Dear Families

Term 3 has commenced!

The weather over the last couple of weeks has certainly moved into winter. Historically, term 3 has shown a decrease in student attendance. If your child is sick please keep them from school. If they are well they should be at school. Sometimes it is hard to get out of a nice warm bed in the morning, however students need to be up and about, dressed and ready for a great day at school. Every day counts and every day your child comes to school they go home smarter.

**Attendance**

Classes with the most improved attendance will host Edward and Eldon in their classrooms. Edward and Eldon will be given to a new class this coming Friday. I wonder which class will have the most improved attendance?

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to our award recipients at our semester 1 Reading Awards ceremony. Congratulations to our Super Readers and our most improved readers for semester 1. Congratulations also to our Michelson Award winners. These students are always Respectful, Responsible and Resilient – well done.

**Athletics Carnival**

We finally enjoyed our year 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival and the students had a wonderful day. Thank you Mr Easton for organising the day and to staff for leading and running each rotational activity. Congratulations to all students for your participation and to our place getters and Age Champions – well done.

**What is our focus?**

We continue to focus on your child’s academic and social wellbeing at school.

Teachers are continually reviewing your child’s academic results and planning curriculum to continue their learning. We place a special emphasis on Reading and teachers meet in year levels twice a year to plan curriculum and discuss your child’s reading with our Curriculum Coach and Deputy Principal. We want to make sure we understand your child’s learning needs and provide curriculum that supports and extends them.

In addition we are focusing on your child’s wellbeing and continuing our implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning Tier 2. This is about understanding your child’s needs and ensuring we have provided every available support for them.

**Support and Extension Programs**

We continue to provide our support and extension programs for our students. Some of our students require extra support with their learning and this is provided to them by our Specialist Support Staff and the many programs they and our teacher aides run. If your child is provided with their additional support you will receive a letter explaining this to you.

Our support team of Mrs Pretorius and Mrs Date provide phonics and reading support for students. Mrs Date also provides spelling and Master classes for identified students. Mrs D’More and Mrs Herath continue to provide support for our EAL/D learners and our teacher aides continue to provide small group support in the areas of reading and phonics. Mrs Cumming our Speech Pathologist also provides an oral language program for our younger students.

Many of our students are achieving above year level achievement. These students are identified and provided with key programs to extend their learning. Mrs Hobday will again provide an Upper Two Bands Reading and Written Comprehension program for identified year 2 and year 4 students. She also organises after school Learning Club and a critical thinking program called the IMPACT program. The IMPACT program is provided to a small group of year 4 students. If your child is involved in any of these programs you will receive a letter explaining this.

There is a lot happening at Richlands East and I encourage you to discuss any questions you may have with your child’s teacher, myself or our Deputy Principal Mrs Aitken-Carruth.

Until next fortnight, stay safe and warm.

Kim Schembri
Principal
Hello Richlands East Eagles,

Welcome back after the holidays. I trust everyone stayed safe and had a nice break. Well done to all the students who have come back to school ready to learn. Unfortunately some students have taken a while to settle back into school. Remember your job at school is to learn. Our expectations are: Respectful, Responsible and Resilient.

On Friday we celebrated with our Awards Assembly. Many students received academic awards for reading which was fantastic. Reading is vitally important as it helps all of the students learn in every other area of the curriculum. As a school we have spent a lot of time developing the capacity of teachers to explicitly teach reading. Students are diagnostically assessed and have learning goals set for them. Well done teachers on all your hard work. The Michelson Awards were also handed out, those awards are for students who have been Respectful, Responsible and Resilient. Thank you to all those who attended the Assembly.

This year students in Year 4-6 have the opportunity to attend a different camp at Thunderbird Park. This is a two day camp. A notice was sent out last term. Deposits for this camp are due on Friday 22nd July. Lots of permission slips have been handed in already so be quick!

Stay safe, Eagles!
Mrs Aitken-Carruth
Deputy Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL...

Meet the Staff

This week we meet one of our lovely teacher Aides, Mrs Lula.

Hi my name is Lula and I am from Eritrea. I speak Tigrinya and Arabic.

I am married and have three children, two boys Kesane (13), Aaron (11) and one girl Niyat (5). All of my children attend Richlands East State School.

I have worked at RESS for 7 years. I love working at this school, all the staff and students are a pleasure to be around.

My favourite food: Anything spicy!
Favourite Music: Classical music
Favourite sport: Soccer and Tennis
Hobbies: I love to read Biography books
Holiday: I would love to travel to Canada, as my parents live there.

CRAFTY MINIONS CLUB

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.
Congratulations to all the students in the Lewis Sports House, you are this year’s winners!! Well done students.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 July  $50 Deposit due for Camp
5 Aug  Years 5S and 5/6M visit the EKKA
8 Aug  Years 6H and 6K visit the EKKA

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
          Somali Women's group, MPH
Wednesdays  School Banking, 9am, Office
Mon-Thurs  Breakfast Club 8.10am, Multipurpose Hall
Fridays  Years P-3 Assembly - 1.45 pm, Activities Hall
          Years 4-7 Assembly - 2.15 pm, Activities Hall

Congratulations to Ms Amy Williams (one of our Teacher Aides) on the birth of your daughter Mia Faith. Mia was born on the 8th July at 10.46 weighing 6lbs 4oz. We wish you all the very best!

Parent/Caregiver Opinion Surveys have now been sent home via the classroom teachers. We ask that you take a the time to complete this survey which helps us to develop future programs for our school. Please note on-line access closes 29th July.

Computer access is available at the school to complete this survey and we can also offer hard copies in Samoan and Vietnamese. Please see Jan Dunn our Business Services Manager who will be happy to organise this for you.

The employees at Coles really appreciated the lovely poster that the students from our Richlands East State School Breakfast Club made for them.

“One of the proudest days of being a store manager today...A card from our local school that our Second Bite supplies to their breakfast club...All the kids hand written notes touches me and my team...A true reminder of what a company like ours can do for our community.”

Nick Cooper
Store Manager
Coles Mt Ommaney

Parent Survey

We have accumulated quite a lot of lost property, so please take a few minutes to have a look through to claim anything your child may have lost. It is located outside our tuckshop area.