Dear Families,

With the completion of week 5 we are already into the second half of term 3.

Term 3 is the term for verbal updates on your child’s progress. Your child’s teacher will send you a Parent Teacher Interview form and I encourage every family to book in a time to see your child’s teacher. This is a time where you can hear how your child is progressing, see examples of their school work and be given ideas and tips for what you can be doing at home. As always our school provides interpreting services for all families.

One important tip is – ‘talk up school’. You are the greatest teachers and role models for your children. You were their first teacher and they follow your lead. Ask them about school each day. If you say ‘what did you learn today’ you are likely to get ‘nothing’ as a response. Try - ‘tell me about the story your teacher read to you today’, ‘tell me about what you wrote about today’, ‘tell me one thing you learnt today that you didn’t know when you went to school this morning’ ‘tell me how you solved a problem today’. Children find it really hard to answer yes, no or nothing to these questions.

On Friday Mrs Aitken and I attended a regional workshop at Durack State School. We met with several other school representatives and discussed what we do with student achievement data we collect at school. There is a lot of data we collect, and observe, regarding how your children are achieving and what we can do to ensure they are performing at their best. The trick is to make sure that this data is purposeful and manageable for teachers to collect. Purposeful meaning that we use the data to make sure that what we are doing is the very best for your children.

During the day we thought about what we are doing at school and how we structure our improvement agendas – how do we know what we are doing is the best? At Richlands East State School we have been following this process for many years, but I thought I would publish the steps we go through to ensure that we are. They are:

- Know the school’s current situation – what is happening now?
- Identify desired outcomes – what do we want to happen?
- Design and implement an improvement strategy – what strategies will get us our desired outcome?
- Measure and monitor the results – how are we going? Is this working?
- Reflect on what we have learned and achieved.

And, the cycle continues. This is truly the Art and Science of Teaching, but at the end of the day it is about understanding your children and what they need to be successful. We do this extremely well at Richlands East.

Rewards Day
Congratulations to all of our Responsible, Respectful and Resilient Eagles. You participated in our week 5 rewards day and enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle. For those students who did not participate there is another rewards day coming up week 10 of this term and we want everyone involved because it is going to be spectacular.

ATTENDANCE Congratulations to 5/6M and PY for winning best attendance, they get to enjoy the presence of Edward and Eldon Eagles for the next week.

Until next fortnight – stay safe.

Kim Schembri
Principal
We need your recycling materials for the CRAFTY MINIONS STATION
We need your help to collect more recycled materials like:
- Bottle caps
- Cartons
- Card board
- Egg cartons
- Boxes
- Plastic materials
And more!!
Please take all materials that you find into the recycling crafty bin, located outside the tuckshop area.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL...
Well done to all the Respectful, Responsible and Resilient students who got to have a sausage on Friday. Congratulations to all of you!

Keep up the school expectations as there may be a spot reward in the next few weeks. There are many students at school at the moment with coughs and colds. Please remember to cough into a tissue, or your elbow to keep the germs from escaping and landing on someone else. If you are coughing into your hand please make sure that you are washing your hands regularly.

Many teachers have been off class over the last couple of weeks planning for the next part of the term. We have seen some great reading results when updating the data wall. That is fantastic! Keep up the great work teachers and students.

We have 37 students going to Camp this year. They are excited about the new camp at Thunderbird Park. I can’t wait to hear all about it.
We have had a lot of students in Eagles Nest this term. Please remember the school expectations and remember that at school your job is to learn.
Stay safe Eagles.
Mrs Aitken-Carruth - Deputy Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK!
5/8/16
Vinh 2B
Quan 2B
Noah 3/4S
Jenny 3/4S
Sean 4H

12/8/16
Brianna PH
Shahtaraz PH
Clare 2B
Vinh 2B
Rahma 2B
Jacob 2/3H
Daniella 3C
Kevin 3C
Carol 3W
Lachlan 3/4S
Mohammad 3/4S

Historian of the week
Amen PH
Summer 2C
Wendy 3W
Bivor 3W
Freya 4H
Eunice 5/6M

Deputy Principal’s Award
Taseen 1H
Clare 3W
Wendy 3W
Awards for week 3
Class 1D
Class 2G
Class 3/4S
Class 4T

CRAFTY MINIONS CLUB
Students from 6H and 6K attended the EKKA on Monday 8th August. We had a lot of fun while we were there, exploring all that the EKKA had to offer. We went to the animal nursery where we saw many animals like goats, sheep, pigs, puppies and more! Some of us chose to feed some of the animals too. We then made our way through the EKKA Emporium, Woolworths Pavilion and Agriculture and Education Hall. We saw lots of interesting things and animals along the way. I’m sure the students would agree that the best part of the day was when we finally stopped off at the show bag pavilion. MANY show bags were purchased and we went home on the bus very, very tired!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR CHARLES STRUNK

Local Councillor Charles Strunk has donated six sewing machines to the Richlands East State School P & C. Ms Jayda Boler our P&C President and Ms Kim Schembri were happy to accept the kind donation on behalf of our school. Mavis Hove from the Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT) has been instrumental in running the sewing classes to our newly arrived Refugee families at our school. The sewing class have been held in the school Multi Purpose Hall and is designed to provide a connection for these women and also for them to learn how to sew. With the addition of these newly donated sewing machines, the group will be given a better chance at learning these new skills. We will notify you when the next sewing classes will begin.

Story with photos also found at https://www.facebook.com/CharlesStrunk4ForestLake/
# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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<td>Order for Pizza fundraiser due today, $5, No late orders will be received.</td>
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<td>30 August</td>
<td>Pizza fundraiser, 2nd break, raising money for year 4-6 camp.</td>
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**Every Week**

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**Free Dental Treatment**

*Metro South Oral Health* provides free dental treatment to all school students up to Year 10.

As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Year 11 & 12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.

**1300 300 850**

**Homestyle Bake Fundraiser**

The Richlands East State School P&C are holding a Homestyle Bake fundraiser. Order forms have been sent home with the youngest child in each family.

**Orders due:** by 30th August.

**Orders will arrive at the school:** 8th September.

**Fathers Day Stall**

The P & C will be holding a fathers day stall from August 22nd until September 2nd. Before school and 1st break. Volunteers needed.