Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the holidays, I hope that you are all refreshed and ready for a busy term. We welcome Ms Meakara Haider to our staff. Meakara is replacing Mr Chris Gilbert who is on leave until 2017. We wish Ms Haider all the best for her year in 2G.

We also welcome Mr Gerry Nolan and Ms Julie Hanson to our staff for the first 3 weeks. Mr Nolan is filling in for Mr Brenton Catchpole while he is on Long Service Leave and Ms Hanson is filling in for Ms Sarah Peters while she is on leave as well.

Assemblies
We celebrated on Friday afternoon with the Michelson Awards for Term 1. These awards go to students nominated by teachers for being Respectful, Responsible and Resilient. Congratulations to the winners of those awards. This Friday we will hold our ANZAC Assembly in the MP Hall at 9:15 am. This assembly is an important one on our school calendar when the students take the opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces.

Carpark
The car park by the administration building is a drop off park only. Please drive in and around the turning circle as far as you can safely go, stop and drop off then drive out. Please do not park in the carpark. We do not have the space available as our staff need the parks. It is also a safety concern with students walking through the carpark. Remember when you are dropping off that it is a go-slow zone. In the afternoon the gate is closed and parents/carers need to park at the MP Hall or in the surrounding streets. Thank you to those parents/carers who are following the carpark rules, we greatly appreciate it.

Vocabulary
We are currently writing a Robust Vocabulary Framework for the school. This framework helps teachers plan explicit lessons focussing on Tier 2 words. Tier 2 words are words that are found in a variety of texts that can be used across different learning areas. For example: the word beautiful would be a Tier 2 word. The teachers have been receiving professional development on how to plan lessons and teach Robust Vocabulary. Explicitly teaching of Vocabulary leads to an increase in reading comprehension and an ability to write more complex sentences using a wider range of words. The students are really enjoying their lessons, in 1D the students have been learning about the word ‘delicious.’ I have heard them using the word in conversations and in different contexts. Well done, 1D – your vocabulary is becoming more ROBUST!

NAPLAN
The year 3 and 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN tests in week 5 of this term. Parents/carers and students do not need to stress about these tests as they are a reflection of the learning that the students have been doing since Prep. If you have any questions you can contact your child’s class teacher.

Monday 25th April is a public holiday. School will be closed. School will also be closed the following Monday the 2nd of May for Labour Day.

Behaviour
Unfortunately this week we have several incidents involving physical misconduct. This has led to several suspensions which is a disappointing way to start the term. We will not tolerate physical aggression at this school. We are a positive behaviour school and it is fantastic to see most students following the expectations of Respectful, Responsible and Resilient behaviour. Well done those students!

A reminder that students need to be in uniform, we are very proud of our uniform and what it represents.
Ms Schembri returned this week from her Long Service Leave. It was my pleasure to fill in as Acting Principal and thanks everyone for your support.

Stay safe
Rebecca Aitken-Carruth
A/Principal
News from the Culture Room

Harmony Day - Fantastic Fun!
Just check out the photos!
Well done and huge thanks to everyone involved. If you have any more great photos of the day, please send them to the office. We would love to share them.
Last Friday we held our Michelson Assembly for our students that consistently display our school expectations and values. Congratulations to the following students:
Bella (PF), Jago (PY), Brianna (PH), Karlos (1H), Chiaky (1D), Kaia (1T), Trinity (2G), Sandhya (2B), Miriam (2/3H), Jessica (3C) Wendy (3W), Ha (3/4S), Elenor (4T), Jay (4H), Emma (4H), Tina (5S), Nikita (5/6M), Altaaf (5/6M), Mele (6K), Maryjean (6H)

Last week our Woolworths Earn and Learn prizes finally arrived at school. The tokens that the students collected last year allowed us to purchase much needed play equipment for our students. We received 28 high bounce handballs for the middle and upper school, 27 bouncy balls for the junior school, games for the library, mobile people, colouring pencils and a scrapbook for our travel eagles. We hope the students enjoy using the new equipment.

On the last day of Term 1, students were rewarded with a disco for their good behaviour during the term. They had a great time dancing with some of our RESS staff including our Deputy Principal who made an appearance wearing her very fancy disco attire. Well done students for your great behaviour during Term 1!

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Available from the office
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 22  Pizza fundraiser for 2/3H, 1st break, Orders must be in by 19/4/16
Fri 22  Anzac Assembly, 9.15, MPH, All welcome
Mon 25  Anzac Day Public Holiday, there will be no school on this day
27 April  School Photo Day and Book Club money due
2 May  Labour Day Public Holiday, there will be no school on this day
26 May  Year 3 excursion to Mt Cootha Planetarium & Botanical Gardens

Every Week

Mondays  Playgroup 8.45-11am, Richlands East State School, MPH
Tuesdays  Free food give away, donated from Coles. Outside Administration Office, 2.45pm
          Free Dance lessons, MPH, 4-6pm, For all ages, Young children must be accompanied by an adult
Wednesdays  School Banking, 9am, Office
Mon-Thurs  Breakfast Club 8.10am, Multipurpose Hall
Fridays  Parent Cooking, MPH, 9-10.30
Fridays  Years P-3 Assembly - 1.45 pm, Activities Hall
        Years 4-7 Assembly - 2.15 pm, Activities Hall

Somali Women's Group!!!!!!!

QPASTTT is starting a Somalian women's group at:
Richlands East State School 99 Poinsettia St, Inala QLD 4077
WHEN:  Every Tuesday Starting
19 April until 7 June 2016
TIME: 12.30-3.00
Come Lets Learn & have FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What will we do?
Enjoy time with other women. Learn from each other, share stories
Engage in activities that help to heal the mind, body and spirit.

Women can make a difference!!

Afternoon tea and Childcare Will be Provided

For more information contact Nancy on
3391 6677

School Photo Day is fast approaching.
Have your child’s school memories captured forever
on 27 April 2016
Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning
your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:
• Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.
  All payments are due on photo day.
• You may pay by cash, or place your order online using your
  child’s individual ‘ Shooting’ listed on their envelope and pay with
  your credit card.
• Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
• Sitting photo envelopes are available at the school office upon
  request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE SCHOOL, OR
  PHOTO DAY, USUALLY FROM 8AM.
  – Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during
    this time. Photographers are unable to search for
    students who do not attend.
• Do not sell envelopes inside each other. You may include
  payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate
  on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
• All students should wear their correct school uniform.
• Students appearing in any Extra Curricula Group Photos will be
  notified on how to order these, via a personalised order envelope,
  issued after photo day.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact
ASP Photography
p:07 3348 3946
E: admin.aspphoto.com.au

What’s coming up??
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday May
11th, at 9am in the MPH.
All welcome!

We will be having a Mothers Day stall to be held in the
Tuckshop store room the
week of the 26/4/16-6/5/16
before school and 1st break.