Well done to 2S who provided the school with a thoroughly entertaining performance of Emily the Dragon. They used the story to demonstrate the concept of stereotyping – very high level for Year 2. I’m sure we will see a number of these students in the future performing in our choir, bands and beyond. Great work everybody.

Congratulations to the students who received an award this week for their efforts. We had a very large number of awards this week. It’s great to see so many students receiving “You’ve Been Spotted” tickets around the school.

As members of the student council, Jaidyn Edwards and Emily Whitecross, have started “Garbage Fighters” a group to help to tackle littering in and around our school. While students are generally tidy, the wind and the ever present bird life, some rubbish does accumulate. The Student Council is always looking for ways to improve the learning environment. Thanks girls for the initiative and thanks to all their interested helpers who are joining the group.
NAPLAN Testing
Congratulations to all the students in Years 3, 5 and 7 who completed their NAPLAN tests week. Staff were extremely proud of the students attitude and work ethic towards the testing process and it is very pleasing to see that all students are working to the best of their ability. Thanks to all the students, staff and families who supported this process. Well done everybody.

P&C Day
Friday, 23 May is P&C Day. This day is a chance for our school to recognise the contribution made by the hardworking volunteers on the P&C. The Runcorn P&C does an outstanding job in supporting our school with fundraising, advocacy and student support.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the P&C for their efforts as they are greatly appreciated by all the staff, students and families at our school.

Under 8’s Day - 23 May
Runcorn State School will be having an Under 8’s day on Friday, 23 May, from 9-11am. This will be for all students Prep- Year 3, but we would also like to invite parents to bring along their preschool age children to participate. There will be lots of activities celebrating learning through play including a jumping castle.

Please forward this information to all your friends and family members with children who may be eligible for Prep in 2015.

Prep 2015
It is now time to start talking with your friends and neighbours to remind them that Prep enrolments for 2015 are open and places are filling quickly. Information is being distributed to the wider community over the coming months. If you or your friends have a son or daughter born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, they are eligible to attend Prep in 2015. If you are interested contact Lyn, Ruth or Leanne in the office on (07) 3323 8777.

P&C Meeting
The date for the next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday, 17th of June, at 9am. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

Regards
Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Runcorn School Uniform - Reminders
Parents/Carers, please ensure students are wearing the correct school uniform. Just a few quick checks ensures that the uniform is worn with pride, these are:-

- Jackets, cardigan, jumpers or sweatshirts MUST be in blue school colour without logo/brand or surf wording.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer is required to be worn pulled back with a blue or white scrunchie, band or ribbon.
- Shoes are to be closed in laced or velcro black or white with blue or white socks. Slip-on canvas shoes, thongs and open sandals are dangerous and not permitted.

Looking for Runcorn State School Memories
Did you or your parents attend Runcorn State School? If so, we would love you to come and speak with our students and share your recollections, photos and other memorabilia.

Please email me (rmatl2@eq.edu.au) your details so that we can arrange times suitable for you to share your valuable experiences with the current generation of Runcorn students.

Regards
Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal
FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Lately the office has been receiving many last minute requests for change of pickup places, people and times for students across all year levels. We realize many of these changes are unavoidable but we ask that firm arrangements are made with your child/children before they leave in the morning. Alterations to these arrangements should only be made in an emergency.

Vest and bowtie payments are now due. Please note that invoices will not be sent home. Please send your payments in an envelope or alternatively, stop in at the office on Wednesdays and Fridays to pay by EFTPOS for your convenience. Also, 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.

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 activities, payments MUST be made by the cut-off date stated. **PAYMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.** 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). Please ensure permission forms are completed and submitted to the class teacher when paying by EFT. 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.

PREP 2015 - 1 JULY 2009 - 30 JUNE 2010

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FROM OUR PE TEACHER - SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Runcorn Senior Athletics Carnivals will be held on **Wednesday the 18th and Thursday the 19th of June.** Students who are 9yrs and older are allowed to compete in events such as High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, 200m and depending on age groups, 800m, 80m and 100m events. All students are expected to participate on the day and earn points for their house. Last week students were busy nominating for which field events and long distance running they would like to do. Once I have collected all nominations, I then look at the numbers for each house for each event. For field events we can only have 6 boys and 6 girls for each house for each age group compete in the final on the day. If more students nominate then we would hold a trial at school to establish the top 6. No late nominations will be accepted so please discuss the carnival events with your children and encourage them to have a go at these events.

At the Senior Carnival, all students will participate in the Sprint Events, Ball Games and Novelty Races time permitting, even if they don’t do the field events.

Please note that students are grouped according to the **AGE they WILL be this year!** After the conclusion of our carnival I will look at our results to determine if any of our students meet the heights, distances and race rankings to attend the District Athletics Carnivals on the 30th July and 1st of August at Col Bennet Park, Algester. Students must participate in our school carnival to be considered for District Events.

The Junior carnival (Prep-Year 3) is year level based and will be at the beginning of Term 3.

Thanks,

*Mrs Wood, PE Teacher*

MUSIC NEWS

A very big thank you to parents of choirs and bands for having the children so beautifully dressed in performance uniforms last ANZAC Day. A special thanks to **Miss Jodie** and **Mrs Samara Frye** for assisting with vests and bow ties.

_Blu Guru will be visiting our school - Tuesday, 20th May 2014_

LOST PROPERTY

A black scarf, black necklace, a Hello Kitty wallet, and two pairs of 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 News_

The date for the next meeting is **Tuesday, 17th June, 9am.** All parents including Prep parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you.

_Disney Theme Disco – 30th May 2014 (5.30-7.30pm)_

*Hi Ho, Hi Ho, its off to a Disney themed DISCO we go.*

Come dressed as your favourite Disney character. Food, drinks, coffee and cake available for sale. Entry is $3. Prizes for best dressed boy and girl. Volunteers needed..
Mothers Day Stall

The Mothers Day Stall was a complete success. Thank you to all of our volunteers for assisting before and on the day. It was wonderful to see the smiles on the children's faces as they bought something for their Mums. Here is a quick snapshot on what was on offer.

**Tuckshop**

New Items Available Now

Chill Iced Tea for $1.50 and Organic Yoghurt for $1.50

Cupcakes available at the Tuckshop

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

Uniform Shop

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

Uniform Sale

Stocks of Jumpers Size 4 and 6 and jackets in sizes 4, 6 and 8 have run out. Orders for more have been placed and should arrive within 4 weeks time. When back in stock a notice will be placed in the newsletter.

Track suit pants are still available. Sale of Girls Shorts, all styles of Skirts and Boys Ruggers remain at $10.

With thanks
Cathryn Marshall
Uniform Shop Convenor

School Banking

Our School Banking day is Thursday.

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

PCYC – Before and After School Care

Before and After School Care Program available now. Limited places, so get in quick to secure your spot.

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 Alcheson 3323 1611

mail: enquiries@runcorns.hs.eq.edu.au

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Brisbane City Council Libraries - Gold Star Reading Club

The Gold Star Reading Club will take off in Council libraries across the city on Saturday, 7 June 2014.

There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2014 Gold Star Reading Club.

Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!

The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – a coloured pencil kit, bag tag and library bag.

The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher. It’s FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends. This is a great opportunity for parents to share in their children’s reading achievements.

To register your child for the Gold Star Reading Club, simply visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or your local library to complete a registration form.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.