Happy Holidays
We hope all families in the Richie Hill School Community have an enjoyable and relaxing break with your families. Staff look forward to seeing all students next term when school resumes on Tuesday October 6th. Safe travel wherever you go.

Goodbye Miss Bianca
Miss Bianca Simpson who has been a Teacher Aide at Richie for the past 5 years is leaving us today. On behalf of the Richie community we want to thank Bianca for her tireless work with our students over the past 5 years and we wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

Year 6/7 Brisbane Excursion
Last Saturday, 38 weary grade 6 students representing all the state primary schools in Charters Towers returned after another successful Brisbane excursion. Everywhere we went the public commented on how fantastic our students were. In some instances they said that they were the best group they had ever had. The parents and Charters Towers community should be very proud of these young ambassadors.

Spellathon
Thank you to all parents who have been supporting their children in the ‘Richie Spellathon’ fundraiser for our school. This fundraiser has been an overwhelming success raising over $5000 as of the time this newsletter was printed. Funds raised will be going towards the completion of our senior adventure playground cover which we hope to complete during the holidays so that it may be used Term 4.

Reading at Richie
Please make sure your child reads every night over the holidays. Students can drop between 2 and 3 levels over the holidays if they do not practice daily.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Many thanks to all of the parents/guardians who attended parent/teacher interviews over the past fortnight. It is hoped that from these interviews you have been able to understand how your child is progressing and how you can help your child improve.

Eating Healthy at Richie
It has been great to see so many more lunches with sandwiches and fruit in them since our last newsletter. Many thanks to all families who have tried to make lunches healthier for their children.

Cover for Adventure Playgrounds
It is hoped these will be constructed over the holidays and in the early weeks of term 4.

High School Transition Days
Years 5 and 6 students have spent whole days at State High over the past fortnight. The children all came back with stories about how different the high school is to primary school. All students have commented on how they enjoyed the experience.

Attendance
At Richie this year we are aiming for 92.2% attendance. We are currently sitting on 91.6%. We are really doing well so far as last year we only had 90.1%. However traditionally our last day of school each term is our absence killer. On the last Friday last term we had 63% attendance which was 148 students absent. Let’s try to have less than 50 students away tomorrow. C’mon Richie, you can do it!

Gotcha Events
This week eligible students have participated in Prep – Year 3 and Year 4-Year 6 gotcha events on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Congratulations to all students who attended these events due to their positive behaviour throughout the term. Regards Mark Brady

Have a great fortnights holiday everyone!
Hi there!

Just a reminder that we have a meeting tonight at 6pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome!

Don’t forget to save the date for our Richie Hill Fete which will be held on the Saturday 14th November (only 8 weeks away!).

In the last newsletter I mentioned that our Richie Tuckshop had a visit from NAQ Nutrition. We now have the links for our online tuckshop survey which we would like our students, staff and parents/caregivers to take part in. We would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete the survey.

Here are the links:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RichmondHillSS_students
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RichmondHillSS-staff
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RichmondHillSS_parents

The survey will be available for the next 4 weeks. If for any reason you would like a hard copy of the survey, I can make that available for you. Just leave a message for Theresa at the tuckshop.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday and a safe one too!

See you next term, Richie P&C
THANK YOU to our Richie Hill Teachers, Teacher-aides, Ms Forno, Mrs Coffison and Mrs Pianta who supported students, staff and parents last week while Mr Brady and Mr Turner were on Brissy Trip. I thank parents who were considerate of my teaching role on Wed/Thurs which is each week so my availability on these days was restricted til after 3pm.

Greatly appreciated—we had a terrific week of learning and fun!

TERM 3 WRAP UP

• **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POSTCARDS INTRODUCED**— Each week it has been a privilege to lead this strategy with our class teachers. 173 Postcards were sent in the post to acknowledge students positive behaviour.

• **GOTCHA CELEBRATIONS FOR STUDENTS BEING SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND LEARNERS** The term events are fun times planned by myself and Mr Turner. We congratulate students on their participation and support given by aides and class teachers.

• **SUPPORTING AND NURTURING TRANSITIONS TO SCHOOL**

SUCCESSFUL START 2 PREP— Included Prep Open Days, Pre-preppie 1hr Friday Sessions organised.

2016 Prep Interview Letters sent out and ready and set for Term 4.

CHARTERS TOWERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL Year 4,5, and 6 Classes took part in sessions up at CTSHS

• **STUDENT LEADERS** Sausage Sizzle Day, Footy Colours Day, Free Dress Day for Cleo Brind

• **EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS** The work of students guided by Mr Mossley, Mrs Brooks and parents resulted in outstanding accolades.

• **SHOW DISPLAY** the annual school display showcased student work from every class—GREAT!

• **UNDER 8’S 2015** amazing learning experiences and fun had by all involved.

• **NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK FUN**—the traditional Book Characters Parade rocked and the Reading Morning Tea sensational! Mrs Ugarte and Mrs Crow.

• **INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPION CHARTERS TOWERS PRIMARY SCHOOL** in 2015 well done Mr Miller and students

• **SCHOOL AUDIT**— a delightful and affirming experience for our school community

• **FINANCIAL AUDIT**—hectic check with RHSS awarded “Effective” Report—well done Miss Forno

• **PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**— Terrific work by students co-ordinated by Ms Bush

• **SUPPORT STAFF DAY**— another annual event that says thank you to support staff @ RHSS

• **PARENT INTERVIEWS**— school and home links strengthen with interviews with our Class Teachers.

• **EARLY LEARNING AT RICHIE HILL**—every Wednesday and Friday—Mrs Cowan and Mrs Coffison lead the sessions now-thanks ladies

• **NAPLAN RESULTS**—celebrating Richie Hill improvements and strong focus on Reading-top job to our Teachers SPELLATHON Mania was splendid—thanks Teachers & Mrs Brady.
Our very successful Pre-Prep Program continues-Parents are asked to please attend a minimum of 5 visits with their child to be part of our Prep Classes in 2016.

**DATE:** We have 4 FRIDAY VISITS remaining-to get to know us at Richie Hill & us to get to know you! (Parents stay with child/ren)
- Sept 18th – Prep Indoors with Prep Staff
- Oct 16th– Prep Outdoors with Prep Staff
- 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

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**EARLY LEARNING @ RICHIE HILL TAKES A NEW LOOK**

**Wednesday & Friday**
9.30-10.30am
Gold Coin Donation

**BEGINS FIRST WEEK BACK TERM 4**

**WEEK 4– dinosaur fossil dig**

**WEEK 5– animal prints**

**WEEK 6– Principal visit**

**WEEK 1– cooking times**

**WEEK 2– cooking times**

**WEEK 3– colour creations**

**WEEK 7– super hero dress up**

**WEEK 8– Christmas around the world**
PIRATE GOTCHA FUN TERM 3
A note from 6B:

Wow, a busy term it has been for the Year Six’s. This week we visited Charters Towers State High School for our first Transition Day. How much fun does high school look like? Some of the subjects we experienced were Life Choices, English, Ag Science as well as PE. High School looks like it’s a busy place so next term we’ll be back there for two more transition days. All of our class have been working like mad to finish off assessments. Congratulations on your super behaviour to those students in our class that went on the Brisbane Trip. Great to hear such positive feedback. We knew you could do it 😊. Stay safe and we look forward to having everyone back after the two week break, refreshed and ready to tackle our busy last term as primary school students. ‘til next time...

Ms Kylie Bush
Book Character Dress Up Day Photo