Principal’s Message

School Strategic Improvement Plan
 Yesterday a meeting was held at the school to discuss our improvement strategies for the coming 4 years. The discussions focused on the School Review process we have just undertaken in Term 3 and their recommendations. We also discussed the survey results. We hope to complete the improvement strategy in the coming weeks.

Swimming Carnival Tomorrow
 Just a reminder to all parents that Richie’s Interhouse Swimming Carnival is on tomorrow at the town pool. Students must attend school first and then be bused to the pool. The bus is free to all students attending. Students should take plenty of water, a shirt, hat, sunscreen, lunch and a towel. It will be a hot day so all students will need to be sunsmart.

Testing Begins
 With testing happening over the next 3 weeks in most classrooms it is important that your kids attend school every day. It is also at this time that kids get very frustrated at school and apprehensive as they know the tests are going towards report cards. Testing unfortunately is a part of life and at school we try not to make a big deal about it. All we want are students to do their best. Please tell your child that report cards are NOT based on one test.

School Leaders Elections for 2016
 On Monday November 2nd, Richie will elect their student leaders for 2016. All grade 5 students are eligible for election. In 2016, Richie will have four Year 6 school captains. Each sporting house will also have 2 school leaders from year 6. During this Special Parade at 9:30 am on Monday, November 2nd, students will have the opportunity to present a speech to the school outlining why they believe they should be chosen to be a school leader in 2016.

World Teachers Day/Day for Daniel
 Tomorrow, October 30th, we will be holding a special parade at Richie. Not only is it ‘World Teachers Day’ where we recognise the outstanding work teachers do in our schools, but it is also the day students wear red for the ‘Day for Daniel’. We hope all Prep to Year 2 Students wear red to show their support.

School Fete
 With a little over 2 weeks to go, it has been wonderful to see the support from the Richie Hill Community as well as the wider community for our 2015 school fete. Please be aware there will be more information in the coming weeks about the fete on the Richie Hill App.

Eating Healthy at Richie
 Many students continue to come to school with only pre-packaged foods like chips, biscuits and fruit wraps every day. Unfortunately processed foods like these to 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. We raised over $5000 for the school. Students were given their prizes during the week.

Cover for Adventure Playgrounds
 We are currently waiting for construction to begin. It is hoped construction will start in the next few weeks.

High School Transition Days
 Year 6 High School Transition Days are as follows –
 Tuesday November 24th – Year 6
 Monday/Tuesday – 30th November/1st December
**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 past week we averaged 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.

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**WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS (Week 4-5)**

- **I AM RESPECTFUL** - Speak to others how you would like them to speak to you. (Politely)
- **I AM SAFE** - If somebody is bullying you then tell someone so that they do not continue.
- **I AM A LEARNER** - Attend school each day and ask about what you have missed when you have been away.

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**Face Book – Foe or Friend**
Here are a few tips about how to guide kids through social media.

1. **Teach appropriate language**
   Kids need guidelines regarding the language they use online. Here’s a simple guide for kids of all ages: “Don’t use language online that you wouldn’t use in front of your grandmother”. Language does get bluer as kids get older but Facebook seems to have lowered this threshold dramatically. Talk to kids about the appropriateness of the language they use on Facebook.

2. **Limit friend acceptances and limit exposure to strangers**
   Young people collect Facebook friends like swap cards, which is not good practice. Being indiscriminate as to whom they befriend leaves kids open to the potential of being targeted by undesirable adults. It is more appropriate that their Facebook friends mirror their ‘real’ life friends.

3. **Photos can last forever**
   More than 250 million photos are uploaded each day on Facebook, making sharing pictures the most popular activity. Some young people do place risqué pictures of themselves on Facebook. The central issue here involves the protection of the user’s reputation, which can be wrecked by one inappropriate photo spread around cyberspace via Facebook.

4. **Time on Facebook – encourage moderate use**
   We want our children to have a balanced life with a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. We also know that they need plenty of face-to-face interactions so they can maintain social connections. The addictive nature of social media means that some kids spend far too much time on Facebook. Late night log-ins on a school night are not in kids’ long term best interest and require parent discussion and negotiation to help kids find a balance. It’s difficult as parents to work out our role when kids use Facebook. Being their ‘friend’ is not the answer. Neither is letting kids do as they please online. Our kids need our sensibilities and wisdom as parents to help guide them in the social media world, and create a safe culture of use.

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**Have a great fortnight everyone 😊**

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**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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**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRIEF**
Miss Lisa Pitt

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**DAY FOR DANIEL 2015**

Our School Community invites students, staff and parents family to come along in something red for our Day for Daniel **TOMORROW**

**WHY THE COLOUR RED?** Richie Hill Red Day marks our participation in the National Day of action promoting children’s personal safety.

**DATE:** Friday 30 October 2015 (no donations required)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**
BOTH HOME-SCHOOL-COMMUNITY SHARING SAFETY HABITS WITH CHILDREN-LIFE LONG LEARNING

Please note this day is also RHSS Interhouse Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6 so they will not be involved in this dress-up.

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**2016 PREP ENROLMENT**

**INTERVIEWS ARE IN PROGRESS**

Interviews continue over the next couple of weeks in the Community Room near the Basketball Area.

Thank you for your keen involvement.

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**THANK YOU CHAPPY LYDIA**

We send out a ‘shout out’ of thanks to our School Chaplain who does a fine job supporting students and staff.

**DID YOU KNOW:**
Set up Uno Club & Knitting in Art Room.
Works in classrooms
Chappy lends a hand even to our Student Leaders selling Cold Cups.

**THANK YOU WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

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**PRE-PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM 2016 PREPPIES**

Our very successful Pre-Prep Program continues - Parents are asked to please attend a minimum of 5 visits with their child to be part of our Prep Classes in 2016.

**DATE:**
We have 2 FRIDAY VISITS remaining - to get to know us at Richie Hill & us to get to know you! (Parents stay with child/ren)
-October 30th - Red Day (Adopt-a-cop)
-November 21st - Games with Principal/Deputy/Tour of School/Morning Nibbles  **TIME:** 9.30am-10.30am
**WHERE:** COMMUNITY ROOM MPC/BASKETBALL AREA

**WHO IS THIS OPEN TO?:** Our 2016 Prep enrolments
2015 TEACHING TEAM YOU ROCK!

As part of World Teacher’s Day we send a ‘shout out’ thank you for the work our teachers do as part of their role in our teaching team at Richie Hill. It is indeed a privilege to work with students and families.

HAPPY WORLD TEACHER’S DAY TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

Wednesday & Friday
9.30-11.00am
Gold Coin Donation unless already a Member

Co-ordinators: Mrs Cowan & Mrs Coffison

WEEK 4– dinosaur fossil dig
WEEK 5-animal prints
WEEK 6-Principal visit
WEEK 7-super hero dress up
WEEK 8– Christmas around the world

SNAPSHOT OF BEFORE SCHOOL SUPPORT
ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS
Wonderful to see parents giving time along with PLO’s Donna and Caroline 8.15am-8.45am supporting children’s daily reading and Homework support.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 5 STUDENTS PUTTING UP THEIR HAND FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES IN 2016.

We are proud of your efforts and thank you for your participation in this process.

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Prep to Year 1 Transition Support 2015

Our Year 1 and Prep Team have collaborated and planned transition steps to support our Preppies smooth step into Year 1 for 2016.

Transition experience will include:

- 11.00am HEART Time in CPA area (walk downed to CPA area by Prep Teacher to sit with Year 1 in CPA)
- 11.15-11.45 Playtime at Big School
- 11.45 Line up Year 1 area
- 11.45-12.15 Classroom discoveries as a Learner in Year 1 learning environment. (walked back to Prep by Yr 1 Teacher)

Prep Aide stays with Year 1 Teacher 11.45-12.15
Year 1 Class is supervised by Prep Teacher
Year 1 classes eat in CPA as usual and a set up of a designated lining up area during these days.

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Our Preppies will enjoy this time organised -Thank you Teachers.
At the end of Term 3 the Year One classes got together during PE time to learn some fun dance routines for popular dances such as the Nutbush, YMCA, and Timewarp. Most children got really involved and had a wonderful time, however it was a very exhausting session. We also did some ‘freestyle’ dancing, which was interesting to watch. We have some very confident dancers in Year One. Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who helped out in this session, Mrs Ugarte, Mr Miller, Kristen Leo, Cindy Casson and Miss Rob.

Over the past few weeks the Year One classes have been working together to complete some Maths Activities. This week they looked at grouping and regrouping 2 digit numbers using paddle pop sticks. The children have really enjoyed working together doing some hands on learning.

For English this term we have been learning about how to write a procedural text. As part of their assessment, the children had to make a pasta necklace for the very Cranky Bear using coloured penne pasta and string. Children then had to write a set of instructions for someone to follow, ensuring they used adverbs and bossy verbs, and gave a valid reason/purpose. The children really enjoyed this activity and it was a very authentic learning experience.
Hello from 6B

It’s hard to believe we’re already in week four of the final term for our students to be primary school students. We’ve been busy looking into our science experiment about mould growth on bread and then in geography seeing how Australia’s position is in the world with Asia. Amazing to discover how many of the items we use every day are now made in China or Asia. Great job to everyone for your efforts in writing your short story for a younger audience about sustainability – wonderful efforts from everyone!

Don’t forget that **due by 7th November are your baby photos/seating arrangements.** Forms have been sent home already but if you’ve lost it please either ask Ms Bush or the office for another copy.

Good luck to all students for this Friday’s Swimming Carnival.

‘til next time....

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**Book Character Dress Up Day– Term 3**

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**Writing**

This term in Prep we have been practising our spelling & writing. Check out some of our Say It, Hold It, Write It sentences. The preppies are doing a wonderful job getting their ideas down.

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**Assessment**

This term in Prep for our English Assessment we are going to write a letter to a friend. We have been reading books that have letters in them such as The Jolly Postman series and Dear Little Red Hen. The children all know the parts of a letter and this week have brainstormed different greetings and closings for their letters.

The Post Offices in the Prep rooms are a popular spot during Free Play activities. The children are able to ‘send’ and ‘receive’ letters, postcards and parcels to each other and it is just as busy as the Charters Towers Post Office!

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**Welcome Miss Fiona**

Last term we farewelled Miss Bianca (Prep P’s Teacher Aid) and this term we welcome Miss Fiona. Miss Fiona has found Prep to be very busy and full of exciting learning opportunities.
We have been busy bees in Grade 2 so far this term. Running Records are well underway and we are seeing great progress in both classes’ PM Levels. Please encourage your child’s reading everyday and ask them to retell the book to you, as this a focus across both classes.

In Science, we have been investigating the many uses of water and how it gets from the sky to the tap. Students adventured out around the school to test what happens to water when it hits different surfaces such as sand, cement, sloped edges and bark.

This term in Maths, we have split both classes to better cater for your child’s learning needs. These new classes allow for a greater focus on extending and challenging some students while the other group has a high emphasis on number and addition/subtraction strategies. Should you have any questions regarding this arrangement, please do not hesitate to talk to either of us.

Kym & Zoe

Year Three Poetry

This term in Year 3, we have been learning about poetic devices including: alliteration, adjectives, onomatopoeia, rhyme, rhythm and repetition and figurative language. Here is a poem Georgia Gostelow wrote for homework.

I hear the bird calls,

When day ends and night falls,

One last time before they rest,

This is the time I like best.

Waiting cats, twitching tails.

The birds laugh as the cat fails

Poor little kitty your time is up!

You have to go home with an empty cup.

Technology

Designing and Constructing a Water Bottle Cooler
RHSS Inter-House Swimming Carnival 30th October 2015

Order Of Events

9.00-9.30am  Travel to the pool by bus in year level groups. Year 6 depart first, then each grade to Year 3 last.

(Please be on time to start school on this day)

9.30am  Swimming Events
Event A  Participation Swim (1 point per lap) 10-15mins
Event B  50m Freestyle Girls & Boys 8-12 years
Event C  50m Breastroke Girls & Boys 8-12 years
Event D  50m Backstroke Girls & Boys 8-12 years
Event E  50m Butterfly Girls & Boys 8-12 years
Event F  Participation Swim (1 point per lap) 10-15mins
Event G  4 X 50m Freestyle Relay
Event H  Participation Novelty Races (1 point per race)
2.15pm  Clean Up & Presentations
2.30pm  Return to school by bus. Year 3 first and Year 6 last.

Parents collecting students from the pool must sign the students out with the classroom teacher.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS – 2016 Enrolment

Students from Year 3 have received their invitation to join the very exciting Instrumental Music program. This is a very unique opportunity for students to participate in, and with a bit of hard work, can achieve some wonderful results. If your child has received their invitation, I highly recommend you take up the experience and attend the information night on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30pm at the State High Community Hall.

We look forward to meeting you.

Haddon
Instrumental Music Teacher

FETE WORKING BEE

In preparation for the Fete we will be having a working bee on Sunday, 8th November from 7:00am to 10:00am. If you are able to help out at any time during the 3 hours it would be greatly appreciated. If you are coming along to help and you are able to bring any of the following items that would be fantastic: rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, lopping saws.
Parade Photos

School Day Attendance
Weekly Award
Term 4 Week 3
Winners: Prep 94.9% attendance

Every Day Counts at Richie
PARADE PHOTOS

Golden Boot
Fete Update
Richmond Hill State School Fete
Saturday 14th November, 2015
from 4pm to 8pm

FREE DRESS DAY  Friday 6th November  Friday 13th November
Students are encouraged to come to school in Free Dress. Students in Free Dress will need to bring along a donation towards the class stalls.

CLASS STALLS—Donations for our class stalls are required as follows:

Softdrink Quoits—1.25ltr bottles of softdrinks—all flavours
Lollies & Cakes—cooking ingredients such as sugar, condensed milk, SR Flour, icing sugar, caramel, eggs.
Bottle Stall—bottles of anything. Sauce, Cordials, Softdrinks. Coloured Hair—tins of Coloured hair spray,
Novelty Stall—Do you have some craft items that you have made and would like to donate—please send them along—they would make a lovely addition to the Novelty Stall.
Pass the Footy—small prizes, individual chocs or cans of softdrink.
Water Bomb Fun—packets of water bombs
Coconut Topple—individually wrapped chocolates
Coloured/Crazy Hair—donations of cans of coloured hair spray

PRE-ORDERS FOR SANTA PRESENT VOUCHERS & UNLIMITED RIDES DEAL

Order forms for parents to Pre-order Santa Present Vouchers & Unlimited Rides tickets are now available from the school office.

SANTA PRESENT VOUCHERS—Santa Present vouchers are now available. Vouchers are $7-00 each and entitle the holder to receive a present from Santa at the Fete. All presents are books and are suitable for children from 0 to 13 years.

UNLIMITED RIDES DEAL—Rides from Rides n Slides in Townsville will again be at the Fete. Tickets for an unlimited amount of rides are now available. Rides this year will include: Ripper Dipper Giant Slide, Rocking Pirate Ship, Williy the Worm, Jumping Castle & Gladiator Dual Challenge. Tickets that are pre-purchased before Fete Day are only $30-00. This entitles the holder of the ticket to have as many rides as they can in the afternoon. Unlimited rides vouchers that are purchased on Fete day will cost $35-00 each. Single ride tickets will also be available on Fete day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Volunteers are required to assist on Fete Day from 8:00am to set up tables & marquees. We will also need volunteers to help on the P & C run stalls on Fete Day—these include: Hot Dogs, Hot Chips, Cent Sale, Ham Wheels, Numerous Raffles. If you are able to assist in any way please contact the school office on 47562222 and leave your name and number and a member of the Fete Committee will return your call. Preparations are well underway and there are also many tasks to do before Fete Day—if you are able to volunteer time during the school day between now and Fete Day please contact the school office to see what can be done to help out.