Welcome

Welcome students, parents and staff to Week 8. Congratulations to all our award recipients for their outstanding efforts. You Can Do It awards, consistent effort and great attitude were just some of the awards presented this week. Thank you to everyone for their brilliant focus on learning.

Congratulations to Jieye Mauai who has been selected for 10 Years Boys Shot Put at the State Athletics Carnival at QE2 Stadium in October. Best of luck.

Aaron Werder who has been selected for 11 Years Boys Multi event and Long Jump at the State Athletics Carnival at QE2 Stadium in October. We wish both of these outstanding athletes best of luck in their events.

Year 4 Camp

I had the privilege of spending some time at the Year 4 Camp last week and like the students had an absolute ball. Students participated in activities ranging from Rock Climbing to Circus Arts. The You Can Do It keys were being used well by students and behaviour was fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Chittenden, Mrs Sluggett and Mrs Matlock for all their efforts organising this event.

Parents & Citizens Association meet on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1.30pm. All parents are invited to attend.
Email: pandc@runcormss.eq.edu.au
Premiers Reading Challenge
Please continue to support your children 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.

School Photos
School Photos took place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Thank you to all our families who ensured students were looking fantastic in school and performance uniforms. If you require further information with regards to photos, please contact MSP Photography on (07) 3865 4291.

Instrumental Music
Congratulations to all the members of the bands, strings ensembles and choirs for their outstanding performances on Wednesday night. Well done to our comperes: Pheobe Sharpe, Alex Graham, Emily Weatherall, Matthew Bruce, Emily Bowden and Lorenzo Cruz who did a brilliant job at introducing the acts. Thanks to Mrs Mechielsen for once again organising a fantastic evening showcasing the musical talents of our students.

Book Week Book Fair
Thanks to everyone who supported Book Week and the Book Fair over the past week. A big thank you to Mr Jones, Ms Shire and Mrs Howes for their great displays and work with students. Thank you to all the families who supported our book fair by purchasing reading material. The book fair profits enabled the library to purchase over $1000 worth of resources.

School Support Staff Week
This week schools will recognise administration and schools officers, agricultural assistants, business service managers, IT professionals, scientific operations officers and Teacher Aides and the huge efforts they put in to support students and teachers. Their work supports efficient school operations and safe learning environments for students and teaching staff, which is vital for improving student outcomes and developing positive school communities.

Thank you to all our support staff for your commitment to student learning at Runcorn State School. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Disco
Just a reminder that the school disco is on Friday, 5 September from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. The theme for the disco will be “Superheros”. Food, drink, prizes and Fathers Day stall items will be on sale. Please ensure students wear appropriate clothing, closed in footwear, no mid riff, strapless tops or shirts with inappropriate slogans.

Free Dress Day
There is a Free Dress Day on Thursday, 18 September to raise funds for the upcoming fete. A gold coin donation is required. Please ensure students wear sun safe clothing - sleeves and school hat, closed in footwear, no mid riff, sleeveless or strapless tops or shirts with inappropriate slogans.

Years 5-7 Sports Gala Day
The next Sports Gala Day will be held on Friday, 12 September. This is the last Gala day of Term 3.

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 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
The You Can Do It! Program is based on supporting children to develop social, emotional and academic strengths by cultivating the essential characteristics or keys of: **Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience.** These keys support children to manage and optimise their own learning, emotions and behaviour. You can support your children in acquiring these capabilities that all young people need to experience wellbeing and have positive relationships. Please use the explicit language of **Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience** in your home in a positive, proactive way to enhance your children’s social emotional competence across home and school. This will help children to know how to make a difference in choosing their actions and behaviour and why these choices work well.

Regards
Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal

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**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.

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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.

**RUNCORN STATE SCHOOL – HISTORY WITH 2S**

As part of our History Unit, Year Two students were required to identify an important site of significance in the community, and pose inquiry questions based on the importance of this site. As a whole class, students posed a variety of questions about Runcorn State School that they would have to research. We were very lucky to have a visit from Mr and Mrs Parker who came to talk to us about what Runcorn State School was like in the past when Mr Parker’s Dad came to this school. We also spoke with Mrs Sheehan, Miss Petel and Miss Stewart who all attended Runcorn State School. Here are some snippets of the fantastic research projects we wrote.

Runcorn State School is in Sunnybank, Queensland and it was made in 1901 making it 113 years old. It is significant to the community because it was built in 1901. Lots of people went to Runcorn State School. In the past Runcorn State School did not have any dresses. There were only skirts and some tops and bottoms. They were the same material. In the present we have dresses with the old uniforms. Runcorn State School is a very special place because it is located in a special place and it is a special site. In the past lots of people attended the school so it was made in 1901, and now in the present we have teachers that have been at Runcorn State School in the past. Now it’s 2104 it is 113 years old and it has different people every year and new teachers come in sometimes.

Raymond Latimore- 2S

Runcorn State School is located in Sunnybank, Queensland. Runcorn State School was built in 1901 and it opened in 1901. Runcorn State School is a magnificent school to come to. Runcorn State School is 113 years old. When Runcorn State School first opened in 1901 the principal was Miss Maud Fraser. Miss Maud Fraser taught year 1 to year 8 in 1 classroom. Now in the present it goes from Prep to year 7. Now each teacher teaches 1 class in their own room. When Runcorn State School first opened children learned things over and over again. Now in the present we all learn new things every day. When we learn at school we help others. Back when Runcorn State School first opened the children listened to the teacher or they wrote it down in their book. In the present we do work sheets and write answers in our book.

Ashley Weatherall – 2S

**YEAR 4 CAMP**

Year Four recently got back from a three day farm stay at Currumbin. Following are reflections and advice for future campers…….

Hints:

- Don’t keep the teachers awake.
- Don’t run to be at the front.
- Never run in the wrong direction.
- Never run on crutches.
- Don’t talk loudly at the dinner table.
- Don’t forget your please and thank you(s).
- Never leave your tent door open when the weather is bad.

You should do archery. Keep on trying. It may be hard but once you find out the dos and don’ts you can strike the target.

Food - Even though there might be some things you may not like, you have a choice. Tuesday is taco Tuesday.

It was funny when Mrs Sluggett showed us her dance moves on disco night.

Persistence - When I got to rock climbing I said to myself I couldn’t do it and every three steps I climbed on the rock climbing wall I said, I want to get down but at the end I made it up and touched the top then slowly came down.

People were supporting people by cheering and they had a go. Everyone had a go at every activity.

By Melanie

By Joshua Hard

By Maya Aleksic

By Jacob McKinnon
I learned that no matter what you are worried about, just do it so you can conquer your fears. Then you will feel much better.

By Ivy Sharrock

Things I learned on camp:
- Name your undies (they fall out of your stuff as you walk to the showers)
- Don’t keep the teachers up at night (for some reason they don’t like it?)
- Never ever ever keep anyone up at night – I mean it!
- Always have a shower
- Don’t drink too much before bed
- Never wear short pants for rock climbing (atomic wedges do happen)
- Never run in front of a flying arrow (I did not do this)

By Andrew Olsen

Never run in the mud with a soccer ball; it always leads to getting soaked in mud and a few injuries.

By Cameron Webb

- Don’t get a green T-shirt for screen printing
- Try new food
- Disco night is really fun
- Try not to fall over near the fire
- When it comes to showering and cleaning your teeth – get in early

By Jessica Bouda

Throughout camp year four showed great resilience, getting along and persistence. Good job year four!

Mrs Chittenden and Mrs Sluggett

What happens on camp – gets told to the whole world!

DASH FOR SPLASH FUN RUN

We will be holding a Dash for Splash Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Friday, 10th October, within the school grounds. The Dash or Splash Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to help us fund our school swimming program.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the bottom of the page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the adidas School Fun-Run event day at the school on Friday, 10th October, from 9am-11am to help cheer on the students. There will also be a coffee and cake stall for spectators run by the P & C Association.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on (07) 3323 8777.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Anna Wood, PE Teacher

LOST PROPERTY

A gold chain, gold cross, child’s spectacles and single earring have been handed into the office. If it belongs to your child, please collect it from 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
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**
Thank you to **Ranjit and her family** for doing the Father's Day meal deals, we are all looking forward to a wonderful meal on Friday. Don't forget to bring a cooler bag and ice brick to pick your order up. Please place your orders by picking up a form from the office and submitting them at the Tuckshop.

**Fathers Day Stall - 4th & 5th September**
A big thank you in advance to all the parents and friends who helped with volunteering their time at the Father's Day stall. **Sandra Weatherall**, our Father's Day Stall Convenor, has done a wonderful job coordinating this event. Thank you for your time and effort Sandra. Also thank you to **Kellie D** and **Sue L** who donated some items for the kids to buy.

**2015 Funfest - Free Dress Day - 18th September 2014**
Don't forget that it is free dress day on **18th September**, please bring a gold coin donation to go towards next year's fete. We still don't have a fete coordinator, at this stage we will need to talk about not having a fete in 2015. If you know of someone or would like more information please contact **Samara on 0423 653 816**.

Don't forget to bring in your 5c coins for the 5c coin competition to help raise funds for the 2015 Funfest Fete. Any coins will do and the most amount of money raised by one class room will win a pool party (Free Swim) at the end of the year.

**Tuckshop**
A new menu for Semester 2 is available. Please download one from the website or pick up one from the office.

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

Cold mornings are still with 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**
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Come along and celebrate PCYC Mt Gravatt’s 10th Year Anniversary!

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