Thursday 15th October 2015

Richmond Hill State School Newsletter

Everyone Successful Every Day

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PUPIL FREE DAY

Just a reminder that this Monday October 19th is a Pupil Free Day. Our staff will be engaged in Professional Learning on this day.

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

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Are:

☑ 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

2015 FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Congratulations to all the members of Mr Mossley’s instrumental music program who will take part in the ‘Festival of Bands’. The concert at the World Theatre, will involve over 150 students. Well done to all the Richie players and Mr Mossley.

STUDENT LEADERS

COLD CUPS ON SALE IN TERM 4

Wednesday-Thursday-Friday ONLY 50c each

Mr Active visited RHSS last Term here is Mr Brady chatting with Mr Active on the day.
READING AT RICHIE HILL

As shared back in July 2015, at Richie Hill we want 75% of our students reaching North Queensland Region (NQR) Reading Targets by the end of the year. Below is an updated report for Semester 2. As indicated improvements continue to occur with the combined work of our Teachers, Teacher-aides and your support from home, we believe we can reach this target in 2015.

Please be aware that today’s data set is based on our focus now on the End of Semester 2 -End of Year Targets which have increased from End of Semester 1. So this data set cannot be compared to the previous percentages from Semester 1 as these target were half way targets for the school year. We also note that we have had new students enrol since Semester 1.

I have put our End of Semester 2 Targets below. We still have 8 weeks of Teaching and learning to go to support Reading improvement and growth. We acknowledge the efforts and improvements of all students since January 2015.

Keep working at it everybody - We Can do it!

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SWIMMING PROGRAM YEARS 3-6 BEGINS NEXT WEEK- please note the adjusted Timetable further in our Newsletter today.

ROAD SAFETY We have had a number of phone calls from parents and community members expressing concern about students on bikes. We ask all our students who travel to school this way to take it steady - look both ways before heading across the road. Keep safe!

May the rest of your week be terrific.
Our School Community invites students, staff and parents family to come along in something red for our Day for Daniel on Friday 30/10/2015.


DATE: Friday 30 October 2015 (no donations required)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT BOTH HOME-SCHOOL-COMMUNITY SHARING SAFETY HABITS WITH CHILDREN-LIFE LONG LEARNING

Please note this day is also RHSS Interhouse Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6-so they will not be involved in this dress-up.

Our school sent away 369 completed Sticker Charts which = 22320 earn and learn stickers that were collected by our school families.

As we know each sticker was worth $10 of purchases from Woolies - this staggering amount totals $223,200 spent at CT Woolies-WOW!

I would like to recognise the commitment of our staff and Community Volunteers- Teachers, Office Team, Chaplain, Specialist Teachers, Teacher-aides, Police Liaison Officers, Tuckshop and Classroom Volunteers, P&C Members. I am grateful for their continual professionalism towards improving Richie and the educational outcomes for our students.

The role of parent support cannot be under estimated. Your support of your child’s learning is a vital link. Supporting Daily Reading, School wide Behaviour Expectations and communication with our Class Teachers- Thank you.

To our Cleaners and Groundsman-Thank you for the work you do! We appreciate you too!
2016 PREP ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS BEGIN 19th October.
Our 2016 preppies have been sent a letter in the mail for these Interviews to finalise your child’s attendance at Richie Hill in 2016. We look forward to seeing you at your allocated time. Interviews will be held in the Community Room near the Basketball Area- Thanks

PREPEN PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM 2016
PREPPIES

Our very successful Pre-Prep Program continues-Parents are asked to please attend with their child to be part of our Prep Classes in 2016.

DATE: We have 2 FRIDAY VISITS remaining-to get to know us at Richie Hill & us to get to know you! (Parents stay with child/ren)
-October 30th-Red Day (Adopt-a-cop)
-November 21st- 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

EARLY LEARNING @ RICHIE HILL TAKES A NEW LOOK

Wednesday & Friday
9.30-10.30am
Gold Coin Donation unless already a Member

WEEK 2-cooking times
WEEK 3-colour creations
WEEK 4- dinosaur fossil dig
WEEK 5- animal prints
WEEK 6-Principal visit
WEEK 7- Super Hero dress up
WEEK 8- Christmas around the world
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.*
**RICHMOND HILL STATE SCHOOL**

**SWIMMING TIMETABLE FOR 2015 – UPDATED 15/10/15**

(Above times are actual swimming lesson times – classes will be transported to the pool 15 minutes before lesson start time and will return 15 minutes after lesson finish time).

Lessons will be on:

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Tuesdays:

- 20th October
- 27th October
- 3rd November
- 10th November
- 17th November
- 24th November

Wednesdays:

- 21st October
- 28th October
- 4th November
- 11th November
- 18th November
- 25th November

Thursdays:

- 22nd October
- 29th October
- 5th November
- 12th November
- 19th November
- 26th November

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**SATURDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 3.30PM @ THE WEIR**

Team Triathlon— 750m Swim | 20k Bike | 5k Run
Sprint Triathlon—750m Swim | 20k Bike | 5k Run
Enticer Triathlon—375m Swim | 10k Bike | 2.5k Run

**SUNDAY, 25TH OCTOBER**

830AM @ TOWN POOL / LISSNER PARK

Tittley’s & Co Splash, Spin & Dash Tri
Short— 50m Swim | 1k Bike | 500m Run
Medium—100m Swim | 2k Bike | 1k Run
Long—200m Swim | 4k Bike | 2k Run

**REGISTRATION**

Teams $60  Adults from $30  Juniors from $10


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**SCHOOL DAY ATTENDANCE WEEKLY AWARD**

Term 4 Week 1

Winners Year 2 - 93.7%
2nd-Year 4  3rd-Year 3

**EVERY DAY COUNTS AT RICHIE**
Hello from the Year 4 team!

Welcome back from holidays to all of our wonderful students & we hope you are all well rested and ready for a fantastic Term 4!

There are a number of things we are excited about and we know you will be too.

Firstly, the students are doing swimming as part of the Physical Education program, which will culminate with the inter-house swimming carnival on October 30. Students who are lucky enough to qualify will then be eligible to compete in the interschool carnival which is set for the following Friday.

We are also fortunate to be starting a new spelling program—Spelling Mastery. This program has students levelled across the entire cohort and will continue into Year 5 in 2016. The students have a range of different spelling activities which will help them to develop a greater appreciation of the complex language that we use.

In our English unit we are viewing a range of television and still advertisements and investigating the persuasive features of these ads. Students will be able to compare the ads from the past with more contemporary ads for the same products to see how things have changed. Just think about how Coca Cola ads have changed in the last 50 years!

The Technology unit focuses on students creating a bookmark and a certificate using Microsoft Work, PowerPoint and Publisher. Students will have a ball learning how to change colours, fonts, backgrounds, borders and layouts. There are a lot of skills to learn and these will be able to be used for years to come.

Our Science unit sees the students investigating forces and how they affect objects in our world. Think about how we need friction—without it we would slip over every time we took a step. Just the same, friction does have other effects which we try to eliminate—think about why we need to use oil in the engine of a car. There are so many forces at play in everything we do, especially games that we play like football, cricket, golf, swimming and netball. The hands on activities are always engaging for the students.

Students are really enjoying the Geography unit which this term focuses on sustainability and how we can live more sustainably by reducing the amount of waste we produce, by recycling or reusing products, rather than just throwing them away.

We have had a great start to the new term and we really look forward to seeing students achieve their goals, especially where reading is concerned. It is vital for all students to read aloud to an adult each day to ensure not only that they are reading accurately but that they are understanding what they are reading.

Mrs Scott, Miss Ham & Mr Kitchen.

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**RHSS Inter-House Swimming Carnival 30th October 2015**

**Order Of Events**

9.00-9.30am  Travel to the pool by bus-in year level groups. Year 6 depart first, then each grade to Year 3 last.

(Please be on time to start school on this day)

9.30am  Swimming Events

Event A  Participation Swim (1 point per lap) 10-15mins

Event B  50m Freestyle Girls & Boys 8-12years

Event C  50m Breastroke Girls & Boys 8-12 years

Event D  50m Backstrocke Girls & Boys 8-12 years

Event E  50m Butterfly Girls & Boys 8-12 years

Event F  Participation Swim (1 point per lap) 10-15mins

Event G  4 X 50m Freestyle Relay

Event H  Participation Novelty Races (1 point per race)

2.15pm  Clean Up & Presentations

2.30pm  Return to school by bus. Year 3 first and Year 6 last.

Parents collecting students from the pool must sign the students out with the classroom teacher.
PARADE PHOTOS
FREE DRESS DAY—This Friday 16th October. Students are encouraged to come to school in Free Dress. Students in Free Dress will need to bring along a donation towards the class stalls.

CLASS STALLS—Donations for our class stalls are required as follows:

- Softdrink Quoits—1.25ltr bottles of softdrinks—all flavours
- Lollies & Cakes—cooking ingredients such as sugar, condensed milk, SR Flour, icing sugar, caramel, eggs.
- Bottle Stall—bottles of anything. Sauce, Cordials, Softdrinks. Coloured Hair—tins of Coloured hair spray,
- Novelty Stall—Do you have some craft items that you have made and would like to donate—please send them along—they would make a lovely addition to the Novelty Stall.
- Pass the Footy—small prizes, individual chocs or cans of softdrink.
- Water Bomb Fun—packets of water bombs
- Coconut Topple—individually wrapped chocolates
- Coloured/Crazy Hair—donations of cans of coloured hair spray

PRE-ORDERS FOR SANTA PRESENT VOUCHERS & UNLIMITED RIDES DEAL

Order forms for parents to Pre-order Santa Present Vouchers & Unlimited Rides tickets are now available from the school office.

SANTA PRESENT VOUCHERS—Santa Present vouchers are now available. Vouchers are $7-00 each and entitle the holder to receive a present from Santa at the Fete. All presents are books and are suitable for children from 0 to 13 years.

UNLIMITED RIDES DEAL—Rides from Rides n Slides in Townsville will again be at the Fete. Tickets for an unlimited amount of rides are now available. Rides this year will include: Ripper Dipper Giant Slide, Rocking Pirate Ship, Williy the Worm, Jumping Castle & Gladiator Dual Challenge. Tickets that are pre-purchased before Fete Day are only $30-00. This entitles the holder of the ticket to have as many rides as they can in the afternoon. Unlimited rides vouchers that are purchased on Fete day will cost $35-00 each. Single ride tickets will also be available on Fete day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Volunteers are required to assist on Fete Day from 8:00am to set up tables & marquees. We will also need volunteers to help on the P & C run stalls on Fete Day—these include: Hot Dogs, Hot Chips, Cent Sale, Ham Wheels, Numerous Raffles. If you are able to assist in any way please contact the school office on 47562222 and leave your name and number and a member of the Fete Committee will return your call. Preparations are well underway and there are also many tasks to do before Fete Day—if you are able to volunteer time during the school day between now and Fete Day please contact the school office to see what can be done to help out.