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Richmond Hill State School Newsletter

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SOME OF OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS AT LEARNING & PLAY TIME CAPTURED BY MISS LISA

Important Dates
RHSS NAIDOC CELEBRATION DAY 29th July
CT SHOW HOLIDAY 2nd Aug
JEANS FOR GENES DAY 5th Aug
CT INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS 5th Aug
Deadly Australians Visit 11th Aug
FIRE SERVICE VISIT Year 1 15th Aug
READ ALOUD SHIRT DAY 26th Aug

PLEASE NOTE OFFICE OPENING HOURS - TERM 3
Monday to Friday 8.15 am to 3.30pm

I AM SAFE - I AM A LEARNER - I AM RESPECTFUL
SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY will close 29 July 2016. It is that time of year where our community is invited to provide feedback through the 2016 State School Opinion Survey.

A letter (blue) went home earlier in the week to families. I encourage you to complete the online survey so that we can celebrate the great achievements and programs at Richie Hill, and continue to review and reflect on where we need to improve to make things better.

Over the past 12 months staff, students, parents and the wider community have worked very hard to ensure our students receive the 'best education' at our 'great school! Thank you in advance for your participation in this years survey.

FAREWELL MR CHINN

Mr Chinn advised me that he has accepted a teaching position at Crestwood State College, and that he will take up his contract position on Monday 25th July 2016. This relocation will enable Mr Chinn to be closer to his family who moved back to Brisbane earlier this year. We thank and wish Mr Chinn every success with his relocation back to Brisbane.

Miss Kelly Casey will be teaching 6C for the remainder of 2016. Miss Casey is an experienced Classroom Teacher who has worked at Richie Hill for 11 years. She demonstrates great care and enthusiasm when working with students.

Thank you Miss Casey for stepping in as our 6C Class Teacher from your District Relief Teacher Role.

AGE APPROPRIATE PEDAGOGY

Our Prep Teachers Ms Weston, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Ugarte and I travel to Townsville to attend the 3rd Cluster Meeting for this Project at Aitkenvale State School tomorrow.

Our Prep Team is excited to share, that we were invited to participate in the Department of Education and Training Program “Age Appropriate Pedagogy”.

The Age Appropriate Pedagogy research is conducted by Griffith University and we attend workshops in Townsville and surrounding areas. As a teaching team we continue to refine our teaching practices in response to the children’s strengths and capabilities, interests and learning achievements. As part of this training, we are also required to bring along samples of our planning, reflections on what we have implemented and student work samples.

Mr Stephen Crow will provide support in the office. Thanks Mr Crow.
**3 MINUTES WITH MRS BROOKS**

**What are three songs on your Music Playlist?** Any thing from the 80’s.

**Name one best song you have heard?** Bohemian Rhapsody

**What is your favourite colour?** Green

**What is one great thing about teaching Music at Richie?** I get to do two of my favourite things playing games and singing all day!

**What other schools have you taught at in your career?** El Arish SS, Bigger Waters SS, Atherton SS, CTSDE, Central SS, Millchester SS

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**UPDATE PARENT CONTACTS**

**DO WE HAVE YOUR LATEST CONTACT DETAILS?**

We are seeking phone contacts from families who may have had number changes or emergency contact details of others changed.

If you could please call Miss Kate in the office to advise of any changes it will be greatly appreciated.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK** to Mrs Ugarte for her caring assistance as Deputy Principal during the past fortnight, it is appreciated.

I would like to personally share, that it is always a privilege to slide into a shared leadership role to support our school family.

Working together makes a difference & much achieved.

Mr and Mrs Brady are scheduled to be back on deck next week.

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**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.
2017 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE BEING TAKEN
HAVE WE GOT YOUR ENROLMENT FORM?

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PREP ENROLMENT TRANSITION TO PREP 2017
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

STUDENT LEADERS
JEANS FOR GENES DAY
A national event aimed at supporting Children’s Medical Institute Research to support research childhood diseases to give children around the world a better and healthy future.

Our student leaders invite our community to get involved if you like.
Friday 5th August
Gold coin donation

PREP 2017 OPEN INFORMATION SESSION 2 Lovely to have families come along this morning to get to hear about our Prep Learning Space and visit PW and PP. Just delightful to see parents and children getting involved in learning and play. Looking forward to working with you in 2017.
Acting Deputy Principal – Mrs Ugarte

Welcome back to Term 3 and what a windy, rainy and cold start to our term. We have such a busy term ahead that it has been so pleasing to see the wonderful behaviour around the school. Students who have been working hard and also playing co-operatively in the playground in the last 2 weeks. Well done to everyone!

School Opinion Survey

Over the last 2 weeks, I have assisted Miss Lisa with the School Opinion Survey across the Year 4, 5 and 6 classes. The school opinion survey allows the students at our school to voice their opinions about how our school is going according to what they see, hear and do in our school. It has been an interesting experience watching the students log on and access the internet, being able to show their computer skills.

Reading at Richie

Reading groups has commenced again for the term and it has been wonderful to see the improvement in some of the students reading skills. I have been dropping in to some of the reading groups and to listen to the students read and discuss the texts, it has been a real highlight, as some of our students previously had been struggling. LLI – Levelled Literacy Intervention – has also commenced again this term. Our wonderful team of TAs – Mrs Fittock, Mrs Pugh, Miss Tracy and Miss Sarah, along with Miss Alison and myself, have been working with those students who need some extra support with their reading skills in the afternoons.

Show

The Charters Towers Show is nearly upon us again, Richie Hill will have a display in the shed again this year, so don’t forget to go along and have a look at it – our student displays are amazing!

NAIDOC Celebrations

Next Friday 29th July, our school will be celebrating NAIDOC with several exciting events happening throughout the morning. Every class will get to see dancing, didgeridoo playing, damper tasting, aboriginal painting displays and also participate in boomerang painting and jewellery bead making. What an exciting day we’re going to have!

Thank you

This will be my final week of acting in the Deputy Principal role at Richie. I would like to thank all the staff and students who supported me in this role and I have thoroughly enjoyed this experience. I will be back in my role of STLAN next week, ready to continue supporting staff and students at Richie Hill. Thanks one and all.
WHEN: Thursday 9.00am to 10.30am  WHERE: COMMUNITY ROOM

COST: Gold coin donation CO-ORDINATOR: Mrs McMahon

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

Book Club

Book Club orders are due in by Monday 25th July.
Remember you are able to order online with the LOOP app, or you can just drop your order form and money off at school. Thanks!

Tuckshop – Term 3

At the end of last term our P & C committee had to make a decision to decrease our paid convenor time at the tuckshop. Mrs. Lamb (Tuckshop Convenor) now works on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday each week. A new menu was sent home last week – if your child didn’t bring a copy home please ask them to drop into the school office and collect one as there were a number of changes made to the previous menu.

Tuckshop is still open on Monday and Tuesday each week and is being run by volunteers. We would like to thank Carmel Hutley, Theresa Kitchen, Danielle Ellis and Julie Lowmow for their support on a Monday & Tuesday so far this term. On Monday & Tuesday we have meal deals with sausage rolls and chicken nuggets so no cooking is involved - these items are simply placed into a warmer and then served to children at lunch break time. Volunteers are required to compile orders, place items into warmer, cut up some fruit, pack orders at around 10:45am. We are still looking for more volunteers to help us out on a Monday & Tuesday so that we can do up a roster. If you are able to spare 1-2 hours please contact Kerri Forno or Theresa Kitchen at the school office. If we can get sufficient volunteers we may be able to do a roster for a month at a time.
Welcome back for another term! We have been busy making music in all classes already this term, and it has been great to see so much enthusiasm from the students.

This term many students will be preparing for the Charters Towers Eisteddfod, to be held in August. Our school choir will be competing, along with a number of soloists in instrumental, vocal and speech and drama events. As soon as the final program is published, I will be able to let you know on what days your events will be. Students who have nominated to enter art work in the Eisteddfod need to get their art work to me by Friday 14 August, so that I can drop in to the World Theatre for judging. Good luck everyone!

Mrs Brooks

**School Equipment**

As we are through one semester of learning some students are running out of school supplies. Please check with your child if they require any new equipment.

**History**

We are continuing our History learning this term focusing on how British settlement affected Aboriginal Peoples. We will focus on learning about the Eora People and researching how life changed for them.

**Jumpers**

With the colder weather here please ensure that all jumpers are clearly named. This way we can ensure that they make it home safely.

**Chair Bags**

With most students having such large pencil cases at school we are finding it difficult to fit them into our tidy trays. Therefore as a solution we are using an old pillow case from home as a chair bag. So if you have a spare pillow case please send it to school so they can be used as chair bags.

**REMEMBER:** Burdekin Street Entrance

Please use the exit/entrance near the bus stop and Year 6 class room and then continue to cross the road using the pedestrian crossing. There are far too many students waiting at the double gates and then running across the road. Please remember safety first.
Hello from 4K!

Welcome back for another term full of fun and adventure!

Our first two weeks have seen a new face in the room with Miss Tegan Dunstan from JCU coming to engage in prac teaching. Already she has had a huge impact on the class and I can tell that she is enjoying teaching as well.

Already we have started on our learning journey in English with a new text, Rodeo Darcy. The story tells about a young aboriginal man who is drawn to the rodeo and when he loses his friend, he is given a saddle and soon finds himself on the ride of his life! The students have really enjoyed reading the book and we will be delving deeper into the text and learning about how authors use language to relate the feelings of their characters. The final product will be an oral presentation and review of the story—can’t wait!

The Science unit sees the students learning about the properties of materials and how these determine which materials are used for a range of different purposes. Would you make a pillow out of cement? Would you make a driveway out of mattresses? Every material has different properties which make it suited for a purpose. The students will be learning about how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples mixed ochres with different fluids to make paints for body painting and to decorate weapons and create artworks.

As always, we try hard to engage in hands-on activities with Maths to help develop a deeper understanding of the concepts we are learning. This is essential with fractions as the students learn to divide units and groups into equal parts. By doing this with concrete materials it helps by giving a physical reference to an abstract concept. I personally enjoy teaching maths and this makes it all the better.

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable break! As always I look forward to meeting with all of the parents of my amazing class to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

Here’s to an awesome Term Three!

Mr Kitchen.
Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you had a lovely time with your children over the holidays.

**Miss DeMatos:**

| 5C ~ Term 3: | Miss Dematos joins our class again for three weeks as she completes her third year teaching practicum. It is great having another set of hands in the classroom! |
| English - Poetry Anthology and analysis | |
| Demand Writing - Brochure | |
| History - Australian Gold Rush and the Eureka Stockade | |
| Science - Light | |
| Technology - Construction of a library bag | |
| Maths: N&A - short division with remainders and zeros, decimal addition and subtraction, percentages | |
| M&G - capacity, volume and mass, scale, compass points, latitude and longitude, directions, turns and degrees, Australian time zones | |
| S&P - dot plots and line graphs | |

**Excursion:**

All students have received a note about our excursion on Thursday, 18 August. Please return the permission note and money required to school by Friday, 12 August.

**Stationary:**

Please ensure your child has all necessary equipment to participate in daily lessons. I have noticed that many students are starting to run out of glue and some require new books as they have used up all available pages.

**Seesaw:**

Our class is now using the Seesaw app/program to assist with student learning. All students have received log on details and an invitation to all parents was sent home. Seesaw is a journal showing what your child learns at school. Students can keep things like stories they write, math problems they solve or any other tasks they complete. Students have signed a contract stating they understand how to appropriately and safely use the program. Thank-you to those parents who have signed in and viewed their child’s learning journal. Once some technical issues are resolved, the students will also be able to use the program at school to add their own work samples.

Congratulations to Annette, Shnola, Ashleigh and Jake who received ‘Student of the Week’ awards in week 1. Reading certificates were also awarded to Jeremy, Amber, Mitchell, Jessi and Taryn.

**Reminders:**

- Library borrowing is Tuesday. All students are expected to borrow and require a library bag. Please ensure that your child has one.
- Healthy snacks are allowed each morning.
- Each child is encouraged to have a water bottle inside the classroom.
- Reading logs need to be signed nightly.
- Homework is expected to be completed nightly and returned to school the next morning.

If you have any queries, please come and see me or send me an email rcrow45@eq.edu.au
At the end of last term students in 5C and 5H undertook a maths investigation to determine how many grains of glitter it would take to cover a 6-point star measuring 24 centimetres from point to point.

The students had to investigate ways to estimate large numbers, draw their star using a compass, find the number of grains in 1cm² and then find the area of the star.

At the end of all of this maths, we found that we used......

73 896 grains of glitter!!
5C - Book in a....

Book Report
MORE WONDERFUL STUDENTS AT LEARNING & PLAY TIME CAPTURED BY MISS LISA

WE SURE DO HAVE TERRIFIC STUDENTS, HELPFUL PARENTS AND CARING STAFF IN OUR GREAT SCHOOL CONGRATS! EVERYBODY WE THINK OUR RICHIE HILL SCHOOL FAMILY IS JUST AMAZING!

THANK YOU PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE ASSISTED DURING THIS LAST FORTNIGHT- TAKEN FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS REGISTER

Melinda Hunt  Bernie  Brianna Kleem  Carmel Hutley
Jock Connolly  Deb Forward  Andrea Gough
Kate Phillips  Theresa Kitchen  Julie Lowman
Suzanne Mathews  PLO’s Donna/Caroline  Danielle Ellis