Welcome

Congratulations to the many reward recipients who received commendations for their efforts. Congratulations to all the students who received awards for their fantastic efforts this term. Well done everybody.

What an amazing term. All students need to be congratulated for their commitment to learning. High expectations from the school community, the explicit teaching of You Can Do It strategies and commitment from students to try their very best at all times has produced great results. Well done everybody.

Can I also thank our dedicated and hard working staff for their commitment to student improvement and for putting in many extra hours. Thanks also to our fantastic volunteers and parent helpers who give up their time to assist teaching staff with implementing high quality learning opportunities. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Cyber safety session

On Wednesday 2 April Senior Constable Sandi Trembath from the Crime Prevention Unit worked with students in a Cyber Safety Session.

Cyber safety topics included; uploading images to the net, social media protocols, cyber safety, cyber bullying and reporting of inappropriate material.

Attendance

As you would be aware attendance has been one of our focus areas in 2014. I am extremely pleased to announce that our term 1 2014 attendance is at 95.5%. This puts us well in front of our yearly target of 94%. Thank you to all our families for supporting this outstanding result. Remember attendance equals student performance and improvement.

Acting Head of Special Education

Congratulations and welcome to Mrs Natalie Peterson who has been appointed as the new acting Head of Special Education Services. Natalie comes to us from Acacia Ridge Early Childhood Development Unit. Natalie has worked at our school as an advisory teacher and already knows a number of our families.

Natalie has begun a transition week this week and will begin her appointment permanently in term 2.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Congratulations to all our P-3 Easter Bonnet Parade participants. You looked fabulous. Thanks parents for all your efforts and support of your children for this event. Thanks to Mrs Mechielson for organising the event.

Thank you to the P&C for organising a great raffle. Congratulations to the winner and place getters. We hope you enjoy your Easter bounty.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the competitors who participated in the 2014 Runcorn State School Cross Country Carnival for Years 4-7 held on Thursday, April 3rd, 9-11am.

Thanks to Mrs Wood and all the staff who organised and supported this event. Thanks to all the parents who came along to cheer on our competitors.

ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony

The 2014 ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony will be held in Girrawheen Place on Thursday 2 April 10.30am. This is a special parade to honour those who have lost their lives and family as a result of conflict.
The ceremony is conducted by members of the Student Council and involves students from all year levels. Choir students are expected to wear performance their uniform and will perform with the band as part of the service. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

**Sunnybank ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony**

The Karawatha Cluster of State Schools of which we are a member, have a contingent of students marching under the Karawatha banner at the Sunnybank ANZAC Service on Friday 25 March.

I would like to invite all Runcorn State School families to be part of this event by marching in school uniform, with our state school colleagues. It would be wonderful to see a large number of our students supporting this worthy cause.

Mrs Schooth will coordinate students on behalf of Runcorn State School. Students are required to meet at the corner of Lister and Turton Streets Sunnybank by 7.45am.

**3 Way Reporting – Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all the families who attended 3 Way Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews. If you were unable to make an interview, please contact your child's teacher for an appointment.

**School P&C**

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C AGM and P&C General Meetings on Monday night. Congratulations to our newly elected and P&C Executive and P&C members.

The next P&C will be held on Monday 5 May 9am in the P&C room. All new and existing members are welcome to attend.

**School Holidays**

This year there will be two full weeks of holidays at the end of term 1. The holidays begin on Monday 7 April and school returns on Tuesday 22 April. There are no pupil free days after this holiday break.

Don’t forget to keep an eye on the school. Call School Watch on 131788 if you see anything out of the ordinary.

Have a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing everybody refreshed and eager for learning in term 2

Regards

*Greg Gosling*