Thursday 3rd August 2017

Richmond Hill State School

Newsletter

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**What's on...**

**Thursday 10th August**

U8s DAY

**Thursday 17th August**

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Sunday & Monday 27th & 28th August

NQ Cricket Trials Townsville

**Monday 28th August**

Performance Sean Choolburra

**Tuesday 29th August**

NQ Athletics Townsville

**Friday 1st September**

Colour Run

3rd-9th September

Brisbane Trip

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**Principal's Message**

**Congratulations Burdekin**

Congratulations Burdekin house who won the Ball Games/Tug – O – War carnival last Monday. The final results were extremely close with only a few points separating the teams. Many thanks to all parents and family members who came to watch and support their children.

**Mrs Edmonds 6E Leaving Tomorrow**

Mrs Edmonds last day at Richmond Hill State School will be tomorrow. Mrs Edmonds is leaving Education Queensland to take up a position in a family business. We wish Mrs Edmonds all the best in her new professional endeavours and thank her for the work she has done at Richie over the past 2 years. Mrs Edmonds replacement for the remainder of the year will be Miss Ham.

**NAIDOC Celebrations**

Last Friday the School celebrated NAIDOC. It was a fantastic day with a Welcome to Country, Torres Strait Islander and traditional aboriginal dancers, indigenous sand painting, bracelet/necklace making activities, digeridoo demonstrations, damper tasting and the cutting of the cake by the traditional owners of the land. During the week we also had Beatty Retchford go into each classroom and talk about the aboriginal language. Another big thank you to Esther Baker who painted our NAIDOC banner and researched information about the indigenous languages in the Charters Towers area. Many thanks to all of the staff, parents and indigenous community members who made this day so successful and memorable. A special mention to Tash Masso and her group of committed parents who assisted greatly in the organisation of the event.

**Interschool Athletics Carnival**

Our Interschool Athletics Carnival is on in a fortnight on Thursday August 17 at Friemann Oval. We wish all of our competitors the very best and I am sure you will do your best for yourself, your family and the school. Congratulations to all students who made the team and we are sure you will show everyone the Richie spirit.

**New Pre Prep Program Beginning Soon**

Richie’s new Pre Prep program we hope will be starting in the next few weeks. At present, the installation of the Air conditioners in A Block is the only obstacle in the way of getting this program up and running. We have selected our new teacher for this exciting 4 year initiative which will be running on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of 2017. At present, the Pre-Prep children will be attending on a Thursday and a playgroup including Pre-Prep children will happen every Friday. More information is still to come about this exciting new endeavour to help students transition more smoothly to prep.

**Prep Enrolments now being taken**

2018 prep enrolments are now being taken. If you have a prep or know a family with a prep student who wishes to enrol at Richie for 2018, please contact the school. Depending on numbers we hope to have at least 2 prep classes in 2018. We will need at least 40 preppies to have 2 distinct classes. Without 40 preppies we will lose a teacher so please help us reach our target by telling your friends and relatives about our fantastic Prep Program here at Richie.
Sporting Success
Congratulations to Beau Lavery who recently attended the Queensland Junior Golf Titles and came 18th.

Charters Towers Show
Congratulations to all the students who contributed to the Richie show display and all of the students who participated in the various competitions. It was great to see plenty of Richie kids winning and placing in these competitions.

RICHIE’S WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: Week 3 & 4 Term 3

I AM RESPECTFUL – When moving around school be respectful of learning taking place in classroom and keep noise to a minimum.

I AM SAFE – Follow road rules when crossing roads to and from school.

I AM A LEARNER – Make sure you have all equipment ready to start your lesson.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Mark Brady
Principal

GOTCHA CELEBRATIONS EACH TERM ARE A PRIVILEGE
Student attendance acknowledges the efforts of students as safe and respectful learners striving to improve and be the best they can be. We encourage students to take ownership each Term of:

- Completing their Homework
- Achieving a Reading Certificate (valuing the importance to read every day)
- Engaging positively in Reading Groups supported by teachers and teacher-aides weekly
- Making good choices to behave appropriately by minimising yellow cards (3) and detention (1) during a Term.
- Earning Gotcha’s for effort, care, getting along, being organised, showing resilience, building confidence, problem solving and playing by the school rules.

Staff plan the fun celebrations each Term for students P-6. (Prep-Year 1 Mrs Phillips/Mrs Hourston, Year 2-3 Miss Lisa/Mrs Ugarte and Year 4-6 Mrs Crow/Mr Brady)

TERM 3

Week 2
1st Place Year 5 96%
2nd Place Year 4 94%
3rd Place Year 3 91.4%

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2nd Place Year 1 93.4%
3rd Place Year 4 91%
Parents and children meet in The MPC Basketball Court Community Room at 9.30am on the nominated morning or 1.30 pm afternoon session.

Each family is assigned to go to a particular classroom—not necessarily your child’s classroom for next year. Each family joins in the prep class.

- **TUESDAY 10th Oct 9.30am –10.30am** Visit to Prep Classrooms and back to Community Room to make and take an item
- **THURSDAY 12th Oct 9.30am-10.30am** Outdoor Learning Fun planned in Prep Learning Space
- **FRIDAY 20th Oct 1.30pm-2.30pm** Visit to School Library - meet STLN Mrs Ugarte chat about Early Literacy, Oral Language
- **MONDAY 23rd Oct 1.30pm-2.30pm** Visit to Prep HEART TIME and back to Community Room to make and take an item (children asked to bring along lunchbox with a snack to sit and eat with preppies during this time)

(After 15mins child is settled, parents are welcome to join the Principal for a tour of the school on 23rd October ONLY)

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**GETTING READY FOR 2018 PREP....**

**DO NOT MISS OUT ON COMING TO OUR PREP IN 2018**

**2018 PREPPIES STEPPED OUT AT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**HAVE WE GOT YOUR CHILD’S ENROLMENT FORM FOR PREP 2018?**

Interview Letters will be going out over the next few weeks to families who have lodged an enrolment form to organise our 2018 Prep Classes.

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**WE CANNOT EMPHASISE ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AT TRANSITION DAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD’S STEPPING INTO PREP. TRANSITION MATTERS & MAKES A DIFFERENCE. PLEASE VALUE IT LIKE WE DO!**
We have a beautiful learning environment at Richie. We have a strong focus on improvement and curriculum. We believe in every child, we value our School Staff and appreciate Parent support as together we are invested in children and striving to help every child to achieve success every day. Our Richie Hill way is for every child to grow as a learner developing positive habits of being safe, respectful and give their best. A collective commitment which requires continued support - Thank You!

**ICAS** Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) specialises in school assessments including ICAS which is conducted annually in Australia and over 20 countries globally. ICAS is the most comprehensive skills-based educational assessment program available.

This is being managed by Miss Casey with support provided by HOC Mrs Brady to give students the opportunity to participate in 2017.

We have been very proud of the participation level of students supported by permission from Parents. Thank you. ACKNOWLEDGE SUCCESS:

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**SCIENCE**

Amber Edwick (Yr 2)  
Hana Shirazi (Yr 2)  
Erik Michaelis (Yr 5)

Jesse Lavery, Braythen Hansen  
Taaleah Drummond (Yr 4)  
Clancy Stretton, Georgia Gostelow (Yr 5)  
Tia Thomas, Baylee Smith, Angus Reid, Amber Miller, Mallee Hill  
Isabella Kelso, Julia Gossage (Yr 3)

**SPELLING**

SPELLING MERIT—Fabulous

Matthew McIntosh (Yr 2)  
Greg Majid (Yr 4)  
Amy Brooks, Lara Kleem (Yr 5)  
Farah Caddy (Yr 6)

**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

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Zac Sturges (Yr 4)  
Taiga Moritake (Yr 4)  
Caleb Fagan (Yr 4)  
Layla Gossage  
Tia Thomas  
Cody Wheeler (Yr 6)

**SPELLING**

Jared Bligh (Yr 6)  
Hana Shirazi, Zane Sturges (Yr 2)  
Jeremy Woolcock, Jack Fagan (Yr 5)

**PARTICIPATION—Terrific**

Karen Squair, Layla Gossage  
Georgia Gostelow, Cate Trevor, Tahlia Thomas, Jannali Kyle-Giakoumi, Jada Café, Chloe Anderson, Chantelle Santo-Hero, Daniel Woolcock, Jack Wells, Jimmy Majid, Megaera Richards, Brooke Santo-Hero, Kelt Schluter
COLOUR FUN FUNDRAISER IS SET FOR RICHIE HILL

COMMUNITY

DATE: FRIDAY 1st September 2017

Information about how your child can step in and get involved was sent home last week.

All funds raised will go towards school equipment. For more information give Kerry Brady a call or email kbrad40@eq.edu.au

COLOUR FUN RUN - GET READY FOR IT!

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

QUICK UPDATES....

Co-ordinator Mrs Brady is working with Year 5 students

Amy Brooks

Dakoda Montgomery

Georgia Gostelow

Erik Michaelis

The Global Tropics Future Young Scholars (GTFYS) program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training and James Cook University, hosted and led by Thuringowa State High School.

The GTFYS program enables students to connect and collaboratively explore their interest and passion for STEM through new blends of face to face and virtual learning.

The teachers are utilising a virtual studio to deliver the lessons and demonstrate the experiments while the students perform them at their own school at the same time. The virtual platform allows this real time interaction to connect the learnings of students across the region.

FAREWELL MRS EDMONDS

Thank you for your work as a DRT and Teacher at RHSS

2016-2017

I wish you well and much joy in your return to Brisbane.

God Bless!

We welcome Ms Ham to 6E.
Milton Reid, Mathias, Jamez, Bowen and Ben performed a corroboree. BTC DANCE TROUPE also danced. Elder Mr Reid played the didgeridoo.
STUDENT LEADERS LED THE SPECIAL PARADE DAY

PLO’S CAROLYN & BRAD LEND A HAND

YEAR 4 STUDENTS ENJOY THE SAND ART

SYMONE & TASH ENORMOUS SUPPORT FOR THE EVENT WITH MUCH TIME GIVEN

YEAR 1 SHOW OFF THEIR BEAD CREATIONS

DAMPER PREPARATION HELPERS TONYA, BB, TRACY AND ESTHER
Thank you-damper for 370 students

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BRIEF
Miss Lisa Pitt
NAIDOC CELEBRATION DAY— an array of wonderful experiences to celebrate diversity and culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. A vote of thanks to Tash Masso, Mr Brady and Yarning Circle Parents, Milton Reid, Mr Reid, BTC Dance Troupe, Corroboree Dancers, PLO’s Carolyn and Brad for their involvement in making a terrific day of fun for students Prep to Year 6.

A HUGE SUCCESS ENJOYED BY STUDENTS & COMMUNITY.
2B has been very busy settling into a new routine with Miss Cripps joining our class. We have been working on our “George’s Marvellous Medicine” unit in English. Students have had the opportunity to write various procedures for medicine that George has created such as in the Larder, in the Garage and in the Laundry. We will be starting our final assessment in the coming week and be presenting our procedures to the class. In HASS we have been learning about changes in technology over time and we were very surprised to find out that when Miss Cripps was little mobile telephones and TV’s looked very different and there wasn’t even a remote control. We have also been looking at changes in road transport and have decided cars today are much more comfortable and much safer than before. Finally we would like to wish Brooke, Matty and James the best of luck representing our school in the upcoming Athletics events.

Miss Cripps & 2B

NAPLAN Online

Richmond Hill has been selected to take part in NAPLAN Online in 2018. Technical preparations are well underway for our participation. Teachers in Year 2 and 4 are beginning to work on developing students’ skills to enable them to complete their NAPLAN tasks via computer. Parents and caregivers can access a demonstration site which will allow you to sit with your child and see the different types of questions and ICT skills children will need for this test style.

This link - https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site —will take you to the Demonstration Site. The mini-tests and interaction tests are valuable tools to look at to become familiar with this style of testing.

Further information will come in future newsletters. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs Brady.
VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

We urgently require volunteers to help in the Tuckshop. If you are able to help for a couple of hours on any day, please contact Kerri Forno at the school office on 47562222. If we do not get enough volunteers, we will look at once again closing Tuckshop on Mondays & Tuesdays.

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS.........

Tonya Gilligan, Ashleigh Hebblewhite, Melissa Webb, Rosemary Parker, Rob Smith, Jaime Richards & Candice Van Wensveen

2017 Student Fundraiser Colour Fun Run

Friday September 1  11:45a.m.

We’re turning our event from bland to GRAND this year by adding a splash of colour. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects.

We request for all sponsorship forms and money to be return to the Office by Friday September 1, 2017.

Students obtain donations from family and friends, earn exciting reward prizes according to the amount of money raised which ends in a blast of colour… the School Colour Fun Run!

The event will be held on Friday September 1 starting at 11:45a.m. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt to wear during the run. The colour powder is made of high quality corn starch with permitted food colours. It is non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly.

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form which will assist in raising funds for the school. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the five steps to supercharge your fundraising.

Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. There are over 70 prizes on offer, so best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

The P & C will be using the online fundraising this year. The online fundraising does subtract 6% +GST from each donation for handling purposes. To maximise your child’s fundraising this tax can be paid by the donor when the donation is paid, so that your child receives the full donation total you wish to give. Go to www.myprofilepage.com.au to create an account. Then create a profile for each child, type in the school’s postcode and select RHSS to link your child to the school. When someone accesses the profile to make a donation, they click on Donate Now and on the next page the donation can be made and the Donor pay completed.

For any enquiries, please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs Brady.