Welcome parents, staff and students to week 3 of term 4 in 2013.

Thank you to both Kaye Dalus and Ryan Bennet for doing such a great job in their administrative roles over the first two weeks of this term. It was great to know that the school had two fantastic leaders to fill for the start of term 4.

Next year we will sadly be having a few staff members transfer out from Runcorn State School. Transfers occur in all schools in line with the Department's transfer guidelines. Fortunately for Runcorn the school has not seen many transfers over the past decade. The staff members being transferred in 2014 include: Angela Gall, Julie Wallace, Sandra Benn and Trish Nielsen.

All of these staff members have made significant contributions to our school and touched the lives of many students throughout their time here and we thank them for this.

So far we have received notification of three teachers transferring in (two from Algester State School and one from Berrinba East State School). All three teachers have been very highly recommended from their current schools.

Ursula Nightingale has taken extended leave and is being replaced by Ms Roberta Matlock as Head of Special Education (HOSES). Ms Matlock comes to us with a vast background of support for students with special needs. Please feel free to come in and meet our acting HOSES.

Regards

Mark Johnstone
DEPUTY DIALOGUE

School Start Times
It is really important to have your children arrive at school by the time the music is played at 8:45am. Learning begins once the roll is marked. Teachers mark the roll as soon as the children are let into class. Roll marking is now done electronically and with that come restrictions. If your child arrives after the music, you may be sent to the office to obtain a late slip as only the office staff have the capability to enter this straight onto the roll marking system. Your cooperation with this matter would be really appreciated.

Camp Quality
This group is presenting a free puppet show for the whole school on November 1. This group is associated with the Queensland Cancer Council supporting those with cancer and the people who care for them. We have families in our school community who have been touched by this disease. The puppet show is an engaging and entertaining way to present facts offering support and encouragement. If you do not want your child in this, please inform your child’s teacher.

Student Free Day
We had a very successful Student Free Day. We learned about asbestos and its management, began our reporting preparation, continued to work on our Pedagogical Framework and played some games from the Play is the Way program.

Prep Interviews
These were held this week over two days. These interviews provide a great opportunity for new families to get to know us and for us to know them. We welcome new families to our school and look forward to a great 2014 of learning.

You Can Do It
This is a social and emotional learning program that will be implemented in 2014. The program is built around the Five Pillars of Confidence, Persistence, Resilience, Organisation and Getting Along. These are great life skills and the lessons are age appropriate and relevant for each year level. We have purchased the resources to support classroom teachers in its implementation. The teaching staff will be reviewing these, and will be receiving professional development ready for 2014.

Do the Right Thing
This is becoming a new “mantra” for the students here at Runcorn. We just do the right thing, not for reward or recognition, but just because it is the right thing to do. The photographic awards are built around staff catching children doing “the right thing”. There are lots of “right things” going on here.

Happy learning,
Kaye Dalus
Deputy Principal

FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT

Hello, my name is Roberta Matlock and I will be the Head of Special Education while Ursulla Nightingale is on maternity leave. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received in my first few days at Runcorn State School. I am thrilled to be appointed to a school with a warm community atmosphere, lovely grounds and above all such delightful students. I have had the opportunity of teaching in a number of schools in Brisbane, Cairns and overseas. I look forward to meeting with you in the support of your children.

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PREP ENROLMENTS 2014
We are now accepting enrolment applications for Prep 2014. Prep enrolment eligibility for 2014 is for children born between 1st July 2008 – 30th June 2009. Enrolment forms are available from the Administration Office.
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YEAR 1 EXCURSION TO WELLINGTON POINT BEACH - TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER

Excursion to Wellington Point Beach Tuesday October 29... PLEASE HAVE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL BY 8.30 AM.

MUSIC NEWS

Choir - Breakup Wednesday, 13 November 6pm

We will have our break up on Wednesday, November 13 - 6.00pm in Girrawheen Place. Family and friends invited.

Happy Singing,

Rita Mechielsen

INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS AND CAMP PAYMENTS

To avoid the disappointment of your child not being able to attend Year level excursions, payments MUST be made by the cut-off date stated in the excursion letter. This is due to the new Education Queensland financing system. Payments can be made by cash/cheque/eftpos or direct deposit into the school’s bank account (BSB 064-162/Account No. 00090035). 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.

CALLING FOR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Road Safety Officer, Christine Goh, is looking for new School Crossing Supervisors. If you are interested, please contact Christine on (07) 3347 7867 or alternatively 0417 703 168 between the hours of 9.30am and 1.30pm school days only. Parents and Caregivers, please be aware that it is illegal to park in the two-minute zones around the school. Cars cannot be left in these areas even though there are people sitting in them.

LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to check through the bins 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. A large pencil case, mobile phone, single earring, child’s spectacles and three toy cars have been handed in to the office. If you or your child have misplaced theirs, please contact the school office.
DONATIONS REQUESTED - OLD UNIFORMS

If you have old uniforms that the children have outgrown, why not donate it to the school? Sometimes the need arises for a spare change of clothes so we would highly appreciate uniforms that have been kindly donated in the following sizes:

**BOYS**
- Blue shorts - sizes 4, 6 and 12
- Blue polo shirts - size 4

**GIRLS**
- Blue skorts, shirts - sizes 4, 6, 10, 12 and 14

**THIS FORTNIGHT’S HEALTH INFO – MEASLES**

Queensland is currently experiencing a measles outbreak, with 21 cases reported so far this year. Measles is an acute, highly infectious illness which can cause serious complications such as pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Fortunately, this school has not yet been affected.

Measles can spread very easily so anyone who has not had two measles containing vaccinations, or who is not sure, is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 and after. People born before 1966 are considered immune due to growing up at a time when everyone had measles in early childhood.

**Symptoms**

It usually takes about 10 days for measles symptoms to show, but can take from 7 to 18 days. The early symptoms of measles include:
- fever
- tiredness
- coughing
- runny nose
- red inflamed eyes.

These symptoms usually become more severe over the first three days. In the early stages of infection, small white spots on a red base may appear in the mouth on the inside of the cheek. This is followed by a blotchy, dark red rash, usually beginning at the hairline. The rash will spread to the entire body over the next 24 to 48 hours. Typically, the person will feel most unwell for the first couple of days after the rash appears. The rash usually disappears after 6 days.

**Treatment and prevention**

Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. People with measles should be excluded from work, school or childcare centres for at least 4 days after the appearance of the rash. Anyone who has been in contact with a person with measles and has not been vaccinated, or has any condition that compromises their immune system, should be excluded from school and childcare for 14 days from the day the rash appeared in the person diagnosed with measles.

There is no specific treatment for measles. The symptoms are usually treated with rest, plenty of fluids, and paracetamol to lessen pain or fever. Do not use aspirin for treating fever in children. The measles virus is very contagious. A person may be infectious from about 5 days before the onset of the rash until about 4 days after the rash appears. The virus is spread through coughing and sneezing or through direct contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. For further information, contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or log onto http://www.health.qld.gov.au/communicablediseases/measles.asp.

**P&C NEWS**

**P&C Meeting**

The next meeting for the P&C for 2013 will be held on Monday, 11th November at 7pm in the P&C Room. All parents welcome.

**P&C Donation to the Reading Resources Room**

Last term the P and C donated $10,000 to the school to restock the reading resources room. This way every child in the school will benefit from having a variety of reading resources to assist them improve their reading and comprehension irrespective which reading level they are at. This is great news for our children and teachers however the downside to having so many fabulous new books is that they need to be covered, counted, bagged and tagged. We are hoping to have a working bee in Thursday morning 7th November between 9am-12pm. Morning tea will be provided. If you are able to help out on this day please either see Karly Shire in the library or you can contact me on 0413109957 with your availability. Alternately you can pop into the library should you have free time on another day to help out.

**Instrumental Evening DVD**

The P and C, in conjunction with Mrs Mechielsen, are happy to announce that there will be a CD and DVD of our Instrumental Evening and award winning choirs available for purchase. Order forms will be coming home soon. This is a great opportunity to grab a momento of our bands and choirs in action, and would make a lovely gift for family and friends.
P&C Disco
The next school disco will be held on Friday, 1st November. This will be our last one for the year and the last one for our seniors so we look forward to seeing another great attendance. The theme will be "Halloween" so come in your scariest fancy dress and have a ghost of a time with friends. Parent helpers will be needed on the night even if only to serve for half an hour or to help set up and/or pack up.

End of Year Concert
The end of year concert is also sneaking up on us. Each year the P and C raffle off Christmas hampers and this is a great fundraiser for the school. Families are asked to donate various kitchen/party/grocery items to fill the hampers. A flyer will be coming home shortly to outline what items each year level are to donate. All students that donate will go into the draw to win a prize.

Sandra Weatherall
P & C President
0413109957

Tuckshop
Prep Tuckshop News
Prep Students can now order Tuckshop Monday to Friday. Preps can also order from the regular Tuckshop Menu.

Volunteers Urgently Required! The Tuckshop is in need of volunteer help on Thursday mornings between 9-11am. Even if you can only spare 1/2 an hour, your help would be very much appreciated.

Birthday Cupcakes
Birthday Cupcakes are available from the tuckshop for your child’s class in a variety of colours and themes. Cupcakes are $1 each. To order cupcakes for your child’s birthday, please contact Jodie in the Tuckshop. Please provide at least 48 hours’ notice.

Jodie Newton
Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Hijabs are now available from the Uniform Shop in school colours - $7.50 each

Library Bags are now in stock in a full range of colours

Jodie Thompson
Uniform Shop Convenor

School Banking
Remember that School Banking Day is every Thursday

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

ENROLMENT DATE REMINDERS For future Year 8 Students for 2014 At Runcorn State High School

Tuesday 19 November, 2013 (7:00pm) - General Information and Curriculum Information Evening
Parents will be provided with information on a range of topics including discipline, school values, homework, uniforms and general school expectations and an outline of the curriculum. Any questions you may have will be answered and you will be given the opportunity to make an appointment for the course planning interview that all enrolling students and parents must attend.

Monday 2 December, 2013 (9:00am – 3:00pm)

Orientation Day for Year 7 students
Year 7 students that have enrolled at Runcorn State High School will attend an orientation day; experience a day at high school. Your son or daughter will be introduced to the range of subjects offered at our school, especially the ones that they have not experienced at primary school.

Tuesday 3/12/13 - Thursday 5/12/13
**Course Planning Interviews**

Interviews will be conducted for each student for a duration of about 15 minutes. This interview is an essential part of the enrolment process, as students entering our school have options to consider from the beginning of Year 8. At these interviews the booklists will be provided and the Uniform shop will be open to make relevant purchases.

For more information on these events please contact the Home-School Liaison Officer on enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au or phone on 3323 1611.

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**Holland Park High School**

A boutique high school for discerning parents

Interviews for Year 8 2014 are currently being finalised.

Please contact the school on 3347 0111 to arrange a convenient time for an interview.

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**Runcorn Swimming Club**

**Who doesn’t like swimming?**

Come along and join in the fun at Runcorn swimming club (bottom of the school oval), if need be you can start in our learn to swim & progress to the squad swimming, we have Mini squad, Junior, Target & Senior squads. Our swimmers have been able to achieve State & National levels.

It’s a great time to start with school swimming carnival coming up soon, improve your swimming with the chance of swimming at districts.

We have a family friendly club night every Friday Night with lots of fun competitions. Club night runs term 1 & 4 of school. Joining a swim club & squad swimming doesn’t mean you have to swim every afternoon, you choose when & how often you swim.

Come on down to the pool and check it out for yourself, everyone will be happy to see you.

**Contact : Lisa Weir 0413 999 644**

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**Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!