Hello and welcome to another energised and bustling week at our school.

Our exceptional teachers have spent the last two weeks ‘drilling down’ on our data so that teaching and learning can be planned to accommodate our students learning needs. This allows for classroom instruction to be differentiated, for us to target with precision what needs to happen and to create critically reflective and confident lifelong learners.

If you require more information about your child’s progress, please make an appointment to meet with your child’s classroom teacher.

Learning Walks:
Our school was delighted to have a parent body of representatives participate in our Learning Walk recently.

We received very positive feedback regarding what was observed and how productive our learning environments are. This is another step forward in forging strong School – Community partnerships.

Thanks for your ongoing support!

Principal’s report cont. on page 2.
Hello to all students, parents and friends and teachers.

Well here we are heading into the home stretch of the year. Christmas is just around the corner and this means our world famous Christmas Concert is near. This year it will be held on Friday 25 November, from 5-8pm. Bring your whole family and neighbours for a wonderful night of Christmas Carols, great entertainment and yummy delicious food cooked by our hard working volunteers.

We will also be holding our Monster Raffle, with ten extra large Christmas hampers to be won. The student who sells the most tickets will get a special prize to be announced on the night. All donations for the hampers, can be brought in to the Tuckshop from now. Don't forget kids, every student will receive a free icy pole on the night starting from 5pm. And if you're really nice, your little brother or sister might get one too!

Thank you to the small bunch of volunteers who gave their valuable time and sweat to help with our working bee two weeks ago. Whilst the numbers were down, we still got a lot done and the school looks much better for it. Once again thanks to you all.

We will also be running a big Christmas hamper raffle. We are asking for donations for the hampers please. These can be any food stuffs, gifts, or vouchers. Please take your donated items to the Tuckshop. Thanks.

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What is happening in Year 1?

This term the Year Ones have been writing their very own descriptive narratives. They consist of their own title, orientation, complication and resolution. The children are given a stimulus picture that relate to our two challenge words for the week. This week we have been writing about backyard adventures. As a cohort of teachers we are blown away by the imaginative and descriptive narratives that the students are creating.

What is happening in Year 3?

This term Year Three have been learning to write poetry. So far our students have loved learning to write alliteration, quatrains and limericks. This week we are learning to express ourselves through Haikus. A Haiku is a traditional Japanese poem that consists of only three lines. Haikus use words to paint a picture in the reader’s mind. Here is an example:

Learning together
Fun and friendships can be found
Great knowledge is cool!

Opti-MINDS

The Spirit of White Rock Shines Through

Out of 120 other teams and over 800 participants our White Rock State School Opti-MINDs team were successful in winning one of nine “Spirit of Opti-MINDs” awards. The award, which is given to the teams that display the best teamwork, enthusiasm, the ability to overcome obstacles and sportsmanship, was a huge credit to the commitment from these seven students.

After delivering a forum idea that promoted sustainability at White Rock to the masses, the students competed in a 3 hour science and engineering challenge. The students delivered an excellent presentation full of humour.

Winning the award was a bonus for these students who learnt so much about themselves and their team.

As always White Rock showed that they can compete with not only the best schools in Cairns but with the best schools in Queensland and Western Australia.

Congratulations to Lili, Jack, Jeorjah, Emma, Bartholomew, Amrita and Esther.

Grandparents Day

It is Grandparents Day this Sunday
30 October 2016.
Happy Grandparents day to all our families of White Rock State School.

Happy Grandparent’s Day!
Are you really struggling to feed your kids? Are your children hungry?

**IF YOU OR YOUR KIDS ARE UNDER 21 WE CAN HELP**

We will be at **KAHLU PARK**

**White Rock** (cnr Frangipani & Tiffany Sts)

**FROM 6.15 PM UNTIL 7PM**

WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A MEAL AND A DRINK.

WE WILL BE AT THE PARK EVERY DAY

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**IPIP Meeting**

Indigenous Parents in Partnership

**Welcome to all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Families**

Monday Nov 7

In front of school Hall

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**Student of the Week**

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<th>6A</th>
<th>Peter Cody</th>
<th>Always doing his personal best in class. Having a really positive start to term 4!</th>
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<td>6B</td>
<td>Kevin Paiwan</td>
<td>Ready to learn at all times. Always prepared to answer questions in class. Always trying his best to help others. A great example for others to follow.</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Shanice Rhazjon</td>
<td>Consistently looking for ways to help others in both the classroom and the playground. Demonstrating outstanding gains in his reading comprehension.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Abbi</td>
<td>Being an outstanding role model.</td>
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<td>Cathy Shanara</td>
<td>Showing initiative and enthusiasm during class discussions. Improvement in focus, effort and behaviour.</td>
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<td>4/5C</td>
<td>Cody</td>
<td>Being an excellent role model.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Emma Brocklan</td>
<td>Always being a valued and helpful student. Success! Beautiful bookwork and handwriting.</td>
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<td>4B</td>
<td>Isaiah</td>
<td>Excellent improvement in bookwork.</td>
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<td>3A</td>
<td>Olivia Isabelle</td>
<td>Working hard to learn her spelling and improving her writing! Excellent learning! Isabelle always thinks and listens. Well done!</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Katie</td>
<td>Settling back into school after a term off. Well done!</td>
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<td>3C</td>
<td>Ian Emily</td>
<td>Remaining focused and on task. Great attitude toward learning in class.</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Chazton</td>
<td>Working hard to complete all set work.</td>
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<td>2B</td>
<td>Haylee DJ</td>
<td>Being a kind and thoughtful friend. A big improvement in his behaviour this term. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Joshua Charlise</td>
<td>Being a responsible and caring friend to his peers. Consistently being a learner in and out of the classroom.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Thomas</td>
<td>Settling into White Rock with a smile.</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Keira</td>
<td>Writing a fantastic narrative and being a positive role model.</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>Ashlee</td>
<td>A great improvement when writing a narrative independently.</td>
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<td>P1/D</td>
<td>Rasharna Iesha</td>
<td>Working hard on her reading and writing. Keep it up! Always being a well behaved and polite student.</td>
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<td>PA</td>
<td>Rebecca Annabelle</td>
<td>Always following all school rules. Adjusting to a new school with ease.</td>
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<td>PB</td>
<td>Mykal Jai</td>
<td>Being a compassionate and thoughtful friend to all his classmates. Showing a huge improvement with his behaviour and being a focused learner.</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Zephaniah Madilyn</td>
<td>Being a respectful class member. Trying really hard to write on the Year 1 lines.</td>
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Welcome back to Term 4, hard to believe the school year is nearly over. We have six more weeks of FaFT program until the end of term. Looking forward to meeting new parents and also catching up with the current parents attending. All welcome.

**Week 4’s Learning Experience**

**Letter and Number sort**
This experience helps children learn to see the difference between numbers and letters.

**Week 5’s Learning Experience**

**Bugs in a jar letters of my name**—If children can learn to recognise the letters of their name and even the order they go in, it will help them when they first start school.

Wednesday December 7

This day is ONLY for students who are already enrolled at Woree SHS for 2017 or have their enrolment interview already booked in before Week 9. Flyers will be distributed to all Year 6 students who will be moving on to Woree SHS and this will contain all the information needed.

**Sports Stars**

Azaria, 4B, has been selected for the Cairns U12 Dolphins Representative side. This will involve travelling to Mackay, Townsville and the Gold Coast.

**MAKE, TAKE & TEACH**

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Reminder

_The Smith Family Learning for Life_ scholarships applications are still available. Information sheets were sent out at the end of last term. If you have a health care card you may be eligible. Application forms are available at the school office.

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**Free School Breakfasts**

Student banking happens at school each Thursday thanks to our two parent volunteers Debbie Sullivan and Summer Manning.

This term the Commonwealth Bank has provided a $20 gift card for us to offer in a prize draw for all students who bank three or more times up to and including week 8.

Please see the office for how to get your child started on a lifetime of saving.

Our free student breakfasts have restarted for Term 4, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. The last breakfast is served at 8.30am.

We send huge thanks to Woolworths Mt Sheridan and Rock Impact Church for enabling these breakfasts to happen.

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**Swimming Lessons**

There is one lesson remaining for years 1-3. Please remember your children’s togs again this **Friday.**

**Don’t forget your Rash Vest.**

Children are only able to attend if the permission slip has been signed and returned, and payment has been made. The cost is $6.50 per lesson.

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**Hills Creek Banana Farm**

A big thank you goes out to Henry Wah Day for the donation of bananas. Also, thank you to Jenny for bringing the bananas into the office. These are being used for our Free School Breakfasts, Learning Support Lunch room and Tuckshop.

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**School Uniforms**

If you have borrowed uniforms and shoes please return these to the school office.

We are in need of spare uniforms and school shoes. If you have any uniforms at home that are too small for your child we would appreciate any donations.

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**CAIRNS YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

ALL ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS
Including Piano and Saxophones

**AUDITIONS** for 2017 placements
SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
9am – 12 noon

Auditions will be done in order of your arrival at the Registration Desk. No booking times made.

Audition Fee $5 per player.
Students are to bring their instrument & a prepared piece of music.

TRINITY BAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BLOCK
Foot entry from Hoare St, Manunda
Vehicle entry from Eureka St, Manunda

**Enquiries:** Leesa Cooke
(Con-Musical Director)
Ph: 0422368620.
Email: leesa_4@hotmail.com

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**Tuckshop News**

Goodbye to our L.O.L’s These are no longer for sale in our Tuckshop.
Our Indigenous dance group will commence week 3 of this term. Come along and grab your application form on the first day from Mrs Peeters or Mrs Rollason.

CAIRNS
Cairns Lagoon
- 19 - 23 September 2016 (4 sessions, Monday to Friday - no Wednesday)
- 29 Oct - 26 Nov 2016 (5 sessions, Saturday morning)
- 19 - 23 Dec 2016 (4 sessions, Monday to Friday - no Wednesday)
- 9 - 13 January 2017 (3 sessions, Monday to Friday - no Wednesday)
- 18 Feb - 16 Mar 2017 (5 sessions, Saturday morning)
- 3 - 7 Apr 2017 (4 sessions, Monday to Friday - no Wednesday)

8am - 10am
Registration includes long sleeve rash shirt, water bottle, activity book and wet bag.

For more information
littlelifesavers.com.au
littlelifesavers@lifesaving.com.au
(07) 3846 8000

School Activities

Zumba
- First lunch Tuesdays and Fridays
- 25 October—18 November
- Year 1—6 welcome
- In the Hall or Undercover Area

Guyala Dance Group
Wednesdays 3-4pm, School Hall

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