FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome
Congratulations to all the students who received awards on Parade this week. Senior Music Medals were distributed to all our band, strings and choir students for their outstanding commitment to the Runcorn State School Music Program.

Christmas Concert
Next Wednesday night is the Christmas Concert held at Sunnybank High School Auditorium. This is a great event showcasing the wonderful talents of students throughout the whole school. This event starts at 6:30pm and students need to be assembled by 6:15pm ready to perform. The P&C will have food and drinks for sale as well as raffle tickets for the fabulous Christmas Hampers. I hope to see everyone come along and participate in this wonderful evening.

Christmas Hampers
Collections for the Christmas Hampers are currently underway. Can you please ensure that all items go to the classroom. This enables your son or daughter to receive a ticket to go in the prize draw for assisting with donations.

Student Reports
Student reports in Prep – Year 5 will be sent home on Friday, 5th December. Year 6 and 7 report cards will go home on Wednesday, 10th December. If parents would like to have a parent-teacher interview regarding these report cards, interview times can be arranged through the office, to occur in the last week of school.
Swimming Carnivals
Congratulations to all the swimmers who participated in Friday's Junior Carnival. It was great to see so many students participating. The Years 4-7 Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 28th November from 9:00am. All parents are welcome to come along and support our fantastic swimmers.

Students Returning 2015
Each year, schools need to predict the number of students who will start the school year in each year level so that classes can be organised accordingly. A form has gone home to all families asking if any children will not be returning. We are asking all families to complete and return the form or email admin@runcornss.eq.edu.au if you have a child in a class from Prep – Year 5 this year who WILL NOT be returning to the school in 2015. This will enable our Admin team to more accurately predict our class numbers for 2015. Please phone the Office on (07) 3323 8777 if you have any queries.

Student and Staff Safety
Unfortunately over the past few weeks there have been a number of issues with safety particularly in the approach to the Pick-up zone in Ardargie St.

It has come to my attention that Runcorn State School Community members have been verbally abusive to Crossing Supervisors and Brisbane City Council staff. This has occurred in front of children and does not set a good example or reflect well on our great school community. Crossing Supervisors are there to assist students to safely enter and exit the school.

There have also been incidences of parents queuing across the pedestrian crossing and Adargie St intersection. We also have parents not moving down in the 2 minute zone. Motorists who unlawfully use this zone may be booked by the Brisbane City Council or the police.

Please ensure you are behaving in a safe and calm manner when travelling around our school. It must be noted that 2 students in the Brisbane Metropolitan Region were hit and injured by cars in primary school zones in the past fortnight. We do not want to add Runcorn to this list.

P&C
Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Monday of this week. This was the final meeting for 2014. Can I thank all the dedicated members of the P&C for their tireless efforts in supporting our school. Can I also acknowledge those P&C members leaving at the end of the year who have given many years of service to Runcorn.

Regards
Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Seeking a Group of Regular Grandparent Volunteers
We had a lovely response from Grandparents Day for regular volunteers and we are keen to develop a weekly program to utilise this offer of assistance for 2015. Can you please ask if any Grandparents in your family would like to become involved in this weekly project supporting Runcorn State School. Can they please ring the office with contact details.

Student Absences, Late Arrival and Early Departure From School
Runcorn State School relies on a computerised roll which is marked first thing in the morning, directly after lunch break and updated throughout the day to reflect late arrivals and early departures.

It is essential that parents/carers phone the school absence line - (07) 3323 8777 and select option 1 - and leave a message if students are going to be absent for the day. Office staff enter this directly onto the computerised roll.

It is equally essential that ALL parents sign their children in the morning via the Office and collect a computerised slip to present to class teachers when students arrive after the bell or leave school prior to 3.00pm.

This is a required process for your child’s safety. In the event of an emergency, we need accurate computerised roll information so that we know precisely which children are on the school premises. If there is any deviation from this process, the computerised roll will not be accurate.

Regards
Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal
SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Senior Swim Carnival – Friday 28th November 9am-1:30pm
This carnival will be about participation and competing. The results of this carnival will determine who will be attending the District Swimming Carnival at the beginning of 2015. All students are expected to participate. It would be great if students could come to school with their swim wear under their uniform on this day please. However, please ensure your child has underwear packed in their swimming bag. Students will also need a swimming cap, goggles, a towel, school hat, sunscreen, water bottle and some fruit.

The Tuckshop will be running some specials on these days and the P & C Association will be selling cold drinks, sandwiches and baked goods.

MUSIC MATTERS

End of Year Concert - Wed 3rd December 6:30pm-8:30pm – Sunnybank High School Hall

- The concert will proceed regardless of the weather.
- Parents please allow for parking time. It is important that everyone arrives on time, as children need to be gathered outside in set places before moving into the hall.
- We do ask our audience to remain for the entire concert which will conclude between 8.30 pm – 8.45 pm.

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- A gold coin donation will be collected at the door by the P&C. We seek your support in this, as this concert is a major income source for our school.
- Raffle tickets will also be available for the fantastic hampers. Winners will be announced at the end of the concert.
- Cans of drinks, sandwiches and cupcakes will be available for sale at the back of the hall throughout the evening.

Mrs Margaret Buddle
Classroom Music Teacher

PREP 2015 FOR STUDENTS BORN BETWEEN 1 JULY 2009 – 30 JUNE 2010

Prep enrolments for 2015 are now open and places are filling quickly. 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 contact Lyn, Ruth or Leanne in the office on (07) 3323 8777.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Thank you to those parents who utilise our direct deposit payment system as this method is quick and easy to identify and allocate payments to students. This is our preferred method of payment. If you wish to use this method, our school's bank account details are as follows:- BSB 064-162 / Account No. 00090035. The school also accepts cash/cheque/eftpos. 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, please 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.
TERM DATES FOR 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

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LOST PROPERTY

Two gold crosses, earrings, rings and a mobile phone have been handed in. If an item belongs to your child, please collect it from the office. Please remember to check through the lost property bin throughout the year for any items that your children may have misplaced. Any leftover items will be donated to charity at the end of each term. This bin is located near the bin cage under the teachers’ staffroom.

FROM MR ROBERTSON - MORE HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Thank you so much to those families that returned forms volunteering to host a Japanese student (honto ni arigatou). AJSP, the company organizing the tour, will contact you shortly. However, we still require several more families and I would like to encourage any family that is considering applying to do so as it can be a thoroughly rewarding experience. In Feb/March when the Japanese students are here, our Year 6 students will be preparing for a speech contest and to have a pronunciation coach at their home would be invaluable. And for other grades, the opportunity to practice Japanese in a real-life and meaningful situation is an experience that I, as a teacher, cannot offer. So please consider the hosting opportunity if you are in the position to do so. Forms can be collected from the office and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Gosling, AJSP or myself at lrobe9@eq.edu.au.

YOROSHIKU
Lachlan Robertson (Japanese Teacher)

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED for JAPANESE STUDENTS

Tama Meguro JHS (from Tokyo) 14-15 yo

Arrival Date: 21st Feb (Sat) 2015       Departure Date: 4th Mar (Wed) 2015
Attending School: Runcorn SS

Host Family Requirements:
- No other Japanese person staying with the family
- Provide 3 meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room
- Over 18’s hold a Blue Card or willing to apply through us
- Safe travel to & from school
Families with children in ANY GRADES are welcome to host

*1 student per family, 11 Nights *Remuneration ($420) paid to Host Families

P&C NEWS

We are almost at the end of the year and what a year it has been! We have had fantastic discos, a Trivia Night, Mother’s & Father’s Day Stalls, raffles and competitions. On behalf of the P&C Association, I’d like to thank all those families who contributed in every way to making these events such a success. I would also like to thank the 2104 P&C Committee for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. We bid farewell to several Executive Members as their children move onto High School. Lisa Warburton and Kathryn Allendorf have been invaluable members for many years, and have worked tirelessly to raise funds for our school. Thanks also to our Tuckshop Convenor, Miss Jodie, for providing a fantastic service for our community.
End of Year Concert

Our last fundraiser for 2014 are our Hamper Raffles to be drawn at the End of Year Concert. We have had an overwhelming response with donations this year, and thank you to all families who have generously contributed. Last year we raffled over 25 large hampers, and hope to have even more this year. Tickets for the Hamper Raffles are $1 each, and are available before school in Girrawheen Place. Tickets will also be sold at the End of Year Concert (Wednesday 3rd December).

The P&C requires help on the night (from 5.30pm onwards) selling raffle tickets and serving food and drinks. If you are able to help, please come to the side door of the hall and look out for a P&C representative.

Neighbourhood Watch Competition

Thank you to those students who entered the Neighbourhood Watch Competition, there were some very creative entries. Congratulations to the students below who have all won a $15 Tuckshop Voucher.

Fan Wu, Rahaf Alhoush, Jennifer Yu, Annabelle Julien, Alyssa Carmody, Izaac Bridge, Joshua Spence, Genevieve Whittred, Jessica Bouda, Ashton Davis, Sophie Tian, Emily Weatherall, Ebony McLeod, Ella Griffiths, Myora Frye, Yustin Yu

World Tuckshop Day

A few weeks ago, we celebrated World Tuckshop Day. Thank you to all our volunteers who help out at our Tuckshop.

Tuckshop

End Of Term

Please be reminded that the Tuckshop will be running stock down in the next couple of weeks, so not all menu items will be available. Where your child’s order cannot be filled, a substitute will be made. The Tuckshop will be open right up until the end of term, running on a limited menu in the last week of term.

Volunteers

For all those parents who have kindly donated their time in the tuckshop this year, whether it be weekly, monthly or once a term...THANK YOU! It's been a great year in the tuckshop with many new faces, who I look forward to seeing again next year.
Halloween Meal Deal Winners

Congratulations to these students who did an amazing job decorating their Halloween tuckshop bags. The winners are: Makedde 1SM, Zahara 3M, Jaidyn SG and Renka PB.

Uniform Shop

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

The Uniform Shop will be open extra hours for your convenience

21, 22 and 27 January 2015 (9am – 11am)

for any last minute items before the new school year

Why not pre-order uniforms to eliminate the stress. Pick up an order form from the office.

Cathryn Marshall
Uniform Shop Convenor

School Banking

Next Thursday is the last School Banking Day for 2014

Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.
The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient
Chest of Fortunes. Inside they found these amazing
prizes that you could win a share of:
• 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
• 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

Here's how to win
Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically enter
you into the prize pool competition. The more you save the more
chances you have to win up to a maximum of 5 entries.
Competition runs 4 October to 6 November 2014.
To find out more, visit combank.com.au/teepesavers

Davina Edwards
Banking Coordinator
**SMILE VANUATU**

“Smile Vanuatu” are now accepting toothbrushes for their visit in 2015. This time, our very own Mrs Lyn Newman from Administration is also going along and would like to take lots of toothbrushes with her. If you would like to donate, please drop off your toothbrushes at the office.

**LEGO CLUB IS HERE!**

Runcorn has started its very own lunchtime Lego Club! We are after some kind donations from the school community to help make this a reality. So if you have any old lego lying around that you want to get rid of, we will gladly accept:

- Base plates (including road plates and a variety of colours)
- Minifigures (make sure these are old and not rare collector’s items)
- Old Lego Club Aus Magazines
- And of course Lego bricks and pieces.

All donations can be dropped to the office for collection by Mrs Bayle. Thanks from Runcorn’s future Master Builders!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Runcorn PCYC - Vacation Care**

Have you booked your child into the holiday program at your PCYC Outside School Hours Care service? We have an awesome Christmas program out now including excursions to BOUNCE, the MOVIES and SOUTHPORT WATER PARK plus more!

Spots are limited for the excursions so the sooner you bring in your enrolment forms the sooner your child’s sport will be secured.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Jade Reid (the current coordinator) is leaving and going back to her old service at Mt Gravatt – the 5th of December is her last day at Runcorn. At the moment, it is unknown who will be taking her spot, but as soon as she knows more she will inform you and keep you up to date. Thank you to those who made her feel welcomed and like she was a part of the school, not just the after school care, she greatly appreciates it and looks forward to seeing you all in the future.

**Runcorn State High School**

**General Information and Curriculum Information Evenings (Yr 8 dates below)**

**Orientation Day for New Students**

Year 6 and 7 students who have enrolled will attend an orientation day in Term 4 2014. This gives each student the opportunity to experience a day at high school before they begin in 2015. Your child will be introduced to a range of subjects offered at our school and they will meet a variety of specialist teachers from across the curriculum. They will also begin to become familiar with the school layout. Students are to arrive at the Sports Hall and bring a water bottle, hat and food for the day. The canteen will also be available to purchase food.

Year 8 Orientation Day

Monday 1 December, 2014 (8:45am – 3:00pm)

**Enrolment Interviews**

Tuesday 2 December, Wednesday 3 December, Thursday 4 December & Friday 5 December, 2014

Interviews will be conducted for each student for approximately 30 minutes. This is where our teaching team begins to build partnerships with parents about our educational program. If students have particular learning issues they can be discussed and teachers also take time to answer any questions you may still have. This is also where we sign some of the important agreement forms for the school so it is important for both students and parents to attend.

**First Day of School for Year 7 and 8 Students**

Tuesday 27 January, 2015 (8:45am – 2:50pm)

Year 7 and 8 students arrive promptly at 8:45am to meet in the Sports Hall. Students will need their lunch, drink, hat, notepad and writing equipment. Our “Blue Eagle Buddies” from the senior student leadership team will join the students for the day. On the first day students will be issued with a diary and an individual timetable.