Welcome

Congratulations to the students of 4CS who provided our parade item this week. They gave us an insightful look into the dreamtime story on “How The Kangaroo Got Its Tail” and the importance of focussing on working together to protect the environment.

Well done to all the award 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. Thank you to all our parent and community supporters who ensure that their children are organised and ready for learning.

All students need to be congratulated for their commitment to learning. It’s great to see students trying their very best at all times and producing great results. Well done everybody.

Can I thank our dedicated and hardworking staff for their commitment to student improvement and for putting in many extra hours. Thanks to our wonderful P&C, parent helpers and volunteers who have supported students in a variety of ways.

Attendance

As you would be aware attendance has been one of our focus areas in 2014. I am extremely pleased to announce that our semester 1, 2014 attendance is at 95%. This puts us 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.
Senior Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all the students who competed at the recent Athletics carnival. Unfortunately due to wet weather we had to spread this over a number of sessions. Student results are tabled in this newsletter and a number of students will be representing Runcorn State School at the District Athletics Carnival at Col Benett Park Algester on 1st August. Students who have qualified will receive a permission letter from Mrs Wood.

Thank you to Mrs Wood, all her support staff, volunteer parents and spectators who made this event a fantastic experience for students.

Sports Gala Day
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the recent Sports Gala Day. Once again our students represented Runcorn with great sportsmanship and behaviour.

Thank you to Mrs Wood and all staff and parents involved in organising, coaching and supporting the Gala Days this semester. The next Gala day will be on Friday, 22 August (Term 3 Week 6).

New Reading Coach
I would like to welcome our new reading coach, Rob Scott, to Runcorn State School. Rob has been doing coaching in metropolitan region for a number of years and comes highly recommended.

I would like to thank Emma Vaggs for her great work as reading coach in semester 1. Emma will be returning to her base school to take up an intervention role.

School P&C
Thank you to the P&C Executive who gave the school $10,000 this semester. This money will go towards supporting our Explicit Improvement Agenda which focusses on reading and problem solving. The $10,000 will be used to purchase classroom readers in the lower school and a set of ipads and software for use across the school. This will greatly enhance our capacity to deliver quality outcomes. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C on last Tuesday morning. The next P&C will be held on Monday, 21 July 7pm in the P&C room. All new and existing members are welcome to attend.

School Holidays
The holidays begin on Monday, 30 June and school returns on Monday, 14th July. 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 3.

Regards
Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day … really does count
It is wonderful that we have an attendance rate of 95%. It is important for parents to know that we teach and assess student progress every week of the school year. The final week of Term is just as important as each other week. Please make efforts for your children to attend school, by 8.45 am, all weeks of the School Term.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Regards
Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Early Sibling Relationships Influence Adult Behaviour

The relationship we have with our siblings has a considerable influence on our social and emotional development as adults. Siblings are closer to the social environments that children find themselves in during the majority of their day. It is important for older siblings to be encouraged to befriend, and be a good role model for their younger siblings.
Parents teach skills, model and supervise appropriate behaviour, but siblings can be better role models of more informal behaviours – how to act at school or on the street, or, most important, how to act cool around friends. Siblings are “agents of socialization”. For example, a female teen is at higher risk for getting pregnant if her older sister was a teenage mother. In order to maximize an older sibling’s positive influence, one of the most important things parents can do is to help foster a supportive relationship between the siblings from the very beginning. If kids start off their relationship with a sibling on a positive note, it’s more likely to continue positively over time. It’s not all that important whether you’re spaced closer together or farther apart, or if you have a brother or a sister.

It’s important for parents to encourage siblings to be engaged with one another and develop a relationship where there is mutual respect, cooperation and the ability to manage problems. Parents who have children who are spaced closely together in age may not see much of a need to have children over to play once a week because their children are already having significant social experiences within the family unit.

Not all of the implications of sibling influence are known, but research shows that growing up in a family where there is another child makes it a very different environment socially, cognitively and emotionally. Children learn things through growing up with other children in the house, just as they learn things growing up in a more adult-oriented environment if they’re a single child.

**TIPS (Tools to Increase Parenting Skills)**

Lisa Colombani
Guidance Officer

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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.

Thank you to those parents who utilise our direct deposit payment system as this method is quick and easy to identify and allocate payments to students. **This is our preferred method of payment.** If you wish to use this method, our school’s bank account details are as follows: BSB 064-162 / Account No. 00090035. The school also accepts cash/cheque/eftpos. 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.

Instrumental Levies are also now due. Parents are also reminded to complete, sign and return Student Media Consent forms. Copies are also available from the office. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

SPORTS RESULTS – SENIOR SPORTS CARNIVAL 2014

The results are in!!! Firstly, congratulations to all the students for their participation and great effort.

Overall, **Banksia** came first with 1,003 points, second came **Acacia** with 994 points and third came **Grevillea** with 811 points.

**Ballgames** – **Acacia** came first, **Banksia** came second and third came **Grevillea**.

The **Coombe Shield** is awarded to **Aaron Werder (64 points)**, congratulations Aaron and well done.

The Age Champions are as follows:-

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Congratulations to the above students and well done on their achievements.
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PREP 2015 FOR STUDENTS BORN BETWEEN 1 JULY 2009 - 30 JUNE 2010

Prep enrolments for 2015 are now open and places are filling quickly. 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.

PREP 2015 INFORMATION SESSIONS

The second Prep Information session for Prep 2015 will be held on Thursday, 17th July 2014 from 9.30 – 11.00am. This session will be held in the Prep classrooms. During this session you will meet the Prep Teachers, see the classrooms, be provided with information about our school and have any concerns you may have, addressed. Children are more than welcome to attend.

MUSIC NEWS – JUNIOR & SENIOR CHORI

It is with great excitement that we announce our performance in the Choral Competition at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod on the 23rd July 2014. Full performance uniform is required - black trousers, black socks and shoes, collared long-sleeved white shirt, vest and bowtie. Girls’ hair to be in Polly-Ana style with a small black ribbon. Please complete the attached permission form and return with the $12 to your child’s teacher no later than Friday, 18th July 2014. For a copy of the Beenleigh Eisteddfod permission form, please collect one from the office.
**LOST PROPERTY**

Two pink ladies’ wallets, mobile phone, beaded bracelet and adult spectacles have been handed in to the office. *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.

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**P&C NEWS**

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The date for the next meeting is **Monday, 21st July, 7pm.** All parents including Prep parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you.

**Tuckshop**

*Volunteers Urgently Needed!!*

The tuckshop is in desperate need of new volunteers. Many of the parents that currently volunteer have senior students heading off to high school next year, meaning these parents will no longer be involved at Runcorn State School. Whether you’re a mum, dad or grandparent, come along, lend a hand and get to know others within the school community. The tuckshop has a friendly, relaxed environment and all new volunteers are warmly welcomed.

A lack of volunteer help in the tuckshop will jeopardise opening hours & days, and will also limit the availability of freshly prepared food. Even if you can only spare ½ - 1 hour once a month, your time is greatly appreciated. Special thank you goes to the fantastic volunteers who gave their time on their children’s sports day to help serve up over 160 meal deals. Without the help of these parents, special events like this would not be possible. Thank you!

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**Senior Sports Day/State of Origin Meal Deal**

Congratulations to the winners of the Bag Decorating Competition.

Kiona Frye, Myora Frye

and Maria Diep.

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.

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**Jodie Newton**

Tuckshop Convenor

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**Uniform Shop**

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

Does your child need a new school bag? Did you know that the Spartan school bags available in our Uniform Shop are provided with a LIFETIME WARRANTY? They are designed for comfort and built to last. In fact, they are designed to last a student’s school lifetime. The lifetime warranty covers manufacturing defects in material and workmanship.

**What great value these school bags are at only $45!** Remember to support your P & C Uniform shop!

Cold mornings are upon us and winter uniforms are in stock. Track suit pants, jumpers and jackets are available in all sizes.

**Cathryn Marshall**

Uniform Shop Convenor
Thursday is School Banking Day

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

Free children’s dental program

Metro South Health provides free dental care to children throughout our region.

Who is eligible?
- All children aged 1 through year 12
- 3 or more siblings
- Students with special needs

How do I make an appointment?
You can now book an appointment for you and your child at a time and location convenient for you. For all appointments, please telephone.

COMMITTEE NEWS

PCYC – Vacation Care at the OSHC service at Runcorn SS

JUNE/JULY VACATION CARE PROGRAM

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<td>Come dressed as your favourite superhero/aliens for a day of superman movies, popcorn and pizza.</td>
<td>Come dressed in your gym kit to start off your gymnastics movies.</td>
<td>$20pp includes 3 games of Laser Force. Please supply lunch or some money to buy from the canteen.</td>
<td>A day of cooking and cooling fun.</td>
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<td>Come dressed in your gardening gear ready to build your very own veggie garden.</td>
<td>Come dressed in your support gear ready for a day of sporty games.</td>
<td>A day of roller skating fun. $15pp.</td>
<td>Come dressed in your onesie ready for a fun filled day of party games.</td>
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Please see PCYC staff for more information or call 0423 551 335.
Support our fundraising by purchasing the Entertainment™ Membership that suits you!

Entertainment Books for Sale – Support our School

Discover hundreds of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much, much more!

Leukaemia Foundation Qld 2.2km Mini Marathon

2.2km Kids Mini Marathon

Leukaemia Foundation Queensland 2.2km Mini Marathon

Let the kids sprint run-free in the final 2.2km of the full marathon course. Get your kids registered and participate in the Leukaemia Foundation Queensland 2.2km Kids Mini Marathon and put a smile on their little faces. The course will cover the final 2.2km distance of the full marathon distance event.

All kids mini marathon finishers receive a commemorative finisher medal upon crossing the finish line. Open to children under the age of 12. Age category prizes and awards will be presented to all Kids Mini Marathon age category place getters.

Date: 3 August 2014

Start time: 10:30am
Course cut-off: 11:30am
Age categories: U8 | U10 | U12
Age prizes: Sponsorship Prize
Finisher rewards: Finisher Medal | Downloadable Finisher Certificate
Measurement: AIMI Certified 2.2km
Registration fees: SEB: $20 | EB: $50 | STD: $15
PARENTS RUNNING: Parents can accompany children free of charge in the 2.2km event

Post event & pre-event information
Hydration: TBA
Post event recovery: Electrolytes, Water, Milk, Fruit

Race Pack Collection Details

Date/Time: Location
Friday 1 August 2:00pm - 4:00pm Inalating Running Centre
39 Park Road
Milton
QLD (Click for location)
Saturday 2 August 10:00am - 1:00pm Inalating Running Centre
39 Park Road
Milton
QLD (Click for location)
Sunday 3 August From 4:00pm Embrelle Riverstage
City Botanic Gardens
Click for location

What to bring:
- Confirmation registration receipt or
- Tax invoice or
- Race number confirmation email (received in race week)

Calamvale Leopards - U8’s Girls Team

GIRLS PLAY TOO!
The Calamvale Leopards want you to be a part of our first ever U8 girls team!

Please contact one of the following:

- Calamvale Education School
- 0402 888 898

with your expression of interest!