What’s on...

16th September
Book Character Dress Up Parade

3rd October
Public Holiday

4th October
Term 4 begins

6th October
Playgroup begins

ADF School Visit

10th October
School Performance Presentation

11th October
Prep Transition

13th October
Festival of Bands

Prep Transition

14th October
Prep Transition

17th October
Student Free Day

24th October
World of Maths

Prep Transition

12th November
RICHIE HILL SCHOOL FETE

Principal’s Message

Well Done Richie
Congratulations to Miss Lisa and a small group of year 6 students who last week were one of 4 schools in the Townsville Region to win the Townsville Bulletin and RAAF hot air balloon for their school competition. The students had to design a balloon for Richie to entice the RAAF to fly their Hot Air Balloon at Richie. And our designers were one of 4 winners. Awesome effort. The Air Force balloon will be coming to Richie next term. More details in the next Newsletter.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Thank you to parents who took up the offers of parent teacher interviews over the past 3 weeks. It is hoped you have gained a better understanding of how your child is progressing and how you can work with the school to support your child’s progress.

2016 Year 6 Brisbane Excursion
Thank you to Miss Lisa and Mr Crow for doing a great job looking after the school last week. The Brisbane trip was very successful with many excited and tired students returning last Friday evening. Many thanks to all of the parents who supported their children’s attendance this year.

Golden Octopus Foundation Visit
The founder of the Golden Octopus Foundation supporting all childhood cancers visited the school on Tuesday. She spoke to the students about Childhood Cancer and how the foundation is trying to support families in outback areas who find it difficult to stay in touch while being treated for Cancer. A proportion of tonight’s Disco door entry takings will go towards the foundation.

Spellathon
Thank you to all parents who have been supporting their children in the ‘Richie Spellathon’ fundraiser for our school. We raised about $3200 for the school. Fantastic effort Richie community.

Tonight and Tomorrow

- Thursday September 15th – School Flouro Disco – Prep to Year 3 from 5-6 pm
  Year 4 to Year 6 from 6-7pm
- P&C Meeting tonight at 5:30pm. Come on down while the kids are at the disco.
- Friday September 16th – Book Week Dress Up as an Australian Character from a book Parade.

High School Transition Days
Year 5 and Year 6 Transition days were held at the Charters Towers State High over the last fortnight. All students attending reported that they had a great time at the high school.
Annandale Cup
Good luck to our Richie Rhinos who will be competing at the Annandale Cup tomorrow. I am sure we will be proud of your efforts.

Reminder
Just a reminder to all parents that in Term 4, school resumes on Tuesday October 4th, as the Monday is a Public Holiday. Also Monday, October 17th is a Student Free Day and there will be no school on this day.

Reading on the Holidays
Our reading data shows that nearly half of the students go back a level if they do not continue to practice reading over the holidays. It is really important that all students read every day for a minimum of 15 minutes. Parents your help is needed to make sure this happens. Thank you!

Attendance Pizza Party and Gotcha Parties
These events have been held earlier in the week. Congratulations to all students who successfully attained all the criteria to attend the Gotcha Parties. Also congratulations to 5T, 3N and 6B for your attendance this term and winning a Pizza Party.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: Week 10

**I AM RESPECTFUL** - Use toilet areas appropriately
**I AM SAFE** – Move calmly and walk around the school
**I AM A LEARNER** - Try my best and have a go at all I am asked to do

Have a great holiday break 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.

Headlice

We have had a few reports of headlice in our school. If you could please check your children’s hair and treat over the school holidays it would be greatly appreciated.
2016 SCHOOL PRIORITIES: Mathematics, English and Explicit Instruction

‘KNOW THE CURRICULUM - KNOW THE STUDENT-VARY THE PATHWAY’

We indeed have amazing and caring students at Richie Hill. Thank you for a great Term 3. Happy Holidays to you! Proud to be part of RHSS School Teaching and Learning Team-Thank you for the work you do everybody!

NEWS BRIEF

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

3 MINUTES WITH
MRS
COLLINS

WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND RAISED? Townsville raised in Collinsville

THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING A TEACHER? Getting to know my students

YOUR FAVOURITE PAST TIME/HOBBIE? Spending time with my family, friends and dogs

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM? Survivor

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING ON THE SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS? Going to Gladstone to visit my brother in-law and friends

CAN YOU TELL US YOUR BEST EVER BOOK YOU HAVE READ? Roald Dahl

Interview by: Tom Fagan

OUR SCHOOL ENTRY WAS SELECTED IN TOP 4 OF THE COMPETITION.
WELL DONE YEAR 6!

So yes, I have been in contact with Airforce (ADF) co-ordinating with their Co-ordinator for Term 4. Mr Brady has waded though paperwork for their visit-thanks

WOW!

HOW EXCITING WE HAVE NEVER HAD A HOT AIR BALLOON VISIT TO RHSS, CHARTERS TOWERS.

HOW WONDERFUL FOR US AT RICHIE!

2017 PREP INTERVIEWS HAVE BEGUN

This annual task has commenced with over 1/2 of our new enrolments interviewed this week. Our new preppies for 2017 have been delighted with their take-away items from their meeting. Thank you parents and future preppies for your participation –just awesome! I am always grateful to have this time to chat with you as you join our Richie Hill School family.

Interviews will continue in Week 2 of Term 4.

So if you know of a friend who has not got their enrolment form lodged please pass on this information. An interview is a requirement when enrolling in 2017.

2017 preppies Lucy & Emily happy to show their drawings

PREP CLASS ALLOCATION LETTERS FOR PREP CLASSES
WILL GO HOME IN WEEK 3 OF TERM 4.

I AM SAFE - I AM A LEARNER - I AM RESPECTFUL
VOLUNTEERS OF THE FORTNIGHT THANK YOU FROM US TO YOU!

Suzanne Mathews  Carmel Hutley  Melinda Hunt
Brianna Kleem  Andrea Gough  Robyn Smith  Bernie
Theresa Kitchen  Tracey Schulter  PLO Donna  Julie Lowmow

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P-1 GOTCHA TERM 3 GOOD TIMES CAPTURED!

I AM SAFE - I AM A LEARNER - I AM RESPECTFUL
MOMENTS SNAPPED FROM YEARS 2-3 GOTCHA CELEBRATION “Move It”

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT RICHIE HILL

Our school goal is 95% every week.

Term 4 come in and check out our Monitoring Tool promoting and valuing that coming to school every day matters.

PHOTO-PIZZA PARTY TERM 3

NEWS BRIEF

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TRANSITION DAYS OPEN CLASSROOMS FOR 2017 PREP ENROLMENTS

Our Transition Days open classroom visits give you and your child an opportunity to join with our prep classes and familiarize yourself with Richmond Hill State School. Parents are able to get to know the school, ask any questions they may have and meet other families starting Prep in 2017.

WHEN:

MORNING SESSIONS 9.30am-10.30am
Tuesday 11th Oct and Thursday 13th Oct

AFTERNOON SESSIONS 1.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 14th Oct and Monday 24th Oct

TO REGISTER FOR A MORNING OR AFTERNOON:

Record your name on the sheets provided this evening OR Contact the School Office 47562222 Great to have you come along for at least 2 visits.

Welcome to come to all!

OUTLINE OF THESE TRANSITION DAYS:

Parents and children meet in The MPC Basketball Court Community Room at 9.30am on the nominated morning or 1.30pm afternoon session.

Each family is assigned to go to a particular classroom—not necessarily your child’s classroom for next year. Each family joins in the prep class.

- **TUESDAY 11th Oct 9.30am –10.30am** Visit to Prep Classrooms and back to Community Room to make and take an item
- **THURSDAY 13th Oct 9.30am-10.30am** Outdoor Learning Fun planned in Prep Learning Space
- **FRIDAY 14th Oct 1.30pm-2.30pm** Visit to School Library -meet STLN Mrs Ugarte chat about Early Literacy, Oral Language
- **MONDAY 24th Oct 1.30-2.30pm** Visit to Prep HEART TIME and back to Community Room to make and take an item (children asked to bring along lunchbox with a snack to sit and eat with preppies during this time)

(After 15mins child is settled, parents are welcomed to join the Principal for a tour of the school on 24th October ONLY)

TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC FUN AT PREP

THURSDAY 17th November 9-10am
Meet in Community Room
Games
Bear Hunt/Picnic Snacks
TEACHER-AIDES THANKED AT RICHIE HILL ON TA DAY 2016

YEARS 4-6 GOTCHA EVENT FUN
Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank those parents who took advantage of the free Health Hearing & Health Screening Testing on Monday & Tuesday this week. This year we had a lot more families involved. Results will not be available until next term. However, if you do have any queries or concerns, please call Karen or Alison on 4787 0361.

Safe travels, if you are heading away. I hope you all have a fantastic holiday.

Cheers,
Aunty Tash Masso
Kathryne was nominated by the Charters Towers Regional Council with her chosen sport in swimming and has been successfully selected by the NQ Sports Foundation as recipient of a 2016 Wingate Properties NQ Sports Encouragement Bursaries. Yesterday she was presented with a cheque of $650, a sports jacket and a medal by Mayor Liz Schmidt & Councillor Brett Maff who is a board member of the NQ Sports Foundation.

Well done Kathryne!!

Happy Holidays from 6B

Wow, another term has flown by and with only ten weeks left until the end of the year, it’ll be here before we know it!

A busy time to finish off the term with some assessments as well as our Transition Day to the CTSHS, Gotcha Party as well as our Pizza Party for Attendance…. And that’s just in the last week of this term! Next term starts off busy with a few visitors, then the CTSHS will be popping down to see us, we’ll go to the High School again for two days later in the term, graduation at the end of the term and lots of work from start to finish.

Graduation: Wednesday 7th December. Notes have been sent home to organise photos, permission to use photos along with a seating plan request. Please have these returned early in term four to assist in our planning. There’s so much to do for a graduation! Feel free to email the photos in to: kbush13@eq.edu.au when you find them, along with the permission note. No permission note = no photos on the night, except your year six pic, and we’re sure you were all adorable as babies 😊.

Reading: keep up daily/nightly reading during the two week break. Enjoy reading for pleasure and building on your knowledge as well as interests.

Please make sure you have a break and come back refreshed, raring to go as it’ll be busy from day one. Stay safe and enjoy the break.

See you next term,
From us all in 6B
Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 Buddies for visiting us. We enjoy sharing our books and reading with you!

For our show and tell items, we have been bringing in items that are old. We have discussed how things have changed over the years and how different and easy things are to use now. Imagine a world without electricity! Check out some of our cool show and tell items below. A huge thank you to all the parents who sent items in to share. The students have been incredibly fascinated by these interesting artefacts.

Above: Izzy with a Walkman and cassette tape, Michael with an old jug, Aiden with a kerosene lamp, Kova with an old film camera.

Above: Julian, Jack & Georgina with some old records for us to listen to on Chappy Lydia's Record player. Nayte with a hand held drill.

Above: Cooper showed us an old push lawn mower and he also had an old book about Richie. We had fun spotting Mr Crow in one of the class photos. Jana had an old stamp collect, Cailin had an old type writer and iron & Blake had a book with old recipes in it and he also showed us a 1cent coin.

This week we had lots of fun visiting the Zara Clark Museum. We each had a photo of an item from the museum that we had to find. Before we went to the museum, we had to predict what the photo was of and what it was used for. When we were at the museum we had to look carefully to try and find our special item. If we couldn’t work out what the item was we had to ask the volunteers at the museum to explain what it was and how it worked. This was a wonderful end to our unit and a terrific way to explore things from our past. A huge thank you to the following parents who volunteered on the day: Sherrie Barron, Terry Wade, Melissa Webb, Kelsee & Denny Webster, Kristen Leo, Michelle West, Renee Thornhill.

Have a safe and happy holiday break. It has been an absolute pleasure to see how much all the children have grown and progressed this term. We are extremely proud of you all. Remember to read every night over the holidays! We look forward to seeing your bright, smiling faces next term. As always, thank you for your support. Take Care.

Ms Weston & Mrs Fittock.
Parade Awards - Wk 9