Welcome
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a relaxing safe holiday. It was very pleasing to see all our students settle quickly back into school routines. I have been visiting classrooms and it is great to see so many focussed students engaged in highly effective learning opportunities.

Congratulations to the students of 4S who provided us with an outstanding performance on parade highlighting the You Can Do It strategies. These talented actors demonstrated the wrong and right way to use the keys of Organisation, Confidence, Persistence, Getting Along and Resilience in both learning and social situations. Thank you for a very informative and entertaining parade item. Congratulations to all the students who have received awards since returning back this term. It’s fantastic to see so many students being recognised for their efforts.

Reading Challenge
Reading is one of our 2014 Focus Areas for learning and we are seeing some great improvement in students reading ability. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an event Runcorn takes part in every year. Please ensure your child is participating with you in this great way to demonstrate the importance of reading. The more reading practice students have, the better the chances of increasing fluency and comprehension in their reading. Thanks for your support.
You Can Do It
The You Can Do It learning and behaviour strategies continue to be a focus in our classrooms and playgrounds. It is great to see the skills of Organisation, Confidence, Persistence, Getting Along and Resilience being taught in classrooms and used by students throughout the school both academically and socially. Thank you to parents for continually reinforcing these keys to student success.

100 Days of Prep
Thank You to the Prep staff and P&C for organising the 100 Days of Prep Celebration. The students and families involved had a great afternoon of activities followed by a fantastic afternoon tea and 100 Days of Prep Cake. A big thanks to Jodie Newton, Samara Leclercq – Frye and Sandra Weatherall for making the celebration cake.

Junior Athletics Carnival
A reminder that the Junior Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 25 July from 9am -1pm for all students in Prep –Year 3. Please come along and support your sons and daughters with this event.

District Athletics Carnival
The District Athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday, 30 July and Friday, 1 August at Col Bennett Park, Algester. 37 Runcorn students have qualified in a range of events to participate. Good luck to all the athletes competing at this event.

State Cross Country
Congratulations to Aaron Werder who competed at the State Cross Country at St Thomas Moore College Daisy Hill last week. Aaron placed 26th in the 11 Year old Boys division individuals and his relay team placed 2nd. This is an outstanding achievement. Well done Aaron.

G20 Public Holiday for Brisbane Schools
Parents and families are reminded that Friday, 14 November has been declared a public holiday to ease the impact on the city and help minimise any potential disruptions, and our school will be closed on this day. http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/g20/index.html

Tuckshop Volunteers Required Urgently
Tuckshop volunteers are urgently required on all days of the week. The tuckshop needs volunteers to be able to operate five days a week. If we can’t get volunteers we may need to reduce the number of days the tuckshop operates. If you can spare even an hour to help out, please contact Jodie Newton, Tuckshop Convenor on (07) 3323 8732.

School P&C
Thanks to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Monday, 21 July. The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 11 August, 9am in the P&C room. All new and existing members are welcome to attend.

Beginner Band Camp
Congratulations to all the musicians who participated in the Junior Band Camp this week. Runcorn students joined with over 70 students across the district to develop their skills. The camp culminated in a fantastic performance by all the students. A big thanks to Mr Millar for his organization and Runcorn High School for the use of their facilities.

Beenleigh Eisteddfod
I had the absolute pleasure of viewing the performances of the Junior and Senior Choirs who competed at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod held at the Logan Entertainment Centre this week. The student performances were sensational. The Junior Choir came 3rd place in their division while the Senior Choir came 2nd. Congratulations to all the students. Thank you to Mrs Mechielsen, support staff and parents for preparing and looking after such a large group of students.

Regards

Greg Gosling
2014 School Opinion Survey
Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the randomly selected (from a pre-generated list in One School) families to participate in the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week. These are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or to the department.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available. Please contact the office to arrange a time for this. The survey will remain open until 3 August 2014.

If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact Roberta Matlock on (07) 3323 8710 or email rmatl2@eq.edu.au.

Buddies on Blankets with Books

- Every Friday morning outside the library from 8.00am
- Children read with younger and older buddies in their house
- Parents are welcome to participate and enjoy a hot chocolate available for purchase from the Tuckshop
- Children connect with reading and house buddies
- Starting Week 3

Calm Bodies Calm Minds Yoga – Term 3

Calm Bodies Calm Minds yoga and meditation for children has had two successful terms at Runcorn State School. We will continue the introduction of an 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 - 30 July 2014 to Week 6 - September 3 2014

Where: Runcorn State School Science Centre (bring your own yoga mat)
Prep to Yr 7 3.15pm - 4.00pm

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

Health Care rebates are available if applicable to your Private Health Fund and level of cover

Numbers need to be limited so registering is necessary by returning the following form to the School Office.

Regards
Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal
FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Blockaholics Anonymous:
A Social Skills Group for kids addicted to Lego® and Minecraft® who need to make friends and learn social, emotional, and interpersonal problem-solving skills. Blockaholics Anonymous is run by our Developmental and Educational Psychologist, Greg Hutchison.

How does it work?
- Friendship making skills
- Labelling understanding and dealing with feelings
- Learning how to read and respond to social situations
- Conflict resolution skills
- Kids learning to negotiate social challenges while directing, starring in, and editing their own Lego® short films in groups

Participants: We welcome children aged 8-12, both boys and girls, who would benefit from our group social skills program.

BYO: Your own favourite Lego® pieces in named containers, and your imagination.

When: Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm, starting Monday 28th July 2014, for 7 weeks.

If you are a referral or have a child with Autism, then please let me know.

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.

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GUESS WHO? IT’S RUBY MAY IN "CATS"

Our very own **Ruby May** has been performing in the production of CATS, also starring Marina Prior. Ruby performed with approximately 800 other chorus cats and was picked to dance on stage with the principle dancers for two numbers. Ruby has put in many hours of rehearsal and a few Runcorn students were even lucky enough to see the performance and were very impressed with her feline dancing skills. Well done Ruby!!
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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.

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.

P&C NEWS

P&C News

The date for the next meeting is Monday, 11th August, 9am. All parents including Prep parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you.

Trivia Night - 1st August 2014

Come and join in the fun when Hollywood comes to Runcorn State School. Get your whole table involved. Dress up and best table wins a prize. Strictly 18+ event. Please send in your forms and money to the tuckshop or office ASAP.

Junior Sports Carnival - July 25th - Volunteers required

Can you help out on the cake & coffee stall at the carnival. If you do not have any children competing, please contact Samara on 0423 653 816 if you can help out for an hour or two.

100 Day Celebration

A big thank you to Miss Jodie, Sandra and Samara for doing a fantastic job with the 100 day celebration cup cakes. Also a big thank you to all the teachers and teachers aides for organising this event with the P&C.

Runcorn FunFest

We are looking for a parent to run our 2015 FunFest (fete). Alongside with our P&C and our last year's fete coordinator who has done a fantastic job putting all the manuals together to make it easy for the new coordinator to take over. This event is held every second year and we need to start getting it up and running very soon.

If you love working as a part of a team, have a creative flair and would like to be a part of this fantastic event please express your interest to our P&C email address - p&c@runcornss.eq.edu.au or phone/text Samara on 0423 653 816.
Father's Day Stall
Fathers Day stall is fast approaching, if you would like to help please text your details to 0423 653 816. We are looking for parents to help sell, wrap and bag gifts. Keep an eye out for a flyer about times and dates for the stall.

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!

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

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

School Banking

Thursday is School Banking Day

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

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

Who is eligible?

- Children aged 2 through to 17 years
- Students enrolled in a primary or secondary school
- Dental treatment which will not exceed the approved fee

Who needs to attend the appointment?

A parent or legal guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

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.

1300 300 850
Metro South Oral Health Hub

End of report. Metro South Health acknowledges the Traditional Owners of these lands and waters.
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**Leukaemia Foundation Qld 2.2km Mini Marathon**

**2.2km Kids Mini Marathon**

Leukaemia Foundation Queensland 2.2km Mini Marathon

Let the kids splash 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 finishers medal upon crossing the finish line. Open to children under the age of 12. Age category prizes and medals will be presented to all Kids Mini Marathon age category places getters.

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**Post event & pre-event Information**

- Hydration: TBA
- Post event recovery: Electrolytes, Water, Muffins, Fruit

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**Water Polo Open Day - Free**

**COMING 'N' TRY AT:**

**YERONGA PARK SWIMMING POOL**

81 SCHOOL ROAD YERONGA

**Sign-up not necessary, just drop by.**

Contact: Simon at 0412 824 275

**Club near you:***

- **Waterpolo Queensland**
- **Redcliffe**
- **Carina**
- **Milton**

**Waterpolo Queensland**

August 3rd

12:30pm – 3:30pm

All ages welcome Fun skills Drills and activities, Free BBQ

**www.waterpoloqld.com.au** | **P: 07 3376 1661**

All registrations received by Monday 28th July join in the draw to win an amazing giveaway!