FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome
Congratulations to all the students who received awards on Parade this week. It is great to see students demonstrating the You Can Do It Keys to success and working to the best of their ability in all classrooms.

Athletic Stars
Congratulations to Jieye Mauai (10 Years Boys Shot Put) and Aaron Werder (11 Years Multi Event) who will attend the National Athletics Carnival in Tasmania on November 14. Everyone at Runcorn is extremely proud of your achievements and wish you both every success at this event.

Grandparents Day
Thank you to all our fantastic grandparents who came along to celebrate Grandparents Day with us on Tuesday of this week. Grandparents are an extremely valuable part of the Runcorn Community and it was very exciting to share our school with you and say thanks for all you have done for your grandchildren and families. It was great to hear stories from many grandparents who attended Runcorn State School in their primary years and the fond memories they had. Thanks to all the grandparents who came to the library and purchased books which they then donated back to the school. We are fortunate to have such a great school community.

Prep Interviews
Thanks to everyone who supported the Prep Interviews last week. We have had a great response to Prep for 2015. There are a very small number of places available but these are filling quickly. If you have family or friends who have prep aged children 2015 and want to come to Runcorn, they need to contact the school office immediately to organise a placement. A reminder that the Prep Orientation morning will take place on Thursday, 13 November from 9.30 - 11am.
World Teachers Day
Friday, 31 October is World Teacher’s Day. At Runcorn State School we highly value our dedicated and professional teachers. On Friday we will be having a special morning tea to thank teachers for their fantastic effort. Positive feedback is highly valued and much appreciated. It would be great as a member of our school community to say thank you and well done to our teachers on this day.

Years 5 Camp
The Year 5 Camp to Tallebudgera will take place on 10 - 12 November. This is a fantastic camp with a multitude of fun learning activities for students, particularly at this time of year with such great weather. Can I remind parents that all monies need to be paid by the due date.

Remembrance Day
A Remembrance Day Service will be held on Tuesday, 11 November at 10:30am. All parents and community members are invited to attend this solemn event. Students from the Senior Band, Year 3 and Year 7 will perform as part of the service.

P&C
Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Monday of this week. The final P&C Meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday, 24 November 9am in the P&C Room.

Have a great week.

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

Oral Literacy Parent Workshop
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. All parents are invited to attend especially parents of students in grades Prep to Year 2, including 2015 Prep students. Please come along on Thursday, 30th October 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Science Room. Refreshments provided.

Student Absences
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.

Every day counts…..

Regards

Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal
Junior Swim Carnival - Friday 21st November  9am-11am
This carnival will be about participation and having some fun. It would be great if students could come to school with their swim wear under their uniform on this day please. However, please ensure your child has underwear packed in their swimming bag. **Students will also need a swimming cap, goggles, a towel, school hat, sunscreen, water bottle and some fruit.** Parents and spectators are encouraged to attend. Seating will be provided under shade tents on the opposite side to the grandstand. Children will need to sit in their house groups in the grandstand.

Senior Swim Carnival – Friday 28th November  9am-1:30pm
This carnival will be about participation and competing. The results of this carnival will determine who will be attending the District Swimming carnival at the beginning of 2015. All students are expected to participate. It would be great if students could come to school with their swim wear under their uniform on this day please. However, **please ensure your child has underwear packed in their swimming bag. Students will also need a swimming cap, goggles, a towel, school hat, sunscreen, water bottle and some fruit.**

The tuck shop will be running some specials on these days and the P & C Association will be selling cold drinks, sandwiches and baked goods.

YEAR 3 SLEEP OVER - 27TH NOVEMBER 2014
As part of our personal development program and to assist students to be ready for Year 4 camp, Year 3 students are invited to a sleepover at school on Thursday night, 27th November 2014. Children will be sleeping in separate girl and boy areas on the floor. They will be supervised by Mrs Bayle, Miss White, Ms Matlock and Mr Panic during the night.

We would appreciate some parent helpers to assist with the preparation and serving of dinner and breakfast. The cost of the camp is $8.00. A special Campers Meal Deal is available through tuckshop for Friday with the cost to be advised in the next few weeks. Please download the attached forms, complete and return with payment to your Year 3 teacher as soon as possible. For a copy of the Yr 3 Sleep Over permission form, please download from our website or alternatively pick a copy up from the office, complete and return back to your Year 3 teacher as soon as possible.

MUSIC MATTERS
The Music department is bustling with activity as usual. Our Year Threes are preparing for their special choral performance at the Remembrance Day Ceremony, whilst the Year Fours are excitedly looking forward to their visit to hear the Queensland Symphony Orchestra this Wednesday. Our instrumental specialists have been assessing potential new students for next year’s band and strings program as well. To top it off, this Thursday our Year 2-7 students will have a unique opportunity to hear about joining one of the country’s best choirs. See below for more details.

**Bring out the best in your child with performing arts education!**
A representative from the Australian Youth Choir will be visiting Runcorn State School on Thursday, 30 October 2014 at 1:30pm. The Australian Youth Choir helps young people discover their hidden vocal talent. They not only learn how to sing and develop their musicianship, they learn team skills, make new friends and become part of a wide circle of performers. For more information, visit us at [www.nypaa.com.au](http://www.nypaa.com.au)

**Date Claimer - Wed 3rd December (6:30-8:30pm)** – Remember to invite all the relatives to 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. Stay tuned for details of costumes for each year level.

Mrs Margaret Buddle
Classroom Music Teacher

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 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

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.

P&C NEWS

The date for the next P&C Meeting is 24th November, 9am. All parents, including Prep parents, are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you.

The P&C is on Facebook!!

The P&C now has our own Facebook page called Runcorn P&C and Events. Like us to stay up to date with P&C news and information on upcoming events such as discos, stalls, fundraising, and the 2014 FUNFEST! Our goal is to get 100 likes by the end of next week. Can we do it? Once you Like our page, please always Like and Share our posts to help improve our reach.

Don’t forget your 5c!

5c collection jars are in each classroom to collect your 5c pieces to help raise money for the 2015 FunFest. Don’t let your loose change weigh your wallet down… the class that collects the most 5c pieces by the end of the year wins a pool party!!!
Tuckshop
A new menu for Semester 2 is available, please download a copy from the website or pick one up from the office.

Cupcakes
Cupcakes are still available for your special celebration. Contact Miss Jodie for more information.

Slush Puppies
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

Celebrities Disco - 7th November 2014 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Hooray for Hollywood!! Come dressed as your favourite celebrity and win a prize for best dressed! Food and drink will be available for purchase on the night. Options are Hotdogs, Mini pies plus Traveller pies and salad tubs. We are looking for helpers to set up, sell and pack up. Please text 0423 653 816 and leave your name and the word DISCO and we will be in touch.

End of Year Concert - Hamper Raffles
Thank you to all the lovely donations we have had so far for the End of Year Hamper. Please remember to check the use by date and make sure that it will be still safe to eat a few weeks after the raffle date (3/11/14). Also we would like to thank the anonymous donation of $100 to go towards the Family Prize Voucher. Your generosity is much appreciated. Tickets for the hampers will be available from Monday morning, the 3rd of November onwards in Girraween place. A flyer of other times and dates the tickets will be available will be going out shortly.

Runcorn Family FunFest
YAY, We are very pleased to announce that we have a Fete Coordinator. We would like to welcome Liz Douglas, a Prep Mum to the role, and helping her will be Rebecca Simpson (2013 fete coordinator) and Samara Frye (2014 P&C president). We will be holding our first fete meeting very soon. Stay tuned for a date and time. If you are interested in helping out and being part of the fete committee, you can text your name and the word FETE to 0423 653 816 or email samarafrye@hotmail.com and we will be in touch.

I would like to thank Kathryn Allendorf for her time and efforts as our P&C Secretary. This is Kathryn's last year at Runcorn State School as her son will be attending high school in 2015. Rebecca Simpson will be taking over as the new 2014/2015 Secretary. We would like to thank Rebecca for taking over and welcome her into the P&C.

Teatowel Fundraiser
Order your teatowels to help raise funds for the 2015 Runcorn Family FunFest. The unique teatowel design is made up of drawings by all of our students and staff at our school. The drawings are arranged into one commemorative design and screen printed in blue onto high quality white teatowels. Only $13 for a limited edition teatowel or just 3 for $33 ($11 each for each additional tea towel for orders of four or more). Complete the form and return with payment to the office by Friday, 7th November. Don’t forget that grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends love these mementos too! Note that orders will take approximately 6 weeks to arrive. Just in time for Christmas!! Please do not direct debit into the school account as this is a P&C initiative. For a copy of the order form, pick a copy up from the office.
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

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

Who is eligible?

- All children aged 4 through to year 10
- 3-year-old whose parents have a current Concession Card, HealthCare Card or Pension Card
- 4-7 year olds

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

Cost of a local call. Call rates from mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate. Please check with your telephone service provider.
“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.