Principal’s Message

Welcome Back
The staff at Richie hope all of our families had a fantastic Easter Break. It has been lovely to hear the stories from the children who went away. This is an 11 week term so it is a long one!

Ms Bush had a girl!
Richie is happy to announce Ms Bush welcomed baby Emma into the world last Tuesday, April 19th.

Busy Fortnight Ahead
Over the next 2 weeks we have both ANZAC Day activities and Country Music Activities occurring. All students are reminded to get permission notes in for both activities.

ANZAC Day Activities
- Richie’s ANZAC Ceremony will occur tomorrow at 9am near the flag poles. The whole school is involved in the ceremony which should take about 30 minutes. Richie families are most welcome to attend.
- Dawn Service – This will start at 5:55am on ANZAC Day. Any Richie students attending the service are to assemble at the northern end of the assembled area. Please wear your school uniform.
- ANZAC Day March – Richie will assemble in the Overflow carpark next to Red Rooster. All students are reminded to wear their Richie uniform and hat. The school will march up to the Cenotaph on Gill Street, next to the hospital, then assemble on the hospital grounds for the service. All students will need to be collected by parents to leave this area before, during and after the service. Water will be provided for the students however a water bottle to carry on the march is advisable.

Country Music Parade -
- The theme this year is ‘Back to our Roots”
- Country Music Dress Up Parade – Friday April 29th – 9am - Students can dress in their country gear or dress up as any typical Australian from our past eg convict, gold miner, explorer, police officer, soldier, Nurse etc
- Country Music Parade – Students assemble at 5pm for a 5:30pm start opposite the Charters Towers Fire Station in the Park. Students follow our Float along Gill Street into Mossman Street. Collection for this parade is at Hollimans Car Park at 6:15pm. Students must be collected by parents unless otherwise arranged with the school. Our song is ‘We Are Australian’ so once again dress as a typical Australian as was done for the Parade at School.

School Performance Tours here next week
‘A Swag of Tales’ will be performed by School Performance Tours next Tuesday at Richie. These presentations are funded by the school so that every child can attend ‘free of charge.’

Interschool Cross Country
Richie is hosting the Interschool Cross Country next Wednesday morning (April 27th). Parents may encounter increased traffic and parking problems during this morning.

Music Room Air-Conditioned
Over the Easter break, the school funded the air-conditioning of the music room.
Responsible Behaviour Plan Review
This process started last week. Teachers, teacher aides, ancillary staff, parents and community members are encouraged to have a say in this process. If you can make it to the next meeting it will be held on Thursday, April 28th at 3:15pm. Everyone welcome.

Student Attendance
Last term we had the best student attendance at Richie for a few years. (92.8%) Our challenge is to sustain and improve on this percentage. Remember every child coming to school every day counts at Richie. Let’s see if we can crack 93% this term.

WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: (Term 2, Week 2)

- **I AM RESPECTFUL** - Use positive language.
- **I AM SAFE** - Move calmly and quietly around learning areas.
- **I AM A LEARNER** - Become a problem solver.

Tash Masso Leaving
We are saddened to advise that Tash Masso, our Indigenous Liaison Officer at Richie for past 3 years, is moving to Townsville. The Richie community would like to thank Tash for all the support she has given our school over the years and in particular Richie’s indigenous families. We wish Tash and her family all the best in Townsville. Tash will be replaced by Kylie Davidson. I am sure the Richmond Hill community will make Kylie feel welcome.

Have a great fortnight with your family everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal

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**PREP ENROLMENT INFORMATION:**

Enrolments at RHSS Open for the 2017 school year

Prep Enrolment Forms available from School Office.

Have we got your child’s Enrolment Form?

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2016 SCHOOL PRIORITIES: Reading, Writing, Explicit Instruction, Mathematics

‘KNOW THE CURRICULUM-KNOW THE STUDENT-VARY THE PATHWAY’

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRIEF
Miss Lisa Pitt

OUR END OF TERM 1 P-3 GOTCHA CELEBRATIONS. As part of positive behaviour and choices building at Richie Hill. Student who earn 100 Gotcha’s in a Term by Being Safe-Being a Learner-Being Respectful, participate in a celebration at the end of the school term for their efforts.

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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PREP ENROLMENT INFORMATION:

Enrolments at RHSS Open from March 2016
Prep Enrolment Forms available from School Office.
Please bring along birth certificate (Kindy Transition Statement if available)

PREP EVENTS:

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Tuesday 7th June 5pm-6pm
(Meet Prep Teachers, Visit Prep Classrooms and meet Admin Team)

Thursday 21st July 9am-10am

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

Tuesday 13th Sept and Thursday 15th Sept
TIME: 9.30am-10.30am

Monday 10th Oct and Friday 14th Oct
TIME: 1.30pm-2.30pm

TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC FUN AT PREP
THURSDAY 17th November 9-10am

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR EACH EVENT PHONE: 47562222

For booking or more information
RICHMOND HILL STATE SCHOOL

RICHIE ROCKETS & RAINBOWS PLAYGROUP

WHAT TO BRING ALONG.....

A HEALTHY SNACK
A HAT

WHEN: Thursday
TIME: 9.00-10.30
WHERE:
RHSS Community Room
COST: a gold coin

Our Family PLAYGROUP
Come along:
• To get to know others
• Play in wonderful play areas
• Support your child’s development as a learner
• Have fun

Our Place-Our Community
BEGINS 28th April

CO-ORDINATORS: Miss McMahon & Miss
Prep W

Orange Day. Day Against Bullying.

Michael Archer asking Matty Bowen what his favourite colour is. Did you know it's blue?

Well done to the following students who reached their 25 nights Reading Certificate. Keep up the great work!

Michael, Jana, Izumi, Juanita, Aiden, Blake, Jack, Chase, Nayte, Jazarrah, Julian, Cooper, Gabriel, Natayah, Cailin, Georgina.

Easter Hats & Baskets. Don't we look stylish!

Inter-House Cross Country. Ready, set, GOOOO!


What's happening in Term 2:

In Numeracy we are focusing on numbers 0 to 10. This includes writing these numbers correctly, recognising these numbers when they are jumbled up or out of order, creating groups to show a particular number, reading number words to match to the numerals eg. one, two, three, four and verbally counting forwards and backwards from different starting points. We will also continue to focus on patterns, days of the week, 2D shapes, questioning and using these answers to make a graph.

In Literacy, we are continuing to learn our letters and sounds and to write words/simple sentences using those sounds. Knowing our sounds is extremely important for our reading and writing development. Please continue to practise these each day for homework. Sight words are also key and we hope to see all children finishing the Blue Level sight word list this term. Our assessment piece, is an oral retell about a familiar story read in class.

Our over arching theme for the term will be dinosaurs. Something we are all very excited about!

In Science, we will be learning about how objects and animals move.

Please remember to return homework each Friday with the Reading log filled out. This is important because:

- books can be changed regularly,
- we can give you feedback on how the children are going with their sight words,
- children can receive their Reading Certificates on Parade and also be eligible to receive a book voucher at the School Fete in November (if 100 nights of reading are achieved).
Hello, I’m Sandra Purkis, known by the children as Ms Purkis. I am a third year pre-service teacher studying Early Childhood Education at James Cook University. I am undertaking my prac at Richmond Hill State Primary School in the Prep class with Ms Weston. I will be attending the School from the 18th of April until the 22nd April and again later in the year in term 3.

I am originally from Bundaberg but moved to Charters Towers in 2013 after working on a station near Cloncurry, where I met my partner who is a local of Charters Towers. I am the mother of 4 very grown adult children and I have worked in the childcare and education sector for approximately 25 years enjoying rural living in the majority of those sectors. I have a passion for working with young children as an advocate for providing the foundation for future connected citizens of our community.

During my time at Richmond Hill, I hope to increase my professional knowledge and skills as a Teacher while guided by Ms Weston. I look forward to building positive partnerships and relationships with the children, families and teaching staff of Richmond Hill State Primary.

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**Year 2B News**

“Can we please turn the air-conditioning on Mrs Burgess?” the children ask.

“We sure can!” What a beautiful new room we have and are extremely grateful for. If you haven’t already come up for a visit, it is a must!

This term has begun with much excitement across all of our learning areas. This week, students started Technology and are already busy planning adventure playgrounds with enthusiasm. Children are in the design phase and have discussed some materials needed to construct their playgrounds in upcoming weeks. We ask that you send in recycled materials from home over this week and next to assist the classes. Ideas include: plastic bottles, tops, cardboard, paddle-pop sticks, fabric, chux, pipe cleaners etc.

Maths reminder – please continue to practise time and money with your children at home. These two areas are very important in our everyday lives but can be difficult concepts to grab on to for many. Children need to know the o’clock, quarter past and half past times at this stage. They need to be able to count beyond $1 using coins.

The children are eager to earn Dojo points again this term with a few new prizes added to the prize station. They achieve points by being on task, participating, working hard, completing homework, great listening, helping others, persisting and displaying teamwork. Children are currently working towards achieving either 10 or 20 points. We have been focusing on persistence this week, especially when being stuck in ‘the dip’ and what to do to get out. The short monster videos we watch are engaging for the children and are available to watch on YouTube at home too.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Kym Burgess

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We have hit the ground running in Year Two this term! We have been investigating the life cycles of living things, in particular, mealworms. The children have been observing their growth and comparing them to the mealworms that are in the fridge. They are all enjoying this hands-on learning experience! We have even had skinks and caterpillars bought in to add to our life cycle display. Feel free to pop in and take a look.

A note has already gone out regarding the Year Two excursion to Reef HQ and the museum in Townsville on the 4th of May. Please remember to return all forms and money to the office by Friday the 29th of April.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Zoe
Hello parents and carers of 1H students,

Welcome back to another fun, exciting but busy term. Most of you would already be aware that this term will be 11 weeks long. Whilst Term One was only a short term, our overall attendance in 1H was quite poor, therefore I would love to see a huge improvement in attendance so that we can work towards going to the Pizza Party Celebration. Remember, ‘Every day counts!’

A few reminders about some upcoming events that you may have forgotten about. The ANZAC Service will be held at Richmond Hill State School this Friday at 9am. Kelt and Isabelle have been chosen to lay the wreath for our class, so if you able to come along to watch, we would love to see you there.

The construction of the dioramas is now underway for all Year One classes. The children have started doing the backgrounds (the sky), and will work through the different features of the landscapes each week. If you have craft materials laying around at home or that you are willing to buy and donate to our craft cupboard, please send them in with your child. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

This term in English, children will be completing two units of work. The first unit requires children to write a character description of either Pearl Barley or Charlie Parsley. If you don’t know who they are, ask your child to tell you and see if they can describe them in great detail. They will have to talk about the character’s appearance, their personality, their actions and also make a connection with them. It would be great if you could spend some time with your child writing or talking about characters from the books they bring home for home reading. The second unit is about poetry. Children will be reciting and analysing a poem from the text, ‘Commotion in the Ocean.’ These are fun poems about sea animals and are very easy to memorise. The hard part will be finding gestures and facial expressions to match the words. The Year One children from last year loved this unit and had some real fun with it. Parents are welcome to come and watch their children perform their poems if they wish to.

Please remember, we are always looking for extra sets of hands in the classroom. If you are able to offer any of your free time to help with sight word practise or daily counting patterns with small groups of children, please feel free to come in and see me to organise a time.

Heidi Montgomery—Year 1H Teacher
Welcome back to Term Two!

Our English unit this term is about the text, *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley*, written by Aaron Blabey. So far, we’ve been getting familiar with the text by discussing interesting vocabulary such as ‘lovely bedside manner’ and ‘running amok’. Ask your child what these phrases mean!

Here are some descriptions about our favourite pages (you may notice a theme here!)

The page I like best is when Pearl Barley runs amok and goes crazy and silly in her undies.

– Racquel

The page I like best is when Pearl Barley rides the motorbike. It makes me laugh.

– Tyler

The page I like best is when Pearl Barley runs amok in her underwear. She is so silly.

– Chelsea

The page I like best is when Charlie Parsley is being quiet and watering the plants.

– Ishmel

As always, please continue to work on sight words, do home reading and practise counting at home.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to come and see me or email me at tmarw2@eq.edu.au.

Welcome back to Term 2!! We hope that you had a lovely Easter break! This is going to be a very busy term! Coming up in the next 2 weeks are our ANZAC Day parades and Country Music Parades—so remember to send back those permission notes so we can have lots of Year 1’s participating.

Our 1st English unit this term, is a Character Description from the book “Charlie Parsley and Pearl Barley.” We have started this unit in class so look out for our wonderful samples of writing that will be happening in the next couple of weeks. In Science this term, we are looking at the changes in the Sun and the Moon. In Technology, we are making Diaramas, so don’t forget to bring in the items that are required to do this assessment task.

Great to see so many students continuing reading over the holidays, this has helped those students move up levels in their reading already this term. Well Done!

Miss Hannah Marriott.
The children in Prep P were very excited to be taking part in the class Easter activities in Week 9 of Term 1. They made Easter Crowns, Easter Baskets and had a visit from the Easter Bunny (although they did not see him—he is one sneaky rabbit)!

Prep P and their ‘Funny Face’ Easter Photo

**Easter Activities**

**Reminders**

Homework Due every Friday!

Library on Tuesdays!

**Term 2 Benchmarks**

**FOCUS AREA** | **Benchmark**
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**Writing** | • Independently write a simple sentence
**Sight Words** | • Working towards GREEN Level M100 Words
**Completed** - Golden, Red and Blue Level M100 Words
**Reading** | • PM Level 4
**SSP Level** | • Completed PURPLE
• Recognise all sound pics
• Use sound pics to spell words
• Read PURPLE level words
• Read PURPLE level Speedy Sentences
**Maths** | • Recognise ALL numbers to 10 (out of order)
• Write ALL numbers to 10
• Read number words to 10 (one, two, three etc)
• Recognise ALL basic 2D shapes
• Count forwards to 10
• Count backwards from 10
• Create simple patterns

**Drawing Ourselves**

This term we have begun to look at the detail in our drawings and drew a self-portrait. We had lots of fun!

**Please come in and check the data walls to see how your Preppie is progressing towards the term benchmarks.**

**Please make sure you read both Prep newsletter pages as there is information on each page that is relevant to both classes!**
In Year 3, we have been writing persuasive texts and concentrating on our reasons to back up our opinion. Last week we needed to change a rule or a law. Here are a few to share!

Connor: It would be crazy to do six hours at school. Why do so much work! How does it feel to concentrate all the time?

Jordon: I think kids can drive cars. How does it feel to just sit in the car? It is boring!

Tasia-Ella: I think everyone SHOULD not got to school. How does it feel to WORK, work, work for six hours a day at school?

Zack: We should play on the playground at first lunch and second lunch.

Leah: Most people would agree that we can do cartwheels at school because we definitely need exercise on our arms.

Maddison: Homework is hard to do because there is a lot to do. There is a full page to do!

Emmett: In my opinion, in the morning I need to get ready to go to school, instead I have to do the boring dishwasher!

Reese: My third reason is that children need to spend time with their family and NOT do homework all afternoon.

This term, 3N have been focussing on building our maths problem solving skills. We have been working with concrete materials and in groups to solve problems and represent number facts. Some of these ways of working have been displayed on our Maths Learning Wall ‘That’s Ingenious!’ section. When we are working together, we are discussing strategies and solution possibilities. Great work guys!

**MARKING FRACTIONS ON A NUMBER LINE**

**UNDERSTANDING THE 9x TABLES**
Parade Awards

25 Nights Reading Certificates

Gotchas
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.