Welcome parents, staff and students to week 5 of term 4 in 2013.

Class Request Forms
If you have any concerns with your child’s placement in 2014, please complete the request form now available at the office. It is not appropriate to request a particular teacher however you may have appropriate educational information that will assist us with the placement of your child.

If you have friendship placement requests these are to be directed to the classroom teacher. We will consider the request but do not guarantee that your request will be granted. Please don’t assume that we will remember information from previous years. Requests must be lodged by Friday, 15th November. Requests received after this date will not be considered as class lists are being prepared mid-November.

Prep Enrolments
We are still hoping to receive another 15 Prep enrolments before the end of the year. If we are able to secure these placements it will make the Human Resourcing of the school more efficient and effective for 2014.

Due to this, we are seeking parent support to help with spreading the word about how great this school is. Word of mouth is a very valuable tool in gaining and maintaining enrolment numbers. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.
Students Returning 2014
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 letter has gone home to all families asking if any children will not be returning. We are asking all families to email the school on admin@runcorns.eq.edu.au if you have a child in a class from Prep – Year 6 this year WHO WILL NOT be returning to the school in 2014. This will enable our Admin team to more accurately predict our class numbers for 2014. Please phone the Office on (07) 3323 8777 if you have any queries.

Leadership/School Captains
Over the next few weeks we will be finalising the school captaincy positions for 2014. In order for students to be eligible to take on a captaincy position, they must first attain their “Runcorn State School Leaders Badge”. This is accomplished by meeting set criteria and completing 11 voluntary tasks (outlined in the Leadership Program on the school website). To become one of the School Captains (two year 6 and two year 7 students will be School Captains in 2014) all eligible candidates must have their Leadership Application form signed off and submitted by Thursday, 7th November 2013.

Next week we will be having an assembly for the whole school at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 12th November 2013. Before this assembly the identified captaincy candidates will receive their Leadership Badges and deliver a 2 min speech to the year 5-7 students. The purpose of this speech is for the candidates to convince the teachers and Year 5/6 students who to vote for.

On Thursday, 14th November, the candidates will answer a questionnaire followed by an interview with the school Principal, Deputy Principal and a Parent representative from the P & C.

There are 4 components that will determine the school captains for 2014:

1.) Student and teacher votes
2.) Speeches
3.) Questionnaire responses
4.) Interview with Administration and Parent Representative.

Once the School Captain positions are filled, the process for Library, Band, Strings and Choir captains will begin. These Captains will be determined by voting and interviews with the teachers who manage the set programs. Once again, only students with Leadership badges will be eligible for these captaincy positions.

School Captains will be announced on assembly, 18th November 2013 in week 7. The parents of the captains will be notified prior to this assembly.

Student Attendance
Our attendance rates at school have improved again this year. Thank you to all families who ensure that their children turn up on time every day and make sure that attendance is regular. Below is a graph that the school received last week outlining the attendance data for the past few years.

As you can see the main objective is to increase the right hand side green section as much as possible. We have done well here to increase this over time but there is still some room to improve.

Below is another graph that I have put into newsletters a few times before but it is always good to revisit this information. It sums up the importance of every minute of every day in your child’s school life.

Runcorn State School is dedicated to trying to make a difference for every child, every lesson, every day. In order for the school to be able to effectively achieve this we need to ensure regular attendance and being on time.
He/ She is only missing just….
That equals….
Which is…..
& over 13 yrs of schooling that’s….

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As you can see, it is easy for students to miss crucial concepts that are scaffolded upon in their learning (making their academic progression more difficult) if they are regularly missing whole/part school days.

Regards

Mark Johnstone

DEPUTY DIALOGUE

Remembrance Day
This will be celebrated on Monday, November 11 with an assembly from 10:30 – 11:00am in Girrawheen Place. This is a special time of remembering those who fought for our country. You are most welcome to attend.

Do The Right Thing
These awards are continuing with the notice board at the end of the Admin block being the first one to be filled. We are always on the lookout for positive, responsible behaviour.

Assessment
It is really important that students attend school every day, especially during these final weeks of the school year. There are many assessment items which directly contribute to the overall grade given for end of semester reporting. The teachers do their very best to ensure that students who are absent have an opportunity to “catch up” but sometime this is just not possible. So please make a concerted effort to have the students here every day.

Happy learning,
Kaye Dalus
Deputy Principal

TERM DATES FOR 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

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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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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**

FROM MRS WOOD - SPORTS RESULTS

Final Season Results for Touch Football:

- **Senior Girls:** 4th
- **Senior Boys:** 5th
- **Junior Girls A:** 6th
- **Junior Boys B:** 2nd

It was a great season of Touch Football this year for all teams and we learnt some great skills. I just want to thank the parents who came to support us on Gala Days and also a very big Thank You to **Jason Mace** who gave up his precious time to come and train the teams at lunch times and at Gala Days. We really appreciated your help. Also a big Thank You to **Chris Rostron (Griffith Intern)** and **Nicole Vokes** for being great coaches also.

Our swimming season began with much excitement from the children which is fantastic to see. Thank you so much to all our volunteers. We couldn’t do this without you. As you are probably already aware, we have a range of spare swimmers/rashies/caps/goggles etc in case children forget their swimmers on lesson day. These have been donated to me by families from school and it is a great way of ensuring that students don’t miss their lesson for the week unnecessarily. We are in need of more girl’s rashies though if you happen to find any in your cupboards your children no longer fit into. Thanks again for your support.

At the end of term 3, our students participated in the Adidas Fun Run. It was a very hot day but I was very proud of everyone’s effort, perseverance and school spirit. It was a fun morning. The total amount raised was $4,342 which was amazing. We are going to use this money to buy new swimming equipment for the pool and put the rest towards supporting the Swimming Program. Student incentive prizes should start arriving in approximately 2-3 weeks and will be dispersed accordingly. Our top fundraising class for this event was **1B** and our top individual student fundraiser was **Gabrielle Corazzoli in 1B** who raised **$220**. I want to thank the volunteers we had on the day and the teachers for helping it run smoothly. Thanks also to the **P & C** for their help and support and as always thank you **Mr Simiana** for setting up our shade tents etc. Well done and thanks again everyone.

Final Season Results Cricket:

- **Runcorn 4/32 defeated Sunnybank Hills 7/30**
- **Runcorn 1/38 defeated Brisbane Christian College 3/25**
- **Runcorn 4/20 lost to Warrigal Rd 6/44**

**2014 BOOKLISTS NOW AVAILABLE**

Booklists for next year have been distributed to all students. If you did not receive one, copies are available on our website (https://runcornss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/2014-Order-forms-are-now-available.aspx) or from the office.

**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/efpos 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.
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PARENT LITERACY NIGHTS

Two nights of parent workshops are being offered here at Runcorn. These nights will be run by Mrs Roberta Matlock, our HOSES. See the details listed below.

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These will be practical, hands on and informative evenings, guaranteed to be a learning experience. You will come away with ideas and steps to help your child at home. We would love to see you there. Refreshments are provided – that might be the encouragement some of you need to come along.

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.

A bank coin bag with a sum of money and iTunes card was lost at the Disco on Friday night. If you have any information, please contact the office.

SWIMMING CARNIVALs - SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming swimming carnival dates are as follows:-

- Junior Carnival for Grades 1-3 - Wednesday December 11th from 9am-11am
- Senior Carnival - Friday 29th November (time TBA).

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting
The next meeting for the P&C for 2013 will be held on Thursday, 14th November at 7pm in the P&C Room. All parents welcome.
P&C Disco
What a great time was had by all at last Friday's Disco. There were some fabulously scary costumes. It was a successful event and raised much needed funds for the school. Many many thanks to all our parent helpers on the night, and a big thank you to Lisa Warburton, our new events co-ordinator, who ran a smooth and organised operation. A big thank you also to all the children who came and danced the night away.

Volunteers Wanted
We still need parent volunteers to help cover our newly purchased reading resources. If you can spare some time please see Karly Shire in the library.

Christmas Hampers
A note will be coming home shortly regarding donations required for Christmas Hampers which will be raffled off at the upcoming end of year concert. This is a huge fundraiser for the school. Once again there will be a separate children’s raffle where children will receive a free ticket for every item they donate. So keep an eye on the weekly specials at the shops and purchase a few extra items with your grocery shop to donate to the hampers. Last year we had over 30 hampers to raffle and this year we are aiming to beat that number and have more families taking home a basket of goodies from the concert.

Sandra Weatherall
P & C President
0413109957

Tuckshop
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

A huge THANK-YOU to all school banking students that banked in term 3, you can all give yourselves a pat on the back.

Thanks to all of you we managed to win the term 3 competition so our school has a new Commonwealth Bank Shade Marquee. Well done and keep banking as there is another competition this term, all you have to do is bank twice between the 21st October and the 30th November and you will be entered in the draw. There are 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB & 100 x Adventure DVD packs to be won. Hopefully we can continue the winning and a Runcorn State School student manages to take home one of these awesome prizes.

PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE DOLLARMITE TOKENS YOU NEED TO CASH THEM IN AND REDEEM A REWARD.... 10 tokens will get you a reward item.

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator
COMMUNITY NEWS

Measles Health Alert
Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment. More information is available from http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles_fs.asp

Runcorn State High School
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.

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