FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome

Well done to 1S for their Parade item on ‘repairing unhealthy habitats’ in Week 9. Congratulations to the Year 2 students who presented some wonderful poetry which articulated rhyme, rhythm and structure on Parade this week.

Congratulations to all the students who received awards for their fantastic efforts this term. Well done everybody.

What an amazing term. All students need to be congratulated for their commitment to learning. High expectations from the school community, the explicit teaching of You Can Do It strategies and commitment from students to try their very best at all times has produced great results. Well done everybody.

Can I also thank our dedicated and hardworking staff for their commitment to student improvement and for putting in many extra hours. Thanks also to our fantastic volunteers and parent helpers who give up their time to assist teaching staff with implementing high quality learning opportunities. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
Cyber Safety
A reminder to all parents to be vigilant with cyber safety and your children accessing the internet these holidays.

There are numerous social media sites that children will be using and there is potential for bullying and predatory behaviour to increase as children are likely to spend more time engaged in these activities.

Ensure you are supervising your children online, have safety settings adequately engaged and report any concerns to the service provider or authorities.

Attendance
As you would be aware attendance has been one of our focus areas in 2015. I am extremely pleased to announce that our Term 1 2015 attendance is at 95.6%. This puts us well in front of our yearly target of 94%. Thank you to all our families for supporting this outstanding result. Remember attendance equals student performance and improvement.

Easter Bonnet Parade
Congratulations to all our Prep to Yr 2 Easter Bonnet Parade participants. You looked fabulous. Thanks parents for all your efforts and support of your children for this event. Thanks to Mrs Buddle and Mrs Mechielsen for organising the event. Thank you to the P&C for organising a great raffle and congratulations to our winner, Mya from Year 2.

Young Leaders Day
Congratulations to Emma Cane, Annabelle Julien, Katie Bowden, Weston Hammond, Galen Panic and Jackson Chang who participated in the Halogen Young Leaders Day at the Convention Centre on Friday 20 March. Bindi Irwin and James Nesbit were just two of the guest speakers who inspired and challenged our student leaders to be their very best.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all competitors who participated in the 2015 Runcorn State School Cross Country Carnival for Years 4-7 held on Friday 20 March.

Thanks to Mrs Wood and all the staff who organised and supported this event. Thanks to all the parents who came along to cheer on our competitors.

Rotary Fun Run
Thanks to Mrs Schooth, the P&C and students for organising and participating in the Runcorn State School Team in the recent Rotary Fun Run at Calamvale Park. Runcorn’s team won $600 for the school for being the largest of the teams competing. There are some great photos in the P&C section of the newsletter.

ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony
The 2015 ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony will be held in Girrawheen Place on Thursday 23 April 10.30am. This is a special Parade to honour the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in World War 1 and all those who have lost their lives and family as a result of conflict.

The ceremony is conducted by members of the Student Council and involves students from all year levels. Choir students are expected to wear their performance uniform and will perform with the band as part of the service. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

Sunnybank ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony
The Karawatha Cluster of State Schools of which we are a member, have a contingent of students marching as a combined group at the Sunnybank ANZAC Service on Saturday April 25.

I would like to invite all Runcorn State School families to be part of this event by marching in school uniform, with our state school colleagues. It would be wonderful to see a large number of our students supporting this worthy cause.

Mrs Schooth will coordinate students on behalf of Runcorn State School. Students are required to meet at the corner of Station Rd and Turton Street Sunnybank by 7.15am.

3 Way Reporting – Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all the families who attended 3 Way Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews. If you were unable to make an interview, please contact your child’s teacher for an appointment.

School P&C
The next P&C will be held on Tuesday, 5 May 7pm in the staff room. All new and existing members are welcome to attend. The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5 May at 6pm in the staff room. All School Council members are required to attend.

School Holidays
This year there will be two full weeks of holidays at the end of Term 1. The holidays begin on Friday 3 April and school returns on Monday, 20 April. There are no pupil free days after this holiday break.

Don’t forget to keep an eye on the school. Call School Watch on 131788 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 2.

Regards

Greg Gosling

**DATE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**Date Claimers**

Runcorn State School will be providing 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Education Program

The program consists of three workshops to assist parents with strategies to manage behaviour in children aged 2-12 years. It focuses on:

- Controlling unwanted/undesirable behaviour (STOP behaviour),
- Encourage wanted/desirable behaviour (START behaviour), and
- Strengthen the child-parent relationship.

**Dates:** Thursdays 23rd July, 30th July and 6th August 2015 6.00-8.00pm

**Cost:** $10 per participant for workbooks only

Facilitated by Centacare Family Relationship Services

Please RSVP by email to rfran115@eq.edu.au if you wish to attend

**Fear-less Triple P**

Do You Have an Anxious Child? Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental health problems experienced by children. Your family may be eligible for an anxiety diagnostic assessment, Fear-less Triple P intervention six treatment sessions and a three month follow up interview free of charge. If you are interested in this programme, please contact Clarissa Lui on 0478 533 275 for more information. (Clarissa Lui, School of Psychology University of Queensland)

**ROBERTA MATLOCK**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**FROM THE MASTER TEACHER**

**Parent Information Afternoons**

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend this term, we covered Reading, Spelling, Writing, Speaking and Numeracy. Our weekly parent information afternoons from 2.30pm-3pm will begin again in Week 2 next term. Topics being covered next term will include: You Can Do it, Habits of the Mind, Problem Solving in Maths, Linking Reading to Writing and Higher Order Thinking. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

**Reading over the Holidays**

Please remember to read daily with your child over the Easter holidays and have them read aloud to you too. Regular reading over the holiday breaks helps maintain the great progress students make during the school terms. The Sunnybank Hills City Library is a great place for students to explore their interests through books. The library is running activity based learning opportunities that are free to attend. Contact the Sunnybank Hills Library on 3407 0571 for more details.

Bookings are essential for all of our school holiday activities, but there are still spaces available in all of our events at this point. Beware though… they do book up fast!

**The Treasure of Captain Curlylocks** – a Nadia Sunde theatre performance – Tuesday 7 April 2-3pm.

**Billie B Brown birthday** – Saturday 11 April 10-11am.

**Library Laboratory!** – Tuesday 14 April 2-3pm.

**Comic Workshop: Phil Judd** – Friday 17 April 10.30-11.30am.

**Build your own miniature 56 story tree house** – Saturday 18 April 10-11am and 11.30am – 12.30pm.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter.

Rob Scott

Master Teacher

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

**Student Resource Scheme Winners**

On behalf of the school, we would like to congratulate Thomas J from 1S and Ella M from 2D who have both won a $30 QBD voucher and a $20 iTunes voucher.
Payments
When making payments to the school, why not 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. 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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3B & 3C HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION PICNIC

On Wednesday 18th March 3B and 3C threw open their doors in celebration of Harmony Day! Parents were invited to come and picnic with their children in the classroom. A range of different cultural food was on offer and we all enjoyed our time together. What a great way to celebrate our community!

MUSIC MATTERS

Congratulations to all our strings players. We have had comments about the wonderful sound of your playing. All that hard practice is paying off. Keep up the good work!

Our Anzac Parade will be held on Thursday the 23rd of April at 10.30am. This excellent parade is run by our student leaders and features both our Band and Senior Choir. I commend it to all members of our community.

Children involved in these ensembles will receive their vest this week, and bow ties will be handed out prior to the parade. Please ensure your child has the complete performance uniform ready, including long black pants, a long-sleeved white shirt with a buttoned collar, black socks and shoes. Girls are asked to have long hair pulled back ‘Pollyanna’ style with a black hair tie and black ribbon.

Last week our school was treated to a lively performance by Lucas Proudfoot, who brought his show ‘Circular Rhythm’ to Runcorn. The students were fascinated by his instruments, entertained by his humour and the interesting information he shared about indigenous music in Australia. It was great to see the active participation and beautiful manners of the audience at this show. Well done, Runcorn!

Mrs Margaret Buddle
FROM THE SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Pedestrian crossing
Our school pedestrian crossing has school crossing supervisors who stop vehicles before allowing children to cross. Cars need to stop, wait and follow their directions. If the crossing is not supervised you need to make sure that drivers can see you waiting to cross and do not start crossing until cars travelling in both directions have stopped.

Drivers must slow down and stop when a pedestrian steps onto a marked crossing and drivers must give way to any pedestrian on the crossing. However some drivers may not stop for pedestrians, so you must wait until all vehicles have stopped before you start to cross. (It is always a good idea to look at the approaching driver’s face to see if he acknowledges that you are waiting to cross.)

LOST PROPERTY
A man’s ring, a ladies’ ring, toy, keyring and small purse have been handed in. 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
What a fantastic Term 1 we have had. The P&C have been very busy organising many different events and fundraising. Thank you to our many volunteers who have helped in many different areas. The Tuckshop has had new helpers this year. It is great to see the new Mums and Dads getting involved. Yes that’s right, we have Dads helping in the Tuckshop too. We always want more Dad volunteers so please pop into see Miss Jodie and she will allocate you a time and day.

Our new Event and Fundraising team will be working on Events in Term 2 like our Mother’s Day Stall and Go Blue for Autism Day. We will also have another Free Dress Day and a Disco. Both our P&C Event Coordinators are new to their rolls, so if you would like to help them please contact them on runcornpc@yahoo.com or on 0423 653 816.

On the weekend a group of Runcorn State School students and their families participated in the Rotary Charity Fun Run. This event was to raise money for Care Flight. The kids ran in the 2km or 5km fun run. Not only did the kids have fun running the course but the parents did too. This event was very well organized and each child received a medal. The Runcorn State School Group won $600 for being the largest group on the day to participate. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Schooth for organizing this group to race.

Tuckshop
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.

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

Jodie Newton
Tuckshop Convenor
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 later in the year. 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

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**AUTUMN 2015 VACATION CARE PROGRAM**

**We Love Our School**

Please see PCYC staff for more information or call 0423 551 335