FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome

Congratulations to the students who received an award this week for their efforts. It’s great to see so many of our Prep students receiving awards for sight words. Awards for demonstrating the You Can Do It keys to success, improvement in reading and consistent effort were also given out to students. Well done everyone.

Congratulations once again to all our students who participated in the ANZAC Services last week. Runcorn students were featured in The Courier Mail and Southern Star newspapers this week. Thank you to parents for supporting your children and enabling to participate in these important community events.
**Cross Country**
The District Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday, 2 May from 9am for students selected. The event takes place at Col Bennet Park Algester and parents are required to transport students to and from the event. Staff will be at the ground to coordinate and supervise students. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on our cross country athletes.

**NAPLAN Preparation**
Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are getting ready for their NAPLAN tests in week 4. Both myself and Mrs Matlock have had the pleasure of working with students and it is very pleasing to see that all students are working to the best of their ability. It is also great to see the progression of students, particularly in reading, writing and problem solving; the key focus areas for student improvement in 2014. Well done everybody.

**Students travelling to school on Bikes and Scooters**
A reminder that students who travel to school by bike and scooter are required by law to wear a helmet and follow the road rules. Could parents ensure that if your child is riding to school they are properly equipped and aware of how they should travel to and from school.

**School Attendance**
As part of our School Improvement Agenda to enhance student learning we have been focussing on attendance and coming to school on time. Thank you to all the families who are making the effort to be at school prior to the bell at 8:45am. There is a definite decrease in the number of students arriving after the bell.

Attendance in the first term was **95.5%**. This an outstanding result and a significant improvement on the same time last year. It is our responsibility to ensure that Every Day Counts for the children of Runcorn State School.

**ANZAC Day Service Sunnybank**
Thank you to the 18 students who with Mrs Schooth, participated in the ANZAC March at Sunnybank on Friday morning. Students attending wore their school uniform with pride and represented our great school in an exemplary manner. Thank you to all the parents who supported students to attend this event.

**Prep 2015**
It is now time to start talking with your friends and neighbours to remind them that Prep enrolments for 2015 are open and places are filling quickly. Information is being distributed to the wider community over the coming months. If you or your friends have a son or daughter born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, they are eligible to attend Prep in 2015. If you are interested, please contact Lyn, Ruth or Leanne in the office on (07) 3323 8777.

**P&C Meeting**
A reminder that the next P&C will be held on **Monday, 5 May at 9.00am in the P&C room**. All school community members are invited to attend.

Regards

**Greg Gosling**

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**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student.
The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:
- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- the broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Looking for Runcorn State School Memories
Did you or your parents attend Runcorn State School? If so, we would love you to come and speak with our students and share your recollections, photos and other memorabilia.

Please email me rmatl2@eq.edu.au your details so that we can arrange times suitable for you to share your valuable experiences with the current generation of Runcorn students.

Calm Bodies -- Calm Minds Yoga
Calm Bodies Calm Minds Yoga is returning in Term 2. Due to the very successful Term 1 introduction of Calm Bodies Calm Minds Yoga and meditation after school program for Runcorn State School students, we are pleased to continue the program. This will be run by Lainie Jenkins, an experienced Rainbow Kids Yoga instructor, it is not religiously aligned and is being conducted on a cost neutral basis.

Benefits of Yoga for Children:
- Build confidence and self-esteem and improve concentration levels
- Develop and improve coordination, flexibility and body awareness
- Help relieve anxiety to relax and calm the mind
- The focus is on fun and respecting their bodies and each other

When: Wednesday, Week 3 - 7 May 2014 to Week 8 June 11 2014
Where: Runcorn State School Science Centre (bring own yoga mat)
Prep to Yr 3 = 3.15pm - 4.00pm
Yr 4 to Yr 7 = 4.00pm - 4.45pm
Cost: $60 for 6 x sessions payable up front on first session by cash or cheque

Numbers need to be limited so registering is necessary by downloading and returning the following form to the School Office. Copies of the permission form are available from the office. Namaste

Regards
Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal
FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER – THE POWER OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

‘Two men looked out from prison bars one saw mud, the other saw stars’.  
(Source unknown)

DID YOU KNOW: Your prospects for good health and long life are remarkably dependent upon mental habits learned in childhood, and a very influential mental habit is found in your attitude to life and its trials. Your attitude (either positive or negative) can cause emotional reactions which strongly affect your immune system, circulatory system, your relationships, and even your risk of accidents.

Your attitudes are based on the beliefs, values and assumptions you hold, and are shown through your behaviour. In fact attitudes drive behaviour. Having a positive attitude means that you focus on the good things in life and avoid dwelling on the negative. It helps people cope with life and limits thinking that is destructive.

Almost always, you have a choice as to what attitude to adopt. There is nothing in most situations that dictates you must act one way or another. If you feel angry about something that happens, for instance, that's how you choose to feel. Nothing in the event itself makes it absolutely necessary for you to feel that way. It is your choice and since you do have a choice most of the time, you'll be better off if you choose to react in a positive rather than a negative way.

If you are to help your child to develop a positive attitude then model it. Here are some hints:

- Being positive is a choice. Choose it now.
- Learn to control ‘the voices’ that may limit your potential. If you think you can achieve most likely you will. If you think you can’t most likely you won’t.
- Avoid saying ‘I can’t’ – it makes a person feel inadequate. Better to say ‘When I ……..I could’...........
- Enjoy the present. It's all you have or are able to control. The past is gone. The future is unknown.
- Focus on solutions – don’t dwell on mistakes.
- Choose to smile and laugh – it has a contagious effect.
- Language is a valuable tool – use it wisely eg. Rather than ‘I’m bored’, you could rephrase (and reframe) to ‘I have more time to do other things I want/ need to do’.

(Coming back to those guys in prison (quote at top of page) – Nelson Mandela, the African anti-apartheid activist spent 27 years in jail for his beliefs about democracy and fairness for all. He maintained a positive attitude and disposition throughout these years. He eventually became President of South Africa when finally released. He was well loved by all, and respected by even those who persecuted him. He was a man who looked to the stars.)

Aspects adapted from: Developing a Positive Attitude TheCuteKid.com

ANZAC DAY MARCH – FROM MRS JULIE SCHOOTH

A big thank you to those families and children who represented Runcorn at the Sunnybank Anzac Day March last Friday. It was wonderful to see the children wearing their uniforms with pride and marching with respect to remember those who gave so much so that we can have the freedom we have today. Well done Runcorn. We hope next year we will see even more children coming along to show their support.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Lately the office has been receiving many last minute requests for change of pickup places, people and times for students across all year levels. We realize many of these changes are unavoidable but we ask that firm arrangements are made with your child/children before they leave in the morning. Alterations to these arrangements should only be made in an emergency.
Vest and bowtie payments are now due. Please note that invoices will not be sent home. Please send your payments in an envelope or alternatively, stop in at the office on Wednesdays and Fridays to pay by EFTPOS for your convenience. Also, a friendly reminder that the voluntary Student Resource Levies are now due. Please collect a copy of this form from the office.

If you wish for your child to attend Religious Instruction sessions, please complete the form and return to the school along with payment. Copies of this form can be obtained from the school office.

Instrumental Levies are also now due. The office is now accepting pre-payments for school camps for your convenience. Parents are also reminded to complete, sign and return Student Media Consent forms. Copies are available from the office. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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### INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS AND CAMP PAYMENTS

To avoid the disappointment of your child not being able to attend year level activities, payments MUST be made by the cut-off date stated. **PAYMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.** This is due to the new Education Queensland financing system.
Payments can be made by cash/cheque/efpos or direct deposit into the school’s bank account (BSB 064-162/Account No. 00090035). Please ensure permission forms are completed and submitted to the class teacher when paying by EFT. If you have any concerns or difficulties with these payments, do not hesitate to contact the front office to discuss payment arrangements in advance of cut-off date. Invoices will no longer be sent home, please regard the excursion letter as your invoice for payment.

**FRIENDLY REMINDER – DO NOT PARK IN 2 MINUTE ZONES**

The safety of the students is a very high priority for both myself and the staff at Runcorn State School. To ensure your child’s safety please follow the Runcorn State School Road Safety plan when delivering and picking up your child. The RSS Road Safety Plan includes:

- When using the 2 minute stop-drop and go zone please only remain for 2 minutes (Members of the Queensland Police Service will be monitoring this in the coming weeks – take this as your warning).
- To avoid congestion in the stop-drop and go zone perhaps you could park in the streets surrounding the school and walk up to collect your child. This would also be a great opportunity to teach your child about road safety.
- If you are crossing the road please ensure you use the school crossing.
- Please also ensure that as per the road rules, you come to a complete stop at all stop signs, before entering the roadway.

If you have any other queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

**Constable Belinda**

**LOST PROPERTY**

A Hello Kitty wallet, two pairs of spectacles and a Woolies card (no. 29) have been handed into the office. If they belong to your child, please pick them up from the office as soon as possible. Don’t forget to check through the bin throughout the year for any items that your children may have misplaced. This bin is located underneath the teachers’ staffroom. Any leftover items will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

**NEW SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM**

Metro South Health provides free dental care to school students throughout our region.

**Is my child eligible?** Free dental care is available to:-

- All students in Prep through to Year 10 and
- Year 11 or 12 students who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card.

If you child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), the cost will be bulk-billed to Medicare. If you child is NOT eligible for the CDBS, they will still receive dental care at no charge until they complete year 10.

**Do I need to attend the appointment?** Yes. Under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, a parent or guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

**How do I make an appointment?** For all appointments, please telephone: 1300 300 850 - Metro South Oral Health Hub

**P&C NEWS**

P&C meeting will be help in the P&C room near the staff room at 9am on Monday, the 5th of May. We welcome all new parents to attend.

Due to two year levels leaving us this year, we ask for Prep and Year 1 & 2 parents to become more involved. This can be by helping out at fundraisers, discos, stalls or by helping behind the scenes, taking items home to wrap, helping out at the event, buy items for up coming events or looking out for discounts, free items and promotional products that can help raise money for the students. Please contact Mrs Frye (P&C President) for more information or up coming events you would like to be involved in on 0423 653 816. Looking forward to meeting you.

**Disney Theme Disco – 30th May 2014 (5.30-7.30pm)**

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, its off to a Disney themed DISCO we go.

Come dressed as your favourite Disney character. Food, drinks, coffee and cake available for sale. Entry is $3. Prizes for best dressed boy and girl. Volunteers needed.****
Mothers Day Stall - 8th and 9th May 2014

Treat mum with a special gift from our lovely range of new items at our Mothers Day stall. Items range from $1 - $12. Prep to Year 7 will be able to choose from the same items and no class will be left out. The stall will also be open lunch time and after school on Friday as well.

Volunteers are needed to help sell and wrap gifts. Please meet us at the band room located near the staff room from 8.45am each day.

Tuckshop - Go Blue for Autism Meal Deal

Thank you to the many families who supported the Autism Awareness Easter Meal Deal. With $1 from each meal going to Autism Queensland’s Go Blue for Autism Appeal, over $250 was donated.

Congratulations to Bag Decorating Competition winners below!

A huge ‘THANK YOU’ goes to these fantastic parents who volunteered their time on a very chaotic day in the Tuckshop.

Sandra Weatherall, Samara Frye, Doug Panic, Alida Julien, Kathryn Allendorf, Cristina Watson, Davina Edwards, Cathy Slinger and Margaret Wilson.

Jodie Newton
Tuckshop Convenor

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop hours are Monday / Wednesday / Friday
8.30am – 9.00am

Uniform Sale

Boys Ruggers Size 12 and 14, Girls Shorts Sizes 3 – 26, Girls Short Dress Blouses Size 3, 12, 14 and 16
Girls Dress Skirts Sizes 3 – 16, Girls Wrap Skirts Small/Med/Large and X Large, Boys Cargo No Pockets Sizes 4, 6, 8, 12, 14 and 16

ALL $10, Limited numbers of all stock….BE QUICK

Also, Winter Uniform items now in stock. Microfibre Pants, Jackets and Jumpers

With thanks
Cathryn Marshall
Uniform Shop Convenor

School Banking

Our School Banking day is Thursday.

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator
COMMUNITY NEWS

PCYC – Before and After School Care
Before and After School Care Program available now. Limited places, so get in quick to secure your spot.
Please contact Jayde, the Coordinator, on 0423 551 335.

Runcorn State High School – Open Day

Come and see excellence in action at

RUNCORN STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY
Saturday 24 May, 2014  9am – 12noon
Address: 132 Hill Road Runcorn, 4113
Contact: Karen Atcheson 3323 1611
Email: enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au

Mt Gravatt High School – Open Day

MOUNT GRAVATT HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 08 MAY
9:16am-11:00am

All interested parents and students are invited to attend our Open Day which provides an excellent opportunity to view classrooms, facilities and be informed about our great school. We are enrolling now for Year 7 and 8 in 2015 and out of catchment enrolments are welcome.

For further information: 07 3291 5222
www.mtggravatts.qld.edu.au

Mount Gravatt Blue Light Disco - Friday, 2nd May 2014

Mount Gravatt Blue Light will be holding its next Blue Light Dance Party at 7pm on Friday the 2nd of May, 2014 at Mt Gravatt PCYC, 90 Klump Road, Upper Mt Gravatt next to the Hibiscus Centre. The dance is for children aged between 7 and 14 years old. The dance finishes at 9.30pm and cost of entry is $7. Lucky door prizes to be won. The dance is fully supervised by police officers and current blue card holders.

Entertainment Books for Sale – Support our School

Support our fundraising by purchasing the Entertainment Membership that suits you!

Discover hundreds of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much, much more!