Massive Week

Well it has all been happening at Richie this week. Tuesday saw Richie host our Under 8s Day which was a huge success. The kids had an amazing time and the feedback from the visitors about our students and their behaviour was highly commendable. Thank you to all parents, Year 6 Helpers, staff and community members who contributed to this great day. Today we had the Ball Games and Tug-O-War Carnival at school. The students had a really great time and there were some really close results. The winning house will be announced tomorrow on parade.

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.

NAPLAN Reports

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN reports were handed out this week. 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 preps enrolled for next year. Prep enrolments for 2016 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 2016 capped at 50 students. Please remember, we will able to take some Prep students from outside the catchment area in 2016 as well. Children from out of the catchment area must get their names down on our waiting list ASAP. Your child’s name on the waiting list ensures they will be able to attend Richie Prep in 2016.

Whole School Review

By the end of this year Richie has to complete a Quadrennial School Review. This review is completed every 4 years and focuses on improving the school’s operations from 2016 – 2019. Before this process can be undertaken a Whole School Review over 3 days is completed with 3 trained reviewers visiting the school looking at what Richie is doing well and where we can improve as a school. This will take place from August 17 – August 19. The reviewers will be interviewing as many parents as possible both at school when you drop off and pick up students as well as contacting parents by telephone. These interviews are very informal as they want to get a feel for what Richie is like as a school.

Reading Tip of the Week.

• The goal of reading is to understand (make sense) of what is read, so always keep this in mind when you are prompting and praising your child as they read.
• Try to ensure that you are relaxed, interested and supportive, which in turn, will help your child feel OK when they make mistakes or just can’t work out a word and need to be told what it is.

At home this technique will work best when your child is reading a text that is well matched to their reading level, that is, where your child can easily read most of the words in the text and only falter on occasional words. This is why books sent home for home reading are always 1-2 levels below their current reading level so that they get success from their reading and fluency can be developed.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to those families who are supporting this initiative. Your support once again this year is greatly appreciated. In our office foyer we have boxes to place your filled sticker charts/stickers so just drop them in to us.

2015 Richie Spellathon

Thank you to those parents and families who have collected donations so far. We still have a couple of weeks to go. Every small donation counts towards the purchase of resources for our students.
WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS (Week 3 - 4)

I AM RESPECTFUL - Encourage, support and respect others
I AM SAFE - Keep my hands, feet and objects to myself
I AM A LEARNER - Use positive language - no put downs

Parenting Ideas – Refusing Kids Pester Power – Part 1

Kids have a way of getting under your skin if they really want something.

“Mum, can you buy me a treat?” “MUMMMMM, can you get me some new clothes?” “It’s not fair. You never let me have any fun.”

Here are some tips below to reduce their pester power.

1. Avoid getting into too many negotiations with kids. It’s worth remembering that it’s okay to say no… without always having to explain yourself.
2. Make yourself scarce, either physically or psychologically when they don’t take no for an answer. Don’t argue the point with your children. Parents should ignore attempts by children to change their mind, going about their business as if the child is not there. They soon realise that arguing is futile. Remember you are the adult.
3. Differentiate between a want and a need. Kids want many things including the latest gadget, more free time and lots of treats. But they don’t necessarily need these things. Understanding the difference between a need and a want helps you resist pester power.

Upcoming events

- Indigenous Parent Meeting – August 12
- Interschool Athletics – August 14
- School Performance Tours – Heave Ho, Off We Go – August 17 – Free to all students
- Whole School review – August 17 – 19
- Charters Towers Eisteddfod - August 17th - August 28th

Have a great fortnight everyone 😊

Chappy Chat

Hello everyone, A huge thank you for your support with collecting and recycling the titanium tops. We are gathering a substantial amount in our box in the staff room because so many people have been faithful in collecting and donating them. Great team effort!

Beginning on Thursday the 13th of August in the art room at first break, will be some lessons on how to knit for anyone who might like to learn. Everything will be supplied and we will start with learning the basic stitches and go on to make a simple scarf. Pop in and see if this could be a hobby for you.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Love and God bless, Chappy Lydia.

Tash Talk

Hi Everyone,

I would just like to remind all Indigenous parents, if you would like your child/ren to have their hearing tested, all forms need to be returned by 12th August. Have an enjoyable 2 weeks.

Cheers,

Tash.

Jeans for Genes®

Wear your jeans tomorrow
August 7th

to raise money for Children’s Medical Research to help fight childhood disease

Gold coin donation
NEW FACES AT RICHIE

Mr Consenza DRT currently working on 6B
Teacher-aides & Parent helper supporting work
tasks in the Library.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

FIRST AID - Staff are always engaging in professional development. Some staff completed First Aid training and refresher courses over the weekend Ms Mutch, Mrs Montgomery, Mr Miller, Ms Forno, Mr Brady, Mrs Phillips and I.

Another course staff have commenced is Understanding and Managing Behaviour of Students has seen 2 groups involved in an online training of 20hrs guided by Facilitator Bronwyn Reguson

While over the past 5 months I have taken part in the Women & Leadership Australia Advanced Leadership Program in Townsville which has involved 15 women from State, Independent and Catholic Sectors facilitated by Sharon Bragg from Melbourne.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR TAKING TIME TO COMPLETE THE 2015 SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY - an opportunity to share feedback about what we do at Richie. Appreciated.

WRAPPED UP AEDC and NDCSWD This week we also wrapped up data collections about our school as part of these National Data Collection happening across Australia in all schools. Thanks Mrs Forward for supporting teachers with this task.

Thank you to out Staff, Students, Families and Community who work to support what we do as a school Family-we value and appreciate you! Cheers Miss Lisa Pitt

GET STARTED VOUCHER PROGRAM Open For Applications

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing's Get Started Vouchers program is accepting applications for a voucher of up to $150 to help pay an eligible child's sport or recreation club membership and/or participation fees. Parents or carers who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply straight away. Children who aren't eligible under this criterion can apply if they are nominated by two referral agents.

The list of referral agents still includes principals, school guidance officers and police officers among other occupations but teachers are unable to nominate a child in this round.

Vouchers are issued on a ‘first-come first-served’ basis and applications will close when all the funds are allocated or on 30 September. So submit your application as soon as possible.

For more info visit: http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/
RICHIE HILL PREP 2015 OPEN DAYS FOR PREPPIES FOR THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

OPEN DAY 2 THIS FRIDAY

DATE: 7th August 2015
TIME : 9.30-10.30am
WHERE: COMMUNITY ROOM MPC AREA

WHAT:
CREATIVE FUN

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 7 FRIDAY VISITS remaining-to get to know us at Richie Hill & us to get to know you! (Parents stay with child/ren)
-August 21st -Early Learning at Richie- early numeracy (Parent Tips Session Early Number/Shape with Literacy Coach)
-August 28th Music-Dance-Games
-Sept 11th -Technology Fun/Behaviour Expectations
-Sept 18th -Prep Indoors with Prep Staff
-Oct 16th-Prep Outdoors with Prep Staff
-October 30th-Red Day (Adopt-a-cop)
-November 20th- Games with Principal/Deputy/Tour of School/Morning Nibbles

TIME: 9.30am-10.30am
WHERE:COMMUNITY ROOM MPC/BASKETBALL AREA

TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR PROGRAMS YOU MUST RSVP YOUR INTEREST TO OUR SCHOOL OFFICE A WEEK BEFORE THE EVENTS-Thanks

GETTING TO KNOW PRE-PREP EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD OF CHARTERS TOWERS

DATE: FRIDAY 14th Aug 2015 TIME: 9.30am-10.30am WHERE: MPC/BASKETBALL AREA
WHO IS THIS OPEN TO?: All interested families in finding out about what Early Childhood services are available in Charters Towers to support our little ones and their development in early childhood settings
Wow what a busy start to Term 3 Year Two has had. Year Two had a ball at the Under 8s Day on Tuesday. The Petting Farm, Face Painting and Treasure Hunt were a few of the favourite activities enjoyed by our students. A special thank-you to Terri-Lea and Belinda Hourston for your hard work in putting this wonderful experience together. Thank-you to our parent helpers who came along, we appreciate your ongoing support and involvement.

Year Two and Two/ Three are attending Reef HQ on Thursday 13th August. While there, students will be provided with a number of learning opportunities including a puppet show that tells a story about a turtle hatchling who survives many dangers from humans and natural predators, grows up and finds his name, a visit to the turtle hospital to see the turtles up close and learn about threats to turtles, a turtle identification workshop where the students get to identify sea turtles using turtle models and shells and also have a guided tour of the Aquarium. We believe this will be an invaluable experience to enhance our Science and English for this term. A reminder that payment and medical forms are due back by next Tuesday 11th August.

We have also had recent enquiries for parents to come along to Reef HQ. If you would like to come along please express your interest to your child’s teacher. With limited seats on the buses, you may need to use your own transport, as well as the entry fee into Reef HQ.

Zoe & Kym
NAIDOC Celebrations

Students were very fortunate to be a part of this year’s NAIDOC celebrations at Richie Hill. The day started with some excellent displays of traditional dances by our own students and followed by a tasting of some delicious damper. Students were given a wooden animal to decorate using dot painting techniques and completed a special NAIDOC work booklet with fun activities. We loved it!

Year 3 Historians!

This term students have started to look at local history, particularly the buildings and landscapes of the Charters Towers area. We will be considering how they have changed and remained the same over time. If you grew up in the area and have relevant memorabilia to share, perhaps from school days or of particular buildings, we would love to see them. School buildings will be a focus for the unit. We will be studying photographs and comparing them to pose and answer questions. Just look at how Richie Hill has changed since 1890! Please have a conversation with your child about how times have changed and share your observations.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (PRC): with Ms Bush

Never fear, even though Ms Bush will be on leave for the first four weeks of Term Three, all PRC records will be updated with any forms received in this time. As soon as your child completes the signed form, please return it to the office or 6B classroom so that Ms Bush can process it.

Closing date: Friday 28th August. No late forms will be accepted.

Guitars For Sale

Excess to requirements

Rhapsody Classic
nylon string guitar, ¾ size
(valued at $85)
perfect for beginners/primary aged children
Near new - only been used twice.

$30 each
We had a fantastic time at Under 8s Day yesterday. We especially loved the jumping castle, Melville’s Farm, marble painting and buried treasure. Thank you to our wonderful parents and grandparents who gave up their morning to accompany groups. You helped the children to have an amazing morning – we are all so grateful.

We’ve been learning about nursery rhymes in class this term. So far we’ve studied Humpty Dumpty, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Hey Diddle Diddle and Hickory Dickory Dock. We’ve looked at rhyming words, innovated the last line of some of the nursery rhymes to make them rhyme better, and even made inferences about why events might have taken place in the nursery rhymes. In a few weeks we’ll be ready to innovate our own rhyming couplet in a catchy poem. It should be great!

As always, if you have any questions or would like to have a chat about your child’s progress, please feel free to stop in for a chat, email us or give us a call. Please keep up your wonderful work with home reading and sight words – we’re so happy to see everyone’s progress over the year. Well done!
SHOW PRIZES – HANDWRITING & POSTERS

CHAMPION PRIZES
Matilda Leppien – Year 4 – Champion Poster
Georgia Gostelow – Year 3 – Champion Handwriting

FIRST PRIZES
Fred Flute – Year 5 – Poster competition
Renae Forward – Year 2 – Poster competition
Renae Forward – Year 2 – Handwriting
April Kitchen – Year 3 – Poster competition
Julia Gossage – Year 1 – Poster competition
Isabelle Mason-O’Keefe – Prep – Poster
Farah Caddy – Year 4 – Handwriting
Matilda Leppien – Year 4 – Poster
Samantha Hunter – Year 5 – Handwriting
Georgia Gostelow – Year 3 – Handwriting
Holly Kitchen – Year 6 – Handwriting

SECOND PRIZES
Curtis Edwick – Year 2 – Poster competition
Boesha Moore-Reid – Year 6 - Handwriting
Anna Milton – Year 3 - Handwriting
Sophie Gordon – Year 2 – Handwriting
Nash Battle – Year 3 – Poster competition
Niobe Bowman – Year – Handwriting
Edward Archer – Year 1 – Poster competition
Jesse Nibbs – Year 5 – Handwriting
Adael Dines – Prep – Poster competition
Nash McGowan – Year 4 – Handwriting
Regan Barkworth – Year 4 – Poster competition

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Chris Benavente – Year 2 – Handwriting
Breanna Tracy – Year 5 – Poster
Hana Khosravishirazl – Prep – Poster
Mathias Santo-Hero – Year 4 - Handwriting
Kathryne Squair – Year 5 – Handwriting
Taaleah Drummond – Year 2 – Poster
Riley Mathieson – Year 1 – Poster
Keturah Congoo – Year 3 – Handwriting
Yasmeen Caddy – Year 6 - Handwriting

You are invited to join with the Towers Hill Bushcare Group to celebrate Bushcare Week.

Where? At the foot of Towers Hill, just inside the gate
When? Sunday 16th September, 9:00-12
Wear closed in shoes and a hat. Barbecued sausages and cold drinks will be on sale.
There will be demonstrations of seed germination methods
Take a self guided tour and talk to the Bushcare members
Take this opportunity to get up close and personal with local nature

Superhero Primary School Disco
Where: Charters Towers PCYC
When: 07th August 2015
Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Entry: $2.00
Want to be a Superhero? ... Here’s your chance! Come and join us at our Superhero Disco. There’s great music, lights, games and prizes - including best Hero costumes, and Canteen will be open for Food and Drink.

Fully supervised, no pass outs parents welcome to stay or leave but a 8:00pm strict pick up is expected.
Parade Awards

Year 6 Class & Reading Awards

Year 2 Class Awards

PE Awards-Holly & Taiga

Year 4 Reading & Class Awards

Year 1 Class Awards

Year 2 Reading & Class Certificates

GOTCHAS

Ella-Beth & Harly

Zoe & Greg

Reese & Jayden

Prep Class Awards

Year 5 Class Awards

Year 1 Class & Reading Awards

Prep Class Awards

Year 4 Class Awards
Year 1 News

Wow!! It is hard to believe that we are already into Week 4 of Term 3. The students of 1M and 1H have settled in again very quickly after their holidays. They have been very busy learning a whole range of new concepts.

Thank you to the parents who helped their children get their interviews of their Grandparent or other special older person completed over the break. This has allowed the children get into the task comparing their lives now with someone from the past. They were all very excited to learn about how technology and new inventions have made our lives much easier than the lives of those who lived in the past.

In Science, students are learning about various small animals or insects that can be found throughout the school. They really enjoyed looking at the different body parts of a worm and were very interested to learn that worms have a body part called a saddle and many lines called segments. Students have also learnt that insects have a head, thorax and abdomen, antennae and 6 legs. They will also be looking at habitats of animals and how these habitats help animals to survive.

Under 8s Day

On Tuesday 4th August, the students had an exciting time at Under 8s Day. They really enjoyed all of the activities with Melville’s Farm being a definite hit. Thank you to all of our wonderful parent helpers who assisted on the day.

We are asking if there are any parents interested in volunteering to do some small group or one or one activities in the classroom to please come and see their child’s class teacher.