Welcome Back
Welcome back to all Richie families and a special welcome to our new families. I hope everyone had a relaxing break as the term ahead will be a busy one. It has been fantastic to talk to so many students who had a wonderful break with their families.

Pupil Free Day
Just a reminder that next Monday, October 17th is a Pupil Free Day.

Mr Ned Retired
After 31 years of tireless service to Richmond Hill State School as a groundsman, Mr Ned retired last week. The school would like to thank Mr Ned for all of the assistance he has given the Richie Community, Richie staff and Richie students over many years and we would like to wish him all the best in his retirement over the coming years. The grounds we see today at Richie are a credit to the efforts of Mr Ned. Thank You Mr Ned. You have been wonderful for our school.

Well Done Richie Rhinos
Congratulations to Mr Miller and the Richie Rhinos football team who won the Annandale Cup in Townsville on the last day of school last term. It was a fantastic effort by the boys who went through the day undefeated. Many thanks to all of the parents who supported our students at the carnival.

Attendance Concerns
Last term Richie had the worst attendance rate for the last 4 years with over 2000 student absences for the term. This means that combined, these students missed out on 10,000 hours of learning time. Every Day Counts at Richie and every student who can attend school should be here every day. Students who do not attend regularly will find it difficult to catch up work and receive pass marks in all subject areas. So please give your child every chance of reaching their potential at school by making them attend Richie every day.

4K Classroom Change
Due to the air conditioners in 4K not working, the class has been temporarily relocated to the vacant classroom upstairs in the administration block.

Swimming Starts next week
Just a reminder that swimming lessons start next Wednesday. Please read Mr Miller's article in this newsletter for more details. Please get all permission forms and money back to the school as soon as possible.

Catchment Reminder
At this present stage, Richmond Hill State School has sufficient capacity to enrol students out of catchment for the remainder of 2016 and 2017. Please remember to spread this message in the community as this means we are once again able to take enrolments outside of our catchment. More enrolments means more funding and support for our students. More enrolments will also mean straight classes instead of composite classes.

Leaving Richie
Every year we have a few students and their families leave Richie to relocate to another community. If your child will not be attending Richie next year please inform the office so that your child’s name can be taken off the 2017 class lists.

FREE DRESS DAY – FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER
Tomorrow is our 2nd Free dress Day. Donations for Class Stalls are to be brought in thank you. Please encourage your children to bring in something from the following list: Bottles of anything, 1.25ltr bottles of soft drink, individually wrapped chocolates and any items for the Monster Sleigh Raffle.
Reading on the Holidays
Thank you to those parents who supported the school by making their child read every day over the holidays. Please now start the habit again of listening to and signing off your child’s reading every day. If your child does not receive a reading certificate for the term they cannot attend the gotcha party at the end of the year. So the students need your help so that they can attend the gotcha party.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival/World Teachers Day/Day for Daniel
On Friday, October 28th, we will be holding a special parade. Not only is it ‘World Teachers Day’ where we recognise the outstanding work teachers do in our schools, but it is also the day students wear red for the ‘Day for Daniel’. We hope all students support both of these important events. (Please note no donations for the fete on this day) It is also the day of our Interhouse swimming carnival.

School Leaders Elections for 2017
On Thursday, November 10th, Richie will elect their Student Leaders for 2017. All grade 5 students in 2016 are eligible for election. In 2017, Richie will once again have two boy and two girl Year 6 School Captains. Each sporting house will also have 2 School Leaders from year 6. During a special 2017 Leaders Election Presentation in the CPA at 10am, students will have the opportunity to present a 1 minute speech to the school outlining why they believe they should be chosen to be a school leader in 2017. We hope as many parents as possible of the prospective school leaders attend this important occasion to support their child. Following the speeches, students from years 4-6 will vote for their preferred leader. Staff will also vote. The announcement of the 2017 school leaders will take place at the School Awards Parade in week 9.

School Awards Parade
Richie will not be having a Concert /Award night this year. On Friday, December 2nd at 9:15am, we will be holding a Special Awards Parade at school under the MPC. During this parade each grade’s classroom teacher 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. The whole school will attend this special event. Awards will be given out from Prep to year 5 and the Richie Band will also perform at this Special Awards Parade. Parents and Guardians are most welcome to attend.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: Week 182

I AM RESPECTFUL - Take pride in myself and my school
I AM SAFE – Listen and follow directions given by all staff
I AM A LEARNER - I am organised and ready to begin each lesson

Richies Wolbachia Warriors Program -

The ‘Eliminate Dengue’ program has started its project to prevent Dengue and Zika outbreaks in Charters Towers. The team from Monash University are releasing mosquitoes that carry Wolbachia - natural bacteria that reduce the ability of Aedes aegypti mosquitoes (dengue mosquitoes) to pass diseases between people. These mosquitoes breed with wild mosquitoes, passing Wolbachia to future generations. Overtime, it is hoped almost all the mosquitoes will carry Wolbachia reducing the risk of disease transmission. The great news is that after successful trials in Cairns and Townsville, there has been no significant local dengue transmission in areas where Wolbachia is at high levels in the mosquito population.

‘Eliminate Dengue' is inviting Richmond Hill State School families to get involved by taking part in Wolbachia Warriors Program. This real-life applied science project gives students a rare opportunity to grow and release mosquitoes with Wolbachia in their own backyard - helping to protect their family against Dengue and Zika.

To find out more about the Eliminate Dengue program’s work in Charters Towers, visit eliminatedengue.com/australia or find us on Facebook - Eliminate Dengue Australia.

Expression of interest forms will be coming out in the next few weeks for Richie families who would like to be part of the project. Many schools in Townsville have now become Wolbachia Warriors. Now it is Richie’s turn. More information in the coming fortnight.

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal

Voluntary Financial Contribution for 2016

Each State school is resourced by the State Government through appropriation funding to provide a core educational service to students. Voluntary financial contributions are used by schools to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for students learning, recreation and comfort. At Richmond Hill State School we ask for a voluntary financial contribution of $40 for Prep students and a Technology Levy of $30 for students in Year 1 to Year 6 every year.

Prep levies are used to compliment school funds to provide consumable items such as paints and art supplies for use in the classroom.

Technology levies assist the school to maintain technology items such as computers, cameras and Ipads. Some technology funds also support purchase of resources such as Beebots and Carbots to help children learn programming which is a current government initiative.

If you are able to contribute to this fund it would be greatly appreciated by the Richie school community. Many thanks to the families who have already donated in 2016.
**2016 SCHOOL PRIORITIES** Mathematics, English and Explicit Instruction, ‘KNOW THE CURRICULUM-KNOW THE STUDENT-VARY THE PATHWAY’

**NEWS BRIEF**
Miss Lisa Pitt
Deputy Mon/Thurs/Fri
LOTE Support Teacher Tues/Wed
Year 5 & 6 Classes

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**2017 PREP INTERVIEWS CONTINUE OVER THE NEXT 2 WEEKS**
CLASS ALLOCATION LETTERS FOR PREP CLASSES WILL GO HOME IN WEEK 3 OF TERM 4.
Indeed an exciting time of preparation-thank you for joining our Richie Hill School Family in 2017.

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**3 MINUTES WITH CHAPPY LYDIA**

WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND RAISED?
Herberton

THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING A CHAPLAIN
Sharing the lives of other families.

YOUR FAVOURITE PAST TIME/HOBBIE?
Patchwork

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM or APP?
I don’t watch TV, I read - both books and my kindle.

CAN YOU TELL US THE BEST EVER BOOK YOU HAVE READ?
My favourite book is *To Kill A Mockingbird.*

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**2017 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM KICKED OFF THIS WEEK**

**SESSION 1** Visit to Prep Classes with a make n take item including Preppies 2017 Crown and Sea creature

**SESSION 2** Visit to Prep Classes followed by Outdoor play fun
HANDOUT: Gross Motor Activities to do at home Early Maths Games and Maths Bag

**SESSION 3** Visit to Library with a sharing by STLN Mrs Ugarte about Early Literacy/Reading
HANDOUT: SSP (Sounds Speech Pics) Pack and storybook

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**I AM SAFE - I AM A LEARNER - I AM RESPECTFUL**
RAAF HOT AIR BALLOON VISIT The windy weather last Thursday created challenges nonetheless activities varied resulting in a marvellous event! Thank you class teachers & student leaders for your support during the day.

WOW! These kids have got it now!

Mrs Collins and Ella-Beth get training—can we really do this!

We had a super day at Richie Hill hospitality and participation sensational! Thank you!
RAAF HOT AIR BALLOON

REALLY COOL!

THUMBS UP JUST SO GREAT!

WE WERE LUCKY TO WALK THRU

PP-so excited-viewed youtube clip!

WALKIE TALKIES USED TO ASK QUESTIONS-SO MUCH FUN!

STUDENTS PUT TOKEN PACKS TOGETHER FOR ALL RICHIE HILL STUDENTS-TOOK US AWHILE!
YEAR 4 CHECK IT OUT

BEST JOB IN THE WORLD!

STUDENT LEADERS ROCKED!

THIS WILL TAKE FOREVER

HARDWORK

TEAMWORK ON SHOW WE DID IT!

THAT'S THE HOT AIR BALLOON IN THERE!
VOLUNTEERS OF THE FORTNIGHT THANK YOU FROM US TO YOU! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY GIVING YOUR TIME TO SUPPORT OTHERS AT RICHIE HILL!
Suzanne Mathews  Theresa Kitchen  Kevin Connolly  Carmel Hutley  
Brianna Kleem  Joanne Webb  I. McKee  
Del Lithgow  Wendy Paxton  Helen Milton  Robyn Deitrich  Kay Shepherdson  
Emily Row  Tom Strachan

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DRESS IN RED FRIDAY

Our School Community invites students, staff and parents family to come along in something red for our Day for Daniel on Friday 28/10/2016.

WHY THE COLOUR RED?
Richie Hill Red Day marks our participation in the National Day of action promoting children’s personal safety.

Attendance Award
Week 1
1st Place: Year 2  98.5%  
2nd Place: Year 3  97.3%  
Third Place: Year 6  96%  

Well done to these classes on their excellent attendance.
Welcome back to Term 4 Parents, Carers and Guardians of 1H,

I hope you all had a very relaxing holidays and were able to find some time for yourself. I certainly did, and am now feeling very refreshed for Term 4. This term will be very busy for all of us, with the lead up to Christmas just around the corner (sorry for mentioning it). The RHSS Christmas Fete is also quickly approaching and every Friday will be a free dress day to support the success of the fete. This is NOT a gold coin donation event, rather your child simply needs to bring in a non-perishable item to donate to the Monster Christmas Raffle. Alternatively, if you have other children in different year levels you may bring in donations for the stall that their year level is running. This is because the Year One stall does not require donations as we will be running the fairy floss stand.

In English this term, your children are learning all about how to write procedural texts. For their assessment task, they will need to write a set of instructions on how to make a necklace for the very cranky bear to cheer him up. Over the next few weeks it would be wonderful if you could expose your children to different types of procedures at home, for example, board game instructions, recipes and building instructions. In doing so, your children will be more prepared for their assessment task in Week 5 of the term.

In Science, your children are exploring light and sound in a unit called Look! Listen! We will be investigating objects that produce light and sound and how they are used. If you would like to send in some items from home that make light or sound for your children to discuss, it would be greatly appreciated. They will be given the opportunity to get up and talk to their peers about how the light or sound is made and their main purpose in the home environment. This will also make a great dinner conversation so that you can see what they are learning at school as they are all very interested in the unit.

On October 24th & 25th, the school will be having a ‘World of Maths’ visit. On this day, the Year One children will be participating in some small group activities. As the activities are not designed for younger children to be able to read all the instructions independently, we will be needing some parent helpers to volunteer their time to work with small groups of children. If you are able to assist on this day, please let me know ASAP so I can start arranging groups in preparation.

On a final note, I cannot believe the year has almost come to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of your children this year and hope the next 8 weeks are fun and exciting for everyone.

Mrs Montgomery—Year 1H teacher

Term 4 already, where has the year gone? We have dived straight in this term and are busy learning about our new units. In English, we are looking at the text Piggybook where students will have to add a new event into the middle of the story. History sees us stepping back in time and investigating the history and significance of Towers Hill. Students will pose questions and use a variety of sources to research responses to create a poster to reflect knowledge learnt. Later on in the term, we will begin our Science unit where students will explore push and pull forces.

A reminder that homework completion is a schoolwide policy, as well as mandated by Education Queensland. It has been disappointing to see some students not returning their homework weekly. If your child is unable to complete their homework due to other commitments, we do have homework club in the timber room from 8:30am every morning. We know it is many students’ personal goal to attend the Gotcha party this term and completion of homework is a key criterion.

If you have any queries, please see your classroom teacher.

We are looking forward to another successful term.

Zoe Collins & Kym Burgess
WOW, what a busy start to Term 4!

- Air Force Hot Air Balloon
- Arts Council
- Free Dress Fete Friday

Arts Council—Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems

The Preppies really enjoyed the performance of Poetry from Hugh on Monday afternoon. He taught them about alliteration and rhyme. Hugh reminded the Preppies that when performing poetry to make it interesting by writing your own or by using props, magic or expression. It was one of the most entertaining Arts Councils we have seen all year.

HOMEWORK

REMEMBER: Homework is due every Friday. Don’t forget to sign the nightly reading log in the homework booklet.

TERM 4 BENCHMARKS

- PM Reading Level 8
- Sight Word List PM 8
- Independently write 3 sentences on a topic
- SSP Yellow Code Level
- Recognise and Write ALL numbers 0-20
- Count forwards and backwards to and from 20
- Compare numbers to 20 (bigger, smaller, more, less, same)
- Make quantities of numbers to 20
- Say the Days of the Week in order

Air Force Hot Air Balloon

Last Thursday we were lucky enough to have a visit from the Royal Australian Air Force Hot Air Balloon Crew. Though it was too windy to fully inflate, the Preppies were still in awe of the actual size of the balloon. Some Preppies asked for them to ‘book a date’ for next year on ‘not a windy day’!

Fete

Please remember to give your name to the office ladies if you are able to assist on a stall on the day of the fete.

It would be great to have ALL prep families volunteer 60mins to help assist on a stall on fete day!

DON’T FORGET TO PRE-ORDER YOUR RIDES RAFFLE TICKETS AND SANTA VOUCHERS!

FREE DRESS every FRIDAY until the fete!
BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY
On the last day of Term 3, we celebrated Book Character Dress Up Day. We saw some awesome costumes from both classes and enjoyed sharing our favourite books with our friends. Well done to Jazarrah who won best dressed for Prep!

ENGLISH UNIT
This term in both Prep classes we have set up new imaginative play areas. These new areas have proven to be a fun and interactive way to introduce and extend on our writing concepts. We are focussing on writing 3-4 sentences neatly & independently, using capital letters and full stops correctly, remembering finger spaces between our words, spelling words accurately and making our sentences interesting. We are exploring the genre of letter writing and have thoroughly enjoyed writing post cards to each other and mailing them at our post office. We have also had lots of fun helping our “sick” animals in our vet surgery and writing descriptions about our pets.

Check out some of our writing about our pets below:

Bulldozer is a bull. He is brown. He has little horns.
Chase

I have a pet cat named Little. She likes to chase your feet and sit down in your lap. Little is black and white.
Natayah

My pet dog Rook is brown. He bites when I walk out the gate. Rook is little and likes to curl up to sleep.
Kova

Defa is a big dog and he is yellow. He barks at people. He sleeps all the time. I play fetch with Defa.
Juanita

My pet dog Hangry is brown. He is a big dog and he likes to play with me. He does not like the thunder or the fireworks.
Jana
Term Four in 3N

Well we have made it! We are nearly at the end of the year. This term in English, we will be learning about the language features which help us to create entertaining poems for an audience. Our assessment piece will require us to use these language features to create our own poem about the beach. You can help us with this by choosing words for your child to create rhyming matches for. This week, we started with the word ‘chair’ and created a long list of words which rhyme with it. We then created our own short poem, using our list words. Here are some of our efforts.

My Bear by Taiga Moritake
I had a bear,
He ate all the pear,
It was not fair,
But bear did not care!

Bear on My Chair by Susan Morgan
There was a bear on my chair,
He tore my hair!
Oh why did you dare?
You nasty bear!

My Chair by Tahlia Thomas
On my chair I saw a hare,
It was right there on my chair!
It was the size of a pear.
Oh my poor chair, it was not fair!
The hare had taken my chair to the stair.
The hare did not care!

Mad Bear by Clay Walker
I had a mad bear,
He always threw his chair!
He threw it at a hare,
That’s my mad bear!

If you did not get a chance to check in with me about your child’s progress last term, please contact me to make a time. There is still time to discuss some focus areas for improvement, to assist your child continue to progress in Term Four. Mathematics has been an area of particular focus. Please email me at pnieb4@eq.edu.au to arrange a suitable time.

Thank you for signing and checking reading logs and homework each week to ensure your child is up to date and on track with spelling and number facts. :)

A Reminder from Year 6……

- **Yr 6 Graduation**: photo permission note/seating arrangements/baby pictures: are due by **Friday 14th October**. Permission note & pics are able to be emailed to kbush13@eq.edu.au or returned to Ms Bush. If we do not receive a permission note, we are unable to use the pictures on the night.
- **Swimming permission/health note/payment**: due by **Tuesday 18th October**
- **CTSHS Enrolment Form**: due back to Richie school office no later than **21st October**
Welcome back to Term Four. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday and that you’re relaxed and ready for our last term.

This term in English, we’re following and writing procedures. Please look out for a note about some recipes we are hoping to make. If you are able to assist with our cooking on Friday mornings from 10-11am, I would love to hear from you!

Last week in Maths, we had a huge shop in our classroom – lots of toys, books, stuffed teddies and stationery were for sale and we practised counting out money and calculating change. We really enjoyed it. Here are some photos of us counting out change:

In Science this term, we’re learning about light and sound. Over the past week, we’ve done some fun experiments to learn about vibration, sound and light. Here are some pictures of us learning about how sound can make vibration. We spoke into a balloon and felt the vibrations with our hands. It was pretty cool.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to pop in and see me or email me at tmarw2@eq.edu.au.
Book Character Dress-Up Fun!
Richie Rhinos are Annandale Cup Champions for 2016

The under 10 Richie Rhinos Rugby League team travelled to Townsville on the final Friday of Term three, to com-pete in the annual Annandale Cup against teams from all over Townsville and its’ surrounds.

Our day started off against last year’s champions, Wulguru State School, where we came out all guns blazing and managed to win 16 - nil. Second up came the team from Cathedral. This was a closer game and we came away with an 8 all draw. The third game against Magnetic Island saw us in full swing again, where we recorded a 24 - 4 win. The finals were next and tensions were high as each game from here on would be a knockout, meaning if we lost we were out of the competition. We won our quarter final against Columba Catholic College 16 - 4, and advanced onto the semis. The semi final was a rematch against Cathedral and we knew we had to dig deep. A final score of 16 - 12 saw us head on into the Grand Final.

The Grand Final saw us facing off against Wulguru State School who, after being caught napping in the first game, weren’t going to be so easy this time around. The Rhinos stuck to our game plan and came away winners with the score just 8 - 4.

Fantastic effort by all our players: Nash Battle, Noah Matthews, Rodney Hutley, Declan Edwick, Clancy Stretton, Corey Musk, Nathan Barron, Jackson Curtis, Ryley Congoo, Fletcher Brook, Mathias Santo-Hero, Bowen Moore-Reid, Archie Miller, Samuel Brooks, Hunter Smith and Jake Kleyn.

I would also like to thank Mr Derek Musk for his tireless efforts and assistance with coaching and substituting players throughout the day.

Mr Miller

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Term Four swimming begins next week for Years 3 to 6

The first two weeks of the swimming program will focus on stroke technique and practise for the Inter-house Swimming Carnival, on Friday 28th October. The program then changes to lessons based on learning skills and drills for Flippa Ball. Flippa Ball is the junior equivalent of Water Polo. In Flippa Ball, students wade through the shallow end of the pool, trying to score a goal in their opponents’ goal mouth.

Swimming will commence in week 3 and will continue through until week 8. The dates are as follows.

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Students need to remember to bring their swimming gear on their designated day:

Towel, Sunshirt, Thongs, Goggles (optional), clean underwear and a plastic bag to store all their wet gear in.

See you all at the pool.

Mr Miller
Richie's Hot Air Balloon Visit!

FREE BLUELIGHT DISCO
Friday 14th October
at PCYC
PRIMARY SCHOOL: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
SECONDARY SCHOOL: 7:30pm - 9:00pm