Principal’s Message

School Strategic Improvement Plan
Next Thursday, November 19th, the Assistant Regional Director will be attending Richie to verify and approve the School Strategic Improvement Plan for the next 4 years. The final copy of this document is now completed. Any parents wishing to view the document can call at the office to read a copy.

Interschool/Interhouse Swimming Carnival
Nearly a fortnight ago Richie held the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Students competed at a very high standard and great sportsmanship and spirit was shown throughout the day. The eventual champion house was Cunningham. Well done Cunningham!

Last Friday Richie had an outstanding Swimming Carnival with our girl swimmers taking out all four age champion categories. Overall we came second for the Carnival which is the best result for Richie for many years. Congratulations to all of the Richie swimmers who gave it their best on the day. Your school is very proud of you.

More information later in the newsletter.

Concert/Award Night
Richie will be having its Concert/Award night on Friday, December 4th, at the State High School Hall. During this night each year level will perform an item. After the item the classroom teachers of that year level will present the following awards to 4 of the students from their class. The awards are Academic Excellence, Academic Achievement, Citizenship and Best All-Rounder in Class. Year 6 students will receive their awards at their graduation on Wednesday, December 9th.

There will be two sessions and all students are most welcome to either or both sessions. The Prep – 3 session starts at 6pm and should conclude about 7pm. The Year 4-6 session starts at 7:30pm and should conclude about 8:30pm. The Richie Hill School band will also be performing at both sessions. Admission is free and we hope to see most families supporting this important annual event.

Semester 2 Report Cards
These will be given out to students on the Monday in last week of school. Parents are reminded that results on this report card takes into consideration your child’s progress for just Semester 2.

Remembrance Day
School Captains laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph in Gill Street yesterday. Classes throughout the school also recognised this important day in our history.

School Leaders Speeches.
Proud parents and teachers as well as all of the year 4-6 students listened to outstanding speeches made by year 5 students as they campaigned for the 2016 School Leadership positions last Thursday. All potential leaders presented themselves admirably and voting took place following the speeches. The 2016 leaders will be announced on parade on Friday, December 4th.

School Fete
Well it is finally here. This Saturday sees our major fundraiser for the year held. Behind the scenes, the P&C have been working tirelessly over the past few months to make sure the event is successful. While the Fete is on from 4-8pm, we would appreciate any parent assistance in the morning of the fete in setting up. The more people that help, the quicker the jobs can be completed and the easier it will be to set up. Hope to see many helpers there on Saturday morning.

Swimming
Just a reminder that for children to attend swimming lessons (grades 3-6) they must pay before they can attend the lessons.
Teacher Changes in 2016
Miss Kelly Casey will be a District Relieving Teacher based at Richmond Hill State School.
Miss Jeppesen has received a transfer to Railway Estate State School.
Mrs Green goes back to Millchester.
Mrs Hourston is on leave as of tomorrow to have her second child. We wish Mrs Hourston all the best with her new bundle of joy.
Mrs Fay Staub will be taking Mrs Hourston’s class for the last 4 weeks of school.

2016 Classes
As yet we are still waiting for the confirmation of 2 teachers before classes and 2016 class lists are finalised. It is hoped this will be done in the next fortnight.

Year 6 High School transition Days are as follows –
Tuesday November 24th – High School Teachers visiting Richie
Monday/Tuesday – 30th November/1st December – Year 6 students visit CTSHS

Positive School Wide Expectations to be taught. (Week 6&7)
I AM RESPECTFUL- Respect the learning of others by moving around the school quietly during class time.
I AM SAFE- Report issues with other students to the staff immediately (do not wait until the end of the break)
I AM A LEARNER- During testing have a go even if you find it challenging. Don’t give up.

Have a great fortnight everyone 😊

MOVING ON-LEAVING TOWN
To assist our school in planning for classes in 2016. If you know that you are leaving town please take time to give us a call PH: 47562222 or complete the form and return to the School office. We thank you for being a part of our Richie Hill Family and wish you and your family well in your new endeavours.

I __________________________ would like to advise that my child/ren ____________________________________________

✓ Will not be back at Richie Hill in 2016
✓ Leaving Charters Towers in 2016
✓ Moving to a New School 2016

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE-Thanks

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT RICHIE

SCHOOL DAY ATTENDANCE
WEEKLY AWARD
Term 4 Week 3
Winners: Prep 93.6%
2nd: Year 1 93%
Day for Daniel

Richie Hill students Prep to Year 2 dressed in red as part of Day for Daniel last Friday. Adopt-a-cop Constable Tai Burgess chatted with students at a special parade about the National Day of being safe. Constable Tai went through the 3 steps Recognise-React-Report with the school community.

WELL DONE TO OUR 2016 STUDENT LEADER NOMINEES - we were proud of your speech efforts last week.
PRE-PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM 2016
PREPPIES

Our final session for 2015 will be **FRIDAY November 20th**- Games with Principal/Game/dance/
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

2016 PREP CLASS LISTS
ARE
BEING FINALISED
Preppies will receive a letter in the mail in the next week.
If you have not enrolled please call our School Office as soon as possible.
If your little one is born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 they are eligible to start Prep next year.
Welcome to new and current families enrolling at our fantastic Richie Hill School.
Thank u for your assistance in this!

Wednesday & Friday
9.30-10.30am
Gold Coin Donation unless already a Member
WEEK 7-super hero dress up
WEEK 8– Christmas around the world

RICHIE HILL XMAS FETE THIS SATURDAY
14th November 2015
Time: 4pm to 8pm
The major fundraiser of our P&C.
Thanks for getting involved and being part of our school community at Richie Hill-go tell everyone not to miss our big day please!
Our Year 1 and Prep Team have collaborated and planned transition steps to support our Preppies smooth step into Year 1 for 2016.

**Transition experience will include:**

11.00am HEART Time in CPA area (walk downed to CPA area by Prep Teacher to sit with Year 1 in CPA)
11.15-11.45 Playtime at Big School
11.45 Line up Year 1 area
11.45-12.15 Classroom discoveries as a Learner in Year 1 learning environment. (walked back to Prep by Yr 1 Teacher)

Prep Aide stays with Year 1 Teacher 11.45-12.15
Year 1 Class is supervised by Prep Teacher
Year 1 classes eat in CPA as usual and a set up of a designated lining up area during these days.

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*Our Preppies will enjoy this time organised - Thank you Teachers.*
**Year 5 Technology**

This semester in Technology, students were given the task to design and create a bag that would be able to carry an item from their desk (book, pencil case etc).

Some students chose Option A and used newspaper, whilst others chose Option B and used 2 items of clothing to create theirs.

The students have been working hard cutting, sewing, stapling, gluing and decorating their bags.

Don’t they look fabulous!

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**Hello from Year Six**

We’ve been busy people working through our assessments plus the fete canvas as well as becoming organised for the end of year graduation. Where has the year gone? Oh and don’t forget the end of year concert. Wow! So many things to learn and remember. A very big thank you to our PLO Donna for all of her contributions and wonderful knowledge throughout the year.

CTSHS enrolment packages have been sent home on Monday. The permission note and enrolment form must be returned to the Richie school office, no later than Friday 27th November. Transition Days to the CTSHS are Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December, meeting no later than 8.45am at the hall.

Thank you to those families who returned the photos for Graduation. **Graduation is Wednesday 9th December**, at the CTSHS Hall. Invitations will be sent out in the next week.

This Saturday is our school Fete. It would be wonderful to see our Year Six students come along and help throughout the afternoon. The fete begins at 4pm, see you there.

The end of year school performance/concert is on **Friday 4th December**, at the CTSHS. It would be wonderful to see all of our students on the night.
2015 Inter-house Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic showing of students and parents at the Swimming Carnival last week. Everyone put in an amazing effort.

Our age champions for 2015 are:

8yo Girls  1st Anna Milton  2nd Ava Pacey
8yo Boys  1st Fletcher Brook equal 2nd Hunter Smith, Daniel Olver
9yo Girls  1st Karen Squair  2nd Tatiana Whitney
9yo Boys  1st Corey Musk  2nd Nathan Barron
10yo Girls  1st Jordan Brook  2nd Baylee Smith
10yo Boys equal 1st Alex Shaw, Mallee Hill
11yo Girls  1st Kathryne Squair  2nd Olivia Miller
11yo Boys  1st Kyle Pacey  2nd Tyler Thompson
12yo Girls  1st Sarah Milton  2nd Natalee Olver
12yo Boys  1st Liam Cashmere equal 2nd Angus Simshauser, Tom Gordon

Our House Champions were:
1st Cunningham 935 points
2nd Burdekin 814 points
3rd Titley 813 points.

Five new records were set. Three by Kathryne Squair and two by Sarah Milton

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A very big thankyou to the teachers, aides and parents for helping make it run so smoothly.

Year 6 Transition to State High

Year 6 Transition days to Charters Towers State High School are Monday, November 30th & Tuesday December 1st. Enrolment packages for State High School were sent home on Monday.

Completed enrolment forms, along with signed permission notes must be returned to your child’s teacher by Friday 27th November.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY STUDENTS WITH COMPLETED ENROLMENT PACKS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FINAL CLUSTER TRANSITION.
Hello from the Year 4 team!

As we find ourselves in the midst of our final term, it’s a perfect time to reflect on how much our students have grown across the year!

Our cyclic data has shown that all of the mental arithmetic strategies we have been practicing are paying off and the students have made steady gains across the year. As always, there is more work to be done but it is important to celebrate the success and recognise the gains that have been made.

Similarly, the demand writing the students have produced this term shows a growth in the students’ abilities to write narratives with wonderfully descriptive language. We have focused on using extended noun groups and verb groups, writing in paragraphs and effectively proofreading and improving their written work. The students have shown definite improvements across the year and this should be celebrated!

We can’t forget the wonderful gains that our students have made in their reading levels, showing a growth in maturity in applying both reading skills in decoding and a range of comprehension skills. The results speak for themselves and are a credit to the hard work of all of the teachers and teacher aides in our daily reading groups and of course the students themselves who have set themselves goals and strived to achieve them.

The students (and teachers!) have taken to the Spelling Mastery program with great gusto. The short term results so far are promising and the lessons are very engaging for the students.

In closing, we would like to thank all of the families of our students who support us in our work. As we wrap up our assessment and begin our final reports for the year, it is important to acknowledge the mums, dads and carers who spend time reading with their children and reinforcing how important school is to their futures.

We are really looking forward to the fete this weekend and hope to see all of you there—be sure to come and say hello!

Mrs Scott, Miss Ham & Mr Kitchen.

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**Inter-School Swimming Carnival**

Richmond Hill girls won Age Champion in each age division. Kathryne Squair set two new records, the Junior Girls’ Freestyle Relay Team and the Snr Girls’ Freestyle Relay Team also set new records. The winners of Age Champions are as follows:

- **9 Years**  Karen Squair
- **10 Years** Jordan Brook
- **11 Years** Kathryne Squair
- **12 Years**  Sarah Milton  Runner-Up: Natalee Olver

Congratulations and well done to all competitors.