Principal’s Message

Last Newsletter for Term 1
This will be the last newsletter for this term. The staff at Richie wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all again when school resumes on Monday, April 11th.

Ms Bush on Leave
Ms Bush from 6B will be on maternity leave next term. We wish Ms Bush all the best with the birth of her new baby. Her replacement for the term is Mrs Debra Edmonds. I am sure the Richie community will welcome Mrs Edmonds into her role.

Netball Success
Our school Netball team won the district Carnival last Friday. Congratulations to all of the girls and congratulations to the coach Miss Marwick. A big congratulations also goes out to Boshae Moore-Reed and Debbie McLean who made the District team.

Cross Country Postponed
Unfortunately the Cross Country had to be postponed yesterday due to the weather and state of the grounds. It will now be held next Wednesday, March 23rd.

Moving Back into A Block
The refurbishment of A Block is nearly complete and it is hoped the Year 2 and 3 classes will move back into their brand new rooms at the end of next week. We thank the Richie community for your support with this inconvenience however the new rooms the students are moving back into are fantastic. Please come and take a look when the students move in.

School Photos
School Photos were completed last week. Many thanks to the parents and staff who assisted in making this extremely busy day run relatively smoothly.

Attendance Pizza Parties
Due to the Cross Country being postponed, the attendance Pizza party for Term 1 will be held next Tuesday, March 22nd during the first lunch. Permission forms will be handed out to students tomorrow after the announcement of the winning classes. Please make sure you fill out the form this weekend if your child’s class is attending the Pizza Party. The forms need to be returned Monday.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Many parents this week have undertaken Parent /Teacher interviews regarding your child’s progress so far this year. These interviews will continue into next week. Thank you for taking the time to listen to your child’s teacher talk about their progress.

School Disco
Many thanks to the students, parents and staff who supported the 80s disco last week. While numbers were down due to the wet weather the students who attended had a great time. It was great to see so many students get dressed up for the event. Tom Fagan dressed as Olivia Newton-John was definitely a standout.

Richie Rhinos
Our Richie Rhinos will be competing in the NRL Bill Nettle Cup in Townsville next Thursday. We wish the boys all the best and I am sure they will do Richie proud.
WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: (Week 7-8)

I AM RESPECTFUL - Encourage support and respect others-no put downs
I AM SAFE - Keep my hands, feet and other objects off others
I AM A LEARNER - always try to improve and respect that everyone is entitled to learn

School Attendance
Next week is traditionally the worst week for attendance in schools. We have the Pizza Parties and Gotcha Parties next week. It would be great to keep the schoolwide percentage above 90 in the last week of school.

Bullying – No Way Day
Tomorrow, Friday March 18th is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Schools Australia wide will be wearing orange to take a stand against bullying. All students are permitted to wear orange on this day to show their support to stamp out bullying. We hope to see a sea of orange on parade.

Have a great Easter and Holiday break with your family everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal

Coughs, Colds and Other Illnesses are circulating in our community at present. Many children are presenting to school with various symptoms. To avoid the spread of illnesses, if your child is unwell, we would appreciate where possible, that they be kept at home until they are well again.

Account/Invoice Payments

Our preferred methods of payment of invoices are Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Credit Card over the phone & B-Point.

Please do not use B-Pay as this is no longer compatible with our system.

B-Point details are set out on each invoice.

SCHOOL DAY ATTENDANCE

WEEKLY AWARD

Week 6  Week 7
1st Place: Year 3  96%  1st Place: Year 3  98%
2nd Place: Year 6  2nd Place Year 1
3rd Place: Year 2  3rd Place Year 2

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT RICHIE HILL
Our Richie Hill Community applauds the individual success of students on their sporting prowess. We congratulate the following students on their success this term:

Year 6 student Kathryne Squair had swimming success at the National Championships recently. Kathryne ranked 9th in QLD in backstroke for her age group, along with PB’s in freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke.

**Richie Hill Rhino Team football players picked for CT Team**

Fred Flute, Kyle Pacey, Tyler Thompson

**Netballers from our Richie Rashers selected to represent Charters Towers include**

Boshae Moore-Reid and Debbie McLean

Good luck to you all. Keep having fun playing the game!

**NAPLAN 2016** involves students in our Year 3 and year 5 Classes. Please see Timetable of testing in 2016. Our terrific team of teachers have been working with students on preparation of such things as test readiness, getting familiar with time limits, working through past samples of questions. Well done Mrs Niebling, Miss Lowe, Miss Ham, Mrs Crow, Mr Turner, Miss Casey, Mrs Ugarte and Mrs Brady.

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**I AM SAFE • I AM A LEARNER • I AM RESPECTFUL**
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS-
A joint partnerships between home and school to support children's learning.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME GIVEN TO CHAT WITH OUR TEACHERS.

During these interviews Teachers shared your child’s progress in learning areas and goals to focus on improving their successes in Term 2.

Well done Richie Hill Teachers and Parents.

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT RICHLIE HILL

2017 PREP ENROLMENTS -Enrolment applications are open for students starting Prep in 2017.

Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they enrol. Check the table below to see when your child can start Prep. Call the School Office to lodge your interest.

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Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?
That’s when every minute counts the most!
RICHIE HILL LEGO CLUB

A lunchtime activity (first lunch only)

WHO: Year 1-Year 5
WHERE: LIBRARY
TIME: 11.15-11.45
DAYS: TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY-FRIDAY
CLUB MANAGER: Miss Lisa Pitt

RICHIE HILL CHESS & DRAUGHTS CLUB

A lunchtime activity (first lunch)

WHO: Year 1-Year 6
WHERE: Library
TIME: 11.15-11.45
DAY: every day of the week
CLUB MANAGER/SUPERVISOR: Staff on duty in Library
Club Membership forms for Lego and Chess/Draughts Clubs collect from office sign & return.
BLUE & YELLOW
PLAY EQUIPMENT

MON TUES WED THURS FRI
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PREP
PLAYGROUND

SLIPPERY SLIDE
PLAY
EQUIPMENT
AREA
YEAR 1 - YEAR 2

MON TUES WED THURS FRI
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YEAR 6

MON TUES WED THURS FRI
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1st Lunch Yr 6
2nd Lunch Yr 5
The SSP (Speech Sound Pic) Approach to Reading, Writing and Spelling is in full swing in the classroom. We have been reading, writing and spelling words and phrases using the Sound Pics /s/a/t/p/i/n. Some children are almost ready to move onto the Purple Code Level! This week we have begun to code, read, write and spell the Golden M100 Words. We love to use the Spelling Piano App—it is free for Ipads (SSP Spelling Piano).

We have created an animal that lives in the ocean, its habitat and an information report about it. Mums, Dads and the whole family, please come up to Prep and have a look at them—we did a great job!

Positional Language is a maths focus for this term and we used a spider to show the teachers what positional language we knew. We had to show: in front, behind, on, above, under, next to, between, over, left and right.

Apologies to Prep P & Mrs Phillips that this was left out of last week’s Newsletter 😞
How fast has Term 1 gone?
The students have worked very hard over the last 8 weeks. They have settled into life in Year 5 well and are adjusting to the expectations and routines.

**GEOGRAPHY:** All Year 5 students have completed Part A of their assessment. The students were required to locate the continents of Europe and North America and identify some countries within each. The assessment also required directions to be given and area reference of locations found. The location of some continents was quite surprising!!

**Art** Our 3D masks are starting to look amazing. Most students have finished applying their 3D features and final layer of paper mache. Painting will commence this week. The students will be able to take their mask home early next term.

**Reading** Congratulations to the students who have read for 25 nights. They will be receiving their reading certificate at Parade on Friday morning.

**Technology** Next term, the students will be required to complete a design challenge in Technology. Over the holidays, I would encourage the students to begin collecting materials that they may be able to use in the construction phase. Common household items such as milk bottle lids, plastic bottles, small cardboard boxes, unused cd’s, straws, skewers, egg cartons will all be very handy. After the holidays the students will be asked to bring in their materials in a labelled plastic bag.

**Enjoy the Easter holidays!**

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Wow, where has the first term of 2016 gone?! With only a few days ‘til we have a break, so the students of 6B have been very busy finishing all assessments.

We had heaps of fun completing an Aboriginal dot painting and ensuring it had a title as well as meaning. Some wonderful paintings have come to life showing how clever our students are.

History has been completed and it was wonderful to see some outstanding results about Henry Parkes as well as the changes in women’s rights. In our science we had fun identifying different materials and whether they are reversible or irreversible to their original form. We watched the chocolate bunny, some cheese, rice, flour and an ice cube for example, melt from heating and then recording comprehensive observations when the materials cooled. Our ice completely evaporated within a minute of hitting the frypan. Not many of us predicted this at the start of our assessment.

A big thank you to PLO Donna for her expertise with our dot paintings throughout this term. Every one of us has appreciated your help Donna. Stay safe over the Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back for term two very soon.

From all of us in 6B
We’re almost at the end of the term already? I can’t believe just how quickly it has gone! The students have started writing their own chapter of “The Twits” and are giving it a red hot go! There are all sorts of hilarious tricks being played by “the revolting Mr Twit” and “the utterly ugly Mrs Twit” as they pay each other back for the nasty things they have done in the past. Writing their own chapter for the story gives the students a wonderful opportunity to really express their understanding of descriptions and adding details through prepositional phrases and adverbials. It all makes for some very entertaining reading!

The Spelling Mastery unit continues to engage the students and we are seeing some good results in all groups with students mastering the skills that they need to become competent spellers, not only in terms of testing but in their every day writing as well.

Having spent the last 7 weeks getting to know the Think Mentals books, the students are enjoying the challenge of applying the mental strategies and it is flowing on to other areas of maths as well as they can see the connections and apply them in their 5-week cyclic testing as well.

The science unit is coming to an end but the students have enjoyed it immensely. They have a greater appreciation of weathering and erosion and how it has come to shape the landscapes that we see around us. Our last couple of lessons focused on a couple of Australian landmarks—the 12 Apostles in Victoria and Uluru in the Northern Territory. We learnt how thousands of years of weathering and erosion by wind and water have created these iconic structures. The students then went on to investigate how altering the angles of the land can affect erosion.

With just on a week to go, I want to thank all of the parents and carers who took the time to meet with me to discuss your children's progress so far this term. The challenges that face our children are the ones that we need to focus on most as we witness their growth in life and reflect on our own experiences.

Take care on the holidays and I look forward to Term Two with this wonderful class!

Mr Kitchen.

What’s Happening in 6C

What a Term we have had! It’s almost over, but we have so much still to do.

Our English persuasive arguments and matching posters are almost complete. The students have done an amazing job working with Microsoft PowerPoint and helping each other finish their work on time. Teamwork is alive and well in 6C!

Our Science focus has been on reversible and irreversible changes to materials, once again the students have performed well in demonstrating their understanding of what factors need to be considered when describing a change as irreversible or reversible.

I hope the students have enjoyed our History unit as much as I have. We have investigated the changes to women’s rights during the Twentieth Century. There have been some surprises along the way and disbelief in the way women have been treated and thought of in days gone by.

We were all excited to see Matty Bowen last week. It was a real highlight for those who got to have a chat to him, some even snuck in a selfie. I think the footy boys will remember that training session for a long time.

The ‘Kid’s Rock’ show was another highlight a few weeks ago. The performers were outstanding and many of the students really got into it, showing off their dance moves. Then they got to bust a move again at the disco last week.

Just in case you or your child forgot to return the parent teacher conference form, it’s never too late. Just drop in one afternoon to arrange a time. Alternatively you can ring the office, send me an email or use our class dojo message area.

If I don’t see you beforehand, please have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Peter Chinn
Well the term is almost over, and what a term it has been. The Richie Rashers Netball team won their Grand Final against Millchester. Boshae Moore-Reid and Debbie McLean were also selected into the Charters Towers District Team and will move onto the next level at the NQ Trials in Townsville next term. Well done to coach Miss Marwick for her efforts.

The Richie Rhinos had two solid wins at their Carnival and some narrow loses, but still showed what they were made of. Kyle Pacey, Fred Flute and Tyler Thompson were selected into the District team. They’ll travel to the Whitsundays for their NQ trials next term. A huge thank you to Mr Ned who once again took on the coaching duties with the Rhinos.

The Girls and Boys District Trials were held for Soccer last week. Montana Battle, Kate Webb, Declan Drummond, Lachlan Gostelow, Seth Matthews and Noah Matthews all impressed the selectors and made the District team. Their NQ trials will be held in Townsville next term.

Matty Bowen finally payed Richie a visit. He was happy to talk about his career and answer questions from the school. Then joined the Richie Rhinos for a training session before the trial day.

Unfortunately the much needed rain in Charters Towers arrived and spoiled our chances of running the Cross Country Carnival. We have postponed the event till next Wednesday the 23rd. Fingers crossed the rain stays away for this one.

That’s all for now folks. Stay fit and active over the holidays.

Mr Miller
HPE teacher.

Hello everyone,

I believe in encouraging one another as much as possible as we all need to be lifted up in our daily life. Encourage means: to give hope or confidence; to egg on, inspire, motivate, urge on. I have met people who use their words carefully to achieve this and build courage into others with every opportunity and they are like a breath of fresh air to spend time with. I pray that we will all be people, who look for ways to invest in each other, to bring the best in every conversation and situation.

Almost holiday time and I pray that you will have a safe and memorable time with family and friends. May each of our days be full of love, life and learning from each other.

Love and God Bless, Miss Lydia.
**Water Bottles**

Due to the hot weather students are drinking a lot of water. Parents are asked to send a water bottle with their child to school so they always have water on hand. Students are encouraged to fill it up before school and at each lunch break.

**Lunch Boxes**

Due to having 54 students using one fridge for lunches please be sure that your child brings an appropriate sized lunch box. As they are stored in the fridge they do not need to be of the insulated variety. It would be appreciated if each lunch box could be clearly named on the outside to avoid confusion.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

It has been wonderful talking to so many families this week about how their child is achieving at school. If you were unable to attend this week please send in a note and we can meet next week or at the start of next term.

**Assessment**

Assessment is still occurring this week and next week therefore, attendance is still very important so your child does not miss out on important information needed in order to achieve good results.

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**Richie Rashers**

Last Friday, the Richie Rashers netball team had their interschool netball carnival. They played beautifully and won every game except for one. They displayed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship and represented the school in a very positive light.

At the end of the day, the Richie Rashers versed Millchester’s team in the primary interschool grand final and after a tough game, they won with a score of 7-5. As a result, Richie has received a special shield which we will proudly display in the office. What a fantastic effort!

After the grand final, four of our girls were chosen to play in the Possible/Probable matches and afterwards, two of our girls were selected to play for the Charters Towers Under 12 District Team. Congratulations Boshae and Debbie! Girls, it has been a pleasure coaching you this season. Congratulations to each and every one of you. I look forward to seeing you continue to improve in years to come!

Miss Marwick
School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, 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.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Richmond Hill State School.

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A Road Safety Message......

We have had several incidents recently where members of the public have witnessed near misses of our students while being unsafe or careless while walking or riding their bikes on their way to and from school.

To help ensure their safety, please encourage your child to obey road rules when riding their bike and to walk on the footpath or as close to the edge of the road as possible, facing oncoming traffic. If they are required to cross the road on their way to school, please discuss with them ways that they can do this safely.

Remember the rules:
**STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK**

before crossing the road.

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Emergency Contact Details

Parents/carers are reminded that if your address, phone number or emergency contact details have changed, please contact the school office to update your details. It is very upsetting for students in the case of illness or injury if we are unable to contact their parents due to incorrect phone numbers.

**Absences**

In the case of a student’s absence, parents/carers should contact the school to advise of the reason and length of absence. For unexplained absences, EQ requires us to contact parents to seek an explanation. Absences can be explained by sending in a note on the child’s return, a phone call to the office or by email.

Mrs Brown’s email address is bbrow305@eq.edu.au; Miss Tash’s email is nmass16@eq.edu.au or the.principal@richhillss.eq.edu.au