Welcome
Congratulations to both Year 2 classes and Senior J for their outstanding performances on Parade. Due to the book week musical last week we had a double presentation parade. Year 2 presented the Flip, Slide and Turn Maths Rap, while the Seniors demonstrated our School Moves program to Que Sera by Justice Crew. Thank you to everyone for their brilliant efforts.

Science Expo
Students from Prep – Yr 7 participated in the Runcorn State School Annual Science Expo on Wednesday. Students across the school displayed and demonstrated a number of scientific principles and concepts to their peers, teachers and parents who came along.

Thank you to Mrs Jarvis and all the staff who helped put this great event together. Also thank you to all the students who with family assistance created fantastic experiments and displays for others to engage with.

NAPLAN Results
NAPLAN results were distributed to Queensland schools this week. As expected Runcorn has made significant improvements in a number of areas but particularly in reading and writing.

Individual results for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are being sent to schools over the coming weeks. These will be sent home once they arrive.
Premiers Reading Challenge
Please continue to support your children to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. This is a great way for parents to complement the strategies we are using as part of our Runcorn Reading Program. This program is paying dividends and we continue to see positive results across all year levels.

Years 5-7 Sports Gala Day
On Friday, 22 August, Runcorn fielded a number of teams to compete in the first Gala Day for semester 2. Thanks to Mrs Wood, all our coaches and parents who have assisted in supporting a great day of sport.

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.

P&C
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 8 September, 9am in the P&C room. All new and existing members are welcome to attend.

Regards

Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

High Achievers Celebrations
I have had the pleasure of being involved with the organisation of the High Achievers Program and I wish to thank all the parent supporters for transporting and assisting students with their tasks.

Over the week a number of our high achieving Year 6 students have been celebrating the work they have been doing over the last semester in the Karawatha Cluster High Achievers Program. Tedx Talks, Maths, Science and English were the subjects Runcorn students engaged in. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts:-

Tedx Talks- Kieron Elliot and Alex Graham
Maths – Aaron Werder
Science – Zi Thompson
English – Maike Hager and Karen Lowe

Buddies with Books on Blankets
Thanks to everyone who has engaged with this program. It’s great to see so many families getting behind it. Reading is a wonderful family activity. Our younger students particularly have given positive feedback about being able to share books with their buddies and friends.

Safety of students is very important
The safety of students is a concern at the moment:

* Please ensure that your child wears a helmet when riding a bike or scooter to school.

* Please ensure that you child has and wears their hat in the morning to school. As the Queensland sun starts to make more appearances in the morning, we need your help ensuring that students wear their hat as they enter the school grounds in the morning.

* There is only one place where running is allowed at school and that is on the school oval. Can Parents and Caregivers please remind students of this rule and why it is in place. Injuries resulting from running in the playground before school are preventable.

Regards

Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal
FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Parents Have Far Greater Effects Than They Know

We were pretty good at keeping computers and televisions out of bedrooms, but as technology developed we somehow missed that phones and tablets ARE computers. Parents may sometimes feel out of control. The majority of families own a collection of iPads, iPods, other tablets, an Xbox, a Wii, a DS, iPhones and more…

Most parents wonder if their limit setting is actually worth it as they regularly have to remind children of the boundaries with technology.

Be encouraged, it IS worth it.

A study with over 1,300 families in the US indicated some powerful benefits for children when parents set healthy limits on entertainment screen time (TV and video games) and limits of the type of content viewed. Some effects are seen more immediately and others over time.

(Please keep in mind that ‘limiting’ does not mean banning all technology or taking everything away – it indicates a healthy balance and an inclusion of many other actives, such as sport, drama, kicking a ball, going shopping, chatting over dinner…)

Two Immediate effects of placing limits on media (which seem obvious but are great to see):

- Those children spent less time on TV and video games
- Those children saw less violent media content.

However, it is the long-term effects that surprised the researchers the most. Children whose parents set more limits on the amount of time spent with media 7 months before:

1. were now getting more sleep
2. were getting better grades in school
3. had an indirectly positive change in Body Mass (as children were simply moving around more)

Additionally, parents limiting children’s content exposure (to violent media) 7 months before resulted in:

1. increased prosocial behaviour – exhibiting more helpful and cooperative pro-social behaviours at school
2. less aggressive behaviour toward their peers.

Adapted from GenerationNext.com.au

Lisa Colombani
Guidance Officer

MUSIC NEWS

Exciting News for the Instrumental Program

The new government policy has included children being eligible for band when they are enrolled in Year 4 and Year 5. This is an incentive that strengthens bands as the Year 7’s depart for high school.

From our music coordinator……

“For primary schools, band programs (woodwind, brass and percussion) will now commence from Year 4. Strings will continue to start at Year 3. Primary schools currently recruiting for 2015 should plan to include beginners in both Year 4 and Year 5 2015.”

Information for the Instrumental Program at Runcorn State School – 2015

The Instrumental Program is an Extra-Curricular Activity that is offered to students who demonstrate an aptitude for music. The staffing for this program is funded by the Department of Education Training and the Arts. Runcorn State School assists the program by funding instruments. Places in this program are limited, therefore after students express interest, places are offered according to availability and the student having met with the selection criteria.
The overarching purpose of the Instrumental Music Program as set out by the Department of Education Training and the Arts Instrumental Program is to “provide children with the opportunity to experience the expressive qualities of music through learning to play a band/orchestral instrument and to participate in performance ensembles such as concert bands and orchestras.”

It is our policy that students are eligible for either the strings or the band program, not both. After a formal request to the Principal and under exceptional circumstances such as giftedness, students may be offered a place in both programs. Please note that it is not the intention of the program to have students switch from strings to band in Year 5.

Students in Year 3 and 4 in 2015 are eligible for violin, cello or double bass. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 in 2015 are eligible for clarinet, flute, saxophone, percussion, french horn, trumpet, trombone.

**Information regarding the Selection Process**

**Step 1** – Students fill in an “Expression of Interest Form” due Thursday, August 28th, 2014. For a copy of this form, please collect one from the office.

**Step 2** – The student’s classroom music participation and ability, along with the Class Teachers assessment of academic ability, homework and independent learning skills are recorded and passed onto the Instrumental Teachers.

**Step 3** - Instrumental staff assess which instruments might be suitable for the candidates.

**Step 4** – A written offer is made in Term 4, 2015.

**The Commitment**

- Sign up for the minimum of one year.
- Students have a half hour lesson per week.
- Students in band/ensemble participate in a weekly rehearsal before school.
- Students should practice at home.
- Be available for competitions and concerts – approximately two a year, sometimes after school hours.
- Purchase set performance uniform from the uniform shop, new or second-hand.
- Provide black socks and black shoes.
- Pay $5 Vest and Bow Tie hire.
- Pay Instrumental Levy – Children on school instruments pay $ 85 for the year, students providing their own instruments pay $ 55 for the year. This levy covers the maintenance of school instruments, the cost of folders and the purchase of music, which for band and ensemble pieces is approximately $ 200 a piece.
- The Levy will be billed in 2014 and will need to be paid in full by February 2015.
- Generally speaking instruments are on loan for a one year period only. Larger instruments are on loan for the student’s duration at Runcorn State School.

If you have any further questions please leave your name and contact details with the office and I will return the call as soon as possible.

**Happy Playing,**
**Rita Mechielsen**

**Choral and Instrumental Evening**
**Wednesday August 27, 2014 – Sunnybank State High School**
**Children required by 6.15 pm for a 7 pm start**

The Year 4’s will have just returned from a camp so we have rearranged the items in order for our Year 4’s students to sing and play Strings first up and then be taken home if need be. We have always requested all students stay till the end of the concert, but this is an exceptional situation.

**Band, Strings, Senior and Junior Choir**

All groups, with the exception of Year 3 and 4 Strings are to wear Performance Uniform.

Entry into the Choral and Instrumental Evening is by GOLD COIN DONATION. There are many costs involved in putting on the concert so we hope to cover these costs by the donation.

Dear Parents and Students,

We are delighted to inform you of our annual Choral and Instrumental Evening at which every musical group at our school participates. It is a marvellous evening and will conclude at 8.30 pm.

We request that everyone (exemption for Year 4 students who have just returned from a camp) stays for the entire concert, which we will push through without an interval. It is concert etiquette to remain for all the performance groups, otherwise the last groups have no audience.

The adult seating will be on chairs with students sitting in groups on the floor at the front. This will assist us with the least possible disruption caused by people moving around between items. We request that families make special arrangements to be in attendance for this evening.
If there are circumstances preventing attendance, please write a note to the respective teacher before the evening. For a copy of the invitation, please collect one from the office or download from our website.

Yours sincerely
Rita Mechielsen – Choirs,  Ms Jessica Long-Strings,  Mr Craig Millar –Band

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - 3RD & 4TH SEPTEMBER

Don't forget, school photos will take place on the 3rd and 4th September 2014. More information including envelopes will be sent home soon.

TERM DATES FOR 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

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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

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, 8th September, 9am**. All parents including Prep parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you.

School Disco – 5th September (Girrawheen Place)
Come as your favourite Super Hero or Super Villain. The afternoon begins at 5.30pm till 7.30pm, entry is just $3 per person and there will be food and drink available on the night for purchase. We need super volunteers to help run the disco, so please contact **Super Lisa on 0404 440 348** if you can assist.

Fathers Day Dinner
Leave the stress out of cooking dinner for dad on Father’s Day and let us cook it for you. Choose between Option 1 - Chickpea and Potato Curry ($10) or Option 2 - Butter Chicken Curry ($12). All mild curries of course. Meal deals come with rice, a can of drink and a chocolate brownie. Buy four meals and get a free carry bag for Dad. Please place your orders by collecting an order form from the office and submitting them at the Tuckshop.

Fathers Day Stall - 4th & 5th September
All Classes will have the same items regardless of the time your class visits the stall. Volunteers are needed to help run this stall. Please contact Sandra on 0413 109 957 if you can assist.

Trivia Night
A few weeks ago the P&C held the 3rd Annual Trivia Night. Thank you to Doug (aka John McLane) and **Samara (aka Rainbow Bright)** for hosting the evening. Thank you to Lisa.W, Ranjit, Sue.L, Kathryn.A and Jodie.N for donating some wonderful prizes. The evening was a huge success and we made around $1,000. Congratulations to our winning team the Pirates who won both best dressed and the overall winners for the trivia night.

Tuckshop
Order cupcakes at the Tuckshop for your special celebration.

**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

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**School Banking**

Lisa Weir  
Banking Coordinator

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**SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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!

- Support our fundraising by purchasing the Entertainment™ Membership that suits you!

- For only $65 you’ll receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers!

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**Runcorn State School Amateur Swim Club**

The new swimming season 2014-2015 sign on is fast approaching. We are holding our sign on next month, Saturday, September 6, and also during the afternoons from Monday, 25-29 August from 3.60pm - 6pm. Learn to swim lessons are only $11 and a young new vibrant learn to swim coach, Nicole Bates, is on board with a comprehensive swimming background. Tegan Riding is our squad swim coach also with an extensive swimming background. Our squad swimmers have been achieving amazing results under the coaching of Tegan. We would love to see some new faces also in our Mini, Junior, Target and Senior Squads. So please let all your friends and family know!

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**Mt Gravatt PCYC – 10 Year Anniversary**