Thursday 18th August, 2016

Richmond Hill State School Newsletter
Everyone Successful Every Day

Important Dates

19th Aug
Ranger Dan
Visit
YEAR 1/YEAR 3

22nd Aug
Year 5H
Excursion

22nd Aug
Year 6
Motivational
Media

25th Aug
Year 5T
Excursion

26th Aug
Read Aloud
Shirt Day

Principal’s Message

Interschool Athletics Success
Congratulations to our amazing Richie athletes who won the interschool athletics carnival for the third time in a row. Not only were our athletes fantastic, the positive comments about the behaviour of our students from staff and parents from other schools was wonderful to hear. Well done Richie competitors, you have done the school proud.

Chickenpox Concerns
Over the past 2 days there has been 2 more confirmed cases of chickenpox at Richie communicated to the school. The parents of the classes affected have had this information communicated to them. Further information about chickenpox is written at the end of today’s Principal’s article including exclusion periods. Thank you to the Richie community for your understanding following recent media attention around the school having confirmed cases.

Catchment Update Reminder
At this present stage, Richmond Hill State School has sufficient capacity to enrol students out of catchment for the remainder of 2016 and 2017. Please remember to spread this message in the community as this means we are once again able to take enrolments outside of our catchment. More enrolments means more funding and support for our students.

Deadly Australians
Last week the whole school had the opportunity to be educated about our deadliest Australian animals. They also were able to look at some of these creatures and find out how to prevent being harmed by them. The whole school enjoyed this wonderful educational experience and learned so much about our ‘Deadly Australians’.

Parent Teacher interviews
Over the next fortnight, notes will be sent home to parents encouraging them to attend parent teacher interviews at the end of term 3 to discuss their child’s progress. It is really important that all parents take up this invitation to talk about how your child is progressing and where they need to improve. It will also give you the opportunity to discuss how you can also become more involved in your child’s education. We are expecting a positive response to parent/teacher interviews schoolwide.

Ballgames / Tug –o – War Carnival
This was held last Monday, with all grades competing for their house to win the trophy. The events were fiercely contested from Prep – Year 6 and the winner will be announced on parade tomorrow. Many thanks to all of the parents who came and supported this annual event.
NAPLAN Results
Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN reports were handed out last week to all students in years 3 and 5. As a school in 2016, Richie has once again done quite well with our strongest results in Numeracy, Grammar and Punctuation and Writing. 94% of our Year 3 and 5 students were above national minimum standards for the test which again was a great result. The data collected from the NAPLAN results have also highlighted that while we are doing well in reading at Richie, we are still not reaching national NAPLAN average benchmarks in this area and the focus will continue at school in the area of improving comprehension skills to improve our reading results.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: Week 6 & 7
I AM RESPECTFUL - Be tolerant of other students who may not have the same skills as you. Assist them when you can.
I AM SAFE – Follow the rules of the game to make it safe and fair.
I AM A LEARNER- Know how you can seek help when you don’t know how to do something.

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal

Chickenpox Information
Chickenpox is a highly contagious viral disease. The main symptom is a blistering skin rash. Outbreaks are more common in winter and early spring. Children should not come to school if they have Chickenpox.

Some symptoms of chickenpox -
- low-grade fever
- general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)
- intensely itchy skin rash - appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin known as ‘dew drop on a rose petal’ (blisters first form on the body and later on the head and limbs and the blisters usually burst and develop crusts after about five days)
- ulcers - may develop in certain areas, including the mouth and vagina.

Treatment for chickenpox
In cases of severe illness, treatment with an antiviral medication may be needed. In most cases, chickenpox is mild and gets better without the need for specific treatment. Treatment aims to relieve symptoms and reduce the risk of complications.

Exclusion time for students with the condition is below.

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<td>Chickenpox (varicella)</td>
<td>Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least five days after the rash first appeared in non-immunised children, and less in immunised children.</td>
<td>Any child with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise, not excluded. Exclude any pregnant woman who is, or is presumed to be susceptible.</td>
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Please consult your doctor or Queensland Health should you believe your child has this condition or you would like further information.
Richie Hill 2016 Athletics Champs in CT

At the recent event held in Charters Towers Interschool Primary School Athletics hosted by Columba, Richmond Hill State School was awarded the Charters Towers Aggregate Champions Les Bagley Shield again in 2016 with 716 points ahead of 2nd place Columba on 605 points followed by Millchester on 536.

An amazing day of feats, participation and success on display by Richie Hill students

Well done boys and girls, parents and staff who supported on the day Mrs Ugarte, Mrs Burgess, Mr Miller, Mrs Pugh and Mrs Wehrman. Proud of your team spirit!

Thank you to Columba for hosting the event and the participation by all schools in Charters Towers.

GOOD LUCK AT 2016 CT EISTEDDFOD I wish all students a wonderful experience at this years event. Have fun and do your best we wish you, your parents, Mrs Brooks and Mr Mossley a terrific time and all the best!

AGE APPROPRIATE PEDAGOGY IN ACTION

SPECIAL VISIT TO PREP CLASSES

Our preppies and Class teachers (Ms Weston/Mrs Phillips) and aides (Mrs Fittock/Mrs Coffison) shone this week sharing their learning with ARD Assistant Regional Director Melissa Jackson and Alison Rabbit (AAP Coach)

Well done Prep Team!

AMAZING!

Cailin reads to ARD

Mrs Jackson

3 MINUTES WITH MR CROW

Where was your last Holiday place?

New Zealand with my lovely wife

Can you tell us the name of your first school as a Teacher?

Millaa Millaa State School

Do you have a favourite sportsperson?

Darren Lockyer

Which NRL team do you go for?

Brisbane Broncos

What is the best advice your dad gave you growing up?

Look after your family

Do you have a favourite author?

David Baldacci He has published 31 best selling novels for adults. 5 Novels for younger readers. He has sold over 110 million copies of his books around the world in 45 languages.

STUDENT LEADERS SAY THANK YOU TO RICHELLE HILL COMMUNITY

FUNDS RAISED FOR JEANS FOR GENES DAY

$169

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CAPTAIN ACTIVE

HAND BALL

CRICKET TRAINING WITH MR CROW

YEAR 6 MODIFIED GRIT IRON
2017 PREP
ENROLMENT MEETING LETTERS HAVE BEEN
POSTED OUT

If you have not lodged an Enrolment Form you will not have received a Letter of Enrolment.
We look forward to your child’s enrolment chat.

Just drop your form into the Office this week to avoid missing out!

PREP TRANSITION
SUCCESSFUL START TO PREP DAYS AT RICHIE HILL (SS2Prep)

UPDATE TO DATES

Tuesday 11th Oct and Thursday 13th Oct

TIME: 9.30am-10.30am

Friday 14th Oct and Monday 24th Oct

TIME: 1.30pm-2.30pm

TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC FUN AT PREP

THURSDAY 7th November 9-10am

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR EACH EVENT PHONE: 47562222
For booking or more information
**REMINDERS**

**READ ALOUD SHIRT DAY**

At

**RICHIE HILL**

Reading is important! A fun way to encourage this skill for success in life-our Student Leaders have planned READ ALOUD SHIRT DAY.

Every Teacher, student and community member is invited to wear a shirt with words (appropriate) on it on the following day.

**WHEN:** FRIDAY 26th August 2016 **Gold Coin donation.**

Funds raised will go towards 2016 Student leaders Artefact Buddy Chairs.

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**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.

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**RICHMOND HILL STATE SCHOOL**

**SPELL-A-THON**

Richmond Hill’s Spell-a-thon is fast approaching. I hope that all children have been practising their words at home for the Spell-a-thon on Wednesday 31 August. If your child has lost their list send a quick note to their teacher for a replacement.

As soon as you have completed your fundraising you can return your money and prize selection form to the Office, even before the Spell-a-thon. Money is due on August 31 so that prizes can be ordered and returned to the school as quickly as possible.

Happy fundraising, and good luck with your word lists.

Kerry Brady

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge:** Don’t forget to complete your record sheet, have a parent/guardian sign the document and return to the Richmond Hill office so that Ms Bush can process your certificate from the Premier of Queensland.

**No late forms will be accepted, so all signed record sheets must be in no Later than Friday 26th August, 2016**
CHAMPION PRIZES
Charli McBurnie – Overall School Champion - Handwriting
Charli McBurnie – Handwriting Competition – Year 2
Lochlan Dines – Poster Competition – Year 3

FIRST PRIZES
Jana Michaelis – Poster Competition – Prep
Jai Davidson – Poster Competition – Year 1
Davey Brown – Poster Competition – Year 2
Charli McBurnie – Handwriting Competition – Year 2
Lochlan Dines – Poster Competition – Year 3
Billy-Jay Connolly – Handwriting Competition – Year 3
Keturah Congoo – Handwriting Competition – Year 4
Erik Michaelis – Poster Competition – Year 4
Farah Caddy – Poster Competition – Year 5
Farah Caddy – Handwriting Competition – Year 5
Breanna Tracey – Handwriting Competition - Year 6
Tyler Thompson – Poster Competition – Year 6

SECOND PRIZES
Michael Archer – Poster Competition - Prep
Isabella Mason-O’Keefe – Poster Competition – Year 1
Julia Gossage – Poster Competition – Year 2
Isabella Kelso – Handwriting Competition – Year 2
Chris Benavente – Handwriting Competition – Year 3
Curtis Edwick – Handwriting Competition – Year 3
Curtis Edwick – Poster Competition – Year 3
Amy Brooks – Poster Competition – Year 4
Georgia Gostelow – Handwriting Competition – Year 4
Kaelin Weston – Poster Competition – Year 5
Niobe Bowman – Handwriting Competition – Year 6
Hello from 4K!

Here we are, mid-term and things are getting very interesting!

We have had some interesting events at Richmond Hill, including the Deadly Australians visit last week. All of the students had an opportunity to get up close and personal with a snake (non-venomous of course!) and lucky Lincoln got to make friends with some blue-tongued lizards :)

Although we have finished our English unit on Rodeo Darcy, the students will now have the opportunity to review the book for our Art unit. They will need to identify their favourite character and event from the story and write a recommendation for other students to read it—I can’t wait to see how this works out!

Our new English unit is about the First Fleet. The students will read about conditions for the convicts on their journey to Australia, and why the convicts were sent here in the first place. It is an opportunity for them to learn about the experiences of different people, including children as young as nine years old who were sentenced to transportation in the new colony.

The Science unit has taught us a lot about the properties of different materials and how these properties determine which materials are used for a range of purposes. We have also learnt about how indigenous peoples over the world have used natural materials for shelter, clothing, tools and weapons and other functional and decorative purposes like baskets and jewellery. The students are now learning about how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples mixed ochres with different liquid binders to make paints for body painting and to decorate weapons and create artworks. The assessment task will actually require students to test whether different ochre mixtures will smudge.

There will be a note going home shortly about parent-teacher interviews and I look forward to taking the time to speak with parents and carers about your children's progress so far this year and what we need to focus on in order for them to achieve.

Take care and stay in touch,
Mr Kitchen.

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VOTE OF THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE WORKED IN OUR SCHOOL DURING THE PAST FORTNIGHT

Your time and support is appreciated.

We are always looking for more helping hands so please if you have half an hour to spare, please come help us out whether in the Tuckshop or your child’s Classroom.

Bernie, Theresa Kitchen, Dannielle Ellis, Jock Connolly, Suzanne Mathews, Kati Phillips, Tracey Schluter and Carmel Hutley
Students are busy preparing for the 2016 Charters Towers Eisteddfod. With an array of Solos, Duets, Trio/Quartets and our great Junior and Senior Concert Band, students are in crazy practice mode. Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd are key days for our Richie kids, the Richie Choir perform Monday night at 6pm and the bands take the stage Tuesday at 6pm in the World Theatre. We hope to see you all there supporting our talented Musicians. I am extremely proud of their achievements and preparations and wish everyone the best of luck.

Haddon Mossley
Instrumental Music Teacher

The return of Ms Bush was an exciting way to start week four of term three. When Ms Bush returned, the Year Six environment had a flash of fun! 6B has the opportunity for creating an app icon – some apps are AMAZING, and others are useful. Apple won’t be able to resist our apps we hope! On Monday we had our Ball Games – it was an adventure for all grades. Mrs Brooks taught us some songs so we knew what we would hear when Amanaska visited on Monday also. The experience was thrilling! Some wonderful music created. Our English assessment is to create a narrative about time and place, of a convict about their voyage to Australia. We learnt how convicts were treated and the variety of crimes committed (eg. stealing a shovel or theft of an orange). Christian and Surnames were also different back in the convict times, for example Walter, Dorothy and Mildred for first names and Langdon or Needham as last names. We shared some descriptions about movement.... ‘hobbled painfully around’, ‘meandered’ or ‘stomped out defiantly’. Some of our prepositional phrases included ‘under the scorching sun’ and ‘transported to the colony’.

This coming Monday, hopefully all of us are off to the CTSHS for a Motivational Media presentation. If you haven’t already returned your permission note, it is due by Thursday 18th August. No permission note means no attendance. There is no cost for this event. We will also be visiting the CTSHS later in the term for a Transition Day, our first of a few to prepare us for high school. More information later on about Transition Days.

Don’t forget, nightly home reading! Reading of all sorts of materials develops our knowledge in a range of areas. Reading magazines to books and catalogues, newspapers, information texts, cereal boxes, posters and charts are just a limited range of what we can read. If you don’t have a reading record, remember to come and receive a fresh copy for your homework books.

Homework is due back every Friday. No homework completion may mean students miss out on attendance at school events.

Until the next time,
Amanda, Emily, Debbie, Rani, Boshae, Blake, Pia and Kyle, on behalf of 6B.
I would like to say congratulations and thank you to the class for the smooth transition and the welcome I received. It feels like only yesterday they were cute little Year Two students, although now am I having difficulty seeing over their heads. I am impressed with how far they have come and their willingness to use feedback to improve their work.

We are very busy in Year 6 trying to get assessment tasks completed so we can begin our next units. Thank you for your support and assistance at home working on these tasks.

This week’s blurb has been written by Magenta. She has shared some details about what we are working on in class.

In Year Six we are learning about earthquakes. Our assessment task is to create a PowerPoint slideshow or a poster about an earthquake that has happened recently in Australia or around the world. The poster or PowerPoint needs to include: the Richter scale rating, the damage, the radius, the time and date, the location and what caused the earthquake.

In English we are writing a narrative about a girl or boy who is a convict and has been sent to New South Wales. We have to describe them by using extended noun groups, descriptive vocabulary and adverbs.

We are very eager to go to the Brisbane trip, the Motivational Media at the high school and the Eisteddfod in which many of us will be participating. Good Luck!

Ball Games and Tug-o-War