Principal’s Message

Thank you for your support Richie Families
Over the past fortnight, the Richie students have been involved in the ANZAC Day March and the Country Music Parade. Both events were very well attended by students with over half the school participating. Many thanks to the Richie families who supported their children to attend these functions. The Richie community was well represented and the behaviour by our students was commendable. Many thanks also to the Richie staff who supported both events.

Excursions
Yesterday the year 2 classes went to Reef HQ and Museum of Tropical Queensland while today the Year 1 classes visited the Weir and the Lookout as part of their science and geography unit. From all accounts, the kids had a fabulous time on both excursions and had plenty of stories to tell on their return. Many thanks also to the parent helpers who supported the teachers.

Interschool Cross Country Success
Richie hosted the Interschool Cross Country last week and our athletes were successful winning the overall shield. Congratulations to all Richie runners involved in this win. We were also successful in getting 9 students selected in the district team. Congratulation to the following students - Kameka Waerea, Fletcher Brook, Isabelle Kavanagh, Bowen Moore-Reid, Joseph Gordon, Harry Gordon, Jordan Brook, Fred Flute, Kathryn Squair

NAPLAN next week
The students in years 3 and 5 are going through final preparations for their NAPLAN testing next week. Breakfast snacks will be provided for the students to help them relax and engage with each other prior to the testing. I would like to thank the P&C for their financial support for the breakfast. The teachers have undertaken great work with the students in Literacy and Numeracy in preparation for the tests.

The time table for the tests is below –

- Tuesday May 10th – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday May 11th – Reading and Comprehension
- Thursday May 12th – Numeracy

It is important all year 3 and 5 students arrive at school before 9am so that the tests can begin on time. We look forward to support from parents making sure their child gets a good night’s sleep before each test over the 3 days.

Please keep an eye out for a letter that is going home to all year 3 and 5 students today. More NAPLAN information is further down in the newsletter.

WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: (Term 4/5, Week 2)

> I AM RESPECTFUL - Apologise when you are involved in an accident.

> I AM SAFE - Be careful to stay in your own year level area on the oval

> I AM A LEARNER - Know what you need to do to improve your maths and work hard to achieve it.

3pm Student Pick Up issues
Please read carefully the police information contained in today’s newsletter related to 3pm pick up time at Richie.
**Age Appropriate Pedagogy Trial School**

Last term Richie was one of 8 schools in the region to be selected to undertake an Age Appropriate Pedagogy Trial. Participating trial schools will be supported to promote active, learner-focused and creative learning experiences in their Prep programs. The first 2 training days begin tomorrow with our prep teachers, Mrs Ugarte and myself attending. More information about the trial will be communicated when it comes to hand.

**New ARD**

Yesterday the school was visited by our new Assistant Regional Director Mr Lyal Giles. Mr Giles went into classrooms and was impressed by the work the students are undertaking.

Have a great fortnight with your family everyone!

Mark Brady
Principal

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**An important message from Constable Tai of the Charters Towers Police**

Parents and Carers,

A great number of you take the time to drop your students off to Richie Hill in the morning and pick them up again in the afternoon and you are to be commended on making that commitment. It provides a much safer environment for your students to attend school and it is with safety in mind that I write this.

I am currently getting reports every day from concerned and frustrated parents, carers and Police staff about a large number of road users blocking Baker Street and ignoring the two minute time limit in the pick-up/drop-off zone. By ignoring road signage and by picking up/dropping off from the roadway, you are committing offences. More importantly, these actions are putting children’s lives at risk.

A significant number of parking spaces on Prior Street are being left unused. I would suggest Prior Street is a significantly better location to complete your pick up and drop off than Baker Street due to the wide road shoulders and direct access to the school oval. Prior Street is also a school zone so please consider using this area.

The issue is now so serious that Police crews are being directed to attend Richmond Hill State School and take enforcement action against any and all road users found to be committing offences.

Road trauma is preventable, especially so in this instance. Please work with me and other Police to prevent a potentially horrific and devastating incident occurring at our school.

Constable Tai.

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**EVERY DAY COUNTS AT RICHIE HILL**

**SCHOOL DAY ATTENDANCE**

**WEEKLY AWARD**

Week 3

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**P&C Mother's Day Stall**

Last day tomorrow!
2016 SCHOOL PRIORITIES Reading, Writing, Explicit Instruction, Mathematics

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

COUNTRY MUSIC WRAP UP 2016-Thank you to staff who gave their time to help supervise our students during the float parade. A special mention must go to Kati Phillips, Ann Forno, Kerri Forno, Raelene Ugarte, Peggy Niebling, Michael Hutley, Rodney Hutley, Wyatt and Chase Phillips, Terri-lea Phillips, Anne Clark, and Hannah Marriott who gathered after the street parade and returned to school and dismantled the float, as well as Mark Wilson for returning the hay kindly provided by Bolt n Fodder.
COUNTRY DRESS UP PARADE

Junior Winners - Clover Hill and Bobby Morris

Senior Winners - Amy Brooks and Tom Fagan. Well done to all Students who participated - proud of you!

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRIEF

Miss Lisa Pitt continued.....

COUNTRY SPIRIT ALIVE

JUNIOR FINALISTS

SENIOR FINALISTS

We All
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRIEF
Miss Lisa Pitt continued.....
MAKE THEIR DAY BETTER - Staff who helped supervise received scratchies from Miss Lisa while our students got a packet of chips or a choccie from school staff - THANK YOU!
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRIEF
Miss Lisa Pitt continued.....

RICHIE HILL INVOLVED IN DAWN SERVICE AND CHARTERS TOWERS STREET MARCH 2016
RICHIE HILL ANZAC DAY SCHOOL SERVICE 2016

GUIDED BY OUR STUDENT LEADERS Logan, Fred, Jordan and Kathryne.

Bugler Finaly Niemi (Past Student came across from CTSHS)

RSL President CT Branch Mr Andrew Jensen

P&C President Mrs Kitchen

OUR CHOIR & Mrs Brooks

SOME OF OUR CLASS WREATH LAYERS

THE LAST POST
**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR PARENT INFORMATION SESSION COMING UP?**

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION:**

*Tuesday 7th June 5pm-6pm*

(Meet Prep Teachers, Visit Prep Classrooms and meet Admin Team)

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR EACH EVENT PHONE: 47562222**

For booking or more information

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2017 PREP ENROLMENTS - Enrolment applications are open for students starting Prep in 2017.

**HAVE YOU GOT AN INFORMATION PACK?**

Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they enrol. Check the table below to see when your child can start Prep. Call the School Office to lodge your interest.

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WHEN: Thursday
TIME: 9.00-10.30
WHERE:
RHSS Community Room
COST: a gold coin
Our Place-Our Community
BEGINs 28th April

WHAT TO BRING
ALONG.....
A HEALThY SNACK
A HAT

Our Family
PLAYGROUP
Come along:
• To get to know others
• Play in wonderful play areas
• Support your child’s development as a learner
• Have fun

CO-ORDINATORS: Miss McMahon & Miss
GOOD HABITS FOR THOUGHT—NOT JUST FOR NAPLAN TIME (taken from DR. Andrew Fuller)

Look after yourself
- Breakfast: eat “brain food” the morning before. Have a higher protein, lower carbohydrate mix at breakfast. That means less toast and more eggs.
- Drink water: water lowers your levels of cortisol that causes stressful feelings. Avoid energy drinks as they rev you up and may interfere with your levels of concentration.
- Sleep well: try to get a good night’s sleep the night before. If you are feeling really worried, set an alarm so you can wake up early and feel awake and ready.

Breathe Out - S L O W L Y
When you feel anxious one of the fastest ways to calm down is to breathe out slowly. We all have a calm down system that is controlled by our breathing. If you breathe out and count silently to yourself, “one thousand, two thousand, three thousand”, you will start to feel calmer.

Stand tall walk proud
Your brain is incredibly intelligent. In fact, you possess at the top your neck, humanity’s latest upgrade—the most intelligent brain in all of history.
But! Your brain is also incredibly stupid. It believes what you tell it. This means if you stand-up and maintain a powerful posture your body sends a signal to your brain that tells it you are feeling in charge of things and it can reduce your stress hormones.

Make yourself smarter
The biggest obstacle you face in doing well at a test or exam is not your brain. You have plenty of intelligence. The big issue is your level of anxiety.
If you take the time to prepare for the test or exam and use the strategies suggested in this sheet, you will perform at your best.

Keep Calm and Carry On
You have many, many skills that will NOT be assessed by NAPLAN. Tests and exams are important, but they are not the big predictors of life success.
Do your best and prepare as well as you can but don’t make the mistake of thinking that your score on NAPLAN is a measure of your intelligence or predicts your future.

Just do your best at whatever you do—try and be proud of your efforts—We are.

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You are invited to our

BOOKFAIR

16th - 20th May
8:30-9:00am
3:00-3:30pm
In the MPC
Community Room
NAPLAN:
Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our class will be undertaking NAPLAN testing. All students should feel comfortable and confident with the process as we have provided them with as much guidance as possible. Please ensure your child has their own 2B or HB lead pencils, eraser, sharpener and healthy snacks on these days. Please remember, all I ask of you is to try your best.

ENGLISH:
This term, the students are listening to, reading and viewing the film and novel *The Borrowers*. They will be creating a written comparison of the novel and the film. Everyone is enjoying the novel so far. If you have time, ask your child about the book, you’ll be surprised to learn about the little people living underneath the floors of old houses! The students are also learning how to write reports as this will assist them with their Science assessment.

TECHNOLOGY
By now, all students should have collected materials from home to create their balloon powered car. Designs and predictions are required to be completed before construction can commence. Just a reminder that the construction process must occur at school and that the students only need to collect household materials. All cutting and gluing material is provided at school. Building materials are to be stored in a plastic bag labelled with your child’s name.

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.

IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE SO MANY 5C STUDENTS ATTEND THE ANZAC MARCH AND COUNTRY MUSIC PARADE.

Music Notes
Congratulations to all of the members of the choir who performed at our school ANZAC Day ceremony. The choir performed the song “Can You Hear the Children Marching?” by Nathan Cahill, and received many compliments on their lovely singing. Our next choir event will be the Charters Towers Eisteddfod, to be held in August. Practice will resume next Monday first lunch; all students are welcome to attend.

Give your child a head start

Enrol now, call 47843225
4S News

Cross Country
It was wonderful to see so many students in our class compete in the cross country race this year. Congratulations to all. We have two age champions in our class Kameka Waerea and Fletcher Brook. Well done we are very proud of your efforts.

Country Music Parade
Richie looked great with the huge student participation shown by all at the country music parade. It is always a joy to see students having fun and being excited to participate.

Geography
We have been learning all about the environment and place during Geography lessons this term. So far we have learnt about mapping and using scale, grids and legends. We are currently learning about the different vegetation types throughout the world and discovered many new words and their definitions.

English
We have been reading traditional Asian stories and learning about all the language features included in them. Next week we will start the assessment piece which is to reword a traditional story for an audience of their peers. Therefore attendance next week is important so students do not miss out on any important lead up lessons.

In 5H this term, we have hit the ground running. Not only is NAPLAN fast approaching but we have been very busy learning different Mathematical concepts and Writing genres in English including: Reports and Written Comparisons.

Country Music Festival
Students had a great time at the Country Music Parade last week and were very enthusiastic about ‘going back to their roots’ for this years theme!

Science
The students are also excited to be exploring Space this term in Science. They are also excited to investigate if The Eta Aquarids meteor shower will peak on May 5-7 in 2016 and be visible in the Charters Towers Night Sky!

Homework Reminder
A friendly reminder to continue to sign students home readers each night and homework is due daily. If students are unable to complete their homework for any reason - they have the opportunity to complete it during Homework club at 8:30am in the Timber Room each morning.

Until next time....
Yours in Learning,
Miss Ham and 5H :)
2016 Interschool Cross Country Carnival Wrap up

On Wednesday 27th April, Richmond Hill State School hosted the Interschool Cross Country Carnival. With a total of eight schools, or clusters, attending. All competitors put in their best efforts. Richmond Hill students had some amazing success, as can be seen by the following notable results.

9 year girls  1st Kameaka Waerera  5th Anna Milton
9 year boys  1st Fletcher Brook  4th Archie Miller  5th Jacob Ison
10 year girls  5th Isabella Kavanagh
10 year boys  1st Bowen Moore-Reid
11 year girls  3rd Jordan Brook
11 year boys  3rd Joseph Gordon  4th Harry Gordon
12 year girls  3rd Kathryne Squair  4th Harly Jones
12 year boys  2nd Fred Flute

Overall winning school
1st Richmond Hill  123 points
2nd All Souls  94 points
3rd Millchester  87 points

Fantastic result Richie Hill, you should be proud of what we achieved!

A very big thankyou to the P&C for running the canteen, and for all the help from teachers, aides and parents for helping make it run so smoothly.

Mr Miller.

Get involved in the School Banking program

Richmond Hill State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to hand your bank deposit book in at the Office.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
PARADE

AWARDS

Reading Awards

Year 2 PE Golden Boot Winners

GOTCHAS