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Richmond Hill State School Newsletter
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IMPORTANT DATES

Wear A Beanie Day
12th June

Inter-House Athletics
18th & 19th June

P-3 Gotcha Event
25th June

Last Day Of Term
Friday 26th June

Term 3 Commences
Monday 13th July

SCHOOL BANKING
Every TUESDAY

EL@R EARLY LEARNING AT RICHIE
(Registered with QLD Playgroup)
WEDNESDAY 9.30-11.00
FRIDAY 9.30-11.00

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Athletics Carnival Next Week
Richie’s annual athletics carnival is on next Thursday and Friday on Friemann Oval. Mainly grade 3 – 6 students compete on the Thursday while all students compete on the Friday, including Preps. We hope to once again get plenty of support from the parents who attend the sports day every year. Food and drinks will be available from the canteen. More information is further in the newsletter.

Pyjama Disco Tonight
Our ‘Pyjama’ disco is on TONIGHT, June 11th. The disco for the Prep – 3 students starts at 5:00pm and finishes at 6pm. The Year 4-6 disco starts at 6pm and finishes at 7:30pm. Only a gold coin entry is asked of each student. Great prizes for best dressed students. Refreshments will also be on sale.

Report Card Changes
Due to continuing issues over the past few weeks with our online reporting system at Richie, report cards will now be handed out in Week 1 of Term 3. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Teacher Up Skilling
Last weekend, 16 teachers spent all day Saturday up skilling their expertise and knowledge in the area of improving their teaching and student management skills. They worked with world renowned educator Anita Archer. This professional development undertaken will help all teachers to improve their pedagogical practices at Richie.

Wear a Beanie for Brain Cancer Day.
This Friday we are asking all students to wear a beanie to school in support of continuing research into Brain Cancer. Brain Cancer kills more children than any other disease while also being the biggest Cancer killer of people under the age of 40. If your child supports this great cause we are asking them for a gold coin donation which will be given to assist in Brain Cancer Research to hopefully one day find a cure. (Please note – students will still be wearing their hats during play time and for Physical Education lessons as Richie is a Sun Smart School)

Prep Enrolments now being taken
2016 Prep enrolments are now being taken. If you have a Prep or know a family with a Prep student who wishes to enrol at Richie for 2016, please contact the school. Depending on numbers we hope to have at least 2 prep classes in 2016.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:

I AM RESPECTFUL - be respectful when interacting with all adults at school.

I AM SAFE- Use the road safely both to and from school following road rules.

I AM A LEARNER- Always ask questions for clarification or if unsure as it is okay to be wrong.

Eating Healthy
Thank you to those parents and students who have brought healthier lunches to school over the past fortnight. It has been great to see more students packing healthier lunches.

Reading Tip of the Week
Parents anxious for a child to progress can mistakenly give a child a book that is too difficult. This can have the opposite effect to the one they are wanting. Remember ‘Nothing succeeds like success’. Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.
When parents take an active approach to helping their children resolve their fights, they are teaching them a valuable life skill as well as reducing the incidence of fighting over the long term. Here are some ideas:

4. MENTOR them to sort out disputes

Kids need the chance to sort their conflict out themselves, but sometimes they need a little coaching. Don’t waste time trying to sort out who started an argument. Instead make some suggestions such as taking turns, giving way, bargaining and swapping.

5. Encourage them to MAKE-UP

Kids often get over disputes far quicker than adults. They can be squabbling one minute and cuddling up the next, so it gets tricky intervening sometimes. However there are times when you need to encourage a child to mend bridges with an aggrieved sibling. This can mean kids have to swallow their pride, admit that they may be wrong, make an apology or make some sort of restitution such as doing a special favour. This type of restoration means kids must take responsibility for their behaviours and is a sign of growing maturity.

The sibling relationship will last longer than the parent-child relationship and is just as influential on children’s development as the parent-child relationship. It’s important for parents to foster sibling closeness so that the sibling bonds will be strong.

From ‘Better Parenting Ideas’

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal

RICHIE STUDENTS LEARN SOME ‘STREET SENSE’

On Wednesday 3rd June, Lynda Nairn visited students at Richmond Hill and wowed them with her juggling and balancing acts while teaching them some ‘street sense’ and how to be safe around the roads. The students thoroughly enjoyed her performance and some were lucky enough to get up and participate in the show, including some teachers. Through her performance she taught students about being safe in cars, being safe while riding bikes and scooters, being safe while crossing the road, as well as safety while playing in the yard at home. Lynda’s common message throughout her performance was ensuring that there is an adult around when needing to be in traffic areas, as adults can be seen by drivers as they are much taller and can also see other cars before the younger children do. She taught the children to STOP! LISTEN! and THINK! as well as looking in both directions before crossing the road.

Change of Date

Inter-House Athletics Carnival
Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June

We encourage parents to come along and support your children.

DISCO

11th June
Prep - Yr 3  5-6pm
Yr 4 - 6  6-7.30pm

Pyjama Party Theme
Gold Coin Entry
Sausage Sizzle
Drinks
Chips all $2

Parade Awards

Year 6 Class Awards

Prep: Grant MacKenzie, Grace Gostelow, Tyler Murphy, Jack Searle & Romell Turner
Year 6W/T Won last week’s Golden Boot Award

Year 3 Reading & Class Awards
The Golden Note Award went to Year 6C also

Year 1

Year 2

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Year 5 Technology Task

For the past 7 weeks students in Year 5 have been designing and creating a balloon powered lunar explorer. Students had to bring in recyclable materials to create this task. They had to think of ways to attach wheels to axels, axels to their base and a balloon to make it move.

Year 4S Technology Project

Year 4 had the challenge to design and create a tower built out of straws. It had to be:
- 1 metre high and able to stand by itself
- support a marble weight.
- Able to be moved from place to place and not collapse.

We learnt many new terms -Strut
Brace
Truss

Chappy Chat

Hello everyone, we have a wonderful opportunity for a free family night coming up on Saturday the 20th of June beginning at 5 p.m. with a free BBQ followed at 6 p.m. by a concert from Steve Grace.

This event is being Coordinated by our Community, Regional Council, SES, Lions, Rotary, Neighbourhood Centre and combined Churches and is held at the showgrounds.

Steve's heart and care for families and the outback are evident in his commitment to reconnect with remote areas again and again.

Have a great fortnight, love and God bless, Miss Lydia.

Have you ordered your Year 6 Senior Shirt yet?

Senior Shirts for Year 6 students:
as at 9th June, we are still awaiting shirts to arrive for sizing. Please be patient while they're on their way to us. As soon as they arrive, a note will be sent out to advise accordingly. Keep an eye out on the app too.

Orders close on Monday 22nd June.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Tash Talk

Hi Everybody,

With Naidoc fast approaching in the first week of next term, just a reminder that there will be a meeting on 22nd June. I would love to see you there. Have an enjoyable fortnight.

Tash.

Premier's Reading Challenge

If your child has not received their form, or would like to sign up for the Challenge, please see Ms Bush in 6B for a copy. As soon as you have filled in your form, please return it to Ms Bush or the office.
Hello from 4H & 4K!

I cannot believe just how quickly this term has flown and how happy I am with the work the students have been producing. It is week eight and things are starting to wind down as report cards are being prepared but we are still working hard!

In English, the students have been busy writing, illustrating and recording their traditional stories. They have been exploring themes of greed, honesty and friendship and crafting stories to deliver a message to a younger audience, much like the fables, folk tales and traditional stories of the past.

Our Science unit has taught us a great deal about how animals interact with their environments and the wide range of things that help or hinder the life cycles. We had a close look at the Greater Bilby and the Northern Spotted-Tailed Quoll (both endangered species) and identified some of the threats to their continued existence and also some of the ways that we can help them such as predator control and habitat protection.

The Technology unit has been a huge success, with the students thoroughly enjoying building their towers. There were a few hiccups in the design stages but in the final application, most groups were able to use straws, pipe cleaners and masking tape (lots of tape!!!) to construct a tower that stood one metre tall, could stand alone unsupported and could be moved.

On a final note, we are all happy to be returned to our classroom with the new air conditioners installed! The wall which was constructed last holidays has had a coat of paint and we will be having pin boards put up by the beginning of Term Three—thank you to the P&C for these.

Thank you also to our Religious Education volunteers, Mrs Del Lithgow and Mrs Helen Milton.

Miss Ham & Mr Kitchen.

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT RICHIE HILL

SCHOOL DAY ATTENDANCE ATTENDANCE WEEKLY AWARD
Year 5 & Year 4K & 4H

LOST PROPERTY
We have a huge amount of Lost Property at the Office. If your child has lost something, especially a jumper, please call into the Office and have a look. Thanks.

PRE-PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM 2016 PREPPIES

Our very successful Pre-Prep Program commenced in 2014 continues. Parents are asked to please attend a minimum of 5 visits with their child.

DATE: 10 FRIDAY VISITS to get to know us at Richie Hill & us to get to know you! (Parents stay with child/ren)
- June 26th -Prep Class walk thru & play outdoors
- July 24th - Early Learning at Richie - early literacy (Parent Tips Session Early Reading with Literacy Coach)/Library
- August 21st - Early Learning at Richie - early numeracy (Parent Tips Session Early Number/Shape with Literacy Coach)
- August 28th - Music-Dance-Games
- Sept 11th - Technology Fun/Behaviour Expectations
- Sept 18th - Prep Indoors with Prep Staff
- Oct 16th - Prep Outdoors with Prep Staff
- October 30th - Red Day (Adopt-a-cop)
- November 20th - Games with Principal/Deputy/Tour of School/Morning Nibbles

TIME: 9.30am-10.30am
WHERE: COMMUNITY ROOM MPC/BASKETBALL AREA

WHO IS THIS OPEN TO?: Our 2016 Prep enrolments

RICHIE HILL PREP 2015 OPEN DAYS FOR PREPPIES FOR THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

OPEN DAY 1
DATE: THURSDAY 23 July 2015
TIME: 9.15-10.30am
WHERE: COMMUNITY ROOM MPC AREA
WHAT:
Enrolment Package and Interview Time selection
Chat with Prep Team

OPEN DAY 2
DATE: FRIDAY 7th August 2015
TIME: 9.30-10.30am
WHERE: COMMUNITY ROOM MPC AREA
WHAT:
Creative Fun to be involved in our programs you must RSVP your interest to our school office a week before the events-Thanks

I AM SAFE - I AM A LEARNER - I AM RESPECTFUL
**CT JAPANESE SPEAKING WRAP UP**

The enthusiasm of Richie Hill students from Year 5 and Year 6 bubbled over at the 2015 Japanese Speaking Competition for Charters Towers Primary Schools.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 competitors included Samantha Cowan-Hunter, Rani Boundy, Breanna Tracey, Harley Jones, Ebony Mason, Adrienne Kyle, Finnis Hill, Tom Gordon, Trent Wheeler, Natalee Oliver, Sophie Morris, Olivia Miller, Holly Kitchen, Catalin Rafter, Jonny Nicholls, Daniel Brooks and Maranda Pugh. Sensei Bogilevu and parents who attended the competition were very proud of the ‘have a go attitude’ on display and the encouraging spirit of students during the interschool event. It takes courage and focus to stand up in front of strangers, and peers your own age and speak in Japanese.

A special thank you goes out to Chappy Lydia, Mr Brady, Miss Forno and parents for their support with transport to and from the event.

A special acknowledgment of success achieved by students who placed in the competition in 2015.

**Year 5 Section**
- 2nd place awarded to Rani Boundy
- 3rd place awarded to Adrianne Kyle

**Year 6 Section**
- 2nd place awarded to Daniel Brooks
- 3rd place awarded to Jonny Nicholls.

We congratulate all students for their efforts from Richie Hill, Central, Milly, BTC and CTSD. Thank you for a lovely extra curricula experience. Arigatou gozaimashita!

**SUPPORTING SCHOOL TRANSITION**

GREAT to have you with us at EL@R (Early Learning) with Mrs Coffison connecting and building partnerships between Pre-Prep Providers.

Delighted to have Sandi (Bright Horizons) Tania (CT Kindy) Joan and Lia (Excelsior Library) volunteers.

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ON SATURDAY - ANITA ARCHER EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION WORKSHOP**

Well done to staff who attended the informative and practice Explicit Instruction on Saturday facilitated by Dr Anita Archer.

Ms Casey, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Hourston, Mrs Neibling, Ms Weston, Ms Marwick, Mrs Ugarte, Mrs Forward, Ms Bush, Mrs Montgomery, Ms Ham, Mrs Burgess, Mr Turner. Miss Lisa and Mr Brady was very proud of your professional participation.

Staff returned to school and shared feedback with colleagues at Mondays Staff Meeting - well done!