FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome
Congratulations to Year 4S for a great parade highlighting the You Can Do It keys to success. Congratulations to all our award recipients this week. Well done to our swimmers who attended the Regional Swimming Carnival at Chandler last week.

We are mid-way through Term 1 already. I would like to thank the staff, families, volunteers and students for their outstanding efforts in getting our year off to a smooth and productive start.

Tama Meguro Study Tour
On Monday this week was the official farewell for the students from Tama Meguro Junior High School who have been at Runcorn for the past two weeks on a study tour. This included an Australian/ Japanese Barbeque along with performances by students from both Runcorn and Tama Meguro. The event was attended by students, host families, buddy students and members of the Runcorn State School Community.
The students from Tama Meguro Junior High School in Tokyo had a fantastic time during their study tour stay at Runcorn this past two weeks. Thank you to all our homestay families, teachers and support staff from both schools, students and community members who made them feel welcome. They arrived knowing each other and left having made many new friends and learning many things about Australia.

Disco
Last Friday the first Disco for the year was run by the P&C and student leaders. Thanks to everyone for their support and attendance at this event.

Religious Instruction
A reminder that should you wish your child to attend Religious Instruction, permission forms are required. Religious Instruction will be starting soon. To finalise class numbers forms need to be returned ASAP. The necessary forms are attached. (For a copy of the Religious Instruction Permission Form, please pick up a copy from the office.)

Student Resource Scheme
Thank you to all the families who have paid their Student Resource Scheme. The benefits of this levy enable the school to provide additional, outstanding and technology based learning which engage students and support classroom practice. Home username and passwords will go home next week to those families who have paid. Forms are attached if required. (For a copy of the Student Resource Scheme form, please download one from our website or pick up a copy from the office.)

School P&C
The next P&C Meeting for 2014 will be on Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm. This will be the Annual General meeting, followed by a General Meeting. All new and existing parents are invited to attend.

If you are a new parent or have not supported the school through the P&C we would appreciate your support. Please come along and see how you can support students and the school community.

Regards

Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Running can Result in Accidents
Can parents remind their children that we have had a number of facial, head and other body injuries in the last couple of weeks as a result of children running around school. The only safe place for running at school is on the oval. That is why teachers remind students to walk and not run. To minimise injuries, students must stop running. Please support us to minimise injuries.

Sun Safety
Congratulations to all the students who bring and wear their hats before school, at break times and after school.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
ROBERTA MATLOCK

FROM THE MASTER TEACHER

Runcorn SS Parent Reading Workshops – Reading, Speaking, Listening, Spelling, Writing and Numeracy
Wanting to help your child at home but are not sure how? Come to one of our parent information sessions on a Thursday afternoon from 2:30pm- 3pm. Parent Information sessions will start next Thursday February 26, from 2:30pm - 3:00pm for parents who would like simple and easy ways of helping their child with literacy and numeracy. These sessions will be of benefit to any parent in the Prep - Yr 6 grades, who would like to assist their child in literacy and numeracy or who have questions relating to these topics. We will meet in the old Admin building (A Block). Please register your name by email admin@runcornss.eq.edu.au or phone on 3323 8777 if you are interested in attending or need more information.

Session Topics and Times

- Reading, Speaking and Listening- Thursday 5/3 2.30pm
- Writing- Thursday 19/3 2.30pm
- Spelling - Thursday 12/3 2.30pm
- Numeracy- Thursday 26/3 2.30pm

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Rob Scott
Master 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/ezp (eFTPOS). Please ensure permission forms are completed and submitted to the class teacher when paying by EFT. Our school does not participate in the Centrepay scheme. 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.

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MUSIC MATTERS

Our school is fortunate to have Lucas Proudfoot, an awarded songwriter, visiting us on Tuesday, the 24th of March. Lucas will present Indigenous Australian culture in a dynamic, fun and informative show named Circular Rhythm. The cost per child will be $5.50 and the notes for this incursion will be coming home soon. Music is an incredible subject for many reasons. One is that it reinforces learning in other areas, such as Mathematics, Science, Geography and English. This term in Music our Year Five students created an innovation of a call and answer song ‘My Aunt Came Back.’ Here are some of my favourites. Some are clever, some are funny and some are downright ridiculous. Enjoy!

Oh my sis came back from the big round moon
And brought with her a big fat spoon
Oh my friend came back from Monster High
And brought with her a big frog pie

Oh my dad came back from Uluru
And brought with him a big red roo

Oh my dad came back from Bris-i-bane
And brought with him a man named Shane

Oh my mum came back from New York
And brought with her a very big fork

Oh my mum came back from Timbuctoo
And brought with her a very big zoo

Ivy
Kevin
Elia
Oh my brother came back from Berridale
And brought with him a guy from jail
Oh my cous came back from Canberra
And brought with her a nice cam’ra

Eboney

Oh my sis came back from a Melbourne cruise
And brought with her a big brown moose
Oh my friend came back from the music room
And brought with her a big fat broom

Lanika

Mrs Margaret Buddle
Classroom Music Teacher

OUR REGIONAL SWIMMING SUPER STARS

These students attended the Met West Regional Swimming Trials at Chandler on Wednesday, 25th February. We would like to congratulate them for their excellent efforts.

Mrs Wood
HPE Teacher

FROM THE LIBRARY

BOOK COVERING GET TOGETHER

The Runcorn State School Library is looking for some helpers to cover library books!!

Thursday the 12th of March at 9am

Meet at the Library

The library staff will give you a run down on how to cover books, trust us it’s so easy! The contact used is NOT like the store bought product! It has slow release glue so you don’t have to worry about making a mistake. This would be a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents from the school.

Morning Tea will be provided
Please let the library or office staff know if you can make it!

Thanks,
The P&C and the Runcorn Library Staff.
Proudly supported by the P&C

YR 2 INCURSION - TOYS FROM THE PAST

Last Friday on the 27th of February, Year 2 students attended an incursion called ‘Toys From The Past.’ Barbara and the team at Hands on Education brought in a wonderful display of toys from the past for 2S and 2D to play with. In History we have been learning about changing technology and how this has impacted on our lives. This incursion tied in perfectly with our current unit. Check out what we had to say about it!

In our history incursion called toys from the past we found out that most toys from the past were made by hand. The thing I liked best was the chicken and the hungry frogs. Lots of wood was used to make toys in the past. The pop gun was very loud. They had dolls that kiss. – Eldon 2S
On Friday, the 27th of February Year Two students went to an incursion called ‘Toys From The Past.’ My favourite toys are the dolls, music, (toy) horse, Jack in the Box, magic toys and the nut cracker. There were all kinds of stuff and our teacher Miss Barbara was our tour person and she had helpers. The best one is magic toys because it is cool. We had some problems with toys from the past such as the puppet show and black men dolls and there were dangerous toys like poison toys because they had lead in them. – Oliver 2S

Evelyn, Abshiro and Riley playing with an old tea seat. Matthew playing with a toy from the past

From the Grade 2 Teachers
Miss Stewart and Ms Daglish

LOST PROPERTY

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

Annual General Meeting - 10 March 2015, 7pm

The 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th March and commence at 7pm in the staffroom, following by a general P&C Meeting. All community members including Prep parents welcome. If you want to help out in some way by becoming a volunteer, run an event or have a role within the P&C please come to the meeting.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the “People of the World Disco”, it was loads of fun and we saw some very ethnic costumes. We currently have our Guess How Many Easter Eggs in a Jar competition running. $1 per guess or $4 for 5 guesses. First prize is the big big jar full of yummy good quality Easter Eggs and your choice of a family movie pass or double Skyzone voucher. This will be drawn 1st April at the Easter Bonnet parade. Guess purchases are available every morning from the Tuckshop where you can view the jar. Happy Guessing.

Thank you also to the Runcorn Community and other schools in our area who attended the farewell BBQ yesterday afternoon. We hope the Tama Meguro Junior High School group enjoyed their stay and we wish them all the best. A big thank you to our Lote Teacher, Mr Robertson, Miss Jodie and her helpers who put on some wonderful food for this event. We would also like to thank all the host families as well.

We also have our next free dress day where the kids are to wear something green to celebrate St Patricks day. This will be on Tuesday 17th March, a gold coin donation to participate. Also available on this day will be special GREEN cupcakes so if you don’t want to miss out order them now through the tuckshop with your name, class and ensure it states it’s for green St Patricks day cupcakes on a brown paper bag! One cupcake will be secretly coloured PINK instead of green. The lucky student who receives the PINK cupcake will win a St Patrick’s Day prize.

Funfest our school fete is being held this year on the 5th September. We will be looking for sponsors, donations, and volunteers so if you are able to help or have some great ideas or want to run an event, please contact Liz Douglas email – runcornfunfest@gmail.com. Stay tuned as we will be releasing more details shortly.

Cross Country drinks will be sold on the oval from 9am on the 20th March. So please support the kids through their P&C.

A Book Covering Get Together is being held in the library from 9am on Tuesday 12th March. The library staff your need help to cover books with contact (good quality slow drying fool proof contact!!). So please see the library staff if you can assist. Morning tea will be provided.
2015 Tuckshop Menu
The 2015 Tuckshop Menu has now been finalised and will be sent home. For a copy of the tuckshop menu, download one from our website, or pick up a copy from the office or tuckshop.

Prep Students
Tuckshop for Prep students will commence in the coming weeks. Prep students can order from a limited menu on Fridays only.

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed for Fridays. If you can spare even just half an hour, it will be greatly appreciated.

Birthday Cupcakes
Cupcakes are available for your celebration. Please place your order with Miss Jodie at the Tuckshop.

Jodie Newton
Tuckshop Convenor

School Banking
School Banking Day will now change to Monday

Calling for School Banking volunteers - we need your help!

Do you have a few hours to spare on a Monday morning to help with the School Banking? Come and join our enthusiastic team. Full training will be provided. Your role will include collecting the school banking from the class rooms, counting the children’s pocket money, and stamping and signing deposit books.

Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising. The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings.

Every time students make a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token which can be redeemed for a range of exciting reward items in recognition of their regular savings. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool gifts.

The Commonwealth Bank provides support to our School Banking Co-ordinators with the running of the program. Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the required form and returning it to the school office. Forms are available from the school office.

Davina Edwards
Banking Coordinator

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.
Runcorn State High School - Flying Start for Grades 7 and 8

January 27 or Week 1, Day 1 was an historic day for Year 7 and 8 students as it was their first day at high school. Historically, it was also the first day for Year 7 students in high school in Queensland. This day will also go down in history as the only year that both Year 7 and 8 students started high school at the same time. We are proud to say that the students have settled well into high school and have had a great first few weeks. The feedback from Year 7 and 8 teachers about the students has been very positive with students engaged in learning from day one. As I walk through classes and speak with students, it is great to see them settled and on task.

The two key priorities for Junior Secondary this year are ensuring that all students make a smooth transition into high school and every student is achieving success. To achieve this, Year 7 and 8 students have a key teacher who is responsible for supporting their learning and welfare needs at the classroom level. The students also have Mrs Warwick – Junior Secondary Officer of Welfare and Learning, (OWL) – whose role it is to support students across the Year 7 and 8 cohorts. My role as Head of Department is to lead quality teaching and learning in Junior Secondary to allow every student to achieve success at school. As this is a new era for Junior Secondary at Runcorn it promises to be an exciting time for learning.

Adam Malheiro, Junior Secondary & ICT Head of Department
Runcorn State High School

Mt Gravatt High School Open Day – Tuesday, 3rd March 2015

MOUNT GRAVATT HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 3 MARCH
9:15am-11:00am

All interested parents and students are invited to attend our Open Day which provides an excellent opportunity to view classrooms, facilities and be informed about our great school. We are enrolling now for Year 7 in 2016 and out of catchment enrolments are welcome.

For further information: 3391 6223
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