Back into the Swing of Term 3
Well it has been 7 weeks since I last wrote in a newsletter. During time away I visited Broome, The Kimberley’s, Darwin, Kakadu, The Gibb River Road and many places in between. We certainly live in a big open country with some spectacular scenery. I would like to thank Miss Lisa and Mrs Ugarte for the fantastic job they did in my absence. The school was certainly well looked after.

Catchment Update
At this present stage, Richmond Hill State School has sufficient capacity to enrol students out of catchment for the remainder of 2016 and 2017. Please spread this message in the community as this means we are once again able to take enrolments outside of our catchment.

Year 6 Changes
In week 2 this term, Mr Chinn took a position at a school in the Brisbane area to be with his family. Miss Casey has taken over Mr Chinn’s class and the transition has been smooth with the students straight into their routine again. Miss Bush also returned this week from her maternity leave and we welcome her back to the Richie community. Thank you to Mrs Edmonds who took the class in Miss Bush’s absence. Your work with the children was greatly appreciated.

NAIDOC Celebrations
Last Friday the School celebrated NAIDOC. It was a fantastic day with a Welcome to Country, Hula and traditional aboriginal dancers, boomerang painting, artefacts presentations, bracelet making activities, digeridoo demonstrations, damper tasting and the cutting of the cake by the traditional owners of the land. Many thanks to all of the staff, parents and community members who made this day so successful and memorable.

Show Display
Once again the Richie Hill Show display showcased the great things we are doing at Richie. Thank you to the staff who set up this fantastic display and all the students who contributed to it.

Captain Active Show here Today
Captain Active performed at the school today. His important message of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through eating nutritious food and being physically active every day came through his performance. All students attended free of charge as the school picked up the bill for his performance.

Interschool Athletics Carnival
Our Interschool Athletics Carnival is on tomorrow at Columba Catholic College. We wish all of our competitors the very best and I am sure you will do your best for yourself, your family and the school. Congratulations to all students who made the team and show everyone the Richie Spirit tomorrow.
Ballgames / Tug –o – War Sports Carnival
This carnival is on Monday, August 15th at the school oval. At 9am, the Prep – 3 students will have their ball games and Tug -o – War events. At 11:45 the year 4-7 students will be competing. All families are encouraged to attend.

Jeans for Genes Day Tomorrow
Tomorrow is our Jeans for Genes day at Richie. Children are permitted to wear jeans to school and in this cold snap we are currently having it will be ideal. If your child wears jeans tomorrow we ask they kindly donate a gold coin to be given to the “Jeans for Genes Foundation” which helps find cures for childhood diseases.

NAPLAN Reports
Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN reports will be handed out over the next week, once they have arrived. If you need more information to assist in analysing the results please talk to your child’s classroom teacher.

Prep Enrolments
We now have 25 prep enrolled for next year. Prep enrolments for 2017 are now being taken. If you have a child in Prep or know of a family who will have a child in prep next year, please get the child’s name on our waiting list by ringing the office. At present, Education Queensland has our prep numbers for 2017 capped at 50 students. Please remember, we will able to take some prep students from outside the catchment area in 2017 as well. Children from out of the catchment area must get their names down on our waiting list and fill out an enrolment form ASAP. Your child’s name on the waiting list ensures they will be able to attend Richie Prep in 2017. 

Gate closed at 3pm
Due to student misbehaviour in the area and road safety issues, the gate next to the red fire hydrant on Baker Street, opposite Deighton Street, will be closed each afternoon at 3pm. Students and parents from now on need to exit the school grounds on- to Baker Street through the bus shelter gate or the gate near the community room. This gate will be open in the mornings for students and parents to enter the school. Thank you for your support regarding this change.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: Week 4 & 5

I AM RESPECTFUL- Comply with staff instructions - do what I am asked to do
I AM SAFE – Wash hands before eating food, especially during the cold and flu season
I AM A LEARNER- Know what you need to do to improve your reading level

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 Sate 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.

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Mark Brady
In my role, I am always on the look out for ways to support, build social skills of getting along, problem solving and creativity among our students at Richie Hill. So in Term 3 I will be rolling out a few things.

3 MINUTES WITH MS BUSH

What best thing about being a new mum?

So many things-joyous moments watching our bub grow.

How did you make up your mind to choose teaching as a career? One day wanted to help others at my Uni exam and went into teaching

Where were you born? Victoria

What kind of animals do you have? Guinea pigs, birds, horses, cats, dogs and goats

What is a song you have been listening to lately? Baby beavers

LUNCHTIME OUTDOOR FUN

Our older students have shown an interest in chess. So my large Chess Set has been taken outdoors in Term 3.

Year 6 students have taken an interest in modified ‘grit-iron’. So during 1st lunch break my Grit Iron ball is getting a work out with students. Not as easy to kick this ball apparently.

Another alternative play time activity for our Year 5 group which will be out next week and will include Soccer Table/Hockey Tables. Look forward to sharing snapshots and comments from students.

CHALK IT IS

Amazing how chalk outdoors can let our creativity roam and grow. Can be enjoyed as an individual or with a friend.

Students can’t wait for the coloured chalk boxes to come out and use at playtime.

So lovely to see, drawings, words and hear conversations amongst students at play.

NAIDOC THANK YOU YEAR 6 STUDENTS

I would like to say thank you to our Year 6 students for their wonderful support and helping hands at last Fridays NAIDOC CELEBRATION.

I especially thank students who gave support at Face painting. You had a go stepping in and stepping up to do something you have not done before-You were AWESOME!

2017 PREP ENROLMENTS I have the wonderful role of sending out in the post next week Letters advising Families of Enrolment Meetings for our 2017 Prep Classes.

Please ensure that we have your child’s completed enrolment form to receive a school letter and to be part of our great school in 2017! WELCOME TO RICHIE HILL!
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRIEF
Miss Lisa Pitt
Continued...

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
REMINDEERS

**UPDATE PARENT CONTACTS**

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

Thank you to the families who have updated their contact details so far, it is greatly appreciated.

There are still many families that need to have their details updated.

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

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**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**

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**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**

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**READ ALOUD SHIRT DAY**

AT

**RICHLIE 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 12th August 2016 **Gold Coin donation.**

Funds raised will go towards 2016 Student leaders Artefact Buddy Chairs.
Richmond Hill’s Spell-a-thon is fast approaching. I hope that all children have been practising their words at home for the Spell-a-thon on Wednesday 31 August. If your child has lost their list send a quick note to their teacher for a replacement.

As soon as you have completed your fundraising you can return your money and prize selection form to the Office, even before the Spell-a-thon. Money is due on August 31 so that prizes can be ordered and returned to the school as quickly as possible.

Happy fundraising, and good luck with your word lists.

Kerry Brady

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**Tuckshop Volunteers — Urgently Needed**

Our P & C Association are urgently in need of volunteers to work at the Tuckshop on a Monday and Tuesday. Volunteers are needed from 9:00am to approximately 11:30am. Duties will include:

- Counting orders & money
- Placing items into warmer to heat
- Packing orders when items are ready
- Some sale of items over the counter.
- There is no preparation of items e.g. no sandwiches, toasties, hamburgers etc.

We are hoping to get enough parent volunteers that we may be able to do a roster so parents don’t have to come in each week. A huge thank you this term so far to: Carmel Hutley, Danielle Ellis, Julie Lowmow, Theresa Kitchen, Kiuni O’Connor, Bernie Simpson, Andrea Gough & Kerry Brady.

If we are unable to have a volunteer here each Monday & Tuesday we will have to close the tuckshop and notify parents that children’s lunch orders for that day will not be filled.

If you are able to help out please contact Kerri Forno or Theresa Kitchen at the school office.
Hey Everybody,

I hope that you all enjoyed the show and the lovely cold weather that went with it.

There are a couple of reminders that I need to share.

1. If you change your telephone number, please advise the school.

2. As you are aware, we are looking for volunteers to lend a hand in the tuckshop on Monday and Tuesday. If you have 1/2 an hour or an hour to spare, we would love to see you.

3. Reading is very important. Please encourage your child to read every night.

4. If your child is having difficulty with their reading or homework. Teacher Aides offer support every morning at 8.30am in the Timber Room, beside Mr. Brady's office.

5. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody that came along and helped celebrate our N.A.I.D.O.C. last Friday. It was an absolute success. A big thank you to Carolyne and Donna for doing the Face painting. Reggie Kerr for displaying his artefacts. Our dancers who performed on the day - Milton, Izack and Uncle Vincent Reid for shaking their leg (corroboree). Zenella Walsh with her little Hula girls and to the elders who also attended - Aunty Sadie McLean, Aunty Maureen Reid, Uncle Vincent Reid and Miss Dorothy Masso. Also a special mention to Samantha Stockham, Symone Doyle, Carolyne Doonan and Donna King for their support during the week. The day would not have gone so smoothly without each and everyone of you. A massive thank you and job well done!

6. Last but not least Aboriginal & Islander Hearing tests will be conducted on the 12th & 13th of September. Permission forms will be sent out and will need to be returned, if you would like your child to have their ears tested. But, more information will be given as the days draw closer.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Cheers,

Aunty Tash.
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

RICHIE ROCKETS & RAINBOWS PLAYGROUP

**WHEN:** Thursday 9.00am to 10.30am  **WHERE:** COMMUNITY ROOM

**COST:** Gold coin donation  **CO-ORDINATOR:** Ms McMahon

I AM SAFE - I AM A LEARNER - I AM RESPECTFUL
This term we have been exploring the weather. We each chose our favourite weather condition and made a sensory bottle to represent this weather. We also thought of different activities that are suitable for different types of weather.

I like sunny weather because you can go outside and play in the sandpit and play hide and seek or tiggy.

Georgina

I like rainy weather because you can jump in puddles.

Juanita

In History, children have been learning all about families and celebrations. We have enjoyed playing in home corner, creating shopping lists, making party decorations and making different types of party food.

In maths we have been learning about measuring. We have used string, blocks and even socks to measure different items from around our room. We discovered that Cailin is the tallest in our class and Izumi is the shortest.
We have been busy practicing making a ‘Birthday Party’ food each week. So far we have made popcorn, fairy bread and iced and decorated biscuits. Next week we will write the procedures to make our favourite birthday foods!

We have also made our own Party Hats, Lolly Boxes (after a discussion that the bags were too small to hold all of the items we wanted to put in them) and Pass the Parcel games.

We had a wonderful morning celebrating NADIOC week and would like to thank the organisers—IT WAS TERRIFIC!

**REMINDERS:**

Please send a jumper/coat to school with your child everyday—this weather is unpredictable and many Preppies are cold at times during the day!

**NIGHTLY READING:** Many students have not completed **ANY** nightly reading since last term. Please read each night and record in the homework booklet.
Welcome back to Term Three. This term, we’ve been learning about a great story called Peeking Ducks. It’s about four little ducks who go on a huge adventure along the Li River. Can your child re-tell the story for you using time connectives like then, next, later on?

We had a fantastic time celebrating NAIDOC Day on Friday. We made bracelets, looked at some impressive artefacts, sampled damper and decorated boomerangs. What a great day!

In a few weeks, we’ll be having a special visit from Ranger Dan. This directly relates to our English unit as we will be writing information reports about Ranger Dan’s selection of animals. Please keep an eye out for a note about this event and return to the office as soon as possible.

As always, please continue to work on sight words, do home reading and practise counting at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to come and see me or email me at tmarw2@eq.edu.au.

WOW! It’s hard to believe that we are already in week 4, Term 3. The students in 1M have settled back into daily routines very quickly after the holidays.

Thank you to those parents who have helped their child with interviewing their grandparents or their special older person. If you have not yet completed the interview it would be greatly appreciated if this could be completed ASAP as it will assist your child in their upcoming History assessment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require the interview questions again.

In the coming weeks Year 1 have educational visits from Hands on Wildlife (Ranger Dan) and the local Fire Brigade. These visit are going to assist your child in their units of work for both English and Science. When you receive your note could you please return the note and money as soon as possible.

As we are coming to the end of the year students stationary supplies are getting low. could you please ask your child if they require more pencils, rubbers or glue.

Remember it is important to practise your sight words and read every night.

Hannah Marriott.
Hello parents, guardians and carers of 1H,

Wow! I know I say this every time but I cannot believe how quickly time is flying by. Your children are now more than half way through their Year One journey, which is both sad and exciting.

There is a lot to get through this term, and we have some exciting things coming up. You should have received a permission form and an invoice this week for our Ranger Dan visit. As stated in the letter, this show is very relevant to their assessment task for their second English unit, therefore it would be wonderful to see all children attending. If for some reason your child cannot attend, please come in and speak to me as soon as possible. Ranger Dan has been a wildlife carer for a very long time. He used to work at Billabong Sanctuary as well. He cannot wait to come out and meet the Richie Hill children and let them get up close and personal with the animals that he brings.

The local fire fighters are also coming in to speak with the children about fire safety this term. The Year One children thoroughly enjoyed this last year because they got to see the fireman all dressed up in his protective clothing and they got to have a turn at spraying the big hose. This is a fantastic, authentic learning experience for the children so please remember to look out for more information about this so that your child does not miss out.

Assessment time is quickly approaching (Week 5), which means children are going to be feeling a little more tired and perhaps stressed than usual. Please make sure children are getting enough sleep and have enough food in their lunch box to keep them focused throughout the day. If your child has not submitted their history interview questions, please get this in ASAP, as they will begin writing their historical narratives next week.

A bit of a grumble… One major trend that is happening in our Year One classroom at the moment is high absenteeism. I understand that children are getting sick with the cooler weather and all the bugs that are going around, however unless your child really needs to be home, it is vital for them to be at school. If they are not at school, they are missing out on important information that relates to their assessment. We have not had 1 single day this term where every student has been at school. Please remember that keeping your children home unless necessary is also very unfair to the children that turn up each and every day, as they miss out on the opportunity to go to the pizza party at the end of the term to celebrate attendance.

I am looking for volunteers on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon from 2-3pm for the next few weeks to come in and help children with the construction of their Father’s Day cards for their technology assessment (Sssshhhhhhh! This is a secret). If you are able to assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated. This is an assessment task therefore you cannot do it for them, however you can help children think of ideas and give feedback to improve.

You will notice a couple of bright letters coming home in your child’s homework this week. These will give you a better understanding about what we are learning in class. Any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me about your child’s progress.

Heidi Montgomery—1H Teacher
Last week, Year Two students had a visit from Marni who works in the water management section of the council. She presented children with information about how Charters Towers’ residents use water, how water is transported in Charters Towers and the role of the council in regards to water. Children had the opportunity to ask Marni prepared questions using specially designed microphones from Bella! The students are now constructing a poster, outlining facts about water consumption, the water cycle, water transportation and ways to conserve water. Hopefully you will see these come home in the near future.

In maths, students are now practising their times tables. Practise at home is extremely beneficial as it is a skill they will always use. Focus areas include x2, x3, x5 and x10. This week, we are also concentrating on division, sharing collections equally in groups. As these concepts are quite new, students need lots of opportunities to use hands on materials to solve algorithms.

The students have been busy completing biography drafts this week and last and are currently in the edit and publish phase of writing. Next week we will begin looking at procedures. Spend some time over the weekend following a procedure or writing a set of instructions.

Equipment message: A number of students are running very low on pencils, rubbers and glue. Please check with your child to ensure they have the equipment they need at school. Thank you.

Zoe Collins and Kym Burgess
This term in Science, we are investigating the night and day process and how shadows are formed. We will be conducting investigations to assist us develop our understandings of these concepts. Last week, we worked in groups to see how the size and direction of shadows changed when the light source was positioned differently.

Our Star Wars figures cast some interesting shadows!

**Shadow Investigations**

This term in Year 3L, students have been developing a deeper understanding of the relationship between the Earth and the Sun to create day and night on our planet. They have also been investigating what shadows are and how they are formed.