunday 21 August 2016
Opposite the South Johnstone Mill, Japoon Road, South Johnstone – parking available on site

- Competitions, games, races and fun free activities throughout the day
- Mini Mill tours by mini train will be running—limited spaces available
- Refreshments (Barbecues/Afternoon Tea) available for purchase
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