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Richmond Hill State School Newsletter

Everyone Successful Every Day

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What's on...

2nd September
Interschool Softball

Interschool Cricket

4th—9th September
Year 6 Brisbane Trip

6th September
Year 5 Transition Day

13th September
Prep & Yr 1 Gotcha Event

Prep Excursion to Zara Clark Museum

Year 6 Transition Day

14th September
Yr 2 to Yr 6 Gotcha Event

15th September
Term 3 Disco

16th September
Richie Rhinos U10 Annandale Challenge

12th November
RICHIE HILL SCHOOL FETE

Principal's Message

District Cricket Success

Four Richie students (Alex Shaw, Blake Fielder, Tyler Thompson and Mathias Santo-Hero) this week represented the Charters Towers District team at the NQ Trials. All students played extremely well and were a credit to our school while at the trials. Congratulations to Tyler Thompson on being selected for North Queensland. Fantastic effort Tyler.

Athletics Success

Congratulations to our amazing Richie athletes who competed at the district trials last Tuesday. Well done Richie competitors, you have done the school proud. A big congratulations to Jordan Brook who made it into the North Queensland Athletics team for the 200 m sprint event. More information about how our athletes went will be announced on parade tomorrow.

Eisteddfod Success

Congratulations to our Richie Senior and Junior bands who came first and second respectively at the eisteddfod last week in the primary school section. More results on how our Richie students went at the eisteddfod will be announced on parade tomorrow. Another fantastic effort by all students involved.

Hearing Screening for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

Just a reminder to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents that a free hearing screen clinic is taking place for all of your children on the 12th and 13th of September at Richie. If you don’t return the permission form to attend, your child will not be able to get their hearing checked. If you have lost your form, please contact Tash Masso at the school and she will get another one out to you.

Parent Teacher interviews

Over this week and the next fortnight, parent/teacher interviews are taking place to discuss the academic progress of Richie students in term 3. Thank you to all parents who have committed to attending an interview with your child’s teacher.

2016 Year 6 Brisbane Excursion

Mrs Crow, Mrs Ugarte and myself will be on the Year 6 Brisbane excursion next week. Miss Lisa and Mr Crow will take great care of Richie in our absence. Mrs Crow’s class will have Miss Casey for the week. Year 6 students will work with Ms Bush during the week.

Eating Healthy at Richie

Many students are coming to school with only pre-packaged foods like chips, biscuits and fruit wraps every day. Unfortunately processed foods like these do not give children the energy to sustain learning and physical activity during the school day. Especially those in the younger grades. If this is all they are getting for lunch then it will affect their learning, concentration, energy levels and their behaviour. Healthy lunches and snacks are important for all school children. It is important to offer healthy lunch box choices like fresh fruit, crunchy vegetables and sandwiches which keep their energy levels up all day. Please consider this in future when packing your child’s lunch.

Spellathon

Thank you to all parents who have been supporting their children in the ‘Richie Spellathon’ fundraiser for our school. This is a participation event and all students undertook the spelling tests last Wednesday. Collected money can be handed into the school over the next 2 weeks please.

Ballgames / Tug – o – War Carnival

Congratulations to Burdekin who were announced 2016 Ball Games/ Tug – o – War Champions on parade last week.
Last week of School is Super Busy
In the last week of school Richie will be having -

- Monday September 12th – Attendance Pizza Party
- Tuesday September 13th – Prep Excursion & Prep – Year 1 Gotcha Party – Year 6 High School Transition Day
- Wednesday September 14th – Year 2 & Year 3 Gotcha Party - Years 4 – 6 Gotcha Party
- Thursday September 15th – School Fluro Disco – Prep to Year 3 from 5-6pm & Year 4 to Year 6 from 6-7:30pm
- Friday September 16th – Bookweek Dress up as an Australian Character from a book Parade.

High School Transition Days
Year 5 and Year 6 Transition days are being held at the Charters Towers State High over the next fortnight. All students attending must fill out a permission form and return it to the school ASAP if they wish to attend these important days.
Year 5/6 High School transition Days are as follows –
Tuesday September 6th – Year 5
Tuesday September 13th – Year 6

State High School Parent Information Afternoon
There will be a parent information meeting on Thursday 20th October from 4pm at the High School for parents of students with a disability who will be entering Year 7 next year. Interested parents are to meet at the school office and then staff walk you to the Special Education rooms.

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.

Attendance
While the school understands that we are now in the cold and flu season and many students are absent from school due to these ailments, it is still disappointing to see the number of students who are not sick staying away from school. Over the few weeks we averaged over 40 students per day absent with many of these absent students not sick. ‘Every Day Counts’ at Richie and we would like to see all children here every day if they are healthy enough to attend.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: Week 8 & 9
I AM RESPECTFUL – Be honest and tell the truth
I AM SAFE – Be where you are meant to be
I AM A LEARNER – Work at a task until you finish it

The Five Essential Components of Reading
Reading with children and helping them practice specific reading components can dramatically improve their ability to read. Scientific research shows that there are five essential components of reading that children must be taught in order to learn to read. Adults can help children learn to be good readers by systematically practicing these five components:

1. Recognizing and using individual sounds to create words, or phonemic awareness. Children need to be taught to hear sounds in words and that words are made up of the smallest parts of sound, or phonemes.

2. Understanding the relationships between written letters and spoken sounds, or phonics. Children need to be taught the sounds individual printed letters and groups of letters make. Knowing the relationships between letters and sounds helps children to recognize familiar words accurately and automatically, and “decode” new words.

3. Developing the ability to read a text accurately and quickly, or reading fluency. Children must learn to read words rapidly and accurately in order to understand what is read. When fluent readers read silently, they recognize words automatically. When fluent readers read aloud, they read effortlessly and with expression. Readers who are weak in fluency read slowly, word by word, focusing on decoding words instead of comprehending meaning.

4. Learning the meaning and pronunciation of words, or vocabulary development. Children need to actively build and expand their knowledge of written and spoken words, what they mean and how they are used.

This is the most important Component. Acquiring strategies to understand, remember and communicate what is read, or reading comprehension strategies. Children need to be taught comprehension strategies, or the steps good readers use to make sure they understand text. Students who are in control of their own reading comprehension become purposeful, active readers.

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal
2016 SCHOOL PRIORITIES Mathematics, English and Explicit Instruction,
‘KNOW THE CURRICULUM-KNOW THE STUDENT-VARY THE PATHWAY’

THANK YOU RICHIE HILL
FAMILIES FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR READ ALOUD A SHIRT DAY
FUNDS RAISED: $201

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

3 MINUTES WITH
MRS NIEBLING
BEST UNIT OF WORK YOU HAVE TAUGHT?
Poetry, English. English is the best subject in the world.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE 10 YEAR OLDS ABOUT BEING A LEARNER?
Drive the bus which means you determine the amount of effort you put into your work. You can be anything you choose to be.

YOUR FAVOURITE PAST TIME/HOBBIE?
Singing and reading

WHAT SCHOOLS HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT AS A TEACHER?
Beaudesert

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?
Redrock NSW
By Magenta

YEAR 6 HOT AIR BALLOON CHALLENGE
A lunch time challenge which saw Richie Hill Year 6 students brainstorm ideas to design a Hot Air Balloon. A special thank you to Niobe, Zoe and Maddison from Year 6 who created the digital design that I have emailed as our school entry in the Townsville Bulletin Competition. Thank you students for having a go!

HAPPY SUPPORT STAFF WEEK
Often the day goes. A testament to work done often behind the scene to support operations without any fuss at Richie Hill. Mrs Hodgetts-Miss Forno and Mr Wilson.
**CHARTERS TOWERS STATE HIGHSCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS FOR YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 CLASSES**

During Week 9 and Week 10 Year 5 and Year 6 students will have the opportunity to experience school life at Charters Towers State High School.

**Week 9**  
Year 5 Tuesday 6th September 2016  
Session 1 – Science  
Session 2 – History  
Session 3 - Drama  
Session 4 - Ag Science

**Week 10**  
Year 6 Transition Tuesday 13th September 2016  
Session 1 - English  
Session 2 -Science  
Session 3 - Visual Art  
Session 4 –ICT  
Class Teachers will be with classes for the day. I am looking forward to the feedback from students about their day.

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

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**A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO A COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR WILD LIFE CARE**

After dropping off a 3rd Soccer Table for lunch time play to School on Sunday afternoon, I came across an accident where a kangaroo was hit by a car and a joey was flung from its mothers pouch. The frightened little joey huddled into the purple shrub along the walking track to Towers Hill.

Thank you Rhoda McColl for your assistance, time and care.

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**VOLUNTEERS OF THE FORTNIGHT**

THANK YOU FROM US TO YOU!  
(as recorded in our Volunteers Register)

Danielle Ellis  
Melinda Hunt  
Carmel Hutley  
Theresa Kitchen  
Andrea Gough  
Bernie  
Brianna Kleem  
Suzanne Matthews  
Kate Phillips  
Tracey Schulter  
Kevin Connolly

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**GOTCHA CELEBRATIONS FOR TERM 3 COMING UP IN WEEK 10**

Do you know your child’s class expected criteria for participation?  
Mrs Scott and Miss Lisa are planning P-3 event.  
Mr Turner and Mrs Crow are planning Yr 4-6 event.
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 1.30 pm 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
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.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
WHERE: MPC KITCHEN
WHEN: LAST CHANCE FRIDAY
TIME: 8:30-9:00AM

Wishing all our Richie Dads & Grandads a wonderful Father’s Day!
Thank you for supporting Richie Hill P&C.

HAPPY TEACHER AIDE DAY FRIDAY
2ND SEPTEMBER
Richmond Hill State School
Admin team on behalf of the school each year show appreciation with a special presentation at Parade.
We proudly acknowledge staff year after year, past and present teacher-aides who support students and staff in teaching and learning.
To our 2016 Teacher-aide team-thanks for your work!

Voluntary Financial Contribution for 2016

CHARTERS TOWERS JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

Sign On
Saturday 17th September at Mosman Park from 8.30am
Come and have a try – see if cricket is your game
Basic skill and drill activities on the day
Social matches
Canteen will be operating
Season Fixtures for children aged 8 – 17
Expression of interest for beginners aged 5 - 8 years
All enquiries email ctjcricket@gmail.com
## Special Awards

- **Spirit of the Festival (Speech & Drama)** – Clover Hill
- **Spirit of the Festival (Music)** - Haddon Mossley
- **Most Promising Instrumentalist – Primary**
  - Kathryne Squair
- **Rotary Club Award for Primary School Band**
  - Richmond Hill Senior Concert Band

### Brass Solo Grade 4 and under
- **Second Place**  
  - Erik Michaelis
- **Third Place**  
  - William Stibbs

### Brass Solo Grade 5 and 6
- **Second Place**  
  - Ella-Beth Stretton
- **Third Place**  
  - Amanda Forward
  
### Woodwind Solo Grade 4 and under
- **First Place**  
  - Amy Brooks
- **Third Place**  
  - Clancy Stretton

### Woodwind Solo Grade 5
- **First Place**  
  - Karen Squair

### Woodwind Solo Grade 6
- **Second Place**  
  - Kathryne Squair

### Percussion Solo Primary School
- **First Place**  
  - Layla Gossage

### Stringed Instrument Solo Primary School
- **Second Place**  
  - April Kitchen

### Piano Solo Grade 3 and under
- **Highly Commended**  
  - Maxwell Michaelis

### Piano Solo Grade 4-6
- **Third Place**  
  - Dakoda Montgomery

### Piano Duet Primary School
- **First Place**  
  - Dakoda Montgomery and Brooke Evans (BTC)

### Instruments Duet Grade 5 and under
- **First Place**  
  - Erik Michaelis and Shelden West (ASSG)
- **Second Place**  
  - Angus Reid and Mallee Hill
- **Third Place**  
  - Amber Miller and Farah Caddy

### Instrumental Duet Grade 6
- **First Place**  
  - Karen Squair and Kathryne Squair
- **Third Place**  
  - Mallee Hill and Rani Boundy

### Instrumental Trio/Quartet Primary School
- **First Place**  
  - Ella-Beth Stretton, Karen Squair and Kathryne Squair
- **Third Place**  
  - Hollie Sticklen, Layla Gossage, Tara Petrie and Lachlan Tweedie

### Concert Band Primary School
- **First Place**  
  - Richmond Hill SS Senior Concert Band
- **Second Place**  
  - Richmond Hill SS Junior Concert Band
Congratulations to our Richie Hill students Conlan Pugh, Malachi Dimmack, Tom Fagan, James McCartney, Cody Wheler and Luke Rodighiero who recently combined with students from Central & Millchester to form an AFL side. This team participated in the Garbutt Magpies Cup in Townsville on 19th August. All children played extremely well and were good representatives for Charters Towers.

RHSS were excited to have Braden Uleau and Tautau Moga from the Cowboys visit and take the time to coach the U10’s at lunch.
This week, we have finished our Science unit on the weather. We explored different activities that are suitable for different types of weather. We made kites to fly on a windy day, sun catchers to hang up outside for sunny days (don’t they look beautiful!) and we made hot chocolates with marshmallows and cream to enjoy on a cold, cloudy day.

I liked the Pigeon wants a Puppy book. It was funny because I liked it when the big puppy came to the pigeon. He licked the pigeon. The pigeon didn’t like it. He wanted a walrus. In the end, no Walrus came.

Callin

I liked the book about the pigeon needing a bath. It was funny when the flies came. They said “You need a bath man!”

Jack

In English, we have enjoyed reading a series of books by Mo Williems. These books have included: Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, The Pigeon wants a Puppy, The Pigeon finds a Hot Dog, The Duckling gets a Cookie, The Pigeon needs a Bath. We made our own pigeons, labelled a pigeon and wrote about our favourite pigeon story.

For our History unit, we are continuing to explore birthday celebrations. For homework, we have started interviewing family members about their birthdays and what foods and games they enjoyed playing when they were little. We are also continuing to make different types of party foods. Each week we write out our shopping list and what we will need to do. Our favourite party foods so far has been ice-cream sundaes & pizzas.

A huge thank you to Ms Sandra Purkis & Mark Wilson for making our outdoor mushroom chairs. They look great!

In maths, we are continuing to practise writing our numbers to 15, recognising numbers to 15 when they are mixed up, recognising and naming 2D & 3D shapes and singing the days of the week.

Prep W News
We’ve had such a busy few weeks in Year 1! Here are some of the awesome things we’ve been learning about and doing:

A few weeks ago, Ranger Jackie from Hands On Wildlife brought along some amazing animals for us to see up close. She brought in lizards, snakes, a rat kangaroo and even a crocodile! We learnt about their features, habitat, diet and ways of protecting themselves. Best of all, we got to hold some of the animals!

After that, we had a visit from the firefighters. They told us about good and bad fires, showed us what to do if we smell smoke, dressed up in their special equipment and showed us their truck and some of their tools. It was so cool!

Finally, in Science we’ve been learning about different kinds of insects. We went on a schoolyard safari around the school grounds and we’ve also had a good look at the features of worms and ants. Here are some pictures of us getting up close and personal with some wriggly worms!

Thanks for making time for an interview this week. If you’ve misplaced your note, I would love to see each of you and share your child’s progress. Please give me a call or email me at tmarw2@eq.edu.au.
Good afternoon parents, carers and guardians of 1H,

Well the end of the term has crept up on us and we only have a couple of weeks to go. Please remember that this is an important time for your child to be at school because assessment is taking place across all curriculum areas. If your child is away it is difficult to catch them up.

The ‘Hands on Wildlife’ visit was a huge success and the children really enjoyed having the opportunity to learn about and interact with the animals they are learning about for their information report. I think we were all very surprised to hear that ‘Raider’ the black-headed python likes to feast on other snakes, including venomous ones. This is pretty cool if you ask me! Take a look at some of the photos below. You might be surprised at who was brave enough to have a hold of a snake or a crocodile.

I would like to give you a little reminder about **sight word practice**. The sight word folders that are sent home in homework are for you to sit down and practice the list your child is on each night. When your child reads a word correctly the first time you can put a tick next to it. If they have to code out the word or they do not know it, you can put a dot beside the word so they know which words to focus on next time. Practising sight words every night will significantly improve your child’s reading fluency, which will help them to achieve the end of Year One benchmark of **PM Level 16**.

The children also really enjoyed the visit from the fire brigade. They learnt all about fire safety and how to protect themselves in the case of an emergency. They got to see firefighter Adrian all dressed up in his protective clothing that he wears to fight fires and they also got to check out the inside and outside of the fire truck. We were even lucky enough to hear the sirens and see the lights.

Thank you for those parents that have organised a time to come and speak with me about your child’s progress as they prepare to go off to Year Two. I look forward to meeting with the rest of you over the next week.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays. I know I will as I will be cruising through the pacific ocean.

Mrs Montgomery

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**Are you ready to have some fun?**

If so, then boogie on down in your fluro clothing to...

**Where:** MPC

**When:** Thursday 15th September

- **Prep to Year 3:** 5pm to 6pm
- **Year 4 to Year 6:** 6pm to 7:30pm

**Entry:** Gold Coin Donation

Sausage sizzle, soft drinks and chips - $2 each

See you all there!!
Over the past few weeks students have been busy learning about the process sugar-cane goes through to become white sugar. Next week they are writing a procedure beginning with when cane is first planted, right through to when it is sold at supermarkets. With this in mind, it is of upmost importance that children attend school each and every day.

Thank you for assisting your child to complete surveys for geography homework recently. This information is needed for their weekly lessons and assessment task.

In maths, students continue to work on multiplication and division number facts and are getting quicker at completing these. Our goal for year two is to have all children knowing their multiplication and division facts for 2,5 and 10s in under 15 seconds each question. There a quite a number of children who are also practising their 3 facts.

This week, we also introduced vertical algorithms for addition and subtraction. Some children flew through the basic problems and so we are working with using larger numbers that require trading. The children are persisting and showing excellent resilience to complete set work. Keep it up!!

Reading comprehension remains another focus in year two. When reading at home with your child, ensure to ask them to give you a retell of the text once they’re done and also ask some questions using these sentence starters: why did the main character… what did they mean by…. how did she/he feel when…..what if… what do you think…? These question stems will challenge your child to read more into the text and gain a better understanding. A reminder: the year two end of year reading target is 21.

Parent teacher interviews begin next week for both classes. If you haven’t already and would like to, please complete the form that was sent home and return with your child as soon as possible.

Zoe Collins and Kym Burgess
A busy few weeks in Year 3L!

Year 3 students have had Ball Games, and visits from Deadly Australians and Ranger Dan!

3N have been very privileged this term to experience two sessions with different wildlife specialists. The informative sessions included information about how to react around dangerous wildlife as well as interesting facts about these amazing creatures! We have written some informative reports about two Australian animals and are becoming very good at presenting factual information.