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A Message from the Principal's Desk

We have had a busy but smooth start to the year. We have enjoyed the opportunity to acknowledge our school leaders for 2016 and I am confident that they will be strong and caring role models for the rest of the student body.

The swimming program in the Junior School is well underway thankfully, giving some respite from the very hot weather of late. Preparatory students have settled quickly and I am sure they are coming home quite tuckered out after the busyness of their day.

The Senior School students enjoyed being able to come together early in the year for their annual House Day. This is the perfect opportunity to allow new students to get to know many other students in their house and is such a great way to further develop house spirit.

Year 10 students have really enjoyed the opportunity to wear their senior uniforms despite the heat and students in Years 3 and 5 have also started wearing their next set of uniforms.

I hope that you have managed to look at the new website and have found it easier to navigate than the old one. Parents should also have received their logins for the Parent Portal and I hope that this improves communication from us to you and vice versa.

Continuing our previous success at the BHP Billiton Science Awards, TAS had two 2015 Year 12 students nominated at this year's awards. Hayden Goodwin and Dulanja Adikari were two of 26 students nominated from schools Australia-wide. Hayden has now been nominated as one of six finalists to head to the USA later in the year with his project. We wish him all the luck with this and will keep you updated as to the outcome.

Mrs Margaret Kennedy - Acting Principal

White Rock Senior Student Leaders



Senior School News

Students and their parents in the Senior School should have received their assessment planners for the term. These outline all of the assessments for Term One and the Term Two planner will follow shortly. Year 11 and 12 students have received their examination timetables for Term One.

Monday 15 February : Year 10 Certificate II in Outdoor Education Parent Information Evening. Commencing at 6:00pm in the Stuart Library, hosted by Mr Smith and Mr Owen.

Tuesday 16 February : Year 11 Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority (QCAA) Parent & Student Information Evening. Commencing at 6:00pm in the Bishop Centre.

Wednesday 17 February : Mulligan House Chapel Service. Commencing at 9:55am in the Chapel. This service will focus on house values and the students will complete readings and say prayers during the service.

Thursday 18 February : Year 7 and 8 HPV and/or dTpa vaccinations. If you have not received vaccination documentation, please contact the office on 4036 8111 and these documents will be sent home with your child.

Thursday 18 February : Senior School ID, group and portrait photographs. Your child will bring home an order form for the portrait photos. This form needs to be completed and returned to Student Reception. This form can be completed and returned up to and including this day. \$3.00 for the ID photo should be brought on the day. Students will be reminded of full uniform requirements prior to the day.

Friday 19 February : Year 7 ACER MYAT test. This test will be completed during Lesson 1. The same group of students will complete a similar test when they are in Year 10 and we are able to look at the progress made by each of those students.

Wednesday 24 February : Year 7 Parent Information Evening. Parents of current Year 7 students are cordially invited to attend. Commencing at 6:00pm this evening in the Bishop Centre. You will have an opportunity to see an outline of the curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and the Humanities and meet your child's teacher in these subject areas. You will also have a chance to see what happens in House Meetings and also to meet your child's Head of House. I look forward to meeting many of you this evening.

Wednesday 24 February : Dalrymple House Chapel Service. Commencing at 9:55am in the Chapel. Led by Chaplain Lorraine, this service will again focus on house values.

Thursday 25 February : FNQ Interhouse Chess competition - Round One, in the Bishop Centre. TAS teams from the Junior and Senior School will be involved in this competition.

Friday 26 February : Interhouse Swimming Carnival held at the TAS Aquatic Centre. Parents are most welcome to attend this event and cheer for their favourite house. The day begins with a march in and houses focus on a particular theme for the day and students dress up appropriately. It is always a great spectacle for the start of this first Interhouse competition for the year. There is also a cheering competition which is always exciting to listen to and enjoy.

Saturday 27 February : ACER Scholarship Examinations. Commencing at 8:30am in the Bishop Centre.

Mrs Margaret Kennedy - Acting Principal

TAS DATES TO NOTE IN THE CALENDAR

SENIOR SCHOOL

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 Tue 16 Feb : Year 11 QCAA Parent Information Evening
 Wed 17 Feb : Mulligan House Chapel Service
 Thu 18 Feb : Year 7 and 8 Vaccinations
 Thu 18 Feb : School ID, group and portrait photos
 Fri 19 Feb : Year 7 ACER MYAT Test
 Wed 24 Feb : Year 7 Information Evening
 Thu 25 Feb : FNQ Interhouse Chess - Round 1
 Fri 26 Feb : Interhouse Swimming Carnival
 Sat 27 Feb : ACER Scholarship Exams

Maths Help : Every Tuesday, Break 1, room S40
 Every Thursday, 3:20pm - 4:00pm, room S40

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wed 17 Feb : WRJ Welcome Morning Tea
 Mon 22 Feb : KBJ Year 3 Commence Camp
 Wed 24 Feb : KBJ Year 3 Return from Camp
 WRJ Year 3 Commence Camp
 Thu 25 Feb : FNQ Interhouse Chess - Round 1
 Fri 26 Feb : WRJ Year 3 Return from Camp

Junior School News

Parent Community Group Matters : As mentioned at last week's Parent Information Evenings, we would love a representative from each class to join the Junior School's Parent Community Groups. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara LaCoste at barbaral@tas.qld.edu.au or Maree Bowe at mareeb@tas.qld.edu.au.

Student Achievement Matters : Students in Years 4 and 7 are currently undertaking the ACER Progressive Achievement Tests in Mathematics, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Reading. They are completing these tests online. The tests are designed to provide objective, standardised information to Junior School teachers about their students' skills and understandings in the above mentioned areas. In identifying students' current strengths and weaknesses, teachers will be able to plan specifically for and accurately monitor their students' academic growth.

Technology Matters : Students in Years 5 and 6 are very much enjoying access to their recently received laptops. It is the aim of the Junior School to assist students and families in the effective, safe and enjoyable use of one to one technology. To achieve this, we grant a gradual release of responsibility for the technology to each student. Education in laptop care, netiquette and, most importantly, cyber safety is ongoing throughout Years 5 and 6.

Professional Development Matters : Junior School teachers have recently met in year levels to plan and devise proficiency scales in English, specifically for writing. The application of these scales in classrooms ensures that teachers and students have clear direction about instructional targets and descriptions of levels of understanding and performance for those targets.

Ms Barbara LaCoste & Ms Maree Bowe

Kewarra Beach Junior School News

Welcome Matters : Last week, the Junior School Captains hosted a new student welcome lunch for those students new to the school in Years 1 to 6. Get to know you games were played, food was shared and new friendships were made. This week, we welcome Grace Abraham to 4D and her brother Jacob to 6W.

Leadership Matters : Monday 8 February saw the Kewarra Beach Junior Captains, Coordinators, House Captains and Student Representative Council members inducted to their positions for 2016. Congratulations to all our School leaders. Please see the Student Achievements section for the list of these students.



Achievement Matters :

Congratulations to Lucas Grieve 1A a prize recipient in the 2015 Warren Entsch Christmas Card Competition.

Curriculum Matters : The Cairns Museum's History Trailer paid a visit to Kewarra Beach Junior last week to augment the Year 5 students' studies in Humanities.

The students learned of the discovery of gold in Far North Queensland, life on the gold fields and panned for 'gold'.

Middle Years Matters : Middle Years Activities are underway for Term One. Students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in yoga, coding, drama and toy making.



*Ms Maree Bowe
Head of Junior School Kewarra Beach*

White Rock Junior School News

Leadership Matters : White Rock Junior Captains, Coordinators and House Captains received their badges at a special ceremony last Friday in the Bishop Centre. Student leaders pledged their willingness to commit to their position of responsibility before being presented with their badges. Special guests included Acting Principal Mrs Margaret Kennedy and Director of Activities Mr Darren Osmond. Mr Osmond later shared a video of the World Challenge that took place at the end of last year, providing students with a glimpse of what is on offer in our Senior School.

Junior Captains and Coordinators will begin their assembly presentations in Week 4 and as always, parents are welcome to attend. Assemblies begin at 2:30pm and generally take place in the Bishop Centre with occasional use made of the Multi Purpose Hall (MPH).

Welcome Matters : Families new to WRJ are invited to attend a special welcome morning tea in the library from 7:30am on Wednesday 17 February.

Volunteer Matters : The WRJ Parent Community Group was formed as part of the KidsMatter Initiative in 2010. It operates under the umbrella of the TAS P&F with its prime goal to develop and foster a feeling of community at White Rock Junior. The group generally meets twice a term, depending on events. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to simply lend a hand for specific events, please register your interest by emailing barbaral@tas.qld.edu.au.

The Community Group organised a number of initiatives and events last year including the Welcome Morning Tea, the Tonic Coffee Van visit Friday mornings, Alison's Flowers Friday afternoon, Mother's Day Morning Tea and Fashion Parade and Father's Day Brekky for Blokes.

Please join me in thanking our Community Group volunteers for their outstanding efforts in 2015.

*Ms Barbara LaCoste
Head of Junior School White Rock*

Sport News

TAS Sporting Club Sign On : Next week is the last opportunity to sign on for the major TAS sporting clubs of football (soccer), hockey and netball. More information is available in the sport section of the school website and forms and payment can be given to the Uniform and Bookshop at White Rock or TAS Kewarra Beach Reception.

Jogging With Jill Fitness Sessions : The perfect opportunity to get fit for 2016 and prepare for upcoming aquathon and cross country events exists in the Jogging with Jill sessions. Offered free for Term One for all students in Years 3 to 12, they are held at White Rock from 3:30-4:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, and at TAS Kewarra Beach at 3:30pm on Fridays. They will not however be held next Wednesday 17 or Friday 19 February as Jill will be away at the State Aquathon and Triathlon Championships.

TAS China Football Tour 2016 : Final expressions of interest are now closing for the 2016 TAS Football China Tour. Following on from the success of their tour to Australia in 2015, Wuchuan No. 2 Middle School have invited TAS over to China this year so that they can return the hospitality. The tour will be in the September school holidays and is open to all boys turning 14-18 in 2016. For more information email football@tas.qld.edu.au.

TAS Triathlon Program Students in First Triathlon : In the first triathlon of the year last weekend at Tinaroo, TAS students involved in the triathlon program performed incredibly well. Out of a field of over 300 competitors of all ages, Liam Simpson and Emily Houston both won the overall Sprint distance event, with Cody Haseldine and Harriet Grant winning their age groups. In the Enticer event Emma Simpson won the race and her age category, and in the aquathon event for younger students, TAS students filled the first five placings in many races, with category winners including Jake Swindale, Kale Tottman and Taliah Rose Paino.



Upcoming Sports Events :

Friday 19 February :	Final day for sign on for TAS sporting club teams
Thursday 25 February :	FNQ Interschool Chess Competition, Round 1
Friday 26 February :	WRS Interhouse Swimming Carnival
Sunday 28 February :	Round 1 of FNQ Sailing Regatta Series, Ellis Beach
Friday 4 March :	Years 3 to 6 Interhouse Aquathon

Mr Darren Osmond - Director of Activities

Performing Arts News

The Performing Arts department has started 2016 with great enthusiasm. We welcome all back all musicians and I am pleased to see that there are many students who have become involved in an ensemble, choir, or rock group, or who have started individual music lessons. Musical opportunities abound at all levels of the school and if you have any questions about involvement in TAS Music you are most welcome to contact Sue Stitt on sues@tas.qld.edu.au.

In this enewsletter I would like to particularly draw your attention to the TAS choirs. Our choirs are open to all students and operate at the following times:

WRS :	3:30pm - 5:00pm each Friday (TAS Voices)
WRJ Prep to 2 Choir :	8:00am - 8:35am each Wednesday (Petite Harmonise)
WRJ Years 3 to 6 :	8:15am - 9:00am each Friday
KBJ Prep to 2 Choir :	1:25pm - 1:55pm each Monday (Songbirds)
KBJ Years 3 to 6 Choir :	8:00am - 8:45am each Tuesday

Students are most welcome to join one of our choirs even if they have had no singing experience before. Of course, if students are having vocal lessons at school, or you have sung in a choir before we would very much like you to be part of our choral program. A reminder to Music students who have lessons at school that they require a pass to show their teachers when leaving and returning to class. See Mrs Stitt to collect this pass.

Visual Art has also started with an explosion of visiting artists offering inspiration to our students. The theme of technology permeates our courses this term. Year 12 were intrigued by John Eaton's vast knowledge and experimentation of different and advanced materials. Year 11 have started the senior course strongly with drawing experimentations based on 'This Place Called Cairns'. They will have local artist Jacqueline Scotcher mentor them next term. Year 10 thrived on having Ruby Bousard escort them on their excursion to the Salvation Army Store and Spotlight to purchase materials for their FUTURE inspired wearable sculptures. Year 7 are keen to start their "stop animation" after careful planning based on issues relating to transportation.

Backstage Crew nominations have now been received and students will be notified next week.

Mrs Leanne Shead - Acting Head of Performing Arts & Mrs Sue Stitt - Director of Music

Outdoor Education News

The year began in earnest for Year 12 students with their attendance at the annual retreat. Students spent time being motivated by guest speakers, strategically planning their leadership and reflecting on past relationships.

Both Certificate II in Outdoor Education classes got into the swing of the year this week. The Year 11 class undertook their first kayaking practical on the Mulgrave River, honing their paddle strokes and learning boat control. The Year 10 cohort were challenged through a variety of team initiatives at the school. This involved them working very closely as they were roped together for the entire afternoon.

We invite all parents of Year 10 Certificate II in Outdoor Education students to attend an information evening Monday 15 February. Commencing at 6:00pm in the Stuart Library, White Rock.

The Outdoor Education department also welcomed Meredith Cunningham and Jeremy Owens to the team. Many students will already know Meredith from her previous attendance on TAS camps.

We look forward to another successful year of Outdoor Education with the students.

Mr Peter Smith - Director Outdoor Education

International News

2016 is again a big year for the International department!

The start of the year has commenced with seven students from Sakuragaoka in Japan attending the school for eight weeks. We also welcomed two students from our sister school in Tokyo, Keimei Gakuen. Toshimi Shirai will study here for one year and Yu Watanabe will be with us for one term. The TAS students again are welcoming them into their classes with enthusiasm, patience and friendliness. This is a great opportunity for all our students to learn about life in another country.

As mentioned in the Sports News, there is a TAS Football China Tour during the September holidays this year. The Wuchuan No. 2 Middle School invited TAS to their school after their successful visit in 2015. This is an incredible opportunity for students to visit a region with a population over 1.1 million people! For more information email football@tas.qld.edu.au.

The International Department are also looking for home-stay families to host students from Osaka High School from Monday 14 March to Thursday 24 March. They will leave the day prior to Good Friday and host families will be paid \$45 per night. If you are willing to open your home to a student, please contact us on 4036 8269 or email international@tas.qld.edu.au.

Ms Joyce Lester - Director of International Education

Round Square News

We were proud to induct our Round Square Captains – Aya Ibanez-Hara and Lakhvir Singh at our Student Leader Investiture today.

The Junior School Young Round Square Captains were also recently inducted and it always pleases us to see the Junior students become involved in the Round Square program and following the IDEALS – Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Leadership, Service.

In April 2016, we are taking our first delegation of student representatives to Perth to the Junior Round Square Scotch College Conference. The delegation of seven Year 7 and 8 students, some of whom were previously Young Round Square Coordinators, and two teachers will attend the four day event learning discussing and brainstorming with other Round Square Schools in Australia.

The Senior Round Square Conference is being held in Germany in September 2016. Any interested Senior students (Years 10, 11 & 12) should contact me via my email natalieh@tas.qld.edu.au or see me in my office.

We look forward to another successful year!

Ms Natalie Hermon - Round Square Coordinator

TAS Aquatic Centre News

With our hot summer days and our cool water here at the Aquatic Centre, it's a great time of year to be in the pool!

Our Learn To Swim and Squad programs are back in full swing and it is encouraging to see how busy our lessons are. From the youngest swimmers enjoying lessons with their Mums and Dads on a Saturday morning to our competitive squads preparing for the Regional Championships, the pool is a popular respite from the unrelenting heat.

2016 has seen booming interest in our Adult Squads, where I suspect New Year's resolutions are being stuck to! Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings as well as Tuesday and Thursday evenings are busy with parents swimming for fitness or preparing early for their Ironman swims in July. If you are looking for a great way to beat the heat and get fit at the same time, come on down for a swim.

You'll be glad you did!

Mr Duncan Todd - Director of Swimming

TAS P&F News

The TAS P&F welcomes those families returning and also those new to the school, to the new school year. We are looking forward to an exciting year, with many activities already planned. The P&F's focus is on developing community within the school as well as fundraising to benefit the school.

In 2015, the P&F held many events across the campuses:- school discos and movie nights, Mothers' and Fathers' day stalls, morning teas and soccer canteens. We catered for several major sporting events held at the school such as the Peninsula Cross County and Rugby trials, which combined community service with the opportunity to raise funds for the school. It has been our pleasure over the years to provide the BBQ lunch for the school triathlon, and to cater for the various sporting club breakups held at the end of the school year.

A major priority for the P&F each year is the annual school fete - the Coconut Carnival. It is a chance for the school community to come together and demonstrate so much of what the school has to offer. Families, the school Houses, individual musical performers, or just students and their parents who have a desire to help pitch in to make a terrific day.

The best part of the P&F's job is in deciding how best to allocate the funds raised. During 2015, we allocated funds to the purchase of playground equipment at White Rock Junior, a kiln at Kewarra Beach and a weather station for White Rock Junior and Kewarra Beach Junior, to the combined value of over \$40,000. We spent over \$5000 finalising the purchase of trees to complement the re-vegetation of the Sawpit Gully project and it's integration into the campus at White Rock.

2016 provides a terrific opportunity for people who are interested in helping out on the P&F management committee. Download a membership form from the TAS website www.tas.qld.edu.au/tas-community to become a member if you aren't already. Nominate for a position on this year's management committee - it's a terrific thing to do.

Feel free to contact the P&F via email at president@taspanf.com should you have any questions.

Mrs Rachael Philp - P&F President

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rico Saayman and Andrew Ottosen were chosen in the TCS U19 Tennis Team
- Dean Massey was recently named as Captain for the U17 NQ Rugby Team in the ARU Junior Gold Cup Competition.
- Ronan Weber has recently returned to school after competing in several National Championship BMX events, consistently finishing in the top three in his age group.
- Bo-Min Weon had an outstanding achievement in winning the Gold Medal for the Top Candidate in Queensland in her recent Australian College of Music Grade 6 piano exam.

2016 STUDENT LEADERS

We congratulate the following students on their Leadership Positions and wish them well for their year ahead.

White Rock Senior School

School Captains :	Stephanie Schmidt, Harry Tokoragi-Peters
Vice School Captains :	Dominique Kaesermann, Paris Arens-Strel
Round Square Captains :	Aya Ibanez-Hara, Lakhvir Singh
Academic Captains :	Stephanie Schmidt, Hal Robinson
International Captains :	Kylie Whitfield, Kade Robinson
Transition Captains :	Lillian Lai, Emma Thoms, Hamish Scott
Chapel Captains :	Meridah Hunter, William Harding
Performing Arts Captains :	Alessandra Sarmiento, Simon Halabi
Sports Captains :	Clio Ozanne-Jaques, William Beverley
Dalrymple House Captains :	Sophia Boijj, Dominique Kaeserman
Dalrymple Vice Captain :	Phoebe Lester
Kennedy House Captains :	Coco Hirsch, Paris Arens-Strelnikoff
Kennedy Vice Captains :	Ellie Thomas, Thomas Warlters-Hill
Leichhardt House Captains :	Laura Grace, Dean Massey
Leichhardt Vice Captains :	Talor Morgan, Jesse Burton
Mulligan House Captains :	Jessica McDonald, Harry Tokoragi-Peters
Mulligan Vice Captains :	Corrie Reid, Elizabeth Sutton



Kewarra Beach Junior School

School Captains :	Grace Matthews, Callum Wenck
Vice School Captains :	Maegan Berther, Ashley Kellas
Young Round Square Captains :	Ella McLeod, Seth Gray
Sports Captains :	Abbie Curtis, Tristan Grant
Arts Captains :	La Bella Carolan, William Nicholls
Young Language Ambassadors :	Isabella Liston, Darwin Fritzsch
IT Coordinator :	Jesse Jorgensen
SRC Coordinator :	Reese Pyne
Chapel Coordinators :	Constance Harris, Jack Parris
International Student Coordinators :	Emmanuelle David Stern, Crofton Morris
Student Journalist :	Harry Moase
Student Photographer :	Aleasha Vine-Leong
Dalrymple House Captains :	Ethan Albrecht, Reese Pyne
Kennedy House Captains :	Calym Cranwell-Young, Crofton Morris
Leichhardt House Captains :	Emmanuelle David Stern, Jack Parris
Mulligan House Captains :	Heath Slattery, Lochie Quigley
SRC Representatives :	Hugo Loveridge 3O, Ruby Colbridge 3R, Jemimah Murray 4C, Annabel Galea 4D, Amber Robinson 5L, Jamie Bjerregaard 5M, Dana McNabb 6C, Charlie Kaldenbach 6W



White Rock Junior School

School Captains :	Maya Shepherd, Isaac Burton
Vice School Captains :	Katie Swanston, Xavier Martin
Young Round Square Captains :	Holly Brislan, Archie Rudolphy
Sports Captains :	Raphael Paino, Ryan O'Keeffe
Arts Captains :	Dana Holzheimer, Karan Singh
Young Language Ambassadors :	To be advised
IT Coordinator :	Joel Turnbull, Jarrod McLaren
SRC Coordinator :	Chantelle O'Reilly
Chapel Coordinator :	Jason Jhonly
International Coordinator :	Tanay Pandey
Service Coordinators :	Oliva McLean, Millie Scott
Dalrymple House Captains :	Holly Brislan, Thomas Chen
Kennedy House Captains :	Olivia McLean, Oscar Streeter
Leichhardt House Captains :	Chantelle O'Reilly, Amy Statton, Joel Turnbull
Mulligan House Captains :	Katina Wilson, Vanessa Jamieson

