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Richmond Hill State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Congratulations Cunningham

Congratulations to Cunningham House who took out this year’s Interhouse Athletics carnival. It was a very different carnival to other years as the parents were not close to the action due to Covid - 19 restrictions. Thank you to the parents who attended the carnival and followed the Covid Safe Plan the school had implemented. Your co-operation was greatly appreciated.

We had 3 records broken at the Carnival

- Ameliha Masso broke the 8 Year Old Girls 80m sprint record which was had been held by Annette Morgan since 2014
- Jack Power broke the 9 Year Old Boys high jump record, previously held by Brett Wheeler since 2009.
- Jack Wells broke the 10 Year Old Boys 100m sprint record which was previously held by Nash Lowis since 2009.

Congratulations to all students who participated and had a go at every event. Many thanks also to Mr S for organising the carnival and all staff for your contributions to the carnival’s success.

Year 5 Paluma Camp Cancelled.

Unfortunately the Year 5 Paluma Camp has had to be cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions. We have left this decision as late as possible in the hope that restrictions may be lifted, however, this is not the case. The school will be funding however, the teachers from Paluma to come to Richie over 2 days and undertake many of the activities that would have been completed on Camp with the Year 5 students.

Year 6 Graduation Plans

Due to changes in the Government’s Covid Safe School Events plan, confirmation regarding the 2020 Year 6 Graduation including dates, venue and catering have had to be changed. We apologise for this inconvenience and hope to have a firm decision around these areas by the end of Term 3.

Richie Fete and 125th Celebration – November 14/15

Due to Covid restrictions, the Richie Fete ( Saturday November 14th) will need to be cancelled. We will instead be having night markets at the school from 5pm – 9pm providing no more restrictions are put in place by the government.

With regards to the 125th Celebration, this will still be going ahead with restrictions. At present it will be taking place at the school from 9am – 12 noon on Sunday, November 15th. We are looking at having school tours, static displays, roll calls, 125th memorabilia sales, morning tea (Coffee/tea/scones) and other activities.

More details to come on both events in the coming weeks.
Reminder

Just a reminder that tomorrow Friday, September 4th is a Pupil Free Day.

Transition to State High School for Year 5 & 6

The next High School Experience days are scheduled as follows

Year 5’s – Thursday 05/11/2020 – 8:45am – 3:00pm

Year 6’s – Thursday 12/11/2020 – 8:45am – 3:00pm

Year 6 High School Transition Day – Thursday 03/12/2020 – 8:30am – 3:00pm

Please make sure your child has returned the permission note to attend.

Prep Enrolments now being taken

2021 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 2021, please contact the school. Depending on numbers we hope to have at least 2 prep classes in 2021. We will need at least 30 preppies to have 2 distinct classes. Without 30 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.

Colour Explosion Fun Run

Just a reminder that this is being held on the last day of Term 3, Friday September 18th. New sponsorship forms are out this week and monies raised in Term 1 are still in student’s accounts. Remember there is a minimum of $5 required as a donation to the P&C if you do not wish to raise money but want to participate.

Sick Students Reminder

Parents are reminded that students are to stay away from school if they are unwell especially during this period of uncertainty around various virus’s. Students who are sick or unwell (Runny Nose, regular sneezing or coughing is included) that come to school can potentially spread their illness to students and staff. Parents will be called to collect students who present with these symptoms.

RICHIES WEEKLY SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS Term 3 : Week 7 & 8

- I AM RESPECTFUL – Respect the decisions by the group when playing sport.
- I AM SAFE – Follow game rules to reduce arguments
- I AM A LEARNER – Attend school every day unless you have a valid reason.

Enjoy your fortnight and stay safe!
Mark Brady
Principal

LOST PROPERTY

We have a huge amount of Lost Property in the Office/Timber Room Lost Property Boxes at the moment. Lots of the lost property, mainly jumpers, came in after Sports Day. There are quite a lot of expensive coats among them. If your child is missing any items—especially coats or jumpers—please call in to the Office and have a look through the Lost Property.
EVERYONE SUCCESSFUL EVERY DAY AT RICHIE MATTERS

Together staff, parents/carers and students working together to support the Richie Hill Way.

This requires all students to be making smart choices to be the best he/she can be by following school and classroom expectations—listening and doing what is asked by staff—Not out of the classroom without permission—interacting safely and speaking and playing kindly with peers.

Not disrupting his/her learning or the learning of others. Having a go to try his/her best and if not...ask for help.

Be Respectful  Be Safe  Be Learners

Our school team values Parent/Carer support as we work to nurture boys and girls to grow with a strong regard for respect-responsibility-care and kindness in what he/she may do as a student at Richie.

THANK YOU PARENTS-STUDENTS & STAFF FOR YOUR WORK EVERY DAY!

THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHER-AIDES AT RICHIE

We took time to say thank you for the work of our Teacher-aides at Richie as part of National TA Day.

Our aides work alongside teachers to assist and help students in the classrooms and at playtime.

We appreciate and value the work you do!

Miss Tracy, Miss Alison, Miss Sarah, Miss Jasmine, Miss Brianna, Miss Emma, Miss Haley, Miss Melissa.

Relief Aides-Miss Amelia, Miss Miriam, Miss Jessie (Mrs Clark & Miss Bianca are on Leave)
In 2021 Richmond Hill State School will provide for all newly enrolled Prep Students.

A School Hat
A Shirt Voucher
Free books/ resources pack
A Free Backpack (when child/parent attend an Open Day)

2021 PREP ENROLMENT MEETING LETTERS HAVE BEEN POSTED OUT TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE THEIR CHILD REGISTERED & COMING TO RICHIE THIS WEEK TO SECURE YOUR CHILD’S ENROLMENT AT RICHIE.

PREP AT RICHIE TRANSITION FUN DAYS TO GET SET FOR PREP 2021

We extend an invitation to 2021 Prep children and Parents to come along on these days to get to know Richie.

- **FINAL PREP OPEN DAY CLASS-ROOM VISIT**
  - Thursday 5th November 9.00-10.00am

- **TUESDAY 20th Oct 1.30pm-2.30pm** Visit to School Library & get a Library Bag/Book Belinda Mathews

- **THURSDAY 29th Oct 1.30pm-2.30pm**
  - Visit to Prep HEART TIME (Eat & Play outdoors)

We have already conducted some Transition Fun with visits to PH & PS-Speech and Language chat by Talking towers and Come and Play Days for our Kindy’s in Charters Towers.

Please mark these dates for Term 4 to join in the fun.

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US IN 2021
It has been a very busy couple of weeks for sport and HPE.

Last week we had our Interhouse Athletics carnival, which was a great success. I would like to start off by saying a big thank you to all those who helped make the day such a success and especially to Mark Irvine, Mark Brady and Mark Wilson for helping to set up and pack away and Mrs Brady for her help with organising the day and being on top of the scores. There were many other people who without their help the day would not have been able to go ahead.

On Thursday 27th August students aged from 8-12 went across to Friemann oval for the first day of our Carnival. Starting off with 200m heats and moving into our 800m final, it was great to see lots of students giving it a go and cheering on their friends. Moving onto high jump it was fantastic to see just how many students were willing to give it a go and participate. Ending the day with shot put and long jump the students gave their all and that’s all we can ask.

The whole school came over to Friemann Oval on Friday 28th August for the last day of our carnival. Starting with our sprints, the effort shown by all students was great and the cheering from the sidelines was second to none. The rotations through the middle of the day, especially for those younger students, were well received and everyone gave it a go and had fun. The Relays ended our carnival with the teachers pulling a come from behind win to take it out of the grasp of year 6.

A big thank you to the parents who came and showed their support and followed the COVID 19 rules for the carnival.

In the end it was Cunningham that came away with the win for their house.

Fantastic work all round and I’m already looking forward to next years’ carnival.

Mr Sutherland
Another term is beginning to draw to an end. The Preppies (and their teachers) are all starting to get a little bit tired however we are still soldiering on. We are finishing off this term’s work and therefore have a few assessment pieces to finalise so it is extremely important to ensure that your child is at school everyday.

We have loved our rhyming unit this term and the majority of us are getting to be experts at identifying and making rhyming words. To conclude our unit the students in Prep H had to make a new rhyme to match the “Down by the Bay” song. The students loved getting up in front of their peers and presenting their rhymes.

This week we also had a visit from Miss Alison and Mr Dan from the Paluma Environmental School. They spoke to the children about the weather and how activities and clothing choices are affected by the weather. Students enjoyed drawing pictures to different weather sounds. Kolby had a ball getting up and presenting the days weather to the class. Then they had to work together to pack suitcases with the right clothing choices for a holiday.

Thank you to parents who were able to attend Parent/Teacher interviews. I have enjoyed sharing your child’s progress with you. If parents were unable to attend, I will be sending home an academic update next week.

Belinda Hourston and Miss Tracy
2R SUPER STARS

We have been investigating length and area and we were lucky enough to meet this slippery, slithery, slimy python!
We have had so many amazing visitors come to our school this term! We enjoyed learning about road safety, dinosaurs, Australian animals, the weather, Aboriginal survival technology and we even got to learn some new dance moves! Our learning has really bloomed in Prep S this term. We are continuing our journey to become reading and writing superstars by practising blending and segmenting sounds each and every day. In Prep, we have been working really hard on sentence writing. We are learning how to use capital letters at the beginning of our sentence, putting spaces between our words and a full stop at the end. Go Prep S! We enjoy sharing our ideas and opinions about characters and events in stories and are becoming very confident explaining our reasons why. We have also continued our learning to identify and produce rhyming words. Sometimes our words are silly words and they give us a good giggle! See if you can come up with funny rhyming words at home! We have completed our measurement unit on length, weight, height and capacity using a variety of informal units. Our Geography unit has started and we are excitedly exploring places that are special to us. We are learning to draw maps using a birds eye view and making models with playdough, blocks and all sorts of other exciting materials. On top of all that amazing learning, we also participated in the Athletics Carnival. We cheered loudly and ran as fast as we could. Most importantly though, we all had fun and were good friends to each other whether we won or not.

In Prep S, our motto is ‘You got a friend in me’ and each and every day we aim to support, share and play fairly with all of our friends in the classroom. As Miss. Alison always says, “We sprinkle kindness like glitter in Prep S!”. We are proud of our Preppies for giving new things a go and remembering that mistakes help our brains grow!
Week 8 already... It is hard to believe! Our weeks this term have been filled with many exciting experiences with students participating in a variety of presentations and shows.

In **English**, we are learning to create an informative text with a supporting image. Students have used a range of Australian animals to write about and create information reports. For the assessment of this unit, students will write two parts of an information report about koalas and then present it using PowerPoint. Students have really enjoyed using PowerPoint in computer lessons to type up their information.

During **maths** this term, we have learnt about durations of time, telling time to the half hour and identified 2D and 3D shapes. Students are now working on addition and subtraction and being able to represent these in many different ways. They have worked with concrete materials to understand these concepts and different counting strategies.

In **Science** lessons, students have been learning about habitats and describing how different habitats meet the needs of living things. Students particularly enjoyed the visit from Ranger Dan this term and learnt a lot more about some of the animals which we wrote about in English.

Thank you for your continued support,
Tess Johnson

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**Ranger Dan Visit...**
2T News

Book Week was so much fun! It was so great to see so many students dressed up.

2T also had great fun at the Inter-house Athletics Carnival. We all really enjoyed the rotation activities, especially the parachute and potato sack relay race. It was fantastic to see all students giving their best effort and cheering on their friends.

Student Spotlight—Some great Quick Writes from this term!

Addisen-Lea Ryan—Space Travel

The planet was far, far away but one freezing night we had to investigate the moon. We had to explore the planet because the aliens were up to something. I was driving the rocket so I could have a closer look at the Milky Way.

Tyson Haebich—Space Travel

Pluto was far, far away but we had to get there! The scientist was trying to explore the dwarf planet. It was a dark freezing night so he was shivering. He got to Pluto and he found a creature.

Archie Barrie—Superhero

The superhero shot through the sky in search of a kitten stuck in a tree. The superhero had to use his muscles to rescue the blue kitten. The kitten was very happy when he saw his owner.
Return to play with vouchers towards Sport and Recreation Activities

To support the return to play, Sport and Recreation have opened a new round of FairPlay vouchers.

FairPlay assists families by providing vouchers of up to $150 to eligible Queensland kids towards sport and active recreation membership, registration and participation fees. The program is open to Department of Human Services Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holders with children aged 5 to 17 years.

Ready to return to play? Eligible Queensland youth aged 5–17 can access vouchers up to $150 towards sport and active recreation membership. Check eligibility and find out more. [https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay](https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay)

At the moment LOTE students have been busy writing profiles on their family members. Once finished they will present to the class for assessment! Here are some photos of them practicing their Japanese speaking skills!

Kore wa watashi no kazoku desu. (This is my family)

Hajimemashite (pleased to meet you)
The Colour Explosion Run is on Friday 18 September.

New sponsorship forms will be sent home this Friday and the online fundraising will be re-opened. Any funds raised online in Term 1 will still be in the account for any students who raised money early. All money already paid to the school will still be there when we re-open fundraising. Final day for money coming in will be Friday 18 September.

Remember, if you are unable to raise money you can participate in the Colour Explosion Run for a $5 donation to the P&C Association.

If you have any questions please contact Kerry Brady (HOC) at Richmond Hill State School.
Our next P & C Meeting is
in the Staffroom
Thursday 17th September 2020

Everyone Welcome

REMINDER – Richmond Hill State School is part of the Containers for Change recycling program. Please send your containers for recycling into the school. There is a recycling bin located in the stairwell near the main office. Students also participate in this program each day by placing their recyclable containers in the boxes in each eating area.

P&C TEAM

PRESIDENT: Jamie Richards
VICE PRESIDENT: Lydia Griffiths
SECRETARY: Brianna Kleem
TREASURER: Kerri Forno
TUCKSHOP CONVENOR: Carmel Hutley

WE WELCOME

VOLUNTEERS TO LEND A HAND IN OUR GREAT SCHOOL.

YOU HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY

Please call at the Office to register your interest in becoming a Volunteer at our school!

Thank you to Rosemary Parker, Anna Pearson, Lydia Griffiths & Charlotte Stephens for your volunteer work during the past fortnight.

WACKY WEDNESDAY
TUCKSHOP SPECIAL
MILO $2

Thank you...
REMINDER – PUPIL FREE DAY TOMORROW

We are running a full day program from 8:00am to 6:00pm.
Cost is $50-00 per child before child care subsidy.
It is not too late to book in – contact Miss. Kerri on 0488 791 163 if you need a place tomorrow.

SEPTEMBER VACATION CARE

We are currently putting together an exciting set of activities for the upcoming Vacation Care program.
Cost will be $50-00 per child per day before child care subsidy.
Bookings for Vacation Care are now open. If you would like to book your child in please call Miss. Kerri on 0488 791 163.
Please book early to avoid disappointment of missing out on spot.
Due to COVID-19 Restrictions the new dates for our 125th Celebrations are:

- Saturday 14th November, 2020
- Sunday 15th November, 2020

125th Celebration Shirts

Celebrations for the 125th year are to be held on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November 2020. 125th Celebration shirts are now available to purchase for $45.00 each.

Payment options are: Cash, Cheque or direct deposit to bank account

(RHSS General Acc – BSB 064805 Account No: 10080608)

Please use your name as the reference for Direct Deposits

Available in sizes Small to 5XL.

For any enquiries contact Kerri on 0488 791 163.

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