Welcome

Congratulations to the many award recipients who received commendations for their efforts. Attitude, consistent effort, helping others and always working to the best of their ability, were just some of this week’s award categories.

A reminder that PCYC are offering a Vacation Care Program at Runcorn State School this school holidays. If you require this service you can contact Jayde on 0423 551 335 for booking information.

Publishing School Based Images

In the digital age it is becoming increasingly easier to share information, particularly digital images.

While this may be done with the best of intentions, in some instances it can breach copyright and also cause offence and distress to others. When images of our students are published in our newsletter, they are done so with permission for that purpose only.

While it is great to share images in social media, reproducing and sharing images of children other than your own, should not occur without the permission of the parents. Doing so may cause distress to others, particularly those families who for whatever reason do not want their children on social media sites.
Cross Country
The 2014 Runcorn State School Cross Country Carnival for Years 4-7 will be held on Thursday, April 3rd, 9-11am. This will take place on the school oval and the surrounding streets. All parents are invited to come along and support the students. Students will shortly receive information outlining the course and requesting permission for the event and training. Parents are required to give permission for students to participate in this event. There will be no swimming lessons from 9-11am but all classes will be on after lunch.

ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony
The 2014 ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony will be held in Girrawheen Place on Thursday, 24th 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.

3 Way Reporting – Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews
Over weeks 9 and 10 of Term 1, all classes will be conducting 3 Way Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews. These interviews are a great opportunity for your child to discuss their progress through the term and allow parents to engage with teachers to assist students with setting and achieving academic and social goals.

If you have not received information around the times for interviews, please contact the office immediately to arrange your appointment.

Say No to Bullying and Harmony Day
Thanks to everyone who joined with us to acknowledge and celebrate Say No to Bullying and Harmony Days, by wearing orange at our free dress day. Students also participated in class activities which acknowledged the importance of these two special events.

Both events clearly demonstrate the importance of the You Can Do It keys to success which underpin the values of Runcorn State School. Students are explicitly taught the skills of Persistence, Organisation, Confidence, Resilience and Getting Along and how to apply these in everyday situations at school and in the wider community.

Thanks to all our families who support this by reinforcing these values at home. It certainly benefits students to have a common language and understanding about how to interact with others.

Runcorn Super Sport Stars
All the best to our swimmers this week representing our Met West region at the school state swimming championships. They include:- Fletcher Day, Ziaden Thompson, Jackson Chang, Brayden Thompson, Hugh Weatherall, and Deneka Weir.

Sports Gala Day 1 - Results
Our Runcorn Soccer Stars reigned supreme over the competing schools. Their results were:-

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School and 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.
I would like to extend my thanks to Sandra Weatherall P&C President, the members of the P&C Executive and all the members and supporters of the P&C for their outstanding efforts in 2013.

Congratulations to the following P&C members who have taken up executive positions and support roles:

- **President** – Samara Frye
- **Senior Vice President** – Sandra Weatherall
- **Junior Vice President** – Lisa Warburton
- **Treasurer** – Cathryn Marshall
- **Assistant Treasurer** – Vacant
- **Correspondence Secretary** – Amanda Chisholme
- **Minutes Secretary** – Kathryn Allendorf
- **Uniform Shop Convenor** – Cathryn Marshall
- **Events Coordinator** – Lisa Warburton
- **Fundraising Coordinator** – Ranjit Chahal
- **Grants Coordinator** – Kathryn Allendorf
- **Fete Coordinator** – Vacant
- **Special Projects** – Vacant
- **Tuckshop Convenor** – Jodie Newton
- **Bookkeeper** – Cathryn Marshall

As you can see there are a number of vacant positions. The P&C raises valuable funds to support and subsidise many programs at our school. It is voluntary and everyone works well together in supporting student outcomes. All members in new roles are supported by other members and help is always at hand if required. If you are interested in any of the roles in our P&C, please contact one of our P&C members or the Principal.

The next P&C will be held on **Monday, 5th 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 131 788 if you see anything out of the ordinary.

Regards

*Greg Gosling*

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**Calm Bodies – Calm Minds Yoga**
Calm Bodies Calm Minds Yoga is returning in Term 2. Due to the very successful Term 1 introduction of Calm Bodies Calm Minds Yoga and meditation after school program for Runcorn State School students, we are pleased to continue the program. This will be run by Lainie Jenkins, an experienced Rainbow Kids Yoga instructor, it is not religiously aligned and is being conducted on a cost neutral basis.

Benefits of Yoga for Children:

- Build confidence and self-esteem and improve concentration levels
- Develop and improve coordination, flexibility and body awareness

- Help relieve anxiety to relax and calm the mind

- The focus is on fun and respecting their bodies and each other

When:             Wednesday, Week 3 - 7 May 2014  
to   Week 8  June 11 2014

Where:            Runcorn State School Science Centre  
                 (bring own yoga mat)

Prep to Yr 3 = 3.15pm - 4.00pm  
Yr 4 to Yr 7 = 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Cost:               $60 for 6  x sessions payable up front on  
                 first session by cash or cheque

Numbers need to be limited so registering is necessary by downloading and returning the following  
form to the School Office.  Copies of the permission form are available from the office.  Namaste

Regards
Roberta Matlock  
Acting Deputy Principal

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Just a friendly reminder that the voluntary Student Resource Levies are now due.  Please collect a  
copy of this form from the office.

If you wish for your child to attend Religious Instruction sessions, please complete the form and  
return to the school along with payment.  Copies of this form can be obtained from the school  
office.

Instrumental Levies are also now due.  The office is now accepting pre-payments for school camps  
for your convenience.  Parents are also reminded to complete, sign and return Student Media  
Consent forms.  Copies are available from the office.  If you have any further queries, please do not  
hesitate to contact the office.

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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/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.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Senior Band, Junior and Senior Choir will need their full performance uniform for the ANZAC Ceremony coming up. Please start to arrange these uniforms.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Performance Uniform**

All students in Junior and Senior Choir, Senior Band, along with String Ensemble, require a Performance Uniform. Our uniform consists of:

- Long black unisex trousers from the uniform shop to keep the styles the same.
- White long sleeved, collared button up shirt available from the uniform shop new or second hand.
- Vest and bow tie - available for hire for $5 from the school.
- Children are to wear black shoes, black socks.
- Girls are to have thin black ribbons for hair which is worn in a half up, half down in a “Pollyanna Style” ponytail.

Junior and Senior Choir, and Senior Band uniforms will need to be ready for our ANZAC DAY Ceremony.

Keep practising !!!

*Rita Mechiels*

**EASTER BONNET PARADE FOR PREPS, YR 1 & YR 2 - APRIL 2ND – 2.30 PM - PARENTS INVITED**

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Families,

Take out the craft glue and scissors and put your creative skills to work. Your child will be taking part in a Bonnet Parade on **Wednesday, April 2nd in Girrawheen Place**. Decorated hats and cardboard bands around the Easter theme will present a colourful parade. Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

Drop your bonnet off at the beginning of the day or by 2.15 pm for the parade. Hope to see you there. **Bring the camera!**

**LOST PROPERTY**

A single gold-hooped earring (sleeper style), signet ring, silver ring and green toy 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.
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.

**Cupcakes**

Are you or your child 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

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**Uniform Shop**

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

Dear Parents,

Hello from the Uniform Shop.

We would like to remind parents to ensure they have a performance or choir uniform purchased prior to April school holidays. Anzac Day Parade will be 24th April, the first week back from holidays. We have uniforms available to try on for sizing and to purchase.

With thanks

**Cathryn Marshall**

Uniform Shop Convenor

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**School Banking**

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator

**Our School Banking day is Thursday.**

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**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.**
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 Atcheson 3323 1611
Email: enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au

Free Free Free - Music Stand

Give Away Music stand, 12 months old (hardly used), Contact Suzanne 0431 332 411

Rotary Fun Run – March 30th 2014

Sunday 30th March 2014

Rotary

The Rotary Clubs of Sunnybank Hills & Salisbury present

Bendigo Bank Rotary Fun Run

Acacia Ridge Community Bank® Branch
Proudly supported by the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative Fund
and Councillor for the Karawatha Ward
2Km, 5Km & 10Km courses
At Griffith University - Nathan Campus
off Kedron Road - Brisbane

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www.rotaryfunrun.org
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