Dear Families,

Welcome to 2016 and a new school year. The school year has commenced quietly and calmly with your children being excited about the new year. It was lovely to see their smiling faces again and to welcome them all back to school. As of our magic day 8 we have 481 students enrolled at Richlands East State School.

To our new families who have joined us WELCOME. You have chosen a wonderful school for your children. Please come into the school to talk with your child’s teacher and remember we are always here to answer your questions or chat about your children.

Welcome also to new staff – Mrs Hobbs (Year 1) Miss Hendersen (Prep), Mr Catchpole (year 2), Mr Hayden (year 4), Mrs Reynish (PE) and Ms Herath (EAL/D) John Shannon (Year 3/4).

Late last year we thought we would start the year with 18 classes, before the year started we thought we would enrol more students so started with 19 classes. Now, after day 8 our enrolment is up to 20 classes. This means that there will be a change to a number of our classes. If your child is in Prep, Year 1, Year 5 or Year 6 there will be NO change to their class, classroom or teacher. We will create one more class in the year 2, 3 and 4 area. This is what our 20 classes look like:

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Principal: Ms K Schembri
Music: Mrs M Thompson

Deputy Principal: Mrs R Aitken-Carruth
History/Geography: Mrs S Khehra
Head of student Services: Miss L Bygrave
BSM: Ms J Dunn

Term 1 will be Mrs J Box

Curriculum Coach: Ms N Palacszuk
Admin Officer: Mrs K Fuller
PBL and SWD Teacher: Ms M Plumb
Admin Officer: Mrs S Padgham
Support Teacher: Mrs H Pretorius
Admin Officer: Mrs T Crotther
Support Teacher: Mrs M Date
Guidance Officer: Mrs K Lucas-Whitty
Extension teacher/Librarian: Mrs R Hobday
Speech Pathologist: Mrs S Cummings
Ms H Handley-Stuart
EAL/D Teacher: Mrs E D’Amore
Chaplain: Ms N Cahill
EAL/D Teacher: Mrs M Herath
Schools Officer: Kelly George
PE: Mrs A Reynish
Instrumental Teacher: Ms Della Martin

Teacher Aides: Ms Allen, Mrs Crowther, Ms Delaney, Mrs Lula, Mrs Joy, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Mafoe, Mrs Manu, Mr Mills, Ms Mobbs, Mr Mohammed, Ms Nimo, Miss Huong, Mrs Owens, Ms Ricki, Mrs Shumacher, Ms Thompson, Mrs White, Ms Williams, Ms Jada, Ms Debbie, Mr Ahmed Adem


Some students from year 2 and 3 will go into the new year 2/3 class with Mrs Hill and some students from years 3 and 4 will go into the new 3/4 class with Mr Shannon. Teachers will choose students as they know them best and parents will receive a phone call from a member of the admin staff.

We are all here to educate and nurture your children. We are also here to help you and assist in any way we can.

Over the coming weeks I will profile a member of staff and give you more information about the valuable role they play in your child’s education.

Until next fortnight, stay safe and cool in this hot weather.

Mrs K. Schembri
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL...

Welcome back everyone! I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and holiday break. It is wonderful to be back and to see all of our students again. We welcome all the new staff members to our school. I know that everyone will be making them feel extremely welcome.

We are a growing school and we need to make some adjustments to classes this week so you will receive a phone call if this affects your child.

Please remember the rules for parking as well as drop off and pick up. The gates will be closed again in the afternoons as many people are parking in the carpark again. This is not safe. Please adhere to the carpark rules.

We will be having a farewell Assembly for Miss Naomi on Friday the 26th of February in the MP Hall beginning at 9:15am. All are welcome. I look forward to another wonderful year at Richlands East.

Stay safe,

Rebecca AITKEN-CARRUTH
Deputy Principal

Meet Our 2016 School Captains

Hello, my name is Seelanna and I'm in 6H with 2 of my fellow school captains, Trinity and Jonathon ever since grade 1. My two favourite subjects are music and Maths. I love to play Rugby League. My top two favourite hobbies are listening to music and spending quality time with my family. At the end of this year when I graduate, I will miss this school and everyone here.

My name is Trinity and I am in 6H and have attended this school for almost 7 years. My favourite subject is maths and I love to play Rugby League.

I enjoy watching sport, reading and listening to music. My favourite thing to do at school is cooking damper with my class.

The think I will miss most of all next year in High School will be Richlands East and everyone who is apart of it.

My name is Jonathon and my two favourite sports are football and soccer.

My two favourite subjects are Maths and PE.

I have been at this school for 7 years alongside Vi, Seelanna and Trinity.

My goal is to work on my academic achievements.

Hello, my name is Vi and I am in 6K. My favourite subject is Maths, but I also like music and PE.

Drawing is one of my favourite hobbies and is what I enjoy doing most.

While being alongside Trinity, Seelanna and Jonathon I hope to be a good school captain in Richlands East State School.

OUR 2016 LEADERS
Meet the Staff
This week we meet one of our lovely teacher aides Mrs Panama, Owens.

My family: I have 6 children, some of my kids attend Richlands East State School.
My favourite food: Chicken Curry

I love to watch Football, NRL and The State Of Origin and enjoy going out with my children.

Musical Instrument Program

Our instrumental music program has started up again this year with a new teacher, Ms Della Martin. Ms Martin will be here every Monday, so can you please ensure that your child brings their instrument with them to practice. If you are interested in your child being in the school band can you please ask at the Office for a loan agreement form.

Your child will also be given the opportunity to perform on stage at an assembly to be held in the near future.

Year 6 Lounge

Every Wednesday of February the Activities Hall will be open for the Year 6 Lounge
1pm Wednesdays 2nd Break
Year 6’s Only!
Come and join us for the Wii Dance and Minute to Win it Competitions
Yes! There are prizes! (little ones lol)

Thank You

Dear Families,

It is with mixed feelings that I have resigned as School Chaplain as I will be attending fulltime study as of March.
And although I am excited about my new adventures in studying nursing, I am sad to leave our wonderful school families and community. Having been a part of our school community for over 8 years, I would really love the opportunity to say goodbye before I leave at the end of February.

I’d like to invite you to morning tea:
10:45am, Friday 26th February
Foyer of the Multipurpose Hall

Please feel free to join us as I’d like to thank our parents and community for all your support and involvement in our Chaplaincy programs. I’d love to see you there!

Have a great week!
Naomi
School Chaplain
### Dates for Your Diary

**19 Feb**
Inala District Interschool Sport, every Friday. Rugby, Netball, Soccer.

**Thurs 25 Feb**
**Due date** Year 6 Senior shirt money, $35.20. No late orders will be accepted.

### Every Week

**Mondays**
Playgroup 8.45-11am, Richlands East State School, F Block

**Tuesdays**
Free food give away, donated from Coles. Multipurpose Hall, 2.45pm

**Wednesdays**
Parent Cooking, MPH, 9-10.30

**Wednesdays**
School Banking, 9am, Office

**Mon-Thurs**
Breakfast Club 8.10am, Multipurpose Hall

**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)

### Loading Zones – Drop off/Pick Up Areas

The success of loading zones requires cooperation from all motorists using it to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area.

Please observe any time frames on the sign (see example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in to or out of the car within a two minute timeframe. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children or to pick up their children.

This area is designed to keep the vehicles moving. It is there for the convenience of all motorists.

**Please do**
- Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times
- Pick-up or drop-off children via the car’s kerb doors
- Drive out safely
- Talk to your children about what time to be there and not to stray or wander away
- If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again

**Do not**
- Get out of your vehicle
- Double park
- Stay more than 2 minutes
- Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone
- Use staff parking areas

Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility. If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your local Road Safety Office on 1300 360 135.

### Richlands East State School

Richlands East State School is advertising for an Indigenous Community Liaison Officer.

The particulars of the role will be:
- 15 hours per week
- Commencement as soon as possible
- Duration of contract is one term with the possibility of extension

As the Indigenous Community Liaison Officer you will:
- Assist in the development of school and community links.
- Facilitate suitable consultative mechanisms and procedures to provide a non-threatening environment for effective two way communications between the school and parents/carers and the school community.

You will have responsibility for leading the following activities and key tasks:
- Developing and implementing strategies for effective links between home and school.
- Facilitate community development activities.
- Act as the contact for parents/carers and the indigenous community to determine relevant issues for improved relationships between the school and its indigenous community.
- Establish and facilitate school links with outside agencies who can provide services for our students and their families.
- Assist in recruiting and resourcing of volunteer help, including the coordination of a volunteer program.
- Facilitate lunch time activities for all students.
- Carry out administrative duties relating to the position. This may include applying for any grants which will further enhance community links.
- Other duties as defined by the Liaison Officer role and in consultation with the Principal.

**How to Apply**:
Send a copy of your CV and a covering letter outlining the following:
- Ability to liaise effectively with a diverse range of persons and groups.
- Ability to organise own work, to work independently or as a team, and to maintain confidentiality and reliability in meeting commitments.

**Applications to**:
The Principal
‘Confidential’
Richlands East State School
99 Poinsettia Street
INALA QLD

**Applications due** Friday 12th February 2016

### Richlands East Playgroup

For Pre-Prep/kindergarten child age 3/4 year olds

Come and help your child get ready for prep next year with friends their age in a supportive environment. The FREE program held at Richlands East State School helps your child to begin recognising letters and shapes. The children participate in fine motor skills such as art, cutting, pasting and collage. We also love to play games, have story-time and play outside. Come along and bring your morning tea!

Contact Tiffany Allen 37140111