Thank you for a tremendous and sensational year at White Rock State School. The last two weeks have been extremely successful with an outstanding Christmas Concert that raised a considerable amount of money for the P&C Association. Thank you for your contribution to our school community throughout 2016. We look forward to enhancing and taking parent and community engagement to the next level in 2017. Our staff have some exciting initiatives in the pipeline for the New Year that will allow greater parental involvement in the learning process.

**Year 6 Farewell & Good Luck!**
I would like to congratulate all year 6 students and their families for an exceptional Presentation Night on Monday. Thank you to the year 6 teachers for facilitating the evening. Our invited guests were very impressed by the event and thanked the school for their invitation. On behalf of all of the White Rock school team, we wish our Year 6 students a smooth transition to Junior Secondary for 2017. Good luck, farewell and well done!

**Writers Club:**
I was very impressed with the quality of writing being created at the Creative Writers Club presented last Thursday after school. We have some pretty talented students at White Rock State School. Thank you to Ms Jackson of Year 6A for providing this extracurricular experience for the year 5 & 6 students.

**Year 4A Inquiry:**
Mrs Griffin has taken her students to a new level with Inquiry lessons and impressive student presentations this week. I was blown away by Tornadoes and totally shaken by the Earthquake presentations I observed. It was also fantastic to see over 40 parents involved over the week of student presentations. Well done Mrs Griffin for your dedication to the students.

### Prep 2017
If you reside within our Enrolment Management Plan area and have not yet applied to enrol please come to the office BEFORE FRIDAY.
Hello to all students, parents, friends and teachers.

Well, here we are! The last week of school. Hooray!! Say all the kids.

Oh my Gosh!! Say all the Parents!

Have a great break all you kids. Enjoy your holidays and be nice to your parents, otherwise Father Christmas might not come!

We encourage our school community to keep an eye on our school. If you see any suspicious activity occurring please contact the numbers listed here immediately;

The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products or electronic cigarettes within five metres of school property has been banned. Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary. For more information visit: www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp

This means no smoking, even in your car, when outside the school.

A reminder that our school grounds, including basketball courts, ovals and undercover areas are out of bounds over the school holiday period.

Please remind your children that they are not permitted on the grounds during the holidays.

Police have encouraged members of the community to report suspicious activity and incidents of trespassing.

We have raised over $5,000 for the Working Bee Cont.

Babinda Christmas Wonderland

Babinda RSL is hosting the annual fun family event

Friday 9th - Thursday 15th December

For more info: www.cairns.qld.gov.au

Tidy Classroom Award Last Week:

1A & 3A

Week before:

2A & 5/6D

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Please update your contact details ASAP.

We will have a new SMS messaging system in 2017 which uses your mobile phone contacts. See Lisa or Deb @ the Office

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Please make other arrangements for lunch on that day

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On Monday night the Grade 6 students’ attended their Presentation Evening in the school hall. The students were all excited and a little nervous to be on show in front of all their families and the invited guests and teachers. The students looked magnificent and behaved in a manner that is a credit to themselves and their families. The students each received a ‘Certificate of Congratulations’ on completing their Primary Education at White Rock State School. Each student also received a ‘Certificate of Recognition’ for their Levels of Excellence – Bronze, Silver or Gold. They have been working towards these Levels of Excellence since they were in Grade 4. The evening was led by our fantastic School Leaders. Firstly, they invited Mr Hollis to the stage.

Mr Hollis gave an inspiring speech, with words of advice for each student. Aurelia Wood then had the job of introducing and thanking each of the Grade Six teachers for their speeches. Each of the teachers gave a speech about what it means to be completing Grade Six and moving on towards High School. After the speeches each grade was presented with their certificates by their class teacher.

The students then anxiously waited to find out who would be getting one of the Special Awards (see below left). To finish the formal part of the evening we watched a DVD ‘The Year That Was’ which had been put together Mr Grosskreutz and Ms Singh.

To conclude the evening, all students were invited to attend a dinner at the South Cairns Football Club. The students shared a wonderful meal with Mr Hollis, Mr Puller, their class teacher and some other staff from White Rock State School. A wonderful evening was had by all.
School Banking program, packs will be sent out next year with information on how to get started. If your child already has a Commonwealth Bank account, come and see Deb at the office to get started. It is a great way to teach your child the skills of saving from a young age & great inspiration to help with chores around the house & earn pocket money and each week!

NEW SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

We are needing an additional volunteer to help this great program continue. It requires approx. 2 hours, once a fortnight. Training & support provided. Please see office staff if interested.

6A | Sania Calvin | Re-joining the class with such a positive attitude  
| | | Always working hard in class 

6B | Liliana Aurelia | Working to capacity in all areas, especially in mathematics  
| | | Being an excellent class member and always trying her best 

5/6D | 5/6D Aiayana | Being an excellent group of eager learners and applying yourself in all learning activities  
| | | Outstanding study habits and work ethics, being a shining star of rectitude and effort 

5A | Lachlan Karalee | Working hard to complete all his work to the best of his ability  
| | | Working hard in all areas 

5B | Razeek Sierra | Being helpful and tolerant when working in a group  
| | | Going above and beyond for being a thoughtful group member 

4A | Axl Emma | Being a valuable class member  
| | | Kindness - helping a classmate out of a difficult situation 

4B | Melanie | Always being helpful and ready to learn 

3A | Isabelle Hannah | Being an all round wonderful student  
| | | Being a fantastic learner and a friendly, helpful classmate 

3C | Jahanee Tanay | Demonstrating hard work and perseverance in maths  
| | | More focus in class. Well done! 

2A | Abby | Using technology confidently to produce a persuasive poster 

2B | Allan Yelanka | Making great progress with his reading this year  
| | | Making an effective persuasive poster 

2C | BJ Mariah | Making significant improvements in his Quick facts test  
| | | Impressive results in her end of year assessments. Well done! 

1A | David | Sitting still for a whole lesson and being a respectful learner! 

1B | Hailey | Always trying her hardest and being a positive role model for her class 

1C | Telita Anahlie | Writing a creative narrative and always trying her best 
| | | Constructing a magnificent musical instrument for her technology assessment 

P1/D | Johnathon John | Working hard to improve his results  
| | | Always being an amazing learner and a helpful classmate 

PA | Lillyan Buriya | Participating more in class  
| | | Being helpful without being asked 

PB | Ashley | Being a great role model for others by following school rules 

PC | Neio Emmy | Always being respectful and following teacher directions  
| | | Always showing respectful behaviour and helping around the room 

School Banking is now finished for the year, we will re-commence in Week 2 of Term 1 in 2017. Great job to all the children who saved hard this year! Congratulations to this term’s prize winner, taking home a Coles Myer $20 gift card at parade today. If you would like to join our
4A NATURAL DISASTER INQUIRIES

4A had completed their assessment well ahead of time, so decided to undertake an inquiry on a chosen natural disaster. Their task was to teach their peers about a chosen natural disaster, as well as teach them how to stay safe before, during and after the event. An extensive amount of research and preparation was required before presenting their final inquiry. 4A have been presenting their inquiries to staff and parents over the past few days. The students have done a superb job and need to be congratulated on their work ethic and commitment shown throughout this extension task and indeed throughout the whole year. Congratulations 4A! Enjoy your well-earned holiday.

Miss Griffin

WRSS MasterChef's!

Christmas Cooking Fun

Check out our White Rock MasterChef's! Mathias and Robert have been frying and baking each week producing some amazing treats which have been thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff. Last week's treat... Christmas Chocolate Crackles!! They have had a great time with Ms. Woodward, by following recipe instructions and licking the bowl at the end! Great work Mathias & Robert!
The 2016 Christmas Carols held on Friday last week was a raging success. Many thanks goes out to the families who attended and the countless teacher, parent and P&C members who worked tirelessly to help make a memorable night. We at White Rock State School look forward to seeing you all at next years event which is bound to bigger and better than ever.
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CAIRNS POLICE

With the end of the year already upon us, here are a few important reminders over the Christmas holiday period;

- Know where your children are
  Please ensure that your children are provided with suitable supervision and activities over the school holidays

GOING ON HOLIDAYS?

- Ensure your vehicle is in a roadworthy condition and observe the fatal five; seatbelts, speed, fatigue, drink driving and inattention.
- Ensure your house is appropriately secured, ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your place and collect mail.
Report suspicious behaviour to your local police.


Please keep an eye on your school, report suspicious behaviour through School Watch or via Policelink.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

A message from
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