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A Message from the Principal's Desk

In the Senior School, the theme we have focused on for Term One has been "What's your awesome?" and each week at Chapel/Assembly we have been focusing on that theme. Students have been displaying their awesomeness in a number of ways including but not limited to, acting as buddies for visiting students, arriving at class well organised and ready for the lesson, being involved in a recent impromptu Music Concert organised by the Performing Arts Captains, and one particular group of students always having their hats on at the required times. These things may seem small but when all of this is added together, students are being really positive and working hard to achieve to their very best.

At Chapel on Monday, we heard from an amazing young man, Conrad Linfoo, who spoke to us about his awesome. He was truly inspirational because as a cerebral palsy sufferer, Conrad is unable to communicate in the usual way, instead relying on a computer to "speak" for him. His message was very positive and inspired us to continually search for our awesome.

Despite the media hype about the appalling weather last week, the Junior School Aquathon went ahead as planned. Students competed in their age groups with a swim, a run and then another swim. The positive atmosphere was palpable and students really got into the swing of the Cheering Competition. This was not the only time when cheers could be heard in the pool area and its surrounds though, with many a rendition of "We've got spirit..." moving up and down between house groups in the grandstand.

Mrs Margaret Kennedy - Acting Principal

TAS Photo Gallery



Acting Principal, Mrs Kennedy and White Rock Junior Students enjoying some fruit



White Rock Junior Students participating in some traditional dancing at Tjapukai



The hotly contested relay in the Junior School Interhouse Aquathon



Prep students having a great time with their Year Twelve buddies



Prep students cooling down



*Students 1. Teachers 0.
Student vs Teachers Volleyball Game*

Senior School News

Students in the Senior School will be continuing with subject specific examinations for the next week. During week 8 we will welcome two student groups from Japan - Sagami-hara High School who will spend five days with us and Osaka High School who will be with us for just one day.

Friday 18 March

Students in Years Seven and Nine will complete a NAPLAN trial today in the Bishop Centre. We believe these types of practices are essential to allow our students to feel at ease when the NAPLAN test is completed later in the year. Year Eleven examinations will be completed today.

Sunday 20 March

Mr Smith and the Year Ten students involved in the Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation program will depart today for Stannery Hills where they will complete their first expedition.

Monday 21 March

Year Twelve students will complete their second QCS Trial today. These tests are marked externally and feedback received to allow to focus on specific areas of need for the QCS Test. This is an invaluable process for our students as they strive to achieve to the best of their ability in this test in late August.

Year Eleven students will resume normal classes today and all are expected to attend up to and including Thursday 24 March.

Mr Owens and the Year Eleven students involved in the Certificate II program will depart from school today for the Tully River where they will complete a kayaking expedition, returning on Wednesday afternoon.

A group of 30 students from Osaka High School will arrive today to spend three days with us.

Tuesday 22 March

Year Twelve students will resume normal classes today and all are expected to attend up to and including Thursday 24 March. Mulligan House will conduct a free dress day today with the object of the exercise being to raise funds for a Mulligan Charity through wearing something RED and bringing a gold coin donation.

Wednesday 23 March

All Certificate II students will return from expeditions today.

Thursday 24 March

Today is the final day of Lent Term (1). Students in Years Three to Twelve (White Rock) will take part in an Easter Service commencing at 12.00noon in the Bishop Centre. Parents are most welcome to attend. The Interhouse Debating Competition will commence at 1.30pm today and again, parents are welcome to attend.

Students will be dismissed at 3.15pm to commence their Easter vacation. Classes will resume on Tuesday 12 April for an eleven week Trinity Term (2).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy and holy Easter.

Mrs Margaret Kennedy - Acting Principal

TAS DATES TO NOTE IN THE CALENDAR

SENIOR SCHOOL		JUNIOR SCHOOL	
Fri 18 Mar :	NAPLAN trial - Years Seven and Nine Year Eleven exams commence	Tue 15 Mar :	Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
Sun 20 Mar :	Year Ten Certificate II students depart	Wed 16 Mar :	Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 21 Mar :	Year Twelve QCS Trials Year Eleven Certificate II students depart	Fri 18 Mar :	KBJ Group, Sport & Portrait Photos
Tue 22 Mar :	Mulligan House Free Dress Day	Wed 23 Mar :	WRJ Chess Championships
Wed 23 Mar :	All Certificate II students return	Thu 24 Mar :	Kindergarten to Year Two Easter Service KBJ Years Three to Six Easter Service WRJ Year Three to Six Easter Service Final day of Lent Term (1)
Thu 24 Mar :	Easter Services Final day of Lent Term (1)		

Junior School News

Parent Teacher Interview Matters: Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews will take place at Kewarra Beach Junior and White Rock Junior on Tuesday, 15 March and Wednesday, 16 March beginning at 3:35pm. The Parent Teacher Interview booking service on Parent Lounge opened to parents at 8:00am on Thursday 10 March and will close at 8:00am on Tuesday, 15 March.

NAPLAN Matters: Dates for 2016 NAPLAN testing for Years Three and Five have now been finalised. Language Conventions and Writing will be conducted on Tuesday 10 May, Reading on Wednesday 11 May, and Numeracy on Thursday 12 May.

Leadership Matters: The Cairns Independent Schools Leadership Forum was hosted at White Rock Junior on Thursday 3 March. Student leaders from White Rock Junior and Kewarra Beach Junior were joined by their peers from Freshwater Christian College and Peace Lutheran College to undertake a day of activities designed to develop leadership skills, abilities and potential. Mr Smith, Director of Outdoor Education, facilitated a team building session. Students also developed their skills in goal setting and public speaking. A highlight of the day was the hour that Cairns Taipan, Alex Loughton, spent sharing his leadership story. Students found this both motivating and inspirational.

Outdoor Education Matters: Year Three recently enjoyed their Outdoor Education Program on the Atherton Tablelands at Lake Tinaroo. The program included many environmental and initiative activities, bushwalking, exploring and yabby catching. A great time was had by all!

Ms Barbara La Coste & Ms Maree Bowe

Kewarra Beach Junior School News

Welcome Matters: International Coordinators, Crofton Morris and Emmanuelle David Stern, welcomed students and accompanying staff from Nagano Seisen to Kewarra Beach Junior on Monday. The girls are with us for the next fortnight, integrating into classrooms, taking ESL lessons and participating in cultural activities.

Staff Matters: Outside School Hours Care Coordinator, Ms Idina Letona-Jauregui, is preparing to take a year's leave. Mrs Karen de Wit will step into the Coordinator's role and we welcome Ms Elise Redel as the Assistant.

Leadership Matters: At the instigation of Young Round Square Captain, Ella McLeod, with the assistance of fellow Captain Seth Gray and the Sport and House Captains, a Leap Day obstacle course took place on Monday 29 February.



Student Journalist, Harry Moase, shares his story of us all leaping for a good cause on Page Four.

P&F Matters: Last year we participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. As a result, we now have a Road Safety Set that includes working traffic lights, a wheel barrow, tools and seeds for our school garden. The P&F have also purchased some extra cars. Many thanks!

We are also participating in Scholar Dollars at Smithfield Shopping Centre. Take your receipts to either the information desk at the Centre or drop them into the box at Kewarra Beach Junior Reception. We could win \$10,000!

*Ms Maree Bowe
Head of Junior School Kewarra Beach*

White Rock Junior School News

Parent Community Group Matters : The WRJ Parent Community Group held their first meeting last week to plan activities for 2016. Parents and students can look forward to Movies Under the Stars, Mother's Day Morning Tea, Breakkie for Blokes, a Book Swap and a variety of other social gatherings including a cuppa before the Prep to Year Two Easter Service. Parents are encouraged to come to the Bishop Centre after dropping their Prep to Year Two children in classrooms for a social chat before the Easter Service.

Year Four Matters: Year Four students enjoyed an excursion to Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park on Friday 19 February. This outing was arranged to enhance their knowledge and understanding of indigenous Australian life before European



settlement. Students participated in traditional dancing and singing, experienced spear and boomerang-throwing, learned how different plants are used for food and medicine, observed fire being made using just sticks and kindling and enjoyed a fantastic dramatic performance about the Dreamtime.

Swimming Matters: Students have particularly enjoyed their swimming lessons given the hot weather we have experienced this term. Preparatory students take instruction from Lesa, Marcelino, Mandy and Duncan, who provide personalised instruction with small groups of children.

Fruit Matters: Last week saw the successful introduction of Free Fruit Friday. Over 150 cups of fresh fruit were eaten by our students, parents and teachers before 8:30am! What a fabulous and healthy start to the day! Please join us each Friday from 8:00am onwards for fabulous free fruit or a refreshment from the Tonic Coffee Van.

*Ms Barbara La Coste
Head of Junior School White Rock*

Student Achievements

Kewarra Beach Junior Artist of the Week : Bridey Molloy, Prep L
 Kewarra Beach Junior Musician of the Week : Jack Parris, Year 6W
 Kewarra Beach Sportsperson of the Week : Amber Robinson, Year 5L



Kewarra Beach FNQ Chess Championship Individual Results :
 A Grade Merit Awards : Zac Parker, Brandon Spuler
 B Grade Merit Awards : Matthew Elliot-Darlow, Samuel Michael, Tetane McWilliam-Taiatini

Kewarra Beach FNQ Chess Championship Team Results :
 A Grade Team : Brandon Spuler, Eddie Dziov, Jake Swindale, Zac Parker ~ finished Third
 B Grade Team : Liam Sciacca, Madeleine Bird, Annabel Galea, Matthew Elliot-Darlow ~ finished Fourth (only 1.5 games down from Third place)

TAS Junior School Aquathon Race Winners (age champions) :

8 Year Old Boys	Luke Berther	8 Year Old Girls	Alyssa Atfield
9 Year Old Boys	Oscar Brown	9 Year Old Girls	Annabel Galea
10 Year Old Boys	Travis Drinnan	10 Year Old Girls	Amber Robinson
11 Year Old Boys	Kale Tottman	11 Year Old Girls	Maya Shepherd
12 Year Old Boys	Isaac Burton	12 Year Old Girls	Maegan Berther

Kewarra Beach Leap Day Obstacle Course

Kewarra Beach Junior turned green and you would have been forgiven for thinking that the recent rains had caused a plague of frogs to invade. In actual fact, something much more exciting was afoot. TAS chose to celebrate the leap year by raising much needed funds for the Frog Hospital.

Students dressed from head to toe in green and hopped their way around an obstacle course that would have challenged even the nimblest of Far North Queensland's frogs! The course consisted of four challenges: First the rope challenge – crawling, running, hopping or just walking under ropes strung between the trees – maybe the odd Green-lipped Tree frog joined in? Then came the scooter boards – everyone had to run just to stay on their feet! After that was the three legged race (there were no froggy entrants in this section (maybe they were worried they'd have to lose a leg to join in!) and finally the sprint brought the course to an end.

It was lots of fun and students raised just over \$214 which will help treat and conserve sick and endangered frogs here in Cairns. The event also helped raise awareness of the challenges frogs face living alongside people and how we can help them.

Harry Moase - Student Journalist

TAS Junior School Aquathon Fun



Sport News

TAS Sporting Club Teams - Limited Vacancies

There are a few vacancies in our school-based club teams that we would particularly like to fill, including U10/11 for netball (both campuses), and U8 and U10 both campuses for football. Please email sport@tas.qld.edu.au for more information.

World Challenge Nepal – December 2017

The destination has been chosen for the fourth TAS World Challenge Expedition – Nepal. This incredible growth experience will be run in December 2017 and will be offered to current Year Nine and Ten students. The formal launch will occur early next term, so stay tuned.

TAS Team Sailing

After the two qualifying rounds in the NQ regatta series, our Senior and Junior teams are placed Second and Third respectively, out of the eight team competition. We wish them luck in the NQ final at Mission Beach this coming Sunday, where they compete in the gold division against schools from Townsville.

Staff vs Student Volleyball

A great event was had last Tuesday, where the Senior School staff took on a team of Year Twelve students. The exact scores were lost somehow, but I think the students narrowly beat the teachers, after a slow start by the staff. Great to see such good support by the many senior spectators.



Junior Interhouse Aquathon (Years Three to Six)

With the severe weather not eventuating, a great day was had at the Junior School Aquathon on Friday 4 March at the TAS Aquatic Centre, White Rock. Being slightly cooler and dry, the day was full of racing, with Leichhardt House winning overall by a comfortable margin. Second was Mulligan, followed by Kennedy and then Dalrymple. Participation rates were high, with only a very small number of children not participating. Thanks to the House and Sports Captains for their efforts in carnival setup and organising house teams. TAS has a fantastic Triathlon and Aquathon training program available, for those aged 10 and over. For more information please email the Head Triathlon Coach, Mr Michael Haseldine, on triathlon@tas.qld.edu.au.

Upcoming Sports Events

- For a full listing of the 10-12 years Cairns Independent and 13-19 years Trinity Coast South (TCS) representative Sporting Trial Dates please consult either the school website or Parent Lounge.
- Sunday 13 March – Finals of NQ Interschool Team Sailing Regatta Series.

TO STAY INFORMED about TAS Sport matters, please LIKE the TAS Sport Cairns Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tas.sport.cairns and also TAS Sport Cairns on Instagram.

Mr Darren Osmond - Director of Activities

Recent Sporting Achievements

- Clio Ozanne-Jaques is currently competing at the National Junior Athletics Championships in Perth. On Tuesday night she ran a personal best in the 3000m event, with a time of 9:49. This gave her a second place in U18 girls nationally.
- Ronan Weber recently returned from competing at the Australian BMX Championships in Bathurst, NSW. Ronan placed 3rd in the 16 Boys and has now qualified to represent Australia at the World Titles in Medellin, Columbia, at the end of May.
- Katie Pozzi, Claudia Philp and Ella Burman have recently returned from Singapore, having represented the region well in the Singapore Sixes Hockey Tournament.
- Claudia Philp made the U19 Peninsula Netball Team.
- Joshua Fowler and Georgia Trompf both made the Peninsula U19 Hockey Team, with Maddy Hargreaves named as shadow.
- Jude Ozanne-Jaques and Luke Depiazia made the FNQ Storm Rugby Team.
- Georgia Trompf, Claudia Philp and Joshua Fowler made the U18 Cairns Representative Hockey Team.
- Tara O'Keeffe, William Beverley and Paris Arens-Strelnikoff made the Peninsula U19 Football Team, with Jesse Burton named as shadow.
- Amid Siddique, Damien Poluschkin and Dean Massey made the TCS U18 Rugby Union Team, with Dean Massey going on to make the Peninsula Team.
- Brooke Thurstans made the U19 TCS Basketball Team.
- Elisha Robati made the U19 TCS Volleyball Team.
- Ryan Bourguignon made TCS U15 AFL Team.
- William Holt made the Cairns Independent U12 Rugby League Team.
- Chantelle, Sean and Brandon O'Reilly, and Amy and Daniel Statton, recently competed in the Queensland National Junior Basketball Competition, with strong individual and team performances.

Performing Arts News

As we approach Easter our Year Three to Six choirs at both campuses and TAS Voices at White Rock Senior are busy preparing for their first performances of the year at the school Easter services to be held on 24 March. Students are to be congratulated for their commitment to these rehearsals as they are held outside of regular school hours. We look forward to listening to them and appreciating the results of their hard work.

On Friday 4 March we welcomed bassoon player and University of Queensland music student, Beth Bazeley, who performed at our lunchtime concert. In addition to her performance, Beth was able to have an informal discussion with some of our musicians about studying music at university and the general pattern of life as a university student in a major city.

As we look forward to Term Two, plans are coming together for our inaugural "Rock Under the Stars" event to be held on Friday 27 May. This will feature all of our TAS Rock Bands, TAS Concert Band and TAS Jazz as well as a special "Wearable Art" fashion parade. Please note this event in your diaries as I am sure it will be a very entertaining evening. More details will follow next term.

Mrs Sue Stitt – Director of Music

What a fabulous job our Performing Arts Captains did to plan and run the first lunch time music concert at White Rock Senior campus. Ex-cyclone Winston may have changed our original venue from the library grassed area to the Drama room, but this did not deter the performers and the audience turnout was fantastic. With the roller door up and the sounds emerging; thanks to the wonderful Mr John Grace; Georgia Lynch, Natasha Williams, Marnie Jungnitch, Bo-Min Weon and Alessandra Sarmineto entertained the crowd with their beautiful renditions. We also thank the staff who came to chill out and listen to our talented students. With the success of this lunchtime concert, we are already planning the next one for early in Term Two. Keen participants can email Alessandra or Simon to book a spot. Looking forward to hearing some bands perform and there is a rumour that a 'staff' musical item may be on the cards.

Friends of TAS Music met this week to plan their fundraising efforts for TAS Music for 2016. This dedicated group of parents volunteer their own time to support TAS Music events and we really value their investment in TAS. It is school community members such as these wonderful parents that provide invaluable support for our students and we greatly appreciate their commitment to TAS Music again in 2016. If you would also like to make an investment by supporting TAS Music we would love to have you on board. This could include volunteering to help at a specific TAS Music event or simply by offering items for raffle fundraisers. Every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated so please email me if you have any questions or are keen to be part of the Friends of TAS Music team.

Mrs Leanne Shead - Acting Head Performing Arts

TAS Aquatic Centre News

Last weekend the region's competitive swimmers converged for the end of season FNQ Regional Swimming Association Long Course Championships. For the vast majority of swimmers, the Championships represented the culmination of the 2015/2016 swimming season. It was a long, frantic and fiercely contested meet with swimmers experiencing the challenge of having two swim heats and finals.

TAS Swimming turned out in force with 30 swimmers testing their mettle over the weekend. As Head Coach of the Club, I was especially pleased to see so many new swimmers representing at an inter-club level for the first time. Our competitive team is getting bigger and growing stronger all the time.

With so many swimmers racing at their best, it is difficult to mention individual achievements. Among the highlights of the meet however, were our 12 year girls relay swims which were utterly dominant and Ella Goddard's 100m Butterfly in which she achieved yet another National Qualifying time.

Age Champion Awards will be presented next Saturday and whilst we are still waiting on official confirmation, I expect our team to have a healthy share of Champions and Runners-Up. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

This coming Saturday, the TAS Aquatic Centre continues its major role in helping develop regional swimming. Swimming Queensland is hosting a development Clinic for clubs and swimmers from every pool from Tully to Weipa will attend. The clinic will feature a visit by Jade Edmiston, a former World Record Holder and Australian Representative.



Mr Duncan Todd - Director of Swimming

TAS Year Twelve CAVE (Christian and Values Education) Buddy Program

Term One provided the opportunity for our Year Twelve cohort to participate in a Buddy Program with students from White Rock Junior and all students involved enjoyed this time immensely.

The wonderful interaction between the Junior and Senior School students at White Rock, is outlined below :

- Prep W :** The Year Twelve students really enjoyed assisting the Preps in locating areas of the school and compiling an iPad video/movie of their school map. It was amazing for me to see how quickly the older and younger students bonded. WinWin!! - *Chaplain Lorriane*
Prep students worked with the Year Twelve students on a Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum talk about mapping familiar environments (our school). They used the iPad app to explain everything and record the learning that occurred over the course of the buddy program. - *Ms Siarne Way*
- Year 2O :** Our Year Twelve buddies helped the Year Two students with their spelling. The Year Twelve students tested the students each week and help them to organise their individualised spelling words for homework. They also offered encouragement to the students and helped them learn spelling strategies to assist with difficult words. It was wonderful to see the older students assisting the younger students. - *Mrs Sherrin Osmond*
- Year 2C :** Year Twelve students have been fantastic helping Year 2C with their personalised spelling lists each week. We have really enjoyed having them as our buddies this term and they have been such a great help with getting the students to practice their words, we have seen real improvements in their spelling. - *Miss Marie Cronin*
- Year 4L :** Big buddies helped the little buddies with mind mapping their ideas for the planning stage of their persuasive writing. - *Mr David Long*
- Year 5B :** The Year Five and Year Twelve student buddy system has worked extremely well. The older students have been using their mentoring skills and experience to help the Year Five students complete various tasks on their SOSE Activity Matrix. - *Mr Tim Barrett*
- Year 6R :** Year Twelve Buddies assisted the whole class in Mathematics (showing process) and they worked one on one observing and evaluating reading comprehension tasks. Students have embraced the concept. - *Mr Terry Reid*

Thank you to Years 2C, 2O, 4L, 5B, 6R and Prep W as well as Miss Cronin, Mrs Osmond, Mr Long, Mr Barrett, Mr Reid and Ms Way for working with our seniors to allow them to share class time experiences and help develop their leadership skills. Thank you also to Mrs Lynch and Ms Thompson for coordinating the Year Twelve groups during this program. It was great to see the TAS Value of Inclusion demonstrated in this mentoring activity.

Mrs Leanne Shead - CAVE Coordinator

TAS P&F News

The TAS P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at 6:00pm in St Francis Chapel, White Rock.

All office bearers of the Association shall return from the office at that meeting, but are eligible, upon nomination, for re-election. Any parents and guardians of TAS students are welcome to be nominated as a Member of the Management Committee. The positions available for nomination are :

- President
- Vice President, White Rock
- Vice President, Kewarra Beach
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- General committee members

A TAS P&F membership form and nomination form must be completed prior to Tuesday 16 March. Membership and nomination forms are available on the TAS website - www.tas.qld.edu.au/event.

Any queries, please contact Rachael Philp, President TAS P&F via email - president@taspdf.com.

Mrs Rachael Philp - President, Parents & Friends Association

TAS Round Square News

The Round Square department have an incredible exchange opportunity for a Year Eight student.

Ballarat Grammar in Victoria has invited TAS to exchange a Year Eight student with them. Round Square exchanges provide an opportunity for students to spend time in another school and town, experience a different school and teachers and make new friends. The exchange may happen at a mutually convenient time of the school year.

Any interested students should speak with Ms Hermon or Ms Baxter in the Round Square office or email natalieh@tas.qld.edu.au.

Mrs Natalie Hermon - Round Square Coordinator

TAS International News

On Thursday 10 March, 160 Japanese students from Okayama Daiarje Secondary School visited White Rock Junior School.

Years Five and Six students escorted the International visitors whilst they participated in various activities including Art, Dancing, English Games, Scavenger Hunt, Cricket and Music.

The morning was a huge success and the students enjoyed participating in the Japanese cultural activities at the end of their stay.

The TAS students involved are to be commended for their positive involvement and leadership during the activities.

Ms Joyce Lester - Director International Education

