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Richmond Hill State School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

World of Maths
On Monday and Tuesday this week all students had the opportunity to undertake maths problem solving activities at school when the 'World of Maths' team was here. The feedback from the students was very positive with students using maths in a different way to solve real life problems.

Richie's Wolbachia Warriors Program -
Representatives of the Wolbachia Warriors Program addressed the whole school last Friday on parade. The students were told how growing and releasing mosquitoes with the Wolbachia virus will help to eliminate both the Dengue and Zika virus in the Charters Towers area. All Richie students had the opportunity to join the program by taking home the ‘Mozzie Boxes’ to help fight Dengue. Well the response has been overwhelming with all 200 Mozzi Boxes going home in the first 3 days. Thank you Richie community for your amazing support and coming on board with this program.

Responsible Behaviour Plan
The P&C Association last week endorsed the new Responsible Behaviour Plan for Richmond Hill State School to begin in 2017. The school community has been working on the plan for the past 6 months and it is now finally completed. The Responsible Behaviour Plan will be placed on our School Website over the next fortnight. The plan aims to encourage schoolwide positive behaviours and expectations, however, it also addresses inappropriate behaviours and their consequences. All parents are encouraged to look at the plan and ask any questions relating to any part of the plan, as it is very different to previous plans.

Damage To School
A fortnight ago, Richie had 2 Skylights in the student's toilets smashed. Police have been notified of the students who undertook this senseless act, however, as a community we must work together to make sure this does not reoccur. If you see people in the school after 6pm, please notify the police, especially on Thursday nights, when we seem to have most incidents occur. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Parade is definitely on Tomorrow, Friday October 28th.

Swimming This Term
Just a reminder that swimming lessons are on every Wednesday and Thursday. Money for the lessons must be paid prior to the lesson. Unfortunately we cannot let students attend lessons unless it has been paid for.

Swimming Carnivals
This Friday, October 28th, sees our Richie Hill Interhouse Swimming Carnival for Years 3 – 6 students taking place at the Memorial Pool. Parents and Guardians are most welcome to attend. All students will be transported to and from the pool by bus.
Next Friday, November 4th, sees selected Richie swimmers compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival at the Memorial Pool. Students selected for the Interschool Carnival will be advised this Friday at the Interhouse carnival.

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.
DAY FOR DANIEL – FRIDAY October 28th OCTOBER

Tomorrow is our ‘Day For Daniel’ free dress day. All students are asked to come dressed in Red please. No donations are required for the Fete for this Special Free Dress Day. Just a reminder that it is also World Teachers Day.

School Leaders Elections for 2017

On Thursday, November 10th, Richie will elect their student leaders for 2017. All grade 5 students in 2016 are eligible for election. In 2017, Richie will once again have two boy and two girl Year 6 school captains. Each sporting house will also have 2 school leaders from year 6. During a special 2017 leaders election presentation in the CPA at 10am, students will have the opportunity to present a 1 minute speech to the school outlining why they believe they should be chosen to be a school leader in 2017. We hope as many parents of the prospective school leaders as possible attend this important occasion to support their child. Following the speeches, students from years 4–6 will vote for their preferred leader. Staff will also vote. The announcement of the 2017 school leaders will take place at the School Awards Parade in Week 9.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: Week 3 & 4

I AM RESPECTFUL - Take pride in the appearance of our school.
I AM SAFE – Report unsafe practices to staff.
I AM A LEARNER - I know what I need to do in class to get a grade I am aiming for.

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Mark Brady
Principal

Richmond Hill State School Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Friday 28th October 2016

9:00 – 9:30 Travel by bus to the pool – in year level groups. Year 6 departs first, and then up the grades to year 3 last.

9:30 Swimming events:
Event A Participation Swim (one point per lap) 10-15min
- Burdekin Lanes 2,3
- Cunningham Lanes 4,5
- Titley Lanes 6,7

Event B 50m Freestyle Girls and Boys 8 – 12 years
Event C 50m Breastroke Girls and Boys 8 – 12 years
Event D 50m Backstroke Girls and Boys 8 – 12 years
Event E 50m Butterfly Girls and Boys 8 – 12 years
Event F Participation Swim (one point per lap) 10-15min
- Burdekin Lanes 2,3
- Cunningham Lanes 4,5
- Titley Lanes 6,7

Event G 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
1. Junior Boys (10 years & under)
2. Junior Girls (10 years & under)
3. Senior Boys (11 years & older)
4. Senior Girls (11 years & older)

Event H Participation Novelty Races (one point per race)
2:15pm Clean up and Presentations
2:30pm Years 3 – 6 return to school by bus. Year 3 first and year 6 last.

Parents collecting and/taking home students from the pool must get student’s name signed off at recording desk.
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By Niobe

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I was sneaky hunting for a fat, grey hare for my lunch in the wet, tall, long grass when...BOOM! BANG!! “What was that?” I shouted. Ashlie

Willy gathered his towel and his favourite fish pyjamas and walked into the bathroom. He turned on the hot water until the bath was half full. Then he turned on the cold water until the tub was almost overflowing. He added one litre of extraordinarily exciting bubble bath and then finally, added all of his best and biggest bath toys. Harly

It was a sizzling hot day in Africa and Roxi just wanted to go home to the air conditioning and watch her favourite show, “Susie’s Silly Sister.” Her Mum was telling her that rhinos were an endangered animal and that there were only 28 000 left in the wild, but Roxi still didn’t care. She thought that 28 000 was a lot. Kathryne

We are almost halfway through the term and the students are very busy completing assessment tasks. They are very excited to be using the program Scratch to create a maze game as part of our Digital Technologies Curriculum. There have been changes in regards to homework. The students are now asked to complete and return homework every day. It is generally revision from that day’s learning or tasks that are needed for assessment. It is expected that the students continue to read and practice their number facts every night. Thank you for your support in this new venture. Friday will see the students competing in our annual Swimming Carnival. I encourage all students to attend this school event, as there are quite a few who have not returned their permission forms.

Below are our student contributions by Niobe and Adrianne.

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

2017 PREP TRANSITION SESSION WRAPPED UP THIS WEEK WITH SESSION 4
Visit during HEART (Healthy Eating at Richie Time –Fruit/veg and H2O to go we had lots today)

TAKE AWAY HANDOUT-Maths Clock Bag

THE FINAL GATHERING TIL 2017 WILL BE A SPECIAL CELEBRATION
TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC-details below

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

3 MINUTES WITH
Miss Marriott  Year 1 Teacher
WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND RAISED? Tweed Heads NSW
THE BEST THING ABOUT TEACHING? Watching children learn and progress from start of year until the end
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM or APP? Home and Away
CAN YOU TELL US YOUR BEST EVER BOOK YOU HAVE READ? The Help by Kathryn Stockett
WHAT IS ONE THING THAT MAKES RHSS A GOOD PLACE TO WORK? Having a supportive mentor
WHAT WAS THE BEST ADVICE YOUR MUM GAVE YOU AS A CHILD? Never give up There is no such question as a silly question so always ask if unsure

VOLUNTEERS OF THE FORTNIGHT
THANK YOU FROM US TO YOU!
Suzanne Mathews  Ann Forno
Theresa Kitchen  Jo Webb
Kevin Connolly  Carmel Hutley
Our RI Volunteer Team too!

I AM SAFE - I AM A LEARNER - I AM RESPECTFUL
LOTE AT RICHIE
Language other than English-Japanese. CTSDE on line lesson with Ms Sandy Boglievu supported by Miss Lisa.

TERM 4 LEARNING FOR OUR YEAR 5 STUDENTS IS ALL ABOUT PETS. Take a look at some writing examples completed. Students write in English and translate into Romanji (Japanese) Students will than record this writing as a Speaking Assessment. Well done Year 5 proud of your efforts.

YEAR 5 WORK
Konnichi wa (Hello)
Boku wa Masaisu desu (My name is Mathias)
Kore wa boku no inu desu (This is my dog)
Boku no inu wa murii desu (My dog’s name is Murry)

Konnichi wa (Hello)
Watashi Wa Rigan desu (Regan)
Kore wa watashi wa no inu desu (This is my dog)
Watashi no inu wa Dokku desu (My dog is Doc)

Konnichi wa (Hello)
Boku wa rodoni desu (My name is Rodney)
Kore wa boku no tori desu. (This my bird)
Bokuno tori wa misuta bin desu (My bird is Mr Bean)

Konnichi wa (Hello)
Boku wa Joshua desu (My name is Joshua)
Kore wa boku no inu desu (This is my dog)

YEAR 6 WORK
Osutoraria e youkoso (Welcome to Australia)
Chaataazu Tawazau e kite kudasai (Please come to Charters Towers)
Chaataazu Tawazau ni eigkan ga arimasu. (There is a cinema)
Eigkan wa kieri desu (Cinema World Thearte is pretty)
(Kathryn)

Chaataaza Tawaaazu e kites kudasai (Please come to Charters Towers)
Puura ga arimasu (There is a pool)
Richmondo hirru wa furui to yuuumei desu (Richmond Hill is old and famous)
(Zoe)

Chaataaza Tawaaazu e kites kudasai (Please come to Charters Towers)
Chaataaza Tawaaazu wa chisai to furui desu (Charters Towers is small and old)
Chaataaza Tawaaazu izakaya de nomimasu o tabemasu (Charters Towers Pub drink and eat) (Declan)

YEAR 6 TERM 4 LEARNING HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT OUR TOWN CHARTERS TOWERS
Students are currently working on their Writing Assessment to introduce Charters Towers to a Japanese Visitor highlighting places and activities in our town in an article. Challenge is to write their ideas into Japanese script called Katakana. I have included some samples in Romanji and the English version. Awesome job Year 6 students!
PREPPIES AWED BY MATHS FUN-supported by teachers and Year 6 Buddies!

YEAR 1 AND 2 JUST LOVED THE HANDS ON INVESTIGATIONS AND THEIR BUDDIES!

An amazing mathematical day of investigating and exploring math concepts. All classes form Prep to Year 6 got to participate in this event funded by the school in 2016. I invite you to ask your child something they got to do at World of Maths in our Library this week.
In my role as DP, I have collaborated with our Prep and Year 1 Team to plan the following support strategy for our students moving from Prep to Year 1 in 2017.

**TRANSITION SUPPORT PROVIDED:**

**PREP CLASS**

11.00am HEART Time in CPA are (Prep Class walked downed to CPA area by Prep Teacher to sit with Year 1 in CPA)

11.15-11.45 am PLAYTIME AT BIG SCHOOL

11.45am Prep Class lines up in Year 1 Area

11.45-12.15 Prep Class discoveries as learners in Year 1 learning space. (Prep Class will be walked back to Prep by Year 1 Teacher) PREP Teacher-aide stays with Year 1 Teacher 11.45-12.15

**YEAR 1 CLASS**

11.00 HEART Time in CPA (as usual)

11.45 Year 1 Class picked up from CPA by Prep Teacher.

Year 1 Class is supervised by Prep Teacher at Prep learning space.

Year 1 Class collected from Prep area by Year 1 Teacher.

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Mrs Montgomery |
| WEDNESDAY 30th November | PREP W to 1M  
Ms Marriott |
| THURSDAY 1st December | PREP W to 1H  
Mrs Montgomery |
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Ms Marriott |

THANK YOU TO OUR PREP AND YEAR 1 TEACHERS AND TEACHER-AIDES FOR SUPPORTING AND VALUING THE SCHOOL TRANSITION STRATEGY AT RICHIE HILL.
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
___________________________________________________________________________________________________

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

DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK IN TERM 3 COLOURING IN COMPETITION

Winners are grinners Edward Archer, Cody Wheeler, Julia Gossage, Rhylla Niemi and Daniel Olver
Extra awards top job Eljay Smith and Caitlyn Majid
Participation Awards go to Sienna Montgomery, Caleb Fagan, Dale Casey, Leah Fielder, Nash Armstrong, Holly Fitzgerald and Clover Hill

DRESS IN RED FRIDAY

Our School Community invites students, staff and parents/family to come along in something red for our Day for Daniel on Friday 28/10/2016.

WHY THE COLOUR RED?
Richie Hill Red Day marks our participation in the National Day of action promoting children's personal safety.
Term Four swimming well under way

Our swimming program is well under way for our grades 3 to 6’s in preparation for the Inter-House Swimming Carnival this Friday. The Carnival gets underway at around 9.30am and I’m sure everyone will do their best in the spirit of competition.

Just a friendly reminder of our swimming timetable for the next four weeks. The dates are as follows.

Timetable:

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Students need to remember to bring their swimming gear on their designated day: Towel, Sunshirt, Thongs, Goggles (optional), clean underwear and a plastic bag to store all their wet gear in.

Our Preppies are busy undertaking a gross-motor program focusing on throwing, catching and striking. Meanwhile grades one and two are well into their Ropes and Rhymes unit, utilising rhythmical songs to complete skipping challenges.

Next Tuesday, 1st Nov, at 10.30am the NRL will be coming to Richie to present our under 10’s with their medallions for winning the Annandale Challenge in term 3.

Over the coming weeks I have secured the services of both the NRL and Cricket Australia to conduct some skills and drills sessions with our Preps, 1’s and 2’s so look forward to your children telling you all about it.

That’s all for now, stay fit.
Mr Miller

Week 2
1st Place: Yr 6 96.3%
2nd Place: Yr 3 95.9%

Week 3
1st Place: Yr 5 96%
2nd Place: Yr 6 92.7%

Well done to these classes on their excellent attendance.
Hello from 4K

Welcome back for the final term!

I know it’s a cliché to say that the year has flown by but it certainly seems that way at times. Again we have a busy term ahead of us with all sorts of interesting events. We have already had a school performance tour about poetry and this week we get to experience the hands-on fun of World of Maths. Later this week we have our Inter-house Swimming Carnival and of course who can forget the excursion we have planned for week 9 to the Museum of Tropical Queensland and Reef HQ (more on this later!).

Our English unit this term explores the world of advertising and all of the different ways that advertisements try to persuade consumers to buy products and services as well as give information. Students will be writing a report on a range of different visual and language techniques, as well as analysing an advertisement and explaining how it works to engage the target audience.

The world of Science can be divided into three different areas: Biology (the study of life), Chemistry (the study of change) and Physics (the study of energy, motion and forces). This term, the students get to learn about direct and indirect forces and how these affect the behaviour of objects. We are exploring different direct forces (pushes, pulls, friction) and indirect forces (gravity) and how these forces interact with static and moving objects. Our assessment task sees students create a slingshot of sorts to identify how different sized forces affect the movement of a matchbox. This unit ties in neatly with our visit to the Museum of Tropical Queensland who will be showing their “May the Forces Be With You” exhibition. The exhibition gives students the opportunity to explore different forces that superheroes use!

I know that we will have a terrific term!

Take care and stay in touch,
Mr Kitchen.

Thank You and Good Luck on Your Retirement Mr Ned

How many years as groundsman at RHSS? (31 years)

During this time we have seen lots of changes from dirt and dust to green ovals, garden beds and building constructions, new playground equipment and sprinkler systems.

Mr Ned has sizzled a few thousand sausages at Under 8’s Day celebrations and Sausage Sizzle fundraisers.

He has sold a further few thousand Ham tickets at the annual Richie Hill P&C Fete and provided us with Carols Night sprinkler fun.

Mr Ned has shared with the Richie community through ups, downs, lows and the highs. He has seen 9 Principals and approx. 11,470 kids come and go over his time as the groundsman at Richmond Hill SS.

Over 35 Richie Rhinos Football Teams have challenged and been coached by Mr Ned.

We wish him well in his retirement.

Thank you Mr Ned from our Richie Hill School Family
In 5H we are excited about how Term 4 has started. The students and I are excited about the learning that is taking place both in and out of the classroom...

The ARTS
This term in art students are completing a dance unit. Each week we have been learning and practicing our dance moves. All students in 5H are excited to demonstrate their groovy dance moves.

Swimming Reminder
Swimming is on a Thursday morning (first session) please ensure your child is coming to school in their swimmers and has all necessary items.

In English this term students will be required to write a character analysis for Jesse from the novel Bridge to Terabithia. Students have been enjoying reading and learning about the different characters in the novel, so far...

Science
The students are also excited to be exploring light this term. We have been working hard to conduct investigations and students are applying their knowledge and understanding.

Visit to the Hot-air balloon

Maths
This term students are required to apply their knowledge of mathematical concepts they have learned to complete a variety of maths investigations. We have had so much fun completing the investigations so far.

Homework Reminder
A friendly reminder to continue to sign students home readers each night and homework is due daily.

Until next time....
Yours in Learning,
Miss Ham and 5H

Term 4 has started off quite busy! We have had the Air Force Balloon visit, Arts Council, A World of Maths and commenced swimming lessons. Still to come is the swimming carnival, Life Education Van and Fete.

In our classroom we are undertaking a novel study of Bridge to Terabithia for English and in Maths we’re revising concepts covered previously throughout the year. Already we have completed an investigation into travelling to the Melbourne Cup which included pricing flights, accommodation and tickets as well as reading plane and train timetables. In Geography, students have studied cyclones, floods and bushfires and are now working on their brochure for assessment. Year 5 have only had two dance lessons and can’t wait to perform their choreographed routine on assembly later in the term. Nearly almost all students completed their Library bag sewing task and it’s great to see them now being used for borrowing each week.

Mrs Crow