Principal’s Message

Clean Sweep
Our outstanding swimming team won the Interschool Swimming Carnival at the Memorial Pool last Friday, for the first time since 2004. It was a real team effort as Columba College was beaten for the first time in 12 years. Many of our students set new records for the carnival and we also had a few age champions. With this result, Richie has won the Interschool Trifecta in 2016 winning the Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming Carnival which is a first for our school. Fantastic job and well done to all the Richie staff and students who contributed to this amazing effort and success.

School Leaders Elections for 2017
Proud parents and teachers as well as all of the year 4-6 students listened to outstanding speeches made by Year 5 students as they campaigned for the 2017 School Leadership positions today. All potential leaders presented themselves admirably and voting took place following the speeches. Congratulations to all students who nominated for a position.

During the Awards Parade morning on Friday, December 2nd, the 2017 School Leaders will be announced.

Awards Parade
Richie will be having its Awards Parade the morning of Friday, December 2nd at the MPC starting at 9am. During this special parade, Prep – Year 5 year levels will present the following awards to 4 of the students from their class. The awards are Academic Excellence, Academic Improvement, Citizenship and Best All-rounder in Class. Year 6 students will receive their awards at their graduation the following week. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

School Fete
Well it is finally here. This Saturday sees our major fundraiser for the year held. Behind the scenes, the P&C have been working tirelessly over the past few months to make sure the event is successful. While the Fete is on from 4-8pm, we would appreciate any parent assistance on the morning of the fete in setting up. The more people that help, the quicker the jobs can be completed and the easier it will be to set up. Hope to see many helpers there on Saturday morning and if you can volunteer some time on a stall between 4 and 8pm, please let the school know as we are still short 15 volunteers.

2017 Classes
As yet we are still waiting for the confirmation of 2 teachers before classes and 2017 class lists are finalised. It is hoped this will be done in the next fortnight.

Semester 2 Report Cards
These will be given out to students on the Monday in last week of school. Parents are reminded that results on this report card takes into consideration your child’s progress for just Semester 2.

Remembrance Day
School Captains will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph in Gill Street tomorrow. Classes throughout the school will also recognise this important day in our history.

Year 6 High School transition Days are as follows –
Monday/Tuesday – 28th and 29th November – Year 6 students visit

Bus Arrangements for Prep students
If your prep child is not using the bus daily, on the days they will be using the bus please notify the office. In recent weeks we have had students saying they need to catch a bus with no notification from parents. Prep bus students are collected from their classes daily and taken to the bus area at 2:45pm, and if there has been no parent contact to the school about their child catching the bus for that day, their child will not be collected and placed on the bus.
Catchment Reminder
Please continue to get the message into the community that the catchment for Richie has been lifted and we can accept enrolments from any area in Charters Towers.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: Week 5 & 6

I AM RESPECTFUL - Be a fair player
I AM SAFE – Keep hands and feet and objects to yourself
I AM A LEARNER - Participate in learning activities

Have a great fortnight everyone 😊

Mark Brady
Principal

Richie Hill Triumphs at Interschool Swimming Carnival

Richmond Hill had an outstanding day last Friday at the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Every single competitor put in their best effort to help Richie achieve some fantastic results.

For the first time in 14 years, Richmond Hill took the coveted Aggregate Shield with 391 points, over Columba College in 2nd on 383 points, with All Souls St Gabriels coming in third on 228 points.

Richie students set a number of Interschool records:

Fletcher Brook 9yo Breaststroke 58.40 seconds, beating the old record of 1.06.37 seconds
Hunter Smith 9yo Backstroke 53.36 seconds beating the old record of 54.72 seconds
Daniel Olver 9yo Butterfly 59.59 seconds in his heat, and then 59.02 seconds in the final, beating the old record of 1.05.60 seconds
Karen Squair 10yo 50m Freestyle 36.47 seconds beating the old record of 36.52 seconds
Kathryn Squair 12yo Backstroke 36.52 in her heat, and then 35.90 seconds in the final, beating the old record of 36.94 seconds
Kathryn Squair 12yo 50m Freestyle 30.52 seconds in her heat, and then 30.41 seconds in the final, beating the old record of 31.31 seconds
Kathryn Squair 12yo 100m Freestyle 1.07.88 seconds beating the old record of 1.11.56 seconds

We also had great success in the Age Champion tally:

9yo girls Kameka Waerea runner up on 33 points
9yo boys Fletcher Brook was Age Champion with 47 points
10yo girls Karen Squair was Age Champion with 54 points
11yo girls Jordan Brook was Age Champion with 66 points
12yo girls Kathryn Squair was Age Champion with 75 points

A Fantastic effort by everyone involved. Well done team!

Mr Miller
HPE teacher
MOVING ON - LEAVING TOWN

To assist our school in planning for classes in 2017. Knowing our Enrolments helps maintain staffing in our school. So we do really appreciate your help in this matter.

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

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Are:

✓ Will not be back at Richie Hill in 2017
✓ Leaving Charters Towers in 2017
✓ Moving to a New School 2017

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE-Thanks

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VOLUNTEERS OF THE FORTNIGHT

THANK YOU FROM US TO YOU!

Julie Fielder
Larry & Janice O’Regan

Ann Forno Andrea Gough Melinda Hunt Kati Phillips
Theresa Kitchen Carmel Hutley Brianna Kleem
Kevin Connolly Danielle Ellis Helen Brooks
Suzanne Matthews Peta Laneyrie

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Attendance Award

Week 4
1st Place: Yr 6 - 94.7%
2nd Place: Yr 4 - 94.5%

Week 5
Yr 5 - 96%
Yr 6 - 92.7%

Well done to these classes on their excellent attendance.
NEWS BRIEF
Miss Lisa Pitt
Deputy Mon/Thurs/Fri
LOTE Support Teacher Tues/Wed
Year 5 & 6 Classes

STUDENTS NOMINATE FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES IN 2017

It is hard to believe, time has come for our Year 5 students to step up and nominate for 2017 student leaders roles.

The roles of School Captains and House Captains will be the positions students are vying for in 2017. Our nominees shared a speech in front of the school community as part of the election process. Good luck to our Year 5 students, proud of you all for putting up your hand to lead and support peers, staff and others in 2017 as school leaders. Top job with your speeches today!

PHOTO: 2017 Nominees for Student Leadership roles at Richie Hill. Absent from the photo are Kaleb, Jordan, Rodney, Georgia & Nash.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

Our school community gave thanks to Police Liaison Officer, Donna King, for her amazing work and support provided to students, staff and community. Students presented Donna with a heartfelt vote of thanks, and a farewell gift from the Richie Hill School Family. All the best Donna, we will miss you and really have greatly appreciated your care and time given to us all!

NEWS IN EDUCATION Richie Hill featured this week.

We extend a thank you to the Northern Miner for this program. Each Term schools provide news item to celebrate teaching, learning, student and community success.

As the staff member responsible for collating RHSS news items and with some contributed by class teachers for NIE, I also send news items about sport and events throughout each Term to the Northern Miner. Once again I say thanks to the Miner Team for supporting what we do in State Schools for children in Charters Towers-appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Richie Hill Fete sees this in action year after year. The tremendous leadership by Miss Kerri Forno is amazing. Yes many P&C Members lend a hand -along with parents, friends and of course our professional Teaching Team who all help out on our Fete Day as well.

WE THANK YOU -WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME GIVEN AND EVERY HELPING HAND.
Our 2017 Preppies are invited along to our Teddy Bear’s Picnic. Please ensure that you have RSVP to attend so to support our baking of yummy treats by Monday 14th Nov.

Appreciated

TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC FUN AT PREP
THURSDAY 17th November 9-10am
Meet in Community Room
Games
Bear Hunt/Picnic Snacks

3 MINUTES WITH MR S SCOTT
WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND RAISED? Brisbane

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM? CSI is the best

CAN YOU TELL US YOUR BEST EVER BOOK YOU HAVE READ?
Harry Potter Series

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT MAKES RHSS A GOOD PLACE TO WORK?
The wonderful students

WHAT WAS THE BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR CHILDREN?
They can do anything

SEE YOU AT OUR RICHIE HILL FETE!
I AM SAFE - I AM A LEARNER - I AM RESPECTFUL
DAY FOR DANIEL is an annual event encouraged across Australia to build community awareness about child safety.

The message is for everybody.

Kids safety matters!

Let’s all do our part to help keep our children safe in Charters Towers every day and every year.

Thank you from us to you!
WE WORE RED FOR DANIEL!
Prep P students have been busy writing lots of different text types including opinions, descriptions, comparisons, retells and letters. We have learned that it is important to add descriptive words to our writing so that the readers can ‘see’ what we are writing about. Below are some of the retells and letters that we have written.

Hello Vet,
Sorry that my little dog was bad. Hairy MacLary was frightened of the needle. I hope you found all the kittens. I lost my guinea pig and it made me sad. When I got home, I gave Hairy MacLary a big kiss.
From

To The Vet,
Sorry that my white bird was bad yesterday. She was scared because she didn’t want a needle. I hope you found the dogs. I was sad because I lost my dogs. I gave Cassie a cracker when I got home.
From

First Hairy MacLary went to the vet because he had a sore paw. Cassie the cockatoo bit his tail. Then he jumped. Next the budgies flew out of the cage. Then the vet said “I will fix them” but she fell over the lead instead. Then Cassie the cockatoo got mad. Then she picked Hairy MacLary’s tail again.

From

Hello Vet,
I’m sorry because my white bird was naughty. She was frightened because she hasn’t been to the vet. I hope you found the mice. I lost my cat and it made me happy because it always scratched me. When I got home, I gave Cassie some bird seed.
From

Hello Vet,
I’m sorry for my black dog that was frightened. He was worried. He was frightened of the needle. I hope you found all of the animals. I lost my snake and I felt sad. When I got home I gave my dog a kiss.
From

Hello Vet,
Sorry my dog was naughty. He was frightened because he didn’t like the vet. I hope you found the budgies. I lost my toy tractor and I felt sad. When I got home I gave my pet a biscuit.
From

To The Vet,
My little dog was naughty. He was scared of the needle. I hope you found the dogs. I lost my toy train and I felt sad. I gave Hairy MacLary a bone.
From

First, Hairy MacLary had a sore paw so he went to the vet. Next Cassie the cockatoo tweaked Hairy MacLary’s tail. Next Hairy MacLary jumped and the mice bowl was upside down. Then the mice crawled out of the bowl. The birds cage bottom dropped on the ground. Next the birds flew out of the cage. Then the cat chased the birds. Then the kittens squeezed through the box and joined in the chase. It was noisy. They had a chase and they were everywhere. The vet came out. Then she tripped over a lead. It was noisy. Then Cassie the cockatoo rattled her beak on the cage. She got mad. ALL of the animals froze. Next Cassie the cockatoo saw something twitch so she gave it a tweak. Then it was noisy again.

From

First Hairy MacLary went to the vet because he had a sore paw. Next Cassie the cockatoo pinched Hairy MacLary’s tail. Then Hairy MacLary jumped over the mouse bowl. The mice got out. Next Cassie the cockatoo rattled her beak. And then the vet came out and said “I’ll fix them.” Then all the dogs and cats froze. Cassie cockatoo got mad and bit Hairy MacLary’s tail again.

First Hairy MacLary went to the vet because he had a sore paw. Next Cassie cockatoo pulled Hairy MacLary’s tail. Next Hairy MacLary jumped and knocked the mouse bowl over. The it got noisy. After that the vet came out and she tripped. Then Cassie got mad. Then Cassie pulled Hairy MacLary’s tail again.

First Hairy MacLary went to the vet because he had a sore paw. Then Cassie cockatoo saw something twitch and then the bird tweaked Hairy MacLary’s tail and his hair came out. Then Hairy MacLary jumped high up in the air. Hairy MacLary knocked over the mouse bowl and then the mice tumbled and the birds flew out of the cage. Then the cat chased the birds and is was loud. And then the vet came out and the vet said “I can fix this," but the vet tripped on a lead and Cassie the cockatoo got mad. Then it started over again.

To The Vet,
Sorry about Hairy MacLary because he was a very naughty dog. He was scared because he didn’t want a needle. I hope you found the kittens. I lost my cat and I felt sad. When I got home, I gave Hairy MacLary a bone.
Love
Hello Parents, Carers and Guardians of 1H,

Well the year is finally coming to an end. I cannot believe how quickly it has come around. The growth I have seen in your children throughout the year has been outstanding and they should all be commended for their amazing efforts and achievements. Over the next few weeks we will be wrapping up assessment to get ready for report cards. Please try to ensure your children are at school throughout this time, of course keep them home if they are not well.

We only have one more unit of work to complete for the year, which is a really fun and exciting drama unit. Children will be exploring feelings and emotions and how to portray these through a skit. They will be required to choose an emotion and then consider a scenario they could act out to portray that emotion to their peers. Their peers will then have to guess the emotion and the scenario. Should be a lot of fun to wrap up the year.

Last week we decided to get a bit spooky in our Year One classroom in light of Halloween. The children had lots of fun making Frankenstein and Jock-O-Lantern masks as an activity to help improve their ability to follow instructions correctly. Some of them are still struggling with this concept a little, but we are working on it. Later on in the day, we wrote a procedure for making ‘Franken Snacks’ to complement our English unit of work on procedural texts. Upon completion we all got to make a ‘Franken Snack’ and enjoy it for morning tea. It was a very fun day had by all.

Over the next few weeks I will be starting to send home some of your children’s books so they do not have as much to carry on their last day. I hope you enjoy looking through their books to see how much hard work they have been doing throughout the year.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know your children and watching them learn and grow. I hope I get to see you all before the year ends. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Heidi Montgomery—Year 1H teacher

Isn’t it crazy how quickly the end of the school year is approaching! It has been amazing to see how the children have progressed from Term 1 to Term 4.

1M have been working hard to complete assessment in the past few weeks.

In English we have been learning about procedures. As a fun and engaging lesson in the lead up to assessment, we wrote a procedure about ‘How to make a Franken snack’. Once the children had written their steps we then made the snack for them to enjoy at home.

We have now finished our Science unit about light and sound and have moved onto Geography and are looking at Centenary Park, what activities happen here and how it has changes over time.

Regards,
Hannah Marriott
Students have been writing poetry in our English Unit this term using alliteration, onomatopoeia and rhyme. Here are some stanzas about what students can see at school.

Poet: Chloe Anderson

Loud, screaming children jumping and playing,
chitty, chatty teachers eating also marking,
great messy classroom with worksheets everywhere,
colourful learning wall with children’s writing.

Poet: Curtis Edwick

Quiet, cold library reading books from the shelf,
comfortable, convenient office working hard to help parents,
orange, brown basketballs bouncing to get a hoop,
smart, funny teachers teaching us to be smart.

Poet: Taaleah Drummond

Kind, sensitive Sophie running and walking,
chitty, chatty children turning and talking,
long, pointy pencils inside students’ desks,
talking, loudly through class can get you in a mess!

Poet: Jayden Dawson

Chatty, children playing,
classroom teacher working,
the ball at school rolling,
the office is at school.

We’ve had an extremely busy and really enjoyable few weeks in 1T. In English this term, we’ve been learning to follow and write procedures. To help us get used to the structure and features of a procedure, we’ve been busy cooking and making fun crafts which we’ve written detailed procedures for. Here are some pictures of us making ‘ants on a snowy log’, fruit kebabs, ‘Franken-snacks’ and some beautiful coloured crowns.

We’re gearing up for the annual Richie Hill fete this weekend. Come and support our fairy floss stall!

We look forward to seeing you there.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to come and have a chat or email me at tmarw2@eq.edu.au. See you on Saturday!
With term four well under way, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my students for their exceptional behaviour at each of the extra-curricular activities they have had an opportunity to participate in this term. Particular mention must be made about their participation at ‘World of Maths’. This event was hosted in our library and allowed students to experience a variety of activity stations where they used mathematical knowledge, understanding and ways of working to complete set tasks. Students had so much fun they didn't even realise they were participating in mathematical activities. Some of the activity concepts included, symmetry, location and transformation, shape, graphs and data. Students used their problem solving skills to work in a team to find solutions to puzzles.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fete this Saturday. Come down to the Coconut Topple stand and say hello as the year three teachers challenge you to knock some coconuts down!
Students have enjoyed a fun-filled week, participating in a cricket clinic and a rugby league workshop, which will continue over the next couple of weeks. We have been enjoying many Science experiments investigating push & pull forces. Ask your child how to keep a tissue dry in a bucket of water. Please remember that we require tins of coloured hair spray for our stall. If you are able to donate any of these, please send along to the school office tomorrow. Check out these great photos of students enjoying the Rugby League workshop.