**Principal’s Message**

**Welcome Back**
Hello and welcome to Richie for 2016. A special welcome to our new students and their families to the Richie community. We currently have about 365 students. We hope to have 370 students by day 8 so that we can keep all of our teachers for 2016.

**New Staff**
New Staff for Richie in 2016 include teachers Ms Hannah Marriott and Mrs Debra Edmonds. We hope the community make the new teachers feel very welcome.

**Day 8 Changes**
Every year Education Queensland staff schools based on student enrolments. The 2016 staffing is based on the number of students enrolled at the school on Day 8 which is tomorrow. If classes are too big we have to make a new class. As a result some classes may change next week based on Day 8 enrolments. These changes will occur next week and all parents will be notified of these changes if their children are affected.

**Uniform and Dress Code**
Richmond Hill has a proud history of maintaining excellence in presentation. I encourage all parents to ensure their children attend Richmond Hill in the appropriate uniform. This includes:

- Richmond Hill School shirt, black school shorts, skirt or skorts, appropriately brimmed hat (no caps) - school sells bucket hats through the Tuckshop ($10), closed-in shoes and socks. Also please ensure students leave excess jewellery at home.
- Watches, religious pendant necklaces and sleeper or stud ear-rings only are acceptable. As always please ensure all items are labeled.

**Road Safety**
Richmond Hill School is proud of the road safety practices which exist. Please remember to:

- Ensure students use the designated crossings when crossing the road near the school
- Ensure parents park safely and meet speed and signage requirements around the school
- Take care with our 40k signs around the school

It can be very embarrassing to be spoken to by the police in front of the school.

**Covered Play Areas completed**
The Prep and Year 5/6 playgrounds had some major changes over the holidays with both areas having a covered structure build to reduce sun and heat exposure. Many thanks to Richie Hill P&C Association for sourcing funds to complete this huge project that will eventually benefit all students at Richie.

**Storm/Rain Concerns at 3pm Pick Up time**
A recent storm and heavy rain at 3pm highlighted the need for all parents to please communicate to their children to be safe and develop a pick up plan if it is raining really hard at 3pm when the students are released. Many students were unsafe running in front of vehicles when the visibility due to the rain was poor. From a school perspective, we would like students to remain in a sheltered area e.g MPC or CPA areas until the rain eases or it is safe to go to their parent’s vehicles or walk home. While it may only happen a couple of times a year, having a plan in place for such weather events may save your or another child’s life.
Learning Support Plans

In the coming weeks teachers, will be contacting parents of students who require learning support plans. These plans outline areas that the teacher will focus on in Literacy and/or Numeracy for this semester. Parents are advised to meet with teacher to understand the support plan and work with the teacher in improving their child’s educational outcomes. Please note that not all students need to have a learning support plan.

Meet and Greet

Next Wednesday night, Feb 10th, we will be holding our annual meet and greet with the teachers and parents. All parents are invited to come between 5.30 and 6.30 to the MPC. We will be setting up year level areas under the MPC so that parents can go and visits multiple teachers and classes in the one area. There will also be a sausage sizzle operating at the same time. All parents are encouraged to attend this important event.

Reading Books not returned from 2015

Parents are encouraged to find reading books not returned to the school in 2015. At present we have over one hundred outstanding. Invoices for the replacement of these books will be sent out families who have not returned school books.

2016 Investiture of School Leaders

The 2016 Investiture of our school leaders will take place next Friday, February 12th. Parents of our leaders are encouraged to attend.

Bullying

Bullying will not be tolerated at Richie. If your child is being bullied, please contact your child’s teacher of admin. We can only respond if we know bullying is occurring. If we continue to allow bullies to get away with their actions, they will continue to bully others. Please reinforce this message to your children.

Home reading At Richie

This year home reading is completed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. All parents should be assisting the school by sharing the reading experience with your child, especially in the lower school. Please make sure you sign off after each nights reading. In 2015 the certificates are for 25 nights reading (purple), 50 nights (bronze), 75 nights (silver), 100 nights (Gold) and 125 nights (Platinum plus a book club voucher). It would be appreciated you could take an interest in your child’s reading every night in 2016. With your help your child will improve.

Headlice

It would be appreciated if all families check their children’s hair this weekend for headlice. We have had some cases of headlice infestation during the week.

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal

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### 2016 MEET & CHAT NIGHT RSVP

Due Monday 8th February 2016

(to assist with catering)

I am able/unable (please circle) to attend the 2016 Meet n Greet
Sausage Sizzle provided by P&C.

HOW MANY? (write numbers in the BOX)

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### MEET AND GREET FAMILY NITE

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY 10TH February 2016

**BBQ:** 5.30-6.30pm in the

Community Room & MPC Area

Prep to Year 6 (All Classes in one area)

Families invited to come along, have a sausage sizzle and chat with all of our staff in the MPC Area. We do so hope to see you there. Please fill in RSVP below & send back to Office or give the Office a call with numbers to help with our organising of food items.
**STUDENT ITEMS:** Thank you for ensuring that all school items are clearly labelled with your child’s name for the start of 2016. WOW! We have had a tremendous start to Term 1 as a school family-thank you parents-students and staff. Welcome to 2016 with our school team.

**MY SCHOOL DAYS—My role as it has been for the past 3 years will see me doing:**

- **Monday** – supporting students, staff, parents in Deputy role
- **Tuesday and Wednesday** – supporting and teaching LOTE JAPANESE YEAR 5 & 6 classes using online tool Collaborate through CTSDE.
- **Thursday and Friday** – supporting students, staff, parents in Deputy role

Looking forward to another terrific year of teaching, learning and improving what we do as a school community at Richie Hill in 2016. Please do not hesitate to contact me or email me lpitt15@eq.edu.au

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**WELCOME TO NEW STAFF**

- Guidance Officer Ann Christiansen
- 1 Teacher Ms Hannah Marriott
- NCT (non-contact time) Support Teacher Mrs Eileen McMahon
- DRT Mrs Debbie Edmonds

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**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED IN 2016**

If you have 1 hr or 2hrs to spare come along and lend a hand in preparing food items for our school tuckshop.

PHONE: Carol Lamb on 47 873856

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**BE SAFE & WALK ON CEMENT**

Walk

Keep feet walking

If you forget writing lines is a reminder to remember-your safety is important to us at Richie Hill.
BLUE & YELLOW
PLAY EQUIPMENT

MON TUES WED THURS FRI
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PREP
PLAYGROUND

SLIPPERY SLIDE
PLAY EQUIPMENT
AREA
YEAR 1 - YEAR 2

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PLAY THE GAME
RICHMOND HILL
STATE SCHOOL

MON TUES WED THURS FRI
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PLAY
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DAYS

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Year 1T

Our English unit for Term One is based on ‘Handa’s Surprise’ by Eileen Browne. We are exploring its rich language and the way that the text and the illustrations tell a different story. At the end of the unit, students will be asked to re-tell the story and will write and illustrate the orientation, complication and resolution. See if your child can list the fruits that Handa carries in her basket. Can they tell you why Handa is surprised at the end of the text?

If any parent can please give up some of their time to test sight words, change readers, or assist with speech activities, please see me. Even half an hour per week would be much appreciated and would make a real difference with the kids.

For more information about our curriculum and how to support your child in Year One this year, we will see you at the Meet and Greet next week.

Thank you for your support so far. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me anytime at tmarw2@eq.edu.au. Otherwise, my door is always open.

Chappy Chat

Hello everyone and welcome to the new year at Richie Hill! We are off to a great start despite the extremely hot temperatures. As I travel around the classrooms I am excited to see each child settling in and connecting well with their teachers and their fantastic hearts to learn, make friendships and have fun. It is so sweet to see the children looking out for one another and listening to their friends with such a caring attitude. This atmosphere is across the whole school from every adult to the smallest visitor and is what makes our school so special. I have a poster on my wall that has a large tea cup used for plants and inside is filled with 2 puppies. The writing states; We are all in this together. I believe that is the heart of Richmond Hill. We are excited to be with you this year in this journey of life!

Love and God bless, Chappy Lydia.

2016 SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

School Banking is every Tuesday. Parents who would like their children to participate in school banking but whose children don’t have a savings account should call in to the Commonwealth Bank branch. The School Banking Program rewards children who demonstrate good savings behaviour through the Rewards Program. Richmond Hill P & C receives commission for each account opened as well as commission based on the amount of banking children are doing. If you would like to know more, please pick up an information package at the school office.

Volunteers

Here at Richie Hill we encourage parent volunteers in the classroom. If parents are volunteering in their child’s classroom they do not need a Blue Card check however if working in another area/classroom in the school a Blue Card check is required. Volunteer forms for Blue Card checks are available from the office. It is a yearly requirement that the school has a copy of your current blue Card if you are working in another classroom. New volunteers need to collect a Volunteers Policy from the office and return the necessary forms and a copy of blue card if applicable, to the school office. Existing volunteers will also need to complete a new Volunteer Agreement form each year.
Welcome to Year 3L - from Miss Lowe

I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Simone Lowe and this is my 7th year teaching Year 3 at Richie. To share a little about myself, I have lived in Charters Towers for many years and have three children. I have a daughter and son who have finished school and my youngest son is in Year 12 this year. In the classroom, I have high expectations for learning and with the right support each child can reach their potential. I also think it is always important to have some fun along the way! Please feel free to phone, email or come in to have a chat. Looking forward to working with your child this year!

Miss Lowe.
Welcome to a new year and to the Year Three classroom! Week one has zoomed by and all students are settling in well. I like to begin the year by sharing **four core beliefs** that underpin my teaching practice and are emphasised within in our room.

1. **Encouragement** — Positive words spoken to students and by students.
2. **Effort** — Inspiring students to give their best daily
3. **Everyone can learn** — Persistence pays off
4. **Each student in my class is my ‘favourite’** — Positive regard for each and every one.

**Fast Facts For Families in 3N**

3N’s door is always open. I invite you to come and see me from 8am or after school at 3pm. Email is also an option for contact: pnieb4@eq.edu.au.

**Reading** is a significant part of our program. This week students will be receiving their reading logs and will be developing the routine of returning their logs weekly for me to sight and sign. Please encourage your child with this by assisting them to develop routines with home reading. Your child may read books from home as part of this process also. It is well known that good readers become good writers!

**Homework** will start from week 3. In 3N we award one **Homework King** and one **Homework Queen** every week. This award is given to every student who achieves a **personal best** in effort with homework. Every child has the chance to achieve this award. Homework King and Queen receive a ‘Homework Survival Kit’ - a small bag of items to help them complete homework (pencil, rubber, highlighter and a small treat). Developing good homework habits will help your child with study routines in future years.

Looking forward to meeting you at the ‘Meet and Greet’ night next week!

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Welcome back to all of our Richie families, including those new to the school. My name is Zoe Collins and I am the teacher of 2C. I look forward to getting to know each of my students and their families, as well as the rest of the Richie community. If you see me around the school or in the community don’t be afraid to give me a wave and a smile.

Thank you to the families of my class that are able to pop in of a morning or afternoon and see how their child is doing. You can expect phone calls throughout the term updating you of your child’s progress. If you would like to know what your child will be learning about this term and the Grade Two expectations, please come along to our annual meet and greet next Wednesday night, from 5:30-6:30pm.

Hope to see you there!

Zoe Collins
Welcome to 2016 and Year 6B

What a wonderful start to the school year so far, we've seen everyone in our class and already super excited about the upcoming learning this term. Brilliant to see that everyone has been working hard on their Aboriginal dot painting for The Arts unit of work, plus finding out about Federation and the changing status of women's rights since Federation, all in our History unit. This term in English we're going to be learning about ANZAC and Gallipoli, with each of us writing a letter home from Gallipoli and then creating a for/against war multimodal poster (eg. in Powerpoint). For Science, we are able to learn about reversible and irreversible effects, sounds like some melting will be happening for this J.

Homework is sent home every Monday and due back, completed, on the Friday morning.

Home Reading records have also been sent home this week, and these need to be signed nightly, when you've heard your child read. These need to be returned with your child's homework on Friday's.

Don't forget, every day counts. Attendance is a very important part of your child's schooling/education. If for some reason your child is sick, please either email me or ring the office and advise accordingly.

My email is: kbush13@eq.edu.au

I look forward to seeing everyone come along to the Meet and Greet, coming up soon.

Regards
Kylie Bush
6B Teacher

Welcome back!

What a busy first week Year Two have had. The students hit the ground running with a great attitude towards learning and exemplary behaviour. Students are working towards achieving 100 Dojo points on our class behaviour scheme, with a few already close to 20. This week and last, science lessons have been lots of fun. The children thoroughly enjoyed making slime on Tuesday and investigating oil and detergent on Wednesday. These hands on experiences allow for 100% participation and great vocabulary coming from the students. More information about what we will be doing this term will be shared at the meet and greet night next Wednesday. If you are unable to attend, a brochure will be sent home outlining what your child will be learning, homework, behaviour, parent helpers and more.

Thank you for a great start to 2016 and I look forward to working with you and your child this year. Enjoy some slime pictures!

Kym Burgess
My name is Izumi.
When I grow up I want to be a Chef.

My name is Blake.
When I grow up I want to be a chef.

My name is Cooper.
When I grow up I want to be a pirate.

My name is Nayte.
When I grow up I want to be a pilot.

My name is Jake.
When I grow up I want to be a truck driver.

My name is Julian.
When I grow up I want to be a chef.

My name is Georgina.
When I grow up I want to be a princess.

My name is Gabriel.
When I grow up I want to be a football player.

My name is Juanita.
When I grow up I want to be a princess.

My name is Jack.
When I grow up I want to be a doctor.

My name is Aiden.
When I grow up I want to be a Fireman.

My name is Jazzarah.
When I grow up I want to be a unicorn.

My name is Shyla.
When I grow up I want to be a princess.

My name is Chase.
When I grow up I want to be a construction worker.

My name is Jana.
When I grow up I want to be a chef.

My name is Kova.
When I grow up I want to be a unicorn

My name is Natayah
When I grow up I want to be a fairy princess.

My name is Cailin.
When I grow up I want to be a vet.

My name is Georgina.
When I grow up I want to be a princess.

Class Teacher  Miss Weston  
Teacher-Aide Mrs Fittock
PREP P

WOW! What A Great Bunch!

It has been a very busy week and a half in the Prep P classroom.

The children have quickly grasped the routines and are striving to become independent when they complete their morning jobs.

Outdoor Play is a very popular activity, as is Home Corner and the Collage Table.

ASSESSMENT TERM 1

This Term’s Assessment Items are below.

There are also Grading Sheets and Work Samples in the classroom for you to view.

**ENGLISH** this term is an Animal Report and our Prep Morning jobs Procedure.

**MATHS** this term is counting 0-5 and sorting a group of objects.

**SCIENCE** this term is Living Things, their needs and human impact on the environment.

**GEOGRAPHY** this term looks at the features of the ocean.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Prep.

Miss Fiona and I are looking forward to working with all our Prep families in 2016.

WORKING TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE!

Mrs Phillips and Miss Fiona
tphil48@eq.edu.au

Prep P Teacher Aid is Miss Fiona

This week’s Homework is due back on **FRIDAY**.

Please Remember:

- If your son or daughter will be absent from school, please notify the office.

- If someone different is collecting your son or daughter, please let the class teacher know.
Welcome To 5C! Thank-you for completing the ‘Get to know your child’ questionnaire. I enjoyed reading your responses and look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Could you please ensure that you send all of the required items from the book list to school as soon as possible. All subject areas have commenced lessons this week and it is imperative that your child has the correct books to ensure that they can participate fully in learning experiences. Also many students have not ye supplied tissues or paper. These items are essential as they used by your children throughout the year.

Homework commenced this week and it is fantastic to see so much students already establish a routine for completing and returning daily. Homework will always consist of spelling, maths and nightly reading. If you have any concerns regarding this, please arrange a time to discuss this with me.

Even though your child is in 5C, they will also be participating in lessons each week taught by the other Year 5 teachers. Mr Turner is teaching History and Miss Ham is teaching Science. Throughout the week students will also have to opportunity to work with their peers in the other classes when they undertake Spelling Mastery, iThnk Mentals and Reading Groups.

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**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.
Hello from 4K!

It has been a whirlwind start to our year, with no shortage of excitement with meeting new students (or a new teacher) and settling in. I have enjoyed meeting many of the parents and I look forward to our meeting with all of you at our school wide meet and greet night next week.

We are well and truly engrossed in our English unit on The Twits by one of my favourite authors, Roald Dahl. Not only do the students get to experience the hilarity of these frumpitious freaks, but they get to have a go at writing their own chapter for the book! There is no shortage of twisted trickery and the class are enjoying this unit very much.

In Science, our investigations into soil, weathering and erosion are getting underway as we learn about the earth beneath our feet. The final assessment presents students with an investigation into how we can control weathering and erosion in our environment.

Our History unit has the students imagining life in the new colony of Australia as a convict—let’s just say it was no pleasure cruise on the First Fleet! All the same, the class has enjoyed learning about how different life was for people back then and it helps us to appreciate how life is for us in the present.

Mr Kitchen.

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WELCOME TO 6C

Hi and welcome to 6C.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. For those who don’t know me, I'll give you a brief introduction. My name is Peter Chinn and have been in the Towers for about 3 ½ years now, having come from Brisbane part way through 2012. I have two children, Madi has just finished school and Jay is in grade 10. If we haven’t met (even if we have), please feel free to drop in for a chat, particularly if you have questions or concerns about your child. Afternoons are usually better for me than mornings, but I’m usually here by 8am.

I’m very pleased to say that after just a week or so, most of the students have settled in and we are getting to know each other quite well.

Some notes have been sent home already, such as the Brisbane Trip expression of interest. If you have any questions regarding such notes, please ask for clarification.

I thank you in advance for your support this year.

Regards,

Peter Chinn

(Year 6 Teacher)
Year 1H

Welcome back to another exciting and important year in your child’s life! Already, we have had a busy start to the term with your child undertaking numerous assessment tasks. These rich tasks will allow us to get a good indication of where your child is achieving so that we can cater for their individual learning needs so thank you for your understanding throughout this time.

Already, the children are starting to settle into their daily transitions and routines to make the day run more smoothly. Each morning they enter the classroom, put their lunch box in the fridge, their brain food snack on the corner of their desks, and then fill in their attendance crab for the previous day. Please remember to pack your child a healthy snack to have at 10am for brain food break, and also remember the importance of your child being at school every single day, as every hour, minute and second counts towards improving their educational outcomes and achieving their learning goals (which will be sent home in their homework at the end of this week).

As you may have noticed, there are many renovations going on in our building at the moment. Unfortunately, this has meant that there is quite a lot of loud noise throughout the day. Whilst the children are doing their best to cope, they may come home feeling a little more tired and exhausted than usual. Please understand that we are doing everything we can to minimise the noise such as turning the air conditioners on and closing the doors, or taking our learning outdoors, however the humid weather has also been working against us. Try to ensure your child is coming to school each day with cold water, and perhaps a wet face washer in a labelled zip lock bag, to help cool themselves down and keep them hydrated.

Throughout the term, we will be working very closely with the other two classes in the cohort, whereby we will break up into spelling and SSP groups. This will allow us to individualise the teaching and learning experiences based on your child’s specific needs more carefully. However, if you have any concerns with your child, please contact me immediately.

If you have already had the opportunity to come up to the classroom for a visit, you would have noticed that we have our learning walls up for each curriculum area. These learning walls are invaluable as they provide you and your child with all the information they will need to be successful. Whilst we will send home an overview of each unit for this term at the Meet and Greet night next week, I have provided a brief snapshot of what your child will be doing in Mathematics and History below. Try to engage in conversations with your child around these topic areas to give them some prior knowledge and understanding.

Maths – In our maths unit we will be investigating a number of concepts through the use of concrete and hands on materials and activities. Children will develop confidence to skip count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s through daily practice and counting opportunities. They will read, write and model 2 digit numbers up to 100 and represent and solve simple addition and subtraction problems. Children will also look at identifying Australian coins and learn to read and draw o’clock times in digital and analogue forms.

History – In history we are learning about the importance of preserving memories that are important to us. Children will collect a series of objects that will help them to remember important events from their lives so far, which they will put into a memory box and present to their class. They will also sequence human life stages on a timeline and plot their significant events in order.

To find out what we are doing in English, take a look at Miss Marwick’s article.

We would desperately love to have some volunteers who would kindly give up their time to work with children on daily sight word and counting practise, or to simply change home reader books. If there is a time that suits you to come up and help out, please let me know as any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Here are some fun photos of the Year 1H children on their first day of ‘big school.’

Thank you for your support to get the children settled in so far. I look forward to building a working relationship with you throughout the year. Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns (bmont16@eq.edu.au), or alternatively pop in for a chat.
Hello from Year 5H!

Welcome back from holidays to the wonderful students & families of 5H. I hope you are all well rested and ready for a fantastic 2016!

In 5H, we have hit the ground running and both the students and I have had an exciting start to the year…

Firstly, a few housekeeping notices...

Homework this year will be given to students each afternoon and is to be completed and handed in the following morning. Each night, students will be required to complete activities they have been taught in the Spelling Mastery Program, along with Maths questions from that day’s lessons. It is a school expectation that students complete home reading each night and have their home reading log signed by an adult that has listened to them read.

Also, please ensure your child is bringing a water bottle to school each day.

In the classroom…

In our English unit, we are learning how to effectively write persuasive arguments and Narratives – to best prepare students for NAPLAN in Term Two.

In Mathematics, students are focusing on interesting concepts in Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability.

For the other Key Learning Area’s (KLAs) students will have the opportunity to work with other teachers in the year 5 team. This Semester, Mrs Crow will be teaching the year 5 students Geography and Mr Turner will be teaching History and I will be teaching Science.

Our Art unit sees the students creating 3D masks of an animal that best resembles their personality. It has been very amusing hearing some of the ideas students have come up with so far… and the students are having a great time brainstorming and sharing ideas with each other.

We have had a great start to the new year and I am really looking forward to seeing students achieve their goals, especially where reading is concerned.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Teacher and Parents meet & greet Wednesday 10th Feb.

Yours in learning,

Miss Ashleigh Ham

Welcome to Year 5T

Welcome back everyone! I have been hearing about all the wonderful holiday stories and adventures the kids have had over the last 6 weeks. I also want to take this opportunity to express my excitement about working with your child this year. I love teaching because I care deeply about the education that each of my students will experience. I look forward to meeting Year 5T parents at the Parent/Teacher evening on Wednesday February 10th.

Also note that if you ever have any comments, questions or concerns, I am available for phone calls and meetings (by appointment please). To schedule a meeting you may contact me via the office or my email pturn23@eq.edu.au. I look forward to an exciting year together with your child, full of learning, fun and adventures!

Peter Turner
Welcome to Year 4S

Welcome to our new students who have settled in so well. Well done to our class members who gave them such a warm welcome.

With the hot weather I strongly recommend that all students bring a water bottle with them to school. The water bottle can stay on their desks or on the carpet under the desk so students can drink when they need to.

The students have started a new spelling program being in Year 4. Spelling Mastery lessons will happen three times a week. This program focuses on sounds, rules and meanings of words, the school has provided the student workbook and all students have been tested and assigned a level to work with. Therefore, there will not be any Friday spelling tests given. These will occur every fifth spelling lesson.

We have also started our History and Science Units. The students are enjoying these as Mr Kitchen is teaching science to both classes and I am teaching history to both classes, this occurs two afternoons a week.

Homework is due Friday. With all the new programs and learning going on in year 4 I am very impressed with the resilience the students have shown at the start of the year. I look forward to a great year ahead. Keep it up 4S.

Mrs Scott

Year 1M

Welcome to the exciting year of 2016. Hope you all had a great break and are ready for the busy term ahead. I would like to briefly introduce myself; I am Hannah Marriott and have recently moved to Charters Towers from Tweed Heads in New South Wales. I am a new graduate and am eager to start the year and begin our learning journey in 1M.

It is great to see the students are starting to settle into the daily routines. Of a morning children put their lunchboxes in the fridge, brain break on their desk and complete their attendance crabs. Please remember to send a healthy snack for your child to have at 10:00am each day for our brain break.

In our classroom you will notice there are learning walls all around. I encourage you to come in and see and also, to start conversations with your children around these topics. Next week is our Parent Meet and Greet night and an overview for each unit will be given out however, if you are unable to attend a brochure will be sent home.

As I mentioned in my letter home last week, we would love to get some volunteers in the classroom to do daily sight word work, daily counting or to change home readers. Please let me know if there is a time you are available to help, it would be appreciated.

Here are some photos of 1M on their first day of Year One.

Thank you for your support so far. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at hsmar0@eq.edu.au. Otherwise, come in for a chat.

Miss Hannah Marriott