



# RICHLANDS EAST STATE SCHOOL

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Dear Families

After a wonderful extended holiday I am happy to be back at school and with your beautiful children. I had a lovely break with my family as we sailed around the South Pacific islands.

Our school was left in the capable hands of Mrs Aitken, Miss Bygrave and staff who stepped up in various roles during my absence. I would like to publicly thank them.

Upon my return I attended a very thoughtful ANZAC ceremony. It was time for us to reflect on the men and women who have, and continue to, devote their life to ensuring we live in a safe and tolerant society. Thank you to our Captains and Mrs Aitken who organised and ran this event. We received the following email from one of our guest commenting on the wonderful Anzac Service:



*"May I congratulate you on the wonderful Anzac Assembly you had last Friday. Have been regularly to these assemblies at RESS and have always appreciated them. However this year was exceptional. The order, respect, choice of songs and music, and the thoughtfulness displayed during the whole program was outstanding. The children singing and their general participation will no doubt teach them these important values which will affect them all their lives."*

### Collaborative Planning Days

As we move towards the middle of term 2, our next round of class teacher collaborative planning days are being scheduled. This means that your child's teachers meet in year level teams and with curriculum support staff to discuss your children, how they are going and plan curriculum that meets their needs. This time we continue to focus on reading and teachers will discuss your child's reading and the strategies and teaching needed to ensure that they are continuing to learn.

Last week our staff looked at various whole school student data. We looked at our student report card results, their attendance, achievement of our ESL students and our long term NAPLAN improvement. We will continue to look at whole school data as the messages we receive from this data will tell us how we can make RESS even better than it already is.

### Student Behaviour

We have noted during term 1 that unacceptable student behaviour was decreasing. 95% of our students attended the term 1 rewards day and this is a wonderful figure. I want the goal to be 100% of our students attending. However, upon my return from leave, and into last week, we noticed an increase in inappropriate behaviours. My message to the students on Friday was very clear:

**It is never Ok to hurt another person with words or with your hands or feet.**

I also spoke to them about the fact that it is never Ok for other people to hurt them with their words or with their bodies. At this school there is no room for hurting others and consequences as per our behaviour plan will be given. We try really hard to teach our students that although they may get angry about something, they must use strategies to calm down and never hurt another person.

They were also told that staff voted on the following: Any student who receives an Eagle's Nest, time away class, office referral or suspension in a week will not be permitted to go on excursions, camps or sport events in that week.

### Hire of school facilities

Many community groups hire our facilities. Money gained from this hire will go towards paying for buses for sport, excursions and camps etc. This will help out our families and reduce the cost of these activities.

### Attendance results in for week 4

All LEVELS: 93.3%

Prep – 93.2

Yr1 – 92.2

Yr2 – 93.9

Yr3 – 95

Yr 4 – 93.2

Yr5 – 87.2

– 96.1

Most improved year levels for week 4 – year one and year four

Most improved classes for week 4 – 1T (Eldon) and 4H (Edward)

### School Matters!



We all work together for one goal – your children. I thank you for your support and help with what we are achieving. Until next fortnight.

Kim Schembri  
Principal



On Friday 29th April, some students from our school travelled to St Marks to represent RESS in the district cross country carnival. There were a number of other students from other schools around our district participating and the competition was very good.



Our students did an excellent job in running the 2km (10years) and 3km (11&12years) course. It was a very difficult running course and all the students that competed on the day should be congratulated and feel very proud of their efforts. A special mention to Abdullahi (6H) on his 2nd place in the boys 11 years old event. He will now go on to represent our school and the Inala District at the Regional Cross Country Carnival. Well done Abdullahi, you ran a



# Late Notes

Parents, please note that children will now be required to come through the office if they are late to collect a printed late note. We understand that this change in procedure will take a few weeks to get used to, so if you could please encourage your child to come to the office first when they arrive at the school after the bell.



If your child goes to their classroom first the teacher will send them back to the office. We believe that this new process will help our school to run more efficiently and we thank you for your assistance during this change in procedure.

# Meet the Staff

This week we meet one of our Teacher Aides, Lata Manu.

I have worked at Richlands East State School for 10 years as a Teacher Aide, I have enjoyed every minute of it, I love my job!

- Family:* I have 3 beautiful sons
- Hobbies:* Reading and relaxing
- Favourite food:* I love all foods
- Favourite colour:* Black and red
- Favourite sport:* Softball and soccer
- Favourite movie:* Sound of Music
- Favourite music:* Country Music
- Favourite TV show:* Criminal Minds, CSI, Law and Order
- Favourite Holiday Destination:* Hawaii





Hi once again from the Fuel Stop.



Well the new menu launched on the first day back to school and it has been warmly received by both the parents and more importantly the students. A few mumbles and grumbles about not having any more pies or sausage rolls but overall a good start to our winter terms. If any parent wants the recipes for the meals that are prepared in the tuckshop just pop in and I will gladly share, they are all cheap, quick and healthy so you can't go wrong.

I've started FRIDAY SPECIALS, where every Friday I try to have something a little different for the customers. We have enjoyed Milo Breakfast Crunch as well as Anzac Biscuits, so keep your eyes open for the Friday specials to add to your order as a special treat.

Don't forget you're always welcome to come in and help for an hour, a morning or a whole day, I'm desperate for helpers on Thursday and Friday as they are very busy days with ordering. If you can't help out in the tuckshop, you can do your part by writing out your child's order at home so it's ready to hand in easily (bags can be brought in any supermarket), having the correct change in the bag for your child's order and making sure your order is placed before school starts in the morning. Any help is always gratefully received.

Thank you to the whole school for singing me Happy Birthday on Tuesday the 19th, I felt very special and wonderfully appreciated. Cheers for now "Miss Debby"

## Murri Art Group



If you would like to sign up for the following art groups please see Aunty Justine in her room at F Block.

Wednesdays	Years 2&3	Both Breaks
Thursdays	Years 4,5&6	2nd Break Only
Fridays	Indigenous students only	Both Breaks



### 123 MAGIC™ & EMOTION COACHING

Provided at no cost to Richlands East State School Parents and Carers

Resolve difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old  
A parent education course

At Richlands East State School  
99 Poinsettia Street, Inala QLD  
3 week program starting June 2nd from 10.00am-12.00pm

Parents/Carers must attend all sessions

Register now in the main office to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

**Parents will learn:**

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing strategies, the 3 choices model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour

**Parents receive:**

- A workbook to apply the concepts learnt to their family
- A certificate of completion

**What people are saying-**

*'What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self-control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!'*

*'I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the lines needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.'*



On Friday 13 May we will be having rewards day for all those students that have been respectful, responsible and resilient all term. We will be holding a sausage sizzle for these students.



For a gold coin donation it will also be **FREE DRESS** on this day to help raise money for our Chaplaincy program.

### THE DRUM BEATS FOR ITS COMMUNITY

Enquiries: 0749111611 or www.mnbentertainment.com.au

**FREE Dance classes!!**

Date: Every Tuesday  
Time: 4 - 6 pm  
Location: Richlands East State School - school hall  
Age: all ages  
Young children must be accompanied by an adult.

MNB are opening FREE dance classes to the community. These classes will be African cultural based with live drumming and African influenced movements.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 May	Year 3 excursion to Mt Cootha Planetarium & Botanical Gardens
<b>Every Week</b>	
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	Parent Cooking, MPH, 9-10.30
Fridays	Years P-3 Assembly - 1.45 pm, Activities Hall



## SOMALI WOMEN'S GROUP

**QPASTT** is starting a Somali 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 Mavice on 3391 6677

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**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**



## Darra State School Centenary



**1916-2016**

Please join past and present students and the community of Darra State School in sharing 100 years of schooling and memories of Darra State School.

**Saturday 4th June from 1.30pm.**  
*Official Welcome and Event Opening at 2pm*

History displays and memorabilia

**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BANDS**

Class/Decade group photos

**MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING BY DECADE OF ATTENDANCE**

**1991 Time Capsule**

Tea/Coffee and perpetual afternoon tea—cakes, slices, scones available

**POST EVENT FUNCTION:**  
 Monier Hotel—6pm  
 Cost \$20, includes finger food and 2 drink vouchers—Beer/wine/Soft Drink.  
 For Dinner Bookings:  
 Direct deposit: Internet Bank: BSB 084004  
 Account: 57204 0841  
 Payment in your name with 'D.S.S.' as a reference. Eg: John Smith D.S.S.  
 Bookings required by 31st May.

Keep in touch and express interest in our post-event function on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1123607084329633/>

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# KIDS CORNER

**Joke of the week**  
*Why did the boy bring a ladder to school?*  
*He wanted to go to High School...*

## TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- Who picked a peck of pickled pepper?
- What is the name of Peter pan's Piratical enemy?
- What colour are dandelions?
- Which breed of dogs were menaced by Cruella De Vil?
- Which stringed instrument is bigger than a violin but smaller than a Cello?
- Who is the name of the dog in Shaun the Sheep?

1. Peter Piper, 2. Captain James Hook, 3. Yellow, 4. Dalmations, 5. Viola 6. Bitzer