Welcome
Congratulations to the many students who have received awards already this year. It was great to see so many students starting the year well with awards on parade this week.

Congratulations to all the students who were selected to represent the Metropolitan West District at the Regional Swimming Carnival this week. Results are forthcoming.

New Deputy
Congratulations to Ms Roberta Matlock who has been successful in being selected for the role as Acting Deputy Principal at Runcorn State School. Roberta’s role as Acting Head of Special Education Services has been advertised. Roberta has a good understanding of the curriculum, teaching and learning needs of the students at Runcorn and has many years of experience in supporting both teachers and students. Welcome to your new role Roberta.

Student Leadership Positions
Over many weeks numerous senior students have been involved in a comprehensive process to choose the student leaders for 2014. This process has involved making nominations, speech writing, voting and being interviewed for key positions. Leadership positions include Captains, Vice Captains, Sports, Library, Music, Strings and Band Captains. There are also roles for a number of Student Leaders. There will be a special Leadership Induction Parade on Friday, 28 February at 2pm. All parents are invited to attend.
High Expectations
At Runcorn State School we have high expectations of students with relation to their work ethic, behaviour and in the areas of being safe, respectful and responsible. As supporters of your children, having conversations about the importance of high expectations assists school staff to get the best from your children.

The You Can Do It keys of **Persistence, Resilience, Organisation, Confidence and Getting Along** will help to continue to support students to aim high and achieve successfully.

2 Minute Zone
The 2 minute zones in Adargie St are designed for pick up and drop off only. Parents are not to park their cars and leave them. This causes traffic congestion and endangers the lives of our students. Parking is available in the streets surrounding the school. Do not park in the school carpark.

Schools’ Clean Up Day
Schools’ Clean Up Day is on **Friday, 28 February** 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](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au) to sign up or contact the office for further information.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting for 2014 was held on Monday, 17 February at 9am. Thank you to all those who attended. A special welcome to all the parents who attended the P&C for the first time. The next meeting will be the **AGM for 2014 and will be held on Monday, 24th March at 7.00pm**. All are welcome to attend.

Regards

**Greg Gosling**

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Just a friendly reminder that Student Resource Levies and Instrumental Levies are now due. Also, the office is now accepting prepayments for school camps for your convenience. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

TERM DATES FOR 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

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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.

PREPS - VISIT FROM SUNNYBANK HILLS LIBRARY

On Thursday 20th February the Preps were lucky to have a visit from the Sunnybank Hills Library. The children participated in a fun story session and sing-a-long. Each child received their very own Library bag which included a special reading light bookmark! We loved having them visit and the staff is looking forward to seeing Runcorn students at Sunnybank Hills Library.

The Prep Team

YR 2 INCURSION - TOYS FROM THE PAST

In History, Year 2 students have been learning about changing technologies in the past and present. We have been investigating how toys have changed over the years. Last week, Year 2 students were visited by Barbara, Brian and Bob from Hands on Education. They brought with them hundreds of toys from the past which we got to play with— including bikes, scooters and pogo sticks! We all had a fantastic day, with lots of hands on learning to make it fun and engaging for everybody. Here is what some of our students had to say about the incursion.

"On Thursday the Year 2s had an incursion at school. Barbara, Brian and Bob were there. For our history we saw toys from the past. When we got to play I was over the moon. We saw the toys from the past at the old library."
Ashley K - 2P

"On Thursday the 20th of February, my class and I went to an incursion. I went to the old library. First I looked around and I played with a spinner, a pogo stick and a pop gun. You have to pull the string after you wind it up and it spins. It was really fun. All these toys are from the past that is why you might not have seen these toys before."
Riley H - 2S

MUSIC NEWS

No String Ensemble or Strings Lessons next Tuesday

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Ms Manson will be conducting a Strings Music Camp at Runcorn State High School next Tuesday, therefore there will be no String Ensemble in the morning or strings lessons during the day. Children should not bring their instruments or music to school next Tuesday.

Keep practising !!!

Rita Mechielsen
Runcorn State School
LOST PROPERTY

A pair of pink young girls’ spectacles 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.

P&C NEWS

P&C AGM will be held on Monday evening, 24th March at 7pm. All welcome. There will be executive positions available for election - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer plus other roles. If you would like to join the P&C in one of these roles, please come to the AGM. At our AGM, we will also be discussing the year’s events and fundraising opportunities. If you are keen to be part of this process please attend as your input to these decisions are valued.

Thank you to our parents for donating towards Mrs Dalus’s farewell gift. She was humbled and appreciated the gesture. We wish her all the very best for her new school.

Sandra Weatherall
P & C President
0413 109 957

Tuckshop

2014 Tuckshop Pricelist

New Tuckshop pricelists have been finalised and were sent home with students last week. If you have not yet received it, please collect a copy from Administration or the Tuckshop

Prep Tuckshop

Friday tuckshop for Prep students has so far been very successful. Please be reminded that Prep students are not to bring loose change to school, and iceblocks must be purchased through the paper bag/envelope system.

Gluten Free

Fried Rice ($3.00) and Chicken Tender Strips ($1.20) are now available from the tuckshop.

Plastic Spoons and Forks

Please remember to send plastic cutlery in your child’s lunchbox for food items brought from home. A fee of 10c per item will now be charged for plastic cutlery.

Tuckshop Volunteers

Volunteer help is required in the tuckshop each morning from 9.00-11.00am. If you can spare between 1/2 hour and 2 hours any morning, please contact Jodie in the tuckshop.

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

Our School Banking day is Thursday.

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

PCYC - Vacation Care

Easter Vacation Care Program is out now. Limited places, so get in quick to secure your spot.
Games, excursions, discos and so much more...

Please contact Jayde, the Coordinator, on 0423 551 335.

Mt Gravatt High School – 4th March 2014

Mount Gravatt High School is holding an Open Day for students who will be enrolling in years 7 and 8 in 2015
on Tuesday, 4 March, from 9:15am–11:00am.

Triple P Parenting Program

Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?
Raising healthy children is an important aspect to positive parenting. Your child’s physical health can affect their growth and development, their ability to participate in school, sport and other activities, and how they get along with other children. Children who eat well and stay active are more likely to develop into healthy adults. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a FREE Triple P parenting program to parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research. Across three seminars you will learn strategies for:

- Managing both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
- Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
- Motivating your child to be more active
- Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/life

Jessica Bartlett – Project Coordinator
Email: lifestyletriglyp@uq.edu.au
Phone: 0424 321 086 (please leave a message)

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 Aitcheson 3323 1611
Email: enquiries@runcorns.hs.eq.edu.au
Raising Boys – 4th March 2014

Raising Boys

With

Peter Janetzki

Peter is highly regarded within the counselling community for his wealth of knowledge & experience working in the important areas of relationships, masculinity, mental health & personal growth. Peter is the host of Brisbane’s 96five ‘Talking Life’ radio program.

His Raising Boys seminar is an opportunity for you as a parent or carer to gain valuable insight & access to broader resources, to encourage you on your way to raising boys.

Date: Tuesday 4th March 2014
Time: 7pm
Venue: Michael Zeuschner Hall
Bulimba State School
Oxford St, Bulimba
Cost: $10 per person
RSVP: glchaplancy@gmail.com
By Sunday 2nd March

This is a parent/carer only event - not suitable for children

Supper provided

smooths presented by
Gateway Learning Community Chaplaincy

We ❤️ Our School