Welcome
Congratulations to the many students who have received awards already this year. It was great to see so many students receiving awards for their efforts on parade this week.

What a great start to the year with a number of students receiving “You’ve Been Spotted Prizes”. It was pleasing to see the large number of tickets given out in the last two weeks to students who are doing the right thing. Can I also add congratulations to all students for the pride they are demonstrating in their uniform, work ethic in class and playground behaviour. It has been sensational.

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer in their son or daughter’s class. We still require parents to help out in the tuckshop and the uniform shop. If you are able to help even for a small amount of time, please contact the office.

Parent Information Evenings
Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent information sessions held on Tuesday this week. If you were unable to attend but would like the information, please email your child’s teacher for the information that was presented. Alternatively the information will be available on the website on the 24 February.
Farewell to Mrs Dalus
It is with sadness that I announce that Mrs Dalus will be leaving Runcorn State School to tackle up a position as Deputy Principal at Sunnybank Hills, an independent state school. Mrs Dalus will take up her new position at the end of the month.

On behalf of the Runcorn State School community, I would like to thank Mrs Dalus for all her efforts during her time at Runcorn and wish her every success. The role of Deputy Principal at Runcorn State School is currently being advertised and the new Deputy Principal will be announced shortly.

Smoking
It has been reported to me that a number of parents are smoking in the 2 minute zone during pick up and drop off times. Smoking is not permitted on school grounds. Could I ask those parents who need to smoke do so away from the school entrance and exits.

As role models it is our responsibility as adults to set a good example to students. Refraining from smoking around schools is a great way to demonstrate appropriate role model behaviour.

School Start Times
The school bell rings at 8.45am and it is an expectation that students arrive on time and ready for learning. Already there are a number of students arriving late on a regular basis. This causes disruption to your child’s and others’ learning.

Please ensure that students arrive prior to 8.45am and are ready and organised for learning. Parents are also reminded that once the bell goes, teachers are responsible for students. Please do not expect teachers to have a conversation or interview at this time.

Schools Clean Up Day
Clean Up Runcorn Day is happening on 28 March and our school is once again taking part. The day is an important part of the Clean Up Australia Day campaign and will help us protect the environment by removing rubbish from our school grounds and learning about environmental issues. I encourage all students to get involved. Our school is a registered clean up site, so please visit the website www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au to sign up or contact the office for further information.

School Council and P&C
Due to a number of unforeseen issues, the first P&C Meeting for 2014 has been postponed and will now be on Monday 17th February at 9.00am. All new and existing parents are invited to attend.

Regards
Greg Gosling

DEPUTY DIALOGUE

Uniform Awards
I have taken quite a few photos of students wearing the school uniform with pride. They are displayed at the end of the office hallway as well as in the library, I am trying to ‘get out and about’ with the camera 3 times a week. The children often have very interesting observations to share about the school which are recorded on the award as well.

Another Senior Class
We welcome Ms Carly Bennett to our school community from next week. Ms Bennett will be teaching our third senior class. Establishing this class will allow the numbers in our senior classes to be more manageable. I would like to say big congratulations to the students and their teachers for working so well with such a large number leading up to the move, they have made a very smooth start to their senior year.

Homework
Please encourage your child to be responsible for the complete of their homework. This is a great way to connect with what is going on in the classroom. The work set is consolidating their knowledge in maths and English in particular. It is meant to be on the whole completed independently. Remember to read, read read.
Farewell
This will be the last newsletter that I contribute to. It has been an absolute privilege to work in this community with teachers, students and parents.

I would also like to express my person thanks to Mark Johnstone and Greg Gosling for their support and encouragement; to Barb Seiler for allowing funds to be released to support the curriculum; to Ruth, Lyn and Leanne in the office who were endlessly patient with my many questions and requests. And to Miss Jodie, who makes the best cupcakes ever. A great team to work with that’s for sure.

Thanks for supporting our school with your involvement and concerns. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I wish you every learning success.

Remember

Happy learning,
Kaye Dalus
Deputy Principal

CALM BODIES CALM MINDS - YOGA AND MEDITATION

The response to the introduction of Calm Bodies Calm Minds Yoga starting Week 3 has been wonderful. There are a couple of places left so please email Roberta to pre-register on rmat1@eq.edu.au please visit the school website for details.

TERM DATES FOR 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

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PARENTS/CARERS' CONTACT DETAILS

In cases of emergency, it is imperative that the school can contact parents and caregivers. If your contact details and emergency contacts have changed, please notify the school office in writing. Alternatively, the office has “Change of Details” form that you can complete.
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.

MUSIC NEWS

Friendly Reminder - Don’t Forget 🎵

Dear Parents and Students,

String Ensemble will be on Tuesday mornings from 7.45am for all string students in grade 4 and above.

For Mr Millar's students, there will be NO band or lessons on Wednesday, 19th February 2014.

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.

P&C NEWS

The first meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday, 17th February at 9.00am. Parents and carers are more than welcome to attend. Get on board, join in the fun, and meet other parents. I look forward to meeting you all.

Sandra Weatherall
P & C President
0413 109 957

Tuckshop

The new menu for 2014 is now available. Copies are available from the office or from our website.

Is your child having a birthday? Are you having a celebration? Why not order cupcakes direct from our Tuckshop. Cupcakes are available at $1 each. Please contact Miss Jodie to order your cupcakes.

Jodie Newton
Tuckshop Convenor

Uniform Shop

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

ON SALE – BOYS AND GIRLS STYLES, LIMITED SIZES

Jodie Thompson
Uniform Shop Convenor

School Banking

Runcorn State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program to all students. This program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. To encourage regular savings behaviour, the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Our school receives a commission payment for every account activated via this program as well as on deposits made through the program. Our School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to place your deposit book/wallet in the grey class bags. To make joining School Banking easy for parents, we will be offering an Account Promotion Session on the following days:-

- Monday, 17th February 2014 at 2.30pm and Friday, 21st February 2014 at 8.25am.

These sessions will be held at Girrawheen Place. Please remember to bring identification such as existing account details, drivers' license or passport.

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator
Aces Netball Club

Aces Netball Club is seeking 8 & 9 year old players to participate in the MacGregor Netball Association. If you are interested, please phone Margaret on (07) 3273 8907 or 0407 787 580 or Kim on (07) 3344 6062 for further details.

SaverPlus

To be eligible you need to:
• have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card
• have a child at school new or starting next year
• have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500!

The Bank and family is committed to the Saver Plus program in your area. To find out more, phone 1800 100 505 or visit www.saverplus.com.au

Rotary Fun Run

Sunday 30th March 2014

Rotary

The Rotary Clubs of Sunnybank Hills &
Sunnybank present

Bendigo Bank Rotary Fun Run

Sunnybank District Community Bank Branch
Bendigo Bank
2Km, 5Km & 10Km courses
At Griffith University - Nathan Campus
off Kossela Road - Brisbane

Check in out and register at
www.rotaryfunrun.org
Register early

Mayor Event Beneficiary

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