Welcome
Congratulations to all the senior students who received awards at the graduation this week. A list of award recipients follows in the newsletter. Thank you to all the student leaders for their ongoing support in 2014.

Thank you to all the staff, volunteers and school supporters. Your efforts have been instrumental in ensuring student performance is continually improving.

Thank you to all the fantastic students at Runcorn State School. Your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for learning is reflected in the high level of student improvement throughout the year right across the school. Well done everybody!

Year 6/7 Graduation
Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 6/7 Graduation. This was an outstanding event to celebrate the end of primary schooling for our Year 6 and 7 students. Thank you to Mrs Jarvis, Mr Garcia and Ms Bennett, parent helpers and all staff who organised and supported this event.

End of Year Concert
Thanks to everyone who supported the End of Year Concert. This was a great event showcasing the wonderful talents of students throughout the whole school. Thank you to Mrs Buddle and her team for putting this event together.
Staffing 2015
Below is a list of staffing and classes for 2015. These have been compiled on current number projections and will be subject to change should student numbers differ. Classes will not be finalised until Day 8 (5 February) as this is the day Department of Education allocates staffing.

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We welcome two new staff to the Runcorn family; Ms Clayfield and Mrs Daglish who have transferred in from Cairns and Redbank.

Can I say thank you and best wishes to Mrs Smith (retiring) and Ms MacDonald who both complete contracts at Runcorn State School this week. We wish you well for the future.

Students Returning 2015
Each year, schools need to predict the number of students who will start the school year in each year level so that classes can be organised accordingly. A form has gone home to all families asking if any children will not be returning. We are asking all families to complete and return the form or email admin@runcornss.eq.edu.au if you have a child in a class from Prep – Year 5 this year who WILL NOT be returning to the school in 2015. This will enable our Admin team to more accurately predict our class numbers for 2015. Please phone the Office on (07) 3323 8777 if you have any queries.

Happy Holidays
We have come to the end of a very busy and successful year for Runcorn State School. I genuinely thank everyone involved in supporting our school to provide positive and successful learning experiences for your children.

To all the students, staff and families of Runcorn State School, I would like to extend to you a safe and happy holiday season.

Parents and carers are reminded that the first day of school for all state school students is Tuesday, 27 January 2015. The staff will be participating in Professional Development on Tuesday, 20, Wednesday, 21, Thursday, 22 and Friday 23 January.

Happy Holidays
Regards

Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Preparing for 2015
The Office will be closed from Wednesday, 17 December 2015 to Monday, 18 January 2015.

Don’t forget to order stationery as per the 2015 Book and Stationery Lists. Please contact the office if you require a replacement list. The Uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 21, Thursday 22, and Friday, 27 January from 9.00am – 11.00am.

Tuckshop orders with a limited menu will be available on Tuesday, 27 January. A new menu will be available in the first few weeks of Term 1, 2015.
2015 Grandparent Volunteers
We are keen for a weekly group of Grandparents to support our continual book covering program on a weekly basis. Please contact the office if you have a Grandparent that is keen to support this program.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and hard work to accomplish an eventful and fulfilling year. 

Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe holiday.

Regards
Roberta Matlock
Acting Deputy Principal

2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to these students on receiving the following awards:-

Annie O’Kane Shields
Arts-Literature Award Year 7 2014 - Luke Cane
Arts-Literature Award Year 6 2014 - Emily Whitecross
Maths-Science Award Year 7 2014 - Luke Cane
Maths-Science Award Year 6 2014 - Maike Hager

Michele Thorne Sports Awards
Year 7 2014 - Emily Weatherall
Year 6 2014 - Aaron Werder

Mark Stewart Music Awards
Year 7 2014 - Emily Weatherall
Year 6 2014 - Phoebe Sharpe

Bill Ardill Citizenship Award
Year 7 2014 - Emily Bowden
Year 6 2014 - Kieran Elliott

You Can Do It PCYC Bursary
Year 7 2014 - Fariaa Ndaya
Year 6 2014 - Ashton Davis

Atkison Essay
1. Emily Whittred
2. Genevieve Whittred
3. Lanika Artango

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.

TERM DATES FOR 2015 SCHOOL YEAR

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LOST PROPERTY

Two gold crosses, earrings, rings and a mobile phone have been handed in. If an item 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.

SMILE VANUATU

“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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Runcorn PCYC - Vacation Care

Have you booked your child into the holiday program at your PCYC Outside School Hours Care service? We have an awesome Christmas program out now including excursions to BOUNCE, the MOVIES and SOUTHPORT WATER PARK plus more!

Spots are limited for the excursions so the sooner you bring in your enrolment forms the sooner your child’s sport will be secured. To contact PCYC, please ring 0423 551 335.

School Rewards Program

Earn $5 for your school for every pair of shoes bought through the ‘School Rewards Program’ by purchasing your school shoes at The Athlete’s Foot Garden City. Their staff have been trained to correctly fit children’s feet into the right pair of quality school and sport shoes. By ensuring the right fit for their foot type, the shoes will provide more support and comfort...and will last longer too! Don’t forget to mention “Runcorn State School” to earn your school $5 for every purchase.

EZcover.net.au

Looking for an easy way to cover the kid’s books next year? EZcover donates 5 cents from every cover purchased to our school. Just choose Runcorn State School from the drop-down list when you make your order.