Welcome
Well done to Prep B who put on a fantastic performance at our final parade for Term 3. Their rhyming poems and sing along rhyming nursery rhymes made for a great afternoon. Well done students, you are growing up very fast.

Congratulations to all our award recipients for their outstanding efforts this week. Congratulations to all the students who have received awards throughout the term. Overall student engagement, consistency and working to the best of their ability has been outstanding.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Thank you to all the students and families who successfully participated in and supported the Premiers Reading Challenge. Please continue to support your children with reading. Our improvement in reading from the beginning of the year to now has been outstanding.

Swimming
A reminder that swimming starts first week back on Wednesday, 8 October. This is program is part of our school curriculum and there is an expectation that all students participate. Please ensure that all permission forms have been returned. Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to support this program. If you would like to help out with swimming, please contact your child’s teacher or the office.
Dash for Splash
On Friday, 10 October, students will take part in the Dash for Splash Fun Run. This event raises funds to subsidise the cost of our swimming program and is supported by our fantastic P&C. Please support this event by allowing your child to seek sponsors and raise funds for this very worthwhile program.

Disco
Thanks to everyone who supported the Disco. This was well attended and a great time was had by students and parents alike. Thank you to the P&C and all the volunteer helpers who ensured there was ample refreshments on hand.

Years 5-7 Sports Gala Day
Thanks to everyone who supported the Year 5-7 Sports Gala Day. Once again students had a great time participating in a range of sports against schools within our cluster. The Term 4 Gala Day will be on Friday, 17 October.

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
Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C Meeting on Monday, 8 September. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday, 13 October, 7pm in the P&C room.

Happy Holidays
School closes for the September holidays on Friday afternoon, 19 September. School resumes for Term 4 on Tuesday, 7 October. A reminder that Monday, 6 October is a public holiday. Don’t forget to keep an eye on the school. Call School Watch on 131 788 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 4.

Regards

Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Congratulations

This term staff have given out 350 You Can Do It!

Certificates for each of the 5 keys to school success
Resilience  Confidence  Persistence  Getting Along  Organisation

Well Done Runcorn

Calm Bodies Calm Minds Yoga and Meditation - Term 4
Calm Bodies Calm Minds yoga and meditation or children has had two successful Terms at Runcorn State School. We will continue introduction of 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: Term 4 Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.00pm
Week 1 8 October
Week 2 15 October
Week 3 22 October
Week 4 29 October no yoga Lainie in NZ
Week 5 5 November no yoga Lainie in NZ
Week 6 12 November
Week 7 19 November (Monday 17 November - Yoga group display on Parade)
Week 8 26 November

Where: Runcorn State School Science Centre (bring own yoga mat)

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 permission form to the School Office. Copies are available from the Office.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

Regards
Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal

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.

TERM DATES FOR 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

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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.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

If your child is absent for any reason, you can use our Student Absence Line and leave a message. Just call the school number (07) 3323 8777, select option 1 and you can leave your message. Don't forget to leave the student's name, student's class and reason for absence. However, should the student be absent for three days or more without an explanation, it is school policy to contact parents/carers, so please remember to always advise the school.

LOST PROPERTY

A gold chain, two gold crosses, key chain with the letter C, a pair of child's spectacles, a black watch and a 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.
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### DR JOE - PREP INCURSION

On Wednesday, 10th September, the Preps went to see Dr Joe in the Old Library. Dr Joe performed “The Magic of Science” Show. During his show he did some magic tricks with balloons, fire, chemicals and even a black rabbit! We were a little bit scared when he told us about the fire tricks but were super excited when we saw different objects being transformed! Some of us got to be Dr Joe’s helpers and dress up with safety goggles, gloves, magic wands and sparkly vests.

After the show each prep class got to meet Lunar the Space Bunny and to take part in some hands-on activities.

“*My favourite part was patting Lunar the Space Bunny because he was so cute and soft.*”

– August Brown

“My favourite activity was looking at the different stones and rocks.” – Izabela Pemaj

“I liked it when Dr Joe turned the fire into all different colours.” – Josiah Rusli

“Dr Joe did so many cool experiments.” – Kiera Bentley

“I loved the light box where you got to use a torch to discover the lights inside!” – Emiliia McDonald

“I now know that if you want your own bunny rabbit you need to be a magician!” – Chloe Hayston

We all discovered that as scientists we can ask questions, generate theories and then do experiments to test our theories out! If you would like any further information or to purchase any of the great books that Dr Joe has written, you can check out his website at: [www.drjoe.id.au](http://www.drjoe.id.au)
MUSIC MATTERS

I am thrilled to be replacing Mrs Mechielsen as music teacher for the rest of the year. Music has always been a passion of mine. I have worked closely with Mrs Mechielsen to ensure each class is able to continue on with its learning goals. I look forward to plenty of beautiful singing, playing, listening, reading, writing and discussion of music together in the months ahead.

Learning an Instrument

Our students are very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn instruments and participate in music ensembles at Runcorn State School.

It’s not too late to apply! Applications for 2015 are open now. See the below table for which instrument your child may apply to learn in 2015. Collect an application form from Mrs Buddle in the music room.

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Important Dates to Remember:

Wed 29th October – The Year Fours are definitely in for a treat, with an upcoming excursion to Southbank. They will hear the Queensland Orchestra perform and use the riverscape as a springboard for producing artworks in one and two point perspective. The notes for this exciting excursion will be sent home shortly.

Wed 3rd December (6:30-8:30pm) - Preparations are already underway for our annual End of Year Concert at Sunnybank High School. This is always a fantastic event which brings our school community together in celebration of the year we have had together. Mark your diaries and calendars now – this is not to be missed!

Mrs Margaret Buddle
Classroom Music Teacher

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. Keep an eye out for Tuckshop specials!!!

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Anna Wood, PE Teacher

P&C NEWS

P&C News

The date for the next meeting is Monday, 13th October, 7pm. All parents including Prep parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you.

Tuckshop

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

Jodie Newton
Tuckshop Convener
Uniform Shop

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

Cathryn Marshall
Uniform Shop Convenor

School Banking

Thursday is School Banking Day

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

“Smile Vanuatu” are now accepting toothbrushes for their visit in 2015. This time, our very own Mrs Lyn Newman from Administration is also going along and would like to take lots of toothbrushes with her. If you would like to donate, please drop off your new and unused toothbrushes at the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Entertainment Books for Sale – Support our School

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

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!

Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank - Sacraments

For families who have children in year 3 and older you will be interested in the details for the Catholic Sacramental Program for 2015. There will be specific details on the Parish website (Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank) following 21 September 2014. I would encourage you to visit this website soon after that date.


Kyabra Community Association

Child Safety, Kyabra and NAPCAN invite you to join us at our Family Fun Day to celebrate Child Protection Week

When: Wednesday 24th September 2014

Where: Kyabra Community Association, Kyabra St, Runcorn

Time: 10am -1pm

*** Free Entry, Free activities and a Free Sausage Sizzle ***

If you have any queries regarding this event please contact Olivia Finlay at Mt Gravatt Child Safety Service Centre on 3434 1200 or Tanya Darrough at Kyabra on 3373 9499
**Indoor Footy Australia - Free Trials**
This exciting new game is a version of ‘touch footy’ (no tackling) played on an indoor sports court. Children learn new skills, get fit and have fun!

For children
- from 7-15yrs
- wanting to try footy for the first time or who already play
- interested in Rugby League and Rugby Union
- looking to get fit and have fun doing it!

Come and learn the game for **FREE** at Springwood on Monday 22nd September 3.30pm-4.30pm. Then enter team of 4-6 players in our competition starting term 4! **Book now with Indoor Footy Australia 3376 5655.**

info@indoorfootyaustralia.com.au  www.indoorfootyaustralia.com.au

**Paediatric Spine Research Group**
The Paediatric Spine Research Group is recruiting participants for a series of MRI scans of healthy growing spines. Please view the flyer which can be downloaded from the website for further details on the study. Should you/your child wish to participate please contact nic.newell@qut.edu.au.