Welcome
Welcome back to all our staff, students and families to what will be an extremely busy Term 4. Please ensure that you keep up to date with what is happening through the newsletter and website. Can you also regularly check your child’s bag for permission forms and notes detailing information for upcoming events.

Well done to Prep SB who put on a fantastic performance at final parade this week. Their rhyming song Clickety Cane was exceptionally well done. Well done students, you are growing up very fast.

Welcome back to Mrs Ursulla Nightingale, Head of Special Education Services who returns to us from maternity leave.

Athletic Stars
Congratulations to Jieye Mauai and Aaron Werder who will represent Queensland at the National Athletics Championships in Tasmania in November. Jieye came first in the State Athletics and is now in the 10 year boys Shot-put. Aaron came second in the State Athletics and is now in the 11 year boys Multi event. Aaron also came sixth in the long jump at the State Athletics. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement to reach this level. We look forward to your results.
Swimming

A reminder that swimming has started. This is a program 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.

To ensure we have adequate supervision, particularly in the lower end of the school, we require parent volunteers to act as spotters or help with lessons. Where there is not the required adult to student ratio, lessons may have to be cancelled. If you would be able to help, please contact the office or your child’s teacher.

Dash for Splash

Thanks to everyone who supported the Dash for Splash Fun Run last Friday. What a great event to raise money to support our brilliant swimming program.

Discipline Audit

Last Friday Mike Sawbridge, Curriculum Teaching and Learning Auditor undertook a discipline audit of our school. He was very impressed with our student behaviour and the processes we use as a school community to manage and support student students in a safe and engaging learning environment. The final report will be shared with the school community once it has been completed.

Attendance

Due to illness and other reasons our student attendance dropped to 92% in Term 3. While individual students and cohorts have demonstrated outstanding improvements throughout the year it can only be done with regular and consistent attendance.

There is numerous research to support high attendance with high achievement and student motivation. The school target for attendance is 94%. Please ensure that you make every effort to get your son and daughter to school regularly. This will give them every chance of a bright and successful future.

Years 5-7 Sports Gala Day

Thanks to everyone who supported the Term 3 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.

Student Free Day

Monday 20 October is the designated Student Free Day for Term 4. Staff will be engaged in professional development in a variety of locations, focussing Literacy and Curriculum Planning. Parents need to make alternative arrangements for student supervision on this day.

Study Leave

Next week I will be on study leave attending the Centre for Education Leadership at Auckland University, as part of a scholarship grant from the Queensland Principal’s Association. Ms Roberta Matlock will be Acting Principal and Mr Rob Scott will be Acting Deputy Principal in my absence.

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 27 October at 9am in the P&C room.

Regards

Greg Gosling
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**Free Family Planning Queensland Family Education Sessions**

The Runcorn State School P & C have generously provided funding for Family Education Sessions for students in Years 5, Year 6 and Year 7 and their Parents / Carers.

These sessions are for students in Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7 with their Parents/ Carers and are facilitated to help families communicate openly and positively about sexuality together. Each session runs for 1.5 hours and will focus on *Preparing for Puberty and Reproduction* and are tailored to meet the developmental needs of the students in the session. Key concepts in the sessions also include body ownership and personal safety skills. Families need only attend one session. Each session can only accommodate 30 family groups and are only available for students in Year 5 and above. Notices with RSVP will be sent home with students.

**When:** Tuesday 18 November or Wednesday 19 November or Thursday 20 November

**Time:** 6.30pm-8.00pm

**Where:** Runcorn State School Science Room

**Who:** Students in Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 accompanied by their Parent(s) / Carer(s)

**What:** PowerPoint Presentation; interactive discussion; DVD; Q and A session; worksheets on *Preparing for Puberty and Reproduction*

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**Oral Literacy Parent Workshop**

**What:** Oral literacy is closely related to the development of early reading and writing skills and long-term correlations with reading in middle primary years. As parents interacting with your young children, you have an opportunity to shape the foundations of their language development. Discover some strategies to enhance the number and variety of words that your child hears, understands and uses.

**Who:** Parents of all students particularly P-2, including 2015 Prep students

**When:** Thursday 30 October 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Where:** Runcorn State School Science Room

Refreshments Provided

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**Regards**

Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**Australian Girls’ Choir Open Day**

Congratulations to the girls in Year One and above who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop. By now you should have received your personalised assessment report, either posted to your home or via your school. Girls in Prep have now received an information flyer about the AGC Open Day which will give the girls the opportunity to try a free class and attend information session. Phone (07) 3256 0207 for more information or visit [www.aspagroup.com.au](http://www.aspagroup.com.au)
Important Dates to Remember

Wed 29th October – Year Four excursion to Queensland Orchestra

Wed 3rd December (6:30-8:30pm) - End of Year Concert at Sunnybank High School

Mrs Margaret Buddle
Classroom Music Teacher

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Jieye Maui who competed at the Queensland State Championships on Tuesday 14/10/14 and WON the 10 years male shot put with a stunning distance of 11.11 meters. Jieye will be attending the National Championships in Tasmania on 26 November 2014. Runcorn State School is very proud of Jieye and we wish him all the best in Tasmania.

We would also like to congratulate Aaron Werder who also competed at the Queensland State Championships and came SECOND in the 11 years boys Multi event which included 800m, 100m, shotput and long jump. Aaron will also be attending the National Championships in Tasmania.

Competition was tight so well done to Jieye and Aaron on outstanding results and best of luck at the National Championships.

OUR PREPS LOVE TO SWIM

It was with much excitement that the Preps entered into their first swimming lessons at Runcorn! Everyone enjoyed the cool water on such a hot day, and loved developing their confidence in the pool.

Well done Preps and thanks to our great teachers and volunteers. We are looking forward to our lesson again this week!

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

This is just a friendly reminder from your Adopt-A-Cop, Constable Belinda

The safety of the students is a very high priority for both myself and the staff at Runcorn State School. To ensure your child’s safety please follow the Runcorn State School Road Safety plan when delivering and picking up your child. The RSS Road Safety Plan includes:

- When using the 2 minute stop-drop and go zone please only remain for 2 minutes (Members of the Queensland Police Service will be monitoring this in the coming weeks – take this as your warning)

- To avoid congestion in the stop-drop and go zone perhaps you could park in the streets surrounding the school and walk up to collect your child. This would also be a great opportunity to teach your child about road safety.

- If you are crossing the road please ensure you use the school crossing.
Please also ensure that as per the road rules, you come to a complete stop at all stop signs, before entering the roadway.

If you have any other queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Constable Belinda

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.

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

A gold chain, two gold crosses, a keychain with the letter C, a pair of child's spectacles, watch, two sets of keys and a single earring have been handed in. If it belongs to your child, please collect it from the office. Please remember to check through the lost property bin throughout the year for any items that your children may have misplaced. Any leftover items will be donated to charity at the end of each term. This bin is located near the bin cage under the teachers' staffroom.

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.

P&C NEWS

P&C News

The date for the next P&C Meeting is 27th October, 9am. 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 click here to download a copy 2014_Tuckshop_Menu_Semester_2.pdf

Cupcakes

Cupcakes are still available for your special celebration. Contact Miss Jodie for more information.
Slush Puppies have arrived at the Tuckshop just in time for summer!

Slush Puppies are made from a frozen pear & apple juice base, and come in a choice of 4 flavours! Two of the flavouring options (Tropical & Sour Apple), contain only natural colouring & flavours.

Available to all students at both breaks for $2 each.

Jodie Newton
Tuckshop Convenor

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
"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 toothbrushes at the office.
LEGO CLUB IS COMING!

Runcorn is starting its very own lunchtime Lego Club! We are after some kind donations from the school community to help make this a reality. So if you have any old lego lying around that you want to get rid of, we will gladly accept:

- Base plates (including road plates and a variety of colours)
- Minifigures (make sure these are old and not rare collector's items)
- Old Lego Club Aus Magazines
- And of course Lego bricks and pieces

All donations can be dropped to the office for collection by Mrs Bayle.

Thanks from Runcorn’s future Master Builders!

COMMUNITY NEWS

General Information and Curriculum Information Evenings (Yr 7 and 8 dates below)

Parents will be provided with information on a range of topics including school values, curriculum offerings, homework, uniforms and other general information. Any questions you may have will also be answered. At the conclusion of the evening parents will make an appointment for their students enrolment interviews.

Yr 7  Monday 10 November, 2014  (6:30pm) Performing Arts Block

Yr 8  Tuesday 11 November, 2014  (6:30pm) Performing Arts Block

Orientation Day for New Students

Year 6 and 7 students who have enrolled will attend an orientation day in Term 4 2014. This gives each student the opportunity to experience a day at high school before they begin in 2015. Your child will be introduced to a range of subjects offered at our school and they will meet a variety of specialist teachers from across the curriculum. They will also begin to become familiar with the school layout. Students are to arrive at the Sports Hall and bring a water bottle, hat and food for the day. The canteen will also be available to purchase food.

Year 7 Orientation Day  Monday 24 November, 2014  (8:45am – 3:00pm)

Year 8 Orientation Day  Monday 1 December, 2014  (8:45am – 3:00pm)

Enrolment Interviews

Tuesday 2 December, Wednesday 3 December, Thursday 4 December & Friday 5 December, 2014

Interviews will be conducted for each student for approximately 30 minutes. This is where our teaching team begins to build partnerships with parents about our educational program. If students have particular learning issues they can be discussed and teachers also take time to answer any
questions you may still have. This is also where we sign some of the important agreement forms for the school so it is important for both students and parents to attend.

**First day of School for Year 7 and 8 Students**

Tuesday 27 January, 2015 (8:45am – 2:50pm)

Year 7 and 8 students arrive promptly at 8:45am to meet in the Sports Hall. Students will need their lunch, drink, hat, notepad and writing equipment. Our “Blue Eagle Buddies” from the senior student leadership team will join the students for the day. On the first day students will be issued with a diary and an individual timetable.

**Parenting with Teens**

**TIRED OF FIGHTING WITH YOUR TEENAGER?**
FREE SEMINAR ON REDUCING FAMILY CONFLICT!

- Is your teenager between 11 and 16 years?
- Would you like practical tips for dealing with conflict with your teenager?
- Come to our free 2-hour seminar!

Parents of teenagers are invited to take part in new research by attending a seminar based on the successful Teen Triple P: Positive Parenting Program.

Dates: October to December, 2014
Venues: PCYC Bayside, Carindale, Inala and UQ St Lucia

To find out more or register your interest:
W: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens
E: parentingteens@uq.edu.au
P: 3365 7306 or 3365 7303

Learn to more effectively resolve conflict
Teach your teen better problem-solving skills
Improve family relationships
Get support from a trained psychologist
Meet other parents of teenagers

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**Triple P - Free Parenting Workshop**

The team from the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program are inviting separated or divorced parents to participate in a free, half-day parenting workshop. The workshop targets concerns such as how improve personal coping skills, reduce conflict between parents, improve family relationships, and best support children during this time. Parents accessing the workshop will be asked to complete a study survey. If you are interested please access the study webpage here - https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/familytransitions. The first workshop parents may be allocated is on Saturday the 25th of October.

For further information or any questions, please email familytransitions@uq.edu.au

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**NAB AFL Auskick**

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school in term 4!

Where: Runcorn State School Oval

When: First session is on Tuesday 21st October 2014

   Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm

   Length of program: 8 weeks

   Cost: $65

When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own football, backpack with a hat, pump plus heaps more!

Sign up online at www.aflauskick.com.au

or call 3394 2198

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**We Love Our School**