Thursday 16th February 2017

Richmond Hill State School Newsletter

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What's on...

Thursday
16th February
Meet N Greet (MPC)
6pm-7pm

P & C Meeting
5:30pm-6pm

Monday
27th February
Bullying NO WAY Show

Monday
6 March
School Photos

Friday
10 March
Netball & Rugby League—Gala Day

Thursday
23rd March
Inter-House Cross Country

Tuesday
28 March
Prep to Yr 1 Gotcha Event

Wednesday
29 March
Year 2 & 3 Gotcha Event

Thursday
30 March
Year 4 to 6 Gotcha Event

Thursday
30 March
Attendance Party

Friday
31st March
Last day of Term 1

Principal’s Message

Congratulations
Congratulations to Karen Squair for being selected in the North Queensland Swimming team to compete at the State Titles this weekend. Outstanding effort Karen and all the best for the Queensland titles.

Hot Play
At Richie, we have modified lunch breaks when the weather is too hot or wet. In recent weeks we have had these modified breaks due to the hot weather. During these breaks, students have the opportunity to participate in activities in the classroom and in air conditioned facilities around the school.

Power and Air Conditioner Issues
The demountable blocks that house our Year 5 and Year 2 classes have had power and air conditioning issues over the past few weeks. Today, the power is being upgraded to cope with the hot weather and the air conditioner in 2C is being replaced next week.

School Tuck Shop
In 2017, unfortunately Richmond Hill State School Tuckshop is only open for the first lunch break on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. During 2016 we trialled opening the Tuckshop on Mondays and Tuesdays with volunteers, however, this was unsuccessful due to limited support from the Richie community. In 2016 the Tuckshop ran at a loss even with volunteer assistance. With increased support in 2017 the Tuckshop may open for more days every week. Richie community members are encouraged to attend our P&C meetings to discuss this matter further should you be concerned.

Day 8 Changes
Thank you to the Prep and Grade 1 parents who supported the transition of students to and from Mrs Hourston’s class. Nearly a fortnight on and all the students in Prep/1 and Year 1M have settled really well.

Meet and Greet
TONIGHT, we will be holding our annual Meet and Greet with the teachers and parents. All parents are invited to come between 6pm and 7pm to the MPC. We will be setting up year level areas under the MPC so that parents can go and visit multiple teachers and classes in the one area. There will also be a sausage sizzle operating at the same time. All parents are encouraged to attend this important event.

School Performance Tours
The first presentation by School Performance Tours will be taking place on Monday, February 27th. The performance is called ‘Bullying No Way’ and all students get to attend as it is fully funded by the school.

2017 Investiture of School Leaders
Our 2017 Student Leaders received their badges last Friday at their investiture parade. Proud parents and relatives looked on as the students committed to uphold the school’s code of behaviour and give true leadership and service to the students.

Year 6 Brisbane Trip
Just a reminder to all Year 6 parents that tomorrow is the last day for payments to confirm a place for your child on the 2017 Year 6 Brisbane Trip. There are few vacancies left.
Homework at Richie
Once again this year home reading is completed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. All parents should be assisting the school by sharing the reading experience and homework with your child, especially in the lower school as this consolidates what is done during the day. Please make sure you sign off **after each nights reading**. In 2017 the certificates are for 25 nights reading (purple), 50 nights (bronze), 75 nights (silver), 100 nights (Gold) and 125 nights (Platinum plus a book club voucher). It would be appreciated if you could take an interest in your child’s reading and homework every night in 2017. With your help your child will improve.

Parking and Pick up at 3PM
Parking and Pick up areas continue to be a concern at Richie. If you park in a no standing area you are endangering the lives of students. No parents are to park in the school grounds to wait for their children please. Please do not park on driveways either. Our students safety should be everyone’s priority so please be patient at 3pm.

P&C Meet and Greet
There is a P&C meet and greet tonight from 5:30pm – 6 pm. Come and have a chat to our members before you chat with the classroom teachers.

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal

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**ONLINE ORDER CODE**
**JCF CZP MLY**

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased online or by using the envelope. Order online at www.advancedlife.com.au

Important Information:
- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school*
- Don’t forget to order your sibling photos now - envelopes available at the office
- **Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day**
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- Past years’ photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school’s advancedlife & your advancedyou photo sites (follow the link above)

*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience please contact us at-

**enquiries@advancedlife.com.au**
DEPUTY NEWS BRIEF
Miss Lisa Pitt

SMURF PLAYTIME AWARD—Delightful efforts at playtime Week 2 and Week 3 Year 4 and Year 2 Classes—well done boys and girls!

SCHOOL DAY ATTENDANCE
Richie Hill Target
EVERY WEEK is 95%
Most classes were on target
Last week
FANTASTIC!
“EVERY DAY COUNTS”

WEEK 2 YEAR 4C and 4S

WEEK 3
YEAR 2L, 2C and 2D
LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS …..

“Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”

COMMUNICATION: everyone is given two ears 1 mouth so you need to listen twice as much as you speak (Listen before you talk)

COLLABORATE/TEAM WORK: work with others—not on your own share the load (together is better)

NEGOTIATE: the art of give and take (find ways to help others)

PLANNING: breaking a task into bits or chunks to get it done (have a plan)

VISION: if you see the outcome clearly you will more likely achieve it

PERSISTENCE/DETERMINATION: encourage when things go wrong do not give up—say to yourself pick yourself up dust yourself off and try again

Leaders are readers—Kids who read yearn to learn! Good luck to our 2017 Student leadership Team!

LW&T LEARNING WALKS AND TALKS: Admin Team (Mr Brady, Mrs Brady, Mrs Ugarte and myself step into classrooms weekly engaging in Learning Walks and Talks with students. Every Teacher is unpacking in the targeted curriculum area of English what students need to Know and Do, provide feedback to build on skills to help every child achieve their best as a learner. Every Richie Hill Class has a Learning Wall both teacher and students use to support their knowledge, understandings and work samples about the Unit of Work being studied. Well done Teachers and students on your work during Term 1.

STUDENT LEADERS INVESTITURE
Leaders proudly gather as a Team at their special event.
Mallee, Beau, Harry, Joe, Jessi, Alex, Farah, Karen, Amber and Regan

Mrs Brooks/Mrs Crow giving feedback to Year 5 students

DRT’S DISTRICT
Relief Teachers 2017
Our relief teachers for 2017 include Ms Exton, Ms Larson, Ms Ham and Mrs Staub
School Banking day is WEDNESDAY

Remember, WEDNESDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Richmond Hill State School. We would also like to thank Carmel Hutley who volunteers as our School Banking Co-ordinator and processes our banking every week.

2017 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Invoices and permission notes have been sent home for Year 1 & 2 students to participate in the 2017 Swimming program.

Please return these notes, along with payment, to the school office before Monday 27th February.

Unfortunately, those who do not return both permission forms and money will be unable to participate.

Attention Year 6 Parents

We have Purple & Yellow Year 6 Senior Shirts available for purchase from the school office for $28.50. These are not the shirts with the students’ names; a note regarding the ordering of these will be sent home in the near future. If you would like to purchase one of our generic senior shirts, please call at the office.

Voluntary Contributions

The Richmond Hill Voluntary Contributions are now due.

Thank You to the many parents who have already paid these.

We ask that parents pay this Levy as soon as possible.

At Richmond Hill State School we ask for a voluntary financial contribution of $40 for Prep students and a Technology Levy of $30 for other students. Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Richmond Hill State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

**Getting involved in School Banking is easy!**

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online**

2. **In branch**
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

**School Banking day is WEDNESDAY.**

Each week you need to bring the bank book to the school office.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

New accounts can be opened online now from the Commonwealth Bank school banking website with instant id recognition. If you would like any more information please call in and see Bernadette Collins at the local Commonwealth Bank Branch.
We have been so busy in Prep P over the past 3 weeks that we are taking time out and learning to relax. We have been listening to relaxation music and following the instructions given by ‘the voice’ on the song. In our busy days, it is important that the children know how to ‘switch off’, even just for a few minutes—they are loving it!

It can be difficult for your son or daughter to fully participate in the Prep Curriculum when the necessary Book list Items have not been purchased. If you are unsure if yourself or the newsagent supplied all items, please check with the class teacher. THANK YOU to all the families that supplied everything on the book list—it is truly appreciated!

Vision and Hearing Checks
If you have not done so already, I encourage you to make an appointment for your son or daughter to have a vision and hearing check. Most optometrists complete the vision test for free and to make a hearing check appointment please contact the hospital and ask to speak with Child Health Nurse Alison Stoneman. If you have any concerns please contact the class teacher.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Prep.
Mrs Coffison and I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know our new Prep families. We look forward to working with you for the remainder of the year.

WORKING TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE!

Mrs Phillips and Mrs Coffison
tphil48@eq.edu.au
Prep E News

Prep E have been showing an outstanding level of engagement in their school work this fortnight. This early in prep we use a lot of concrete materials and manipulatives to explore our curriculum and students have really shown a great level of maturity in using these items.

Congratulations!

A big congratulations to our award winners this week. We have had a number of ‘Student of the Day’ certificates handed out, some student of the week awards and we also earned the HPE trophy this week for our outstanding manners! A big hand for Prep E! We have some students getting very close to earning a prize for their three ‘Student of the Day’ awards. Keep up the fantastic work!

Healthy Lunches

It is fantastic to see so many students bringing in delicious healthy lunches to school. Students have also really adjusted to consuming their sandwich first before all other snacks. Please be reminded that at Richie Hill it is a part of our healthy eating regime for students to bring a sandwich or some equivalent for lunch.

Year 2C

This term is beginning to fly by as we are heads down into Week 4. In the next couple of weeks, we will be moving on to our next Science unit which involves exploring push and pull forces. Year 2 students will be designing and making a toy for their assessment to show how these forces affect an object’s movement. I kindly ask for you to start collecting items around your home for your child to use for their toy project. Below are some examples of materials they could use:

- Drinking straws
- Bamboo skewers
- Pop sticks
- Milk bottle tops with a hole in the centre
- Ping pong balls
- Sheets of cardboard
- Sheets of plastic (hard and soft plastic, and bubble-type wrapping)

Regards,

Zoe

2C

- Aluminium foil
- Paper plates
- Corks
- Beads
- Rectangular cardboard boxes
- Cardboard tubes
- Plastic containers
- Plastic or paper cups
What a great (and very busy) few weeks we’ve had in 2L!

We have been having lots of fun in Science learning about mixtures and doing lots of hands-on science experiments. We have also been working hard on our narrative story about The Rainbow Fish and have been making Rainbow Fish out of plastic plates for part of our Art assessment!

Some highlights of the past few weeks have been winning The Golden Boot in PE, receiving The Smurf, and having a ball every morning with Smart Moves!

It’s all about 2D!

Our first few weeks have been busy! We have set our learning and behaviour goals and are already working towards achieving them.

In Science this term we have been exploring mixtures. Students have been learning about materials that do not mix well, and will be further investigating materials that are difficult to separate. Investigations are hands-on and engaging for all students.

Take a look at some of our Science investigating below!
Well Done!

I would like to congratulate 3N for a brilliant start to 2017. Every child has been prepared for learning and working hard to complete homework and home reading. As parents, you should be very proud of your children as they are all working well and getting along as a team fabulously.

Homework King and Queen

One of the initiatives we have in 3N, is to award a boy and girl each week with the honour of Homework King and Queen. Every child is able to receive this award at some point in the term, if they are putting their personal best into their homework. The homework submitted so far has been of a high standard. I would like to acknowledge Bella Miller and Caleb Fagan for being awarded this for Week Two. Week Three’s recipients are Jay Rowe and Clover Hill. Students who receive the award get to wear the Homework Crown and also receive a special ‘Homework Survival Kit’ of a pencil, rubber and highlighter. Congratulations to our winners so far.

Problem Solving Excellence

We have been working each Friday to develop our mathematical problem solving ability. This includes interpreting written maths problems and selecting strategies for solving them. We use Polya’s Thinkboard for organising our thinking. Here is a sample of some clear and correct work submitted by Isabella Kelso. You will also find a sample of this on our classroom ‘That’s Ingenious’ Mathematics Wall of Fame. Please come in and see how we are going with this.

Looking forward to meeting you at the ‘Meet and Greet’ night!

Mrs. Niebling
We have been busy in 1M so far this term and I can’t believe it is week 4 already! It’s great to see the students have settled into the daily routines in year 1 and that so many come with their healthy brain snack.

As you are aware we have been exploring Handa’s surprise in English and it has been fantastic to see the students really engaged in this unit. It is also great to see that students are building their skills of retelling which is an essential life skill of understanding and comprehending texts.

In maths we have been focusing on using concrete materials (MAB blocks, counters etc.) to increase each student’s confidence in all elements of mathematics. Essentially, each day students participate in daily counting which varies in counting from ones, twos, fives and tens. Already improvements are beginning to show. We have also been exploring chance looking at events that ‘will happen’, ‘won’t happen’ or ‘might happen’ which the children have really enjoyed.

This term we have been venturing into the world of Science and taking on the role of investigating and experimenting with a variety of food components. I believe hands on experiences within Science are vital for student engagement and this has been reflected in each lesson. Students have witnessed the before and after effects of heating and cooling with a variety of food ranging from ice blocks to popcorn. The aim of this unit was for students to confidently describe how the properties of the food can change through heating and cooling. As this unit has come to an end we are moving into our new Technology unit ‘My Treasure Box’. This unit will allow students to design and create their own treasure box, we ask if you have any old shoe boxes around the house to bring them in for the students to use.

I am sure the next six weeks will fly by in the blink of an eye and I am excited to see the progress of all students by the end of the term. Please do not hesitate to visit our classroom as we are always eager for parents/caregivers or even grandparents to enjoy the company of our year ones and get to witness their improvements first hand.

Hannah Marriott.
A message from 3M

The children in 3M are definitely settling in well and getting used to daily routines and transitions. This is evident in the feedback that has been given to us over the past 3 weeks from specialist teachers and teachers working within the school throughout the day. You should be very proud of their effort and behaviour.

It has been lovely to see our attendance so high already this year. It is really important that your child is at school every day to ensure they learn everything they need to be successful in their assessment tasks. Of course, if your child is sick, we would prefer they stayed home and got better, but they should not be taking days off simply because they want to. This is letting the Year Three team down!

In Mathematics, we have been learning how to solve problems using the ‘See, Plan, Do, Check’ model. This strategy allows me to see how your child solves a problem by making their thinking visible. Children have to choose strategies they have learned and apply them in new situations. I encourage you to come in and see me so I can explain how this strategy works and you can use it at home where possible. Showing our working out is an area that was identified at the start of the year to improve upon.

In English, we have been doing some amazing work with noun groups, evaluative language, verbs and adverbs to help enhance the quality of our writing for our narrative unit. This week your child will have the opportunity to apply what they have learned so far when writing their demand piece of writing, which will be an imaginative narrative using a stimulus picture. Don’t forget to ask your child what their story was about.

I am very thankful that I have been given such a hard-working bunch of children to work with this year. I have very high expectations of each and every one of them and I look forward to bringing out their best.

Please remember to come along to the meet and greet night this Thursday evening to say hello and pick up a brochure with all the information about the ins and outs of our classroom.

I have an open door policy and I’m always up for a chat to provide you with strategies to help improve your child’s achievements throughout the year.

Heidi Montgomery—3M teacher
We have now been a multi-age class for a bit over a week now and I must say that I am enjoying it immensely. While some wonderful Year Ones moved into Miss Marriott’s classroom, we certainly gained some lovely Preppies into our group (and they seem to have made it their own already). Every one has settled in so well, it seems like we have been like this since the start of the year.

In Prep, we have been exploring numbers 0-5 and looking at showing more than in groups. They have been busy learning their Green code sound pics for SSP as well as learning the structure of stories to give a brief retell. In Science, they have been learning about living and non-living things and the needs of living things—we have even planted our own bean plants. I am looking forward to the next few weeks ahead of us.

In Year One, students have been learning about teen numbers, identifying the likelihood of different events happening with Chance and also investigating lengths and searching for items that are longer than/short than.

In English, we have been looking at the text ‘Handa’s Surprise’ and preparing to do a retell for our assessment in the next few weeks, as well as demonstrating an understanding of the purpose of stories. We have wrapped up our Science unit this week, so we will be moving on to Design and Technology where the students will be creating Treasure Boxes so if you have any empty shoe boxes laying around at home, please send them in.

Thanks for your support with your child over the first few weeks of school and please do not hesitate to come and see me at any stage to discuss your child’s learning. By all means, pop in for a look at all of the hard work the children have been doing.

Thanks
Belinda Hourston
Parade Awards

2L were the Golden Boot Winners for great effort & behaviour at PE

Every day counts.

Remember, go to school every day.

Excellent Attendance Award

Week 2  1st Place Year 5
Week 3  1st Place Year 3