Thursday 21st August, 2014

Richmond Hill State School Newsletter
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IMPORTANT DATES

NO EL@R
Friday 22nd August

P & C Meeting
Tonight 6:00pm
Staffroom

Motivational Media
25th August
Year 6 & 7

School Performance Tour
Halfway Around The World
Thursday 28th August

Brisbane Trip
7th –13th September

Principal’s Message

3/5/7 NAPLAN Results
This week Richie received the school wide results for the Years 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN test for 2014. The NAPLAN test each year tests all students in Year 3, 5 and 7 in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar/Punctuation and Numeracy (5 Areas) This means we get results from a total of 15 areas across grades 3/5/7. In regards to how well we did as a school, it was once again the best result the school has ever had improving on last year’s results. In relation to ‘Like School Mean’ results, comparing schools similar in size to Richie in Queensland, we were above other like schools in 11 out of the 15 areas and similar in the other 4. With regards to ‘State School Means’ comparing all schools in Queensland, Richie Hill was similar to all other schools in 12 out of the 15 areas. In relation to ‘National Means’ comparing to all schools in Australia, Richie was similar in 10 out of the 15 areas. Thank you to all Richie Staff and Parents who have worked extremely hard to make this possible. We must however continue to work together as a learning community to keep these results high.

School Wide Positive Choices
As you know Richie’s ‘School Wide Positive Choices’ are

- I Am Safe
- I Am Responsible
- I Am A Learner

Over the next fortnight our focus as a school is

- I AM SAFE - Listen to and follow directions.
- I AM RESPECTFUL - Raise my hand to speak.
- I AM A LEARNER - Go to the toilet and get a drink at breaks.

Please discuss these with your child if you have a moment.

Home Reading at Richie
Remember if we want our students to continue to have success at Richie, parents must support us by making sure their children are reading every night.

Reading Information Session
Many thanks to the parents who attended the reading information session last Thursday night. Richie will have another ‘Reading Information’ night next term.

High School Transition Days
Year 6/7 Open Day – Friday August 29th - 1-3pm – (Transport provided in the form of buses.)

Interschool Athletics Carnival Success
Congratulations to Richmond Hill athletes as our school won the aggregate trophy at the recent interschool athletics carnival. This was an outstanding effort by all students involved. We also had 17 students selected in the District team.

Prep Enrolments
Prep enrolments for 2015 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 2015 capped at 50 students. Please remember, we are able to take prep students from outside the catchment area in 2015, due to the Year 6 & 7 students from this year going to High School in 2015. Your child’s name on the waiting list ensures they will be able to attend Richie in 2015. We currently have over 28 on our

NO EL@R FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST
Due to Staff Absences
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted either side of the September school holidays this year. The purpose of these interviews is to communicate to parents how your child is progressing and plan what can be done to improve their learning leading up to report cards at the end of the year. Teachers will send home letters to all parents in the coming weeks. It is hoped most parents will take this opportunity to find out about their child’s progress and what they can do to help in their education for the remainder of the year.

**Ballgames / Tug-o-War Carnival**

Congratulations to Cunningham who won the 2014 Ball games carnival.

**School Performance Tours Presentation**

Next Thursday, August 28th, Richie Hill is once again paying for all students to attend the performance ‘Halfway Around the World’. All students will attend the performance Free of Charge.

**NAIDOC at Richie in 2014**

Last week we had to cancel the NAIDOC parade due to the weather. We did however complete some of the activities. There will be some NAIDOC related presentations on parade tomorrow.

Have a great fortnight everyone 😊

**Celebrating Success**

On Tuesday night, a small group of Richmond Hill State School students competed in the Choral Speaking at the Eisteddfod. The students did a fantastic job reciting the poem ‘Born an Aussie’ which was written by Bob Miller, Mr Miller’s father. The students received a Highly Commended and did the school proud. They have given up two of their lunch times a week this term to practise and need to be commended for their dedication too. Well done!

Daniel Brooks  
Georgina Foster  
Kelsey Jones  
Kaylem Mitchell  
Emily Pankhurst  
Sarah Milton  
Catalin Rafter  
Olivia Miller

Other Eisteddfod results will be celebrated in future Newsletters.
I have been working on a school strategy to support our ongoing focus on supporting the transition of pre-preppies into their Prep Year.

CONNECTING TO PRE-PREP PROVIDERS

Our Prep Teachers have visited CT Kindy and Charters Towers Child Care this term.

LAUNCHED THIS WEEK SS2P-SUCCESSFUL START 2 PREP LEARNING PROGRAM with the aim of families coming into Richie Hill spending time to get to know our school, building connections with staff by engaging in Library and Reading Ideas, following up early referrals to Speech Language Pathologist while at Kindy/Daycare, completing a questionnaire about their child, get ideas about how to support learning at home and develop an understanding the 5 Keys for Readiness to step into prep Learning.

PERSONALISING LEARNING EXPERIENCES AT PLAYTIME

We are expanding our playtime experiences for our students at Richie Hill.

Many students enjoy such physical things as Oval team games like soccer-football, The play equipment areas, MPC for basketball, shooting hoops, line tiggy, CPA for handball and skipping, Library for books and games. Our Art Room picks up the creative element while I have with much delight set up the Lego and Chess/Draughts Clubs to see how these may be of interest to students as an alternative to stretch thinking and problem solving.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Miss Lisa Pitt

BRIEF

PERSONALISING LEARNING
EXPERIENCES AT PLAYTIME

RICHIE HILL

LEGO CLUB

A lunchtime activity (first lunch only)

WHO: Year 3-Year 4 and Year 5 students
WHERE: MPC Community Room
TIME: 11.15-11.45
DAYS: TUES-WED-THURS
CLUB MANAGER: Miss Lisa Pitt

RICHIE HILL CHESS/DRAUGHTS CLUB

A lunchtime activity (first lunch)

WHO: anyone
WHERE: Library
TIME: 11.15-11.45
DAY: Wednesday
CLUB MANAGER/SUPERVISOR: Mr Barnes
Club Membership form collect from office.
We had a wonderful time in Prep painting boomerangs as part of our NAIDOC week celebrations.

Ball Games

Lots of fun was had at our annual Ball Games Carnival! All that practise paid off.

Pizzas, pavlovas

Nachos, Pinatas
BALL GAMES

Year 3L, 3K and Year 3M

In week 4, the Year 3 students had a great time competing for their houses of Burdekin, Titley and Cunningham! Teams competed in Leader Ball, Overhead Ball and Tunnel Ball then finished off with a challenging Tug-of-War. All students showed great team work and pride in representing their house. Congratulations!
Year 1 News

Well, here we are again. Half way through another term. This year is certainly flying!
We have had some super busy weeks already this term with a lot more to come.
On Friday 1st August, the children enjoyed cheering on their houses for the Ball Games Carnival. It was wonderful to see their competitiveness and great sportsmanship. They were exhausted by the end of the session.
Last Tuesday, the Year One’s had a special visit from our local Fire Brigade. They taught the children to understand the difference between good and bad fires and some key phrases to remember if they are ever faced with a fire such as Fire! Fire!, Stop, Drop and Roll and Get Down Low and Go! Go! Go!. The children especially enjoyed checking out the Fire Truck and having an opportunity to have a turn at using the fire hose.

Last Wednesday, the children from 1R and 1H had the opportunity for some fun with the team from the Goldfield Sports Tour with children from 1R learning some Soccer skills and children from 1H learning Rugby League skills.
LAST WORDS: It has been so pleasing to see the students’ progression with their reading. Ask your child what level they are on. Please remember to read with your child every night and review their sight words to keep this progress going.
The retune is coming to Charters Towers on 27 August

As the final step in Australia’s successful move to digital-only TV, all free-to-air channels in Charters Towers will change frequencies on 27 August. After the channels have moved, viewers will need to retune their digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder.

These moves will free up broadcasting spectrum so that it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband. Just like the switch to digital-only TV, the retune has been carefully planned to make sure the change is as easy as possible.

On or after Charters Towers’ retune date of 27 August, if people are missing channels, they should retune their digital TVs, set top boxes or digital TV recorder to ensure they continue to receive all available free-to-air digital channels in their area. The retune will affect most TV viewers in Australia but different areas will need to retune on different dates. The retune is due to be completed nationally by 31 December 2014. There may be some unavoidable temporary outages to all TV channels in the days leading up to, on the day of, and the day or two after the retune date. These outages are necessary because of engineering work being undertaken at the TV transmission tower. Any outages are unlikely to last longer than a few hours. Viewers should wait until after 3:30pm on 27 August before attempting to retune their digital television equipment.

To check for expected outages associated with the retune, viewers should enter their address in the mySwitch tool on the retune website.

Channel changes should not impact on the quality of television transmission or reception across the area. If people continue to experience difficulties with reception on a particular channel, they should contact the relevant broadcaster for more information about reception issues.
National Literacy and Numeracy Week is being celebrated next week at Richie Hill. There will be lots of Literacy and Numeracy Challenges for our students:

**MONDAY/TUESDAY 25/26 August – Dictionary Challenge**
Years 3-7

**MONDAY-Prep to Year 3 Numeracy Challenge**

**WEDNESDAY 27th August – Prep Year 1-2 Alphabet Challenge**

**WEDNESDAY– Parent/Carers Reading Morning Tea**

**FRIDAY 29th August– 9.00am Parade-**

**Book Character Dress Up Parade (All grade levels come dressed as your favourite character from a book and bring along your book to share in class on the day.)**

Our Morning Tea where community members are invited to come along and read with our Students is being held at 11am. Please make sure that you send along your RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 25th August.

We hope to see many of the parents, grandparents and carers coming along and supporting the school in it’s Reading focus at Richie.

Also don’t forget our wonderful Character Dress Up Parade on Friday 29th August at 9.00 am.

Co-Ordinator-Mrs Raeline Ugarte
Year 7: Justin Mahy & Aidan Thorley
Prep: Caleb Fagan, Davey Brown & Clover Hill

Year 6: Thomas Sticklen, Alix Reed, Brianna Gormley, Mikayla Masso & Malik Kyle

Year 5: Jack Davidson, Taylah Cowan-Hunter & Kowen Anderson

Year 4: Blake Fielder, Magenta Brown, Luke Rodighiero, Niobe Bowman, Maurice Bligh & Thomas Jensen

Parade Awards

Year 3: Layla Gossage, Bree-Anne Manley, Jared Bligh & Amber Miller

Year 2: William Stibbs

Year 1: Elektra Noordijk, Connor Langburne, Troy Bird & Jayden Dawson

The Golden Note Award for excellent Music participation was presented to Year 6 M