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Dear Parents,

The new year is well underway and there are only three weeks left for this term.

Our focus for this year is:



READING – reading is so very important and children need to be able to read across all subjects. Teachers continue to meet and discuss how best to teach reading to all students. They talk about your child and what may be a reading challenge for them. They talk about how to help your child be a better reader. You can help out by listening to your child read for 10mins every day, or reading to your child every day for 10mins.

VOCABULARY – being able to speak, write, understand and read a large number of words is very important. We are learning the best way to teach your children how to increase their vocabulary. Ask your child what word they learnt at school, the meaning and use it in a sentence. They will dazzle you with how much they know.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR – We are a positive behaviour school and will continue to work with families and students. Students who come to school ready to learn, and allow others to learn and teachers to teach, will progress. If your child needs extra support we will work with you and give them the support they need.



We also continue to focus on **ATTENDANCE**. It is very important your children are at school every day, except if they are sick. Students learn every day and being at school enables them to be better readers, writers and mathematicians.

WELCOME CHRISTINE

I would like to welcome Ms Christine Creech to our staff. Chris works for Mission Australia and is based at our school each Wednesday. Chris is an important member of our Student Services team and supports students and their families.

WELCOME AUNTY JUSTINE

I would also like to welcome Aunty Justine Woods who is our new Community Liaison Officer (CLO). Justine will organise and run our Murri Parent Meetings, provide Indigenous Art experiences for students during lunch breaks and work individually and in small groups with Indigenous students. Aunty Justine is also a member of our Student Services group and is available to support our families. You can contact her by ringing the school.

WELCOME KATHLEEN

Finally, welcome to Mrs Kathleen Lucas-Whitty our new Guidance Officer (GO). Kathleen is also a valuable member of our Student Services group and works closely with students, staff and families to provide individual support in the areas of academic, social, emotional and behaviour.



ATTENDANCE – Week 6

Eldon will spend the week in 1H and Edward will spend the week in 6H. Both classes have the most improved attendance.

	MORNINGS STOP, DROP, GO! → Drive in and around turning circle → Remain in your car → At end of turning circle drop off → Go If you need to get out of your car please park at the MP Hall	
	AFTERNOONS Administration Carpark closed for pick-up. Parking is available at our Multi Purpose Hall.	

PARKING

Sadly parking is a problem and parents are parking in the staff carpark. Our staff numbers have grown this year and some staff have to park behind other cars and block them in because parents are parked in the carpark. Please do not park in the carpark. Clipper Street has good parking and at the Multi purpose Hall carpark. Cars are also parking at the end of the stop and drop turning circle. Cars have nearly hit one another as they attempt to turn around in a tight space. Children's lives are put at risk. Please do not park in the carpark and please do not park at the end of the turning circle. Your children's lives are so very important to me and I will be addressing this at the next P&C meeting.

Last Friday we farewelled our Chaplain Naomi. Our community farewell was a mixture of laughter, reminiscing and some tears. Although it is sad that Naomi is leaving, and we will miss her, it is also wonderful that she is moving onto her next life's journey. Ms Naomi will leave a legacy of what she has achieved for our community, but will also leave a legacy of how she achieved it. Naomi achieved a lot in 8 years of service to this community because of her kindness, good will and humility. Thank you Naomi and we can't wait to hear how your university studies are progressing.



The special parade for Naomi was organised by Mrs Aitken and I would like to thank her for her dedication in ensuring this event was special. Mrs Aitken would say it is part of her job, but I think it is part of the giving nature that she possesses and her desire to make sure the contributions of others are celebrated how they should be.

I would like to include a quote from Mr O'Sullivan to me *'I would like to congratulate you all on the wonderful behaviour of the students'*.

Hearing Screening

This year our Prep and year one students received Hearing Screening funded by the school. We hope to extend this each year so all our Preps receive this vital service. It takes coordination to ensure that over 100 students are screened in two days. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs D'Amore, Ms Nimo, Mr Mohammed and Ms Huang for ensuring our non-english speaking students attended the screening and felt safe while undergoing the testing. A big thank you to Mrs Kemp, Mrs Mobbs and Ms Allen who ensured that a continuous flow of students progressed through the screening without interruption. Because of their commitment and attention to detail I was free to concentrate on other aspects of my job. Thank you.

Have a great week
Kim Schembri
Principal

94% of our students attended the first REWARDS DAY for 2016. The next rewards day will be a DISCO scheduled for the last week of the term. 😊

Your donation is greatly appreciated



Thank you to Pat Needham and Vicki Fraser from the Chapel Hill View Club who came and addressed our assembly last Friday. They kindly donated a \$50 voucher to go towards books for our school.

We thank you so much and we appreciate your generosity! These lovely ladies also help out at our Learning club too.



my tuckshop
Smart Choices for Queensland Kids

Unfortunately this means that I will have to stop selling the following foods from the tuckshop.

CURRENTLY SELL
Chocolate Chip Muffins
Chocolate Muffins
Cookies
Iced Tea Drink
Some of the flavoured milks (still investigating)

Because of government changes to the Smart Choices Canteen Eating Initiative some of our products will be classified as RED foods from next term. Red Foods can only be served in State run school tuckshops once per term.

ALTERNATE PRODUCT
Sultana, spice, cinnamon, apple Muffins
Homemade muesli bars?
Alternate iced tea product or juice
Sippah Straws with Plain milk

Pikelets, both with jam and butter
Cheerio's
Pizzas

Needing suggestions for replacement item
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The alternate products are just ideas at the moment, so feel free to suggest other options and ideas.

Most of our cooked meals meet the new requirements. The vanilla ice creams, Twista yoghurts, regular yoghurt, fruit and jelly will also be approved. I am currently looking into alternate products to replace items that will be discontinued and hopefully by the end of this term I will have a whole new wonderful menu for Winter.

If you have any suggestions for replacement products or just want to come in and see me and help organise the change, I'm always available, best times are after the morning rush.

Keep your eyes open for any changes and look for the new menu coming soon.
Cheers For Now,

Miss Debby/Tuckshop Convenor

Speech Pathology

News



Hello! My name is Sarah Cummings and I am the speech pathologist who works at Richlands East State School every Wednesday. I help students across all year levels to improve their communication skills so they can participate and achieve success in the classroom.

This term I had the pleasure of meeting the Prep students at Richlands East State School as we worked through screening the speech and language skills of all Prep students in the school. The results from the Prep Screening will help us identify those students who may need extra support at school. I welcome any parents to contact me if they would like to know how your child went in the Prep Screening.

Should you wish to contact me to discuss your child's progress or ask any questions, you can find me at Richlands East State School every Wednesday, or you can phone my office number on (07) 3381 4828. I look forward to working with the staff and students at Richlands East State School in 2016!

Term One Interschool Sports Desk



Greetings sports fans, we are entering our 3rd week of interschool sport with our netballers and rugby league teams experiencing varying degrees of success. Behaviour at sport is a place the students are excelling in. With large numbers of students participating we observed them following directions, being successful, making new friends and finding out a whole lot about teamwork. Well done students.

A HUGE THANKYOU to Debbie in the Tuckshop for preparing a delicious fruit salad for each student at sport. Boy that made a difference!

The netballers have been travelling to Inala State School to participate in the Interschool Competition. The girls have been going very well against some very tough competition. We have 2 junior teams and 1 senior team. There are lots of girls this year who have never played netball before and it is great to see them improving every week. It is also good to see the students who know how to play, helping out and teaching their team mates what to do. We have come across some very tough teams and schools with a lot more netball experience than us, but we have been able to do our best in every game.

Junior team 1 = have won 3 games out of 4

Junior team 2 = have drawn 3 games and won 1 game

Senior team = have won 1 game out of 4

Our 11 and 12 years rugby league teams are running first and second on their respective ladders. With four games played, our juniors are undefeated and the boys and girls are heading towards a finals berth under the tuition of their coach Mr Tebbutt. Our 12 years team that is bristling with some very talented girls and robust boys fell a little short in their first game of the season against Inala SS but have gone on to dominate other sides in the competition. They look forward to testing themselves again against the frontrunners with another encounter likely this Friday. Come and watch your children play sport as so many parents already do.

Roger Holt/Kathryn Hall



2016 School Captain Badge Ceremony

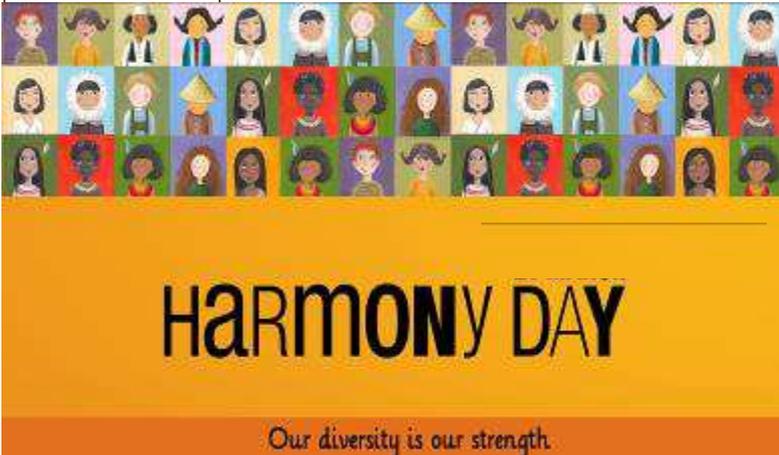


Last Friday we held our School Captain Badge Ceremony in our MPH for our 2016 School Captains and Sports Captains. To start off the Assembly, we had a performance from our Korabara dancers, they did a great job. Councillor Milton Dick gave a speech and presented the captains with their badges along with Ms Schembri. Our 2015 School Captains also attended the Ceremony giving speeches on their time here at Richlands East State School. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the students, parents and special guests were invited to a morning tea. Well done to all the Captains of 2016!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 Feb-11 Mar	Inala District Interschool Sport, every Friday. Rugby, Netball, Soccer.
Every Tuesday	Free Dance lessons, MPH, 4-6pm, For all ages, Young children must be accompanied by an adult
13 March	P&C Sausage Sizzle fundraiser, MASTERS Richlands, 9-2pm,
16 March	P&C Meeting (Annual General Meeting) 9am in the Multipurpose Hall, All welcome
24 March	Harmony Day, MPH, 9-10.45am, All Welcome
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
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 (except Friday afternoon sport days) Years 4-7 Assembly - 2.15 pm, Activities Hall (except Friday afternoon sport days)



You are cordially invited to attend our HARMONY DAY celebrations

When: Thursday, 24th March 2016

Where: RICHLANDS EAST STATE SCHOOL

Multipurpose Hall

Time: 9.00a.m. – 10.45a.m.

“Our Diversity is Our Strength”

THE DRUM BEATS FOR ITS COMMUNITY
Ensl: info@triberentertainment.com.au or www.triberentertainment.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.

P&C News The P&C will be holding their AGM (Annual General Meeting) on 16 March at 9am in our MP Hall. At this meeting they will be electing the new executives for the year. All welcome!

P&C Meeting

Sausage Sizzle They will also be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser at MASTERS in Richlands from 9am—2pm. Please come down and say hi and support your school!

SCHOOL BANKING

On Wednesday the 9th of March we will have a School Banking Specialist from the CBA at the school for any parents who wish to open a School Banking account for their children.

Please bring your ID on the day.

The School Banking Programme rewards our students every 10 times that they bank and builds a great foundation of financial awareness. (This years' Theme is Outback Savers, please see the rewards below)

Student banking is processed at the School every Wednesday Morning and is a great benefit for the school as we receive 5% commission each quarter of the deposited amounts, as well as an initially \$5 per account that is opened and has deposits go through the school.



Morning tea and refreshments provided for Guests and Parents
Please stay and meet our friendly school community



What are the best future options for the State Government land at 79 Poinsettia Street? The block of land that is next to the Richlands East Primary School has many possible futures. The State Government wants to know what you think is the best use/s for that land.

An Inala public engagement event on behalf of the Queensland Government. A short survey of your preference for the future use of 79 Poinsettia Street Inala.

When: Friday 11 March 2016
Where: Inala Plaza (inside, at the food court)
Time: 11:30am to 4:00pm.

Look out for the colourful display and come and tell us what you think is the best future for 79 Poinsettia Street.