Transition to Junior Secondary:
It is that time of the year where Year 6 students are considering their future and thinking about which High School they will be transitioning to. It is our goal to ensure that all students that leave White Rock State School are ‘successful learners’, learners that are confident and creative individuals who think critically. I believe we are well on track to achieving this. With strong partnerships with families/carers who support 100% attendance and coming to school on time, we can only move upward and forward in this space. I thank you for the continual support of our fantastic and high performing school.

Optiminds:
A massive congratulation to the staff, students and families who supported our Optiminds teams. Winning the Regional Science Engineering Division 1 Challenge demonstrates the good work our teachers are achieving every day at White Rock SS in Maths and Science curriculum.

Continual Improvement & School Wide Moderation:
To ensure continual alignment with the Australian Curriculum, each term teachers from across the year levels meet to moderate assessment pieces. This allows the teachers to quality assure that an ‘A level Achievement Standard’ at White Rock SS is the same as an ‘A level Achievement Standard’ at any other school in the State of QLD and Australia wide. This is a rigorous process that has been refined over the years to make sure that our reporting of students is accurate and a precise reflection of what a student can achieve.

Vegetation Care & Management:
Student safety at our school is our utmost priority. Each year we contract professional arborists to risk manage our vegetation and report to the school. I have been advised by the infrastructure division that two trees adjacent to the school’s administration building need to be removed and are causing significant and costly infrastructure damage to our building. The proposed removal of these trees is due to occur over the school holidays. If you require further information, please contact me at the school.

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Prep enrolment applications are open. Please come to the school office straight away.

Book your Parent Teacher Interviews now at the office or call 4036 8888.

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
To make sure that we have another successful week long event we are requesting a $2 donation per child please to be spent on ac-

NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held at our school in Week 10 of this term, which is the week after next.

The first 500 students to pay their $2.00 will receive a McDonalds Reward Card
This 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 with your voucher card in Week 10.

Hello to all students, parents and friends and teachers.

It has been another busy fortnight for us all. We are coming up to holidays and a good break for all of us will be gratefully appreci-ated.

Firstly, please congratulate all the school kids and teachers who helped us win Optiminds again. Another great result for the school. To help with expenses we are holding a sausage sizzle at Harvey Norman in Cairns on Sunday 11 September. Help from parents and kids would be awesome from 10am-3pm. Please contact me on the num-ber at the end of this article or Emma via Tuckshop.

Don’t forget the Working Bee which is on Saturday 15 October from 8am-12 noon with a free BBQ and drinks afterwards.

That’s all for this week.

Keep it Rocking at White Rock,

President:
Bill Schutz
0417 210 835
Team One (Year 5/6) competed in the Language and Literature category and performed extremely well. Team 2 (Year 4) competed in the Science and Engineering challenge and won their category against 20 other teams. They also won the Spirit Award which given to them for their outstanding enthusiasm, teamwork and willingness to participate. The next step for this team is to attend the State Final in Brisbane on the 15th & 16th of October. We are currently in the process of fundraising to send these students to the Finals.

Opti-MINDS - White Rock S.S. makes the finals!

Over the last 7 weeks, our 2 WRSS OptiMINDs teams have been working hard to complete their respective long term challenges. On Sunday 28th August, the teams attended JCU to compete against all other schools in the region.

Year 5 Camp

Last week the year 5 students travelled to Daradgee Environmental Education Centre for their camp. They completed a range of different activities, including rock climbing, photography and low ropes, which were designed to challenge the students. All the students came away from the camp having had loads of fun and having learnt a few new skills. A huge thank you goes to the staff members who attended Mr Prior, Mr G and Mrs Palazhi as well as our parent volunteers Mr Schriber, Mrs Jarvis, Mr Yeatman and Mr Fa’Aoso.
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Being a great learner.                                |
| 6B     | Bailey Chloe    | Working to capacity in all areas of the curriculum and for being an excellent role model.  
Improving her standard of work in all areas. Her new attitude is a great example to others. |
| 5/6D   | Alexandra       | For improving the complexity and depth of her daily writing.  
Improving her attitude and showing great effort.  
|        | Christopher     |                                                                                             |
| 5A     | Aaron Christopher | Outstanding work ethic and results in all areas.                                             |
| 5B     | Tristan         | Always bringing a positive attitude to school and approaching tasks with enthusiasm.        |
| 4/5C   | Zavier-Ray      |                                                                                             |
|        | Nila            | For putting a great effort in Maths and being a polite class member.  
For listening so well in history.                                   |
| 4A     | Bartholomew     | Batholomew has been an excellent support and all round classroom good sport.                 |
| 4B     | Sureya Jarkashar| Sureya has improved her efforts in English.  
Awesome work.                                                           |
| 3A     | Aeon Katie-May  | Excellent learning and writing wonderful poetry.  
Being a focused and fantastic learner.                                |
| 3B     | Taha Beatrice   | Taha has been trying hard in sciences and being a learner.  
Well done.                                                        |
| 3C     | Erika Allan     |                                                                                             |
|        |                 | Great reading in class, Erika.  
Allan has been trying hard in all areas.                              |
| 2A     | William-James   | For putting in a great effort to improve his reading.  
Trying her best in all areas of learning.                          |
|        | Lily Rose       |                                                                                             |
| 2B     | Kiran Keeley    | Kiran has been an excellent learner, keep it up.  
Making an effort to stay focussed in learning time.                 |
| 2C     | Brock Emmanuel  | Has made an improvement on his maths test results.  
For going up another level in his reading.                           |
| 1A     | Ashley Marjorie | Always being a caring and helpful classmate.  
For believing in herself and knowing she is capable of achieving anything. |
| 1B     | Josephyne       | Josephyne has been trying her hardest to complete her work on time and ‘having a go’.  
For a huge improvement in behaviour and finishing his work on time.  |
|        | Darrin          |                                                                                             |
| 1C     | Jack            | Jack has improved his writing and neatness in bookwork.  He is always focussed.             |
| P1/D   | Rasharna        |                                                                                             |
|        | Dayshawn        | Working hard and trying her best.  
Great Effort Rasharna.  
Working really hard on his letters and sounds.                     |
| PA     | Rebecca Tristan | Rebecca is always trying her best at school.  
Making an improvement with his writing.                             |
| PB     | Meng            | Working hard in writing time and producing great results.                                  |
| PC     | Ned             | Trying hard to write his letters.                                                           |

Woree State High School  
Transition to Year 7 Day

**Wednesday 14 September**
Be there at 8.30am in White Rock uniform. Pick up: 3pm

Flyers have been distributed to all Year 6
and contains all the information.
Miss Vincin from 2B, her daughter Layla (5B) and son Eli (1A) all enjoy reading together—especially snuggled up in bed with lots of pillows!

At the moment Eli’s favourite book is ‘The Very Noisy Bear’ by Nick Bland. He likes that the bear tries to play lots of different instruments and his all time favourite part is when the bear gets his long curly claws tangled in the guitar strings. Eli’s gaining more confidence with his reading and even tries to read his big sister’s books.

Like her Mum, Layla loves Roald Dahl’s books. Her favourite is ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’. Layla says, “My favourite parts are when strange things start to happen to the children inside the factory and I like the Oompa Loopas.” Layla loves chocolate and even savours it eating it bit by bit just like Charlie Bucket does in the story.

This super reading Mum’s favourite childhood book is ‘Matilda’ also by Roald Dahl. Matilda is a little girl with an amazing mind; not only is she a genius but she also has the power to move objects just by thinking about it. Matilda just loves to read and so does Miss Vincin and her children.

All of these books are available to borrow from the school library, just go and see Miss Kippin and Mrs Rehn.

Preps enjoy Fun-e-Farm

Last week our Prep classes visited a nearby petting farm and were also able to experience a pony ride.

In our main photo Mimia is thrilled at patting a piglet, which the editor is reliably informed is just sleeping.
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:

Father’s Day—It’s a good to celebrate special events. This helps children learn about the world around them.

Next week we will be doing:

Row, Row your boat—Songs, and rhymes help children learn about language. They learn new words and they learn about rhythm and rhyme. This then helps them learn to read when they go to school.

The stall opened to those students who had bought donated items in yesterday and opened to the school generally today.

The stall continues tomorrow and Friday and there are fabulous gifts to purchase for your Dad, Grandfathers and all father figures in your family’s life:

There are items to buy ranging from $1.00 to $10.00 and everywhere in between.

Prize is a lovely fishing rod and tackle box with the reel donated by Tony and Leonie Yates.

Tickets $1 each

Tickets are on sale in the undercover area before school and the winning ticket will be drawn on Friday morning.

P&C

Can’t get your family to make their bed? Mrs Doyle

An item in The Scotsman, Scotland’s national newspaper, describes how to make the bed while you are still in it. Here’s how it is done:
1) If there is anybody else in your bed, kick that person out - you have work to do. Lie on your back in the centre of the bed, under the doona.
2) Spread your legs until you have a foot pointing toward each bottom corner of the bed. This flattens out the lower part of the doona.
3) Grab the top corners of the doona in your left and right hands and give it a little pull.
4) Slowly move one hand toward your chin, grab the centre edge of the doona and pull it over your head - thus flattening the central part of the cover—and return your hand to its corner. The bed is now made - you just have to get out of it.
5) Using a very slow rolling motion with your posterior, inch your way toward the bottom of your bed, taking great care not to disrupt the doona. It helps to leave your hands higher than your head, smoothing out the doona if it needs adjusting.
6) When your feet hit the floor slowly crab-walk forward. When your arms come free support yourself on all fours until you’re clear of the bed.

It takes a little practice before you can pull this off without a hitch but it will give the household rebel in you a definite feeling of accomplishment first thing in the morning.

Last week the winners were: 1C and 4/5C

Tidy Classroom Award:

2A and 6A

Last week’s winners for Classroom Attendance:

1st: PB  2nd: 4A  3rd: 3C

Community Notice

Sacrament of First Reconciliation St Therese’s Parish Enrolment Night
Thursday 8th Sept at 6.00pm

At St Therese’s Church, Robert Road, Edmonton. First Reconciliation Thurs 3rd Nov at 6.30pm

For Enrolment form, please email: Edmonton.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au

Catholic children in year 3 and older are eligible to receive Reconciliation this year and Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2017. Please contact the Parish Office if your child needs to be Baptised first.
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 after-

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

Well Women’s Clinics at Edmonton Community Health
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)
Monday 12th September 2016
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Contraception, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.
For appointments phone 4226 8500

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.

Identifying the goals of teenage behaviour and how to respond to it.

Are you keen to learn how to build a better relationship with your teen?

Children and adolescents who misbehave usually do so for a purpose. Join us for a two-hour workshop to learn about the motivations behind your teenager’s behaviour.
Understanding the reason why your teenager is acting in a certain way, can help you to respond appropriately as a parent.
During the workshop, we will also discuss reactions to your teenager’s behaviour, what to do and where to go if you face a challenging misbehaviour.

When: Tuesday, 11th October 2016
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Where: UnitingCare Community
118 Anstey St, Bungalow

Please call us at 4032 6800 to register. Booking is essential.
Garage Sale
7am - 1pm
Saturday 10th September

For cool school stuff, come and see us.

We specialise in school stationery

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