Principal’s Message

NRL Trophy Visit
The 2015 NRL Trophy won by the Cowboys visited Richie today. All classes had their photos taken with the trophy. It was one of the most exciting days for the students this year.

School Strategic Improvement Plan
Last Thursday, November 19th, the Assistant Regional Director verified and approved the School Strategic Improvement Plan for the next 4 years. The final copy of this document is in the office. Any parents wishing to view the document can call at the office to read a copy.

Concert/Award Night
Richie will be having its Concert/Award night next Friday, December 4th, at the Charters State High School Hall. During this night each grade will perform as a combined year level. After the Item the classroom teachers will present the following awards to 4 of the students from their class. The awards are Academic Excellence, Academic Achievement, Citizenship and Best All-rounder in Class. There will be two sessions and all students are most welcome to either or both sessions. The Prep – 3 session starts at 6pm and should conclude about 7pm. The Year 4-7 session starts at 7:30pm and should conclude about 8:30pm. The Richie Hill School band will also be performing at both sessions. Admission is free and we hope to see most families supporting this important annual event. There will be a sausage sizzle with drinks on sale throughout the night starting at around 5:30pm at the back of the halls.

School Fete
Thank you so much Richie for supporting our annual Christmas Fete. While numbers were down following the welcome rain, it was great to see all of the families who stayed for the duration. Many thanks to our volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the evening and assisted with the setting up in the morning. The Richie Community spirit was certainly on show. Thank you all for your contributions.

2016 Brisbane Trip
This information will be coming out next week. Current Year 5 parents are reminded that the permission form and the deposit must be paid to guarantee a place on this excursion in 2016.

2016 School Leaders Announcement
The 2016 school leaders will be announced at parade next Friday, December 4th. This will be a special parade as many classes are also presenting many awards that will not be presented at the Awards night later in the evening.

Class lists for 2016
These will come out in the last week of school.

Semester 2 Report Cards
These will be given out to students on the Monday in last week of school. Parents are reminded that results on this report card take into consideration your child’s progress for the whole year and not just semester 2.

WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:

I AM RESPECTFUL- I Stay Calm, Don’t React and Tell Someone when I get angry.
I AM SAFE– please make sure you wash hands before eating and after visiting the toilet
I AM A LEARNER- Use manners when interacting with staff and other students
Swimming
This week was the last week of swimming lessons.

Year 6 High School transition Days are as follows –
Next Week - Monday/Tuesday – 30th November/1st December – Year 6 students visit

Term 4 Date Claimers
Dec 2 - Religious Education Christmas Pageant
4th December – School Concert/Presentation night – State High School Hall
Last week of school – Report cards/ Year 6 Graduation/Attendance Pizza Parties/Gotcha Parties
11th December – Last day of School

Teachers/Classes for 2016
Please find below the proposed classes and their teachers for 2016. Parents are reminded that changes are sometimes made due to enrolments and classroom sizes. These changes would occur in 2016 based on Day 8 enrolments.

Prep – Miss Weston/Mrs Phillips
Year 1 - Miss Marwick/Mrs Montgomery/Miss Marriot
Year 2 - Mrs Burgess/Mrs Collins
Year 3 – Miss Lowe/Mrs Niebling
Year 4 - Mrs Scott/Mr Kitchen
Year 5 - Mrs Crowe/Miss Ham/Mr Turner
Year 6 - Mr Chinn/Ms Bush

Last Newsletter
The last newsletter for 2015 will come out in the last week of school.

Have a great fortnight everyone 😊

MOVING ON-LEAVING TOWN
To assist our school in planning for classes in 2016. If you know that you are leaving town please take time to give us a call PH: 47562222 or complete the form and return to the School office. We thank you for being a part of our Richie Hill Family and wish you and your family well in your new endeavours.

I______________________________ would like to advise that my child/ren
_________________________________________________________________________________

Are:
☐ Will not be back at Richie Hill in 2016
☐ Leaving Charters Towers in 2016
☐ Moving to a New School 2016

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE-Thanks
**2015 SCHOOL PRIORITIES** Reading, Writing, Explicit Instruction, Differentiation

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

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**THANK YOU TO OUR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION TEAM OF 2015**

Kindly provided a ‘thank you’ Morning tea for Staff. Each year their generosity is greatly appreciated-
Viv Chapman, Lyn Chapman, Del Lithgow, Helen Milton, Toms Strachan, Bev Davis, Robyn Deitrich, Kay Shepherdson and Jean Pankhurst

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**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION TEAM OF 2015 BREAK UP STORYTELLING EVENT**

Only students who participate in Religious instruction engage in this special storytelling event organised and planned by the RI Team

**DATE:** 2nd December

**TIME:** 10.30-11.00am in MPC

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**SS2P Successful Start 2 Prep Program in readiness for Prep in 2016**

- Mr Brady wrapped up the Program last Friday with Principal Chat & Tour.
- **PREP 2016 Class Allocation Letters** were popped into the Post last week.

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**EL@R Early Learning at Richie Hill wraps up this week.**

Final session will be Friday with Chrissy Fun times

**DATE:** Friday 27th November  
**TIME:** 9.30-11.00 
Thank you for your involvement in 2015

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**WELL DONE STUDENTS –JAPANESE**

I am very proud of the efforts and focus of students who have engaged in LOTE-Japanese in 2015.

Semester 2 has seen students prepare and speak in Japanese about a Pet.

Students also read Japanese to interpret a Missing Pet Poster.

Students from 5J-5C-6B and 6G did so well in their assessment tasks!

This is a ‘shout-out’ to you for your achievements! Top job everyone!

Student Ella-Beth prepared a lovely thank you card to Mr Moritake (Teacher in Japan) about our LOTE 2015. Thank you Ella-Beth sums up the year beautifully!
YOU HELPED MAKE OUR 2015 FETE GREAT!

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRIEF
Miss Lisa Pitt

THANK YOU
Richie Hill Fete from the air. This photo was taken in the evening, after the rain. Thanks to Mr Lance Mackenzie.
NRL TROPHY VISITS RICHIE HILL
THE COWBOYS ARE OUR TEAM!
Richie Hill students and staff were delighted to have Jessi and Kaye bring the NRL Trophy to our school today — thank you so much it was greatly appreciated.

Thank You Cowboys!
Well the end of the school year is quickly approaching and we cannot be more proud of the hard work that our Year One students at Richie Hill have put in throughout 2015. Their improvement and growth has been a result of their individual efforts and we simply cannot thank our parents enough for all their support throughout the year.

In 1M, I would like to say a big thank you to the students and the parents for making my first year of teaching a memorable one. I was truly blessed to have such a wonderful class this year. Every student has shown me throughout the year that they are committed to their learning journey and they have consistently looked for ways to improve themselves. The qualities that my Year One students have shown are the qualities of successful learners. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to my very close colleague Belinda Hourston who is on maternity leave at the moment. Belinda has made my first year of teaching better than I could have ever imagined. Her organisation and passion for teaching was infectious and I could not have asked for a more kind and caring colleague.

As the year wraps up, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the work that the children have produced for their demand writing piece. Whilst I would love to share them all, there is simply not enough room as they all wrote so much. So here are a couple for you to read:

**Bella Miller**

One beautiful, sunny, morning, when the sun was rising under the deep, blue, sparkly sea, there were two scientists named Jack and Jill who were out finding a new species.

They didn’t realise they were being stalked by investigators in a bubble, shaped submarine. The scientists asked them to join their mission to discover a new species of turtles. They said, “Yes! We’d love to!” As they were swimming they found one turtle and caught it. But it had plastic bags around its head. They had to rush back to shore.

When they got to the vet, he had to get needles and they had to take the plastic bag off.

**Blayre Boswell**

On a warm, sunny, weekend, at the bottom of the deep, blue sea, Scuba Sam and Davey the Dangerous Diver were searching for mystical shells.

Suddenly they realised a mean, scary scary was stalking them in the shadows of the coral. They used a two-way radio to call for help. “Mayday! Mayday!” they said. A policeman got on their ship and he picked them up and they had a little party.

I would like to congratulate all the Year One students on their fantastic writing and I hope to see some of your samples in the newsletter next year as well.

I hope you enjoy the photos, highlighting some of the fun we have had throughout the year. Have a happy and safe holidays and thank you for the amazing memories.

Heidi Montgomery—Year One teacher.
I can see...
White-tipped waves rolling over me
Green, shady trees covering the sea
Red-baked bodies lying in the sand
Bustling people walking on the land.
By Anna Milton 3N
Children playing joyfully in the golden sand
Brightly coloured water covering all the land
Trees swinging and swaying through the air
People happily splashing everywhere
By Jeremy Woolcock 3L

I can feel...
Soft white sand, so soft and white it's like clouds in the sky,
Cold salty water, jumping up my legs, as it rushes down I say good-bye,
Blazing hot sun, burning on my back, I need some sun lotion,
Stinging salt in the refreshing wonderful salty ocean.
By Keturah ConGoo 3L

I can hear...
Crazy, splashing waves splashing gently on the shore,
Lightning fast jet skis roaring like a dinosaur,
Scaly, salty fish blowing big bubbles,
Scared young children screaming because they're in trouble.
By Noah Matthews 3L
Whistling winds howling through the air,
Shouting lifeguards sitting in their lair
Squawking seagulls fighting in a tree
Chittering children playing in the sea.
By April Kitchen 3N
Prep P have been busy learning about addition and subtraction. We have used many things to help us learn including counters, people and stories. We have also begun to use number lines to help us solve the addition and subtraction problems. WE LOVE MATHS!

Prep W

Check out our awesome writing about what we want to be when we grow up......

When I grow up I want to be a Fairy Princess and help people have nice dreams.

Rhani

When I grow up I want to be a policewoman and I want to catch the baddies and put them in jail. Then I want to have a nap.

Chelsea

When I grow up I want to be a doctor and look after Isabelle and Miss Weston when she is sick.

Racquel

When I grow up I want to be Batman and save people from the baddies.

Zac

When I grow up I want to be a motorbike rider. I want to do backflips and I will do some front flips and I will do some wheelies and some front flips.

Carson

When I grow up I want to be a teacher. I’m going to teach the kids to write.

Tyler Murphy

When I grow up I want to be a fire fighter to save people from burning houses and to save peoples lives and to put out fires and to be awesome and smart. I want to save little boys and girls.

Jimmy

When I grow up I want to be a security guard with a zap gun and a phone and stuff.

Darius

When I grow up I want to be a teacher. It is fun. I want to teach the kids to write.

Stevie-Jane

When I grow up I want to be a robber and rob the bank and buy some guns and hot rod cars and I will drive away from the cops and put the cops in jail.

Fletcher
In Prep M, we have been reflecting on our first year at school. We have written and illustrated our favourite memories so far.

Here are some of our favourite events from Prep 2015:

- My favourite part of Prep was book character dress up day. I dressed up as Frankenstein. I had to walk around and show everyone my costume at parade. Miss Marwick was Thing One. It was a good day.
  - Brooke

- My favourite part of Prep was the Gotcha Party because of the tattoos. I got a tattoo of a pirate hook. I loved when I was blindfolded and I put an eye patch on the parrot. It was so fun.
  - Shari

- My favourite part of Prep was playing with Lego. I built dogs and houses. I like playing with Ishmel.
  - Montaishia

- My favourite part of Prep was swimming with Mr Miller. When his hair gets wet, he looks silly. We played tiggy in the pool.
  - Brodie

- My favourite part of Prep was the racing carnival. I won the carnival. I liked getting my badge. I played with it because I felt excited.
  - James

- My favourite part of Prep was Under 8s Day. I got to dress up as a fairy princess. I got to pat a guinea pig and feed it. I went to the ambulance and got to sit in the back. It was fun.
  - Miley

Year Two News

We’re almost there! This week is the last week of homework. We can hear the cheers from a mile away. Please ensure all home readers are returned to school by next week to enable the library staff to have this finalised before the end of the school year. Please continue to read at home with your child to make certain they don’t lose valuable reading skills over the holidays.

This week and next, students are working on writing persuasive letters. We have enjoyed listening to all their ideas and reading their drafts to Santa. Enjoy!

Dear Santa,

I strongly believe you should choose me to be your reindeer.

Surely you would agree that I would be the best reindeer for the job because my extra strong legs can zoom through the sky, helping you deliver all the gifts in no time at all.

We all know that reindeer must see in the dark, don’t we? I eat fifteen carrots a day which means I can see in the dark extremely well.

A sensible idea is to choose a reindeer that attends school and pays attention. I always concentrate and never chew my antlers or school books.

In my opinion, I firmly think you must choose me to pull you sleigh and deliver the presents on Christmas Eve.

WRITING AT RICHIE HILL—our class teachers have been working with students with solid focus on skills to improve how they write.

I was delighted to view and listen to Prep W students share their writings about being “Helpful Elves…”

Year 2C shared their writings about Jack and The Maple Tree, A hot and steamy day and Jack who lived in a Treehouse. Just terrific!