Welcome

Congratulations to the students who received an award this week for their efforts. It’s great to see so many of students receiving awards for demonstrating the You Can Do It keys to success. Awards for demonstrating improvement in reading and consistent effort were also given out to students. Well done everyone.

Congratulations once again to all our students who participated in the ANZAC Services last week. Student leaders, band, choir and members of Year 6G were outstanding in providing a solemn and memorable community commemoration service. The students of Runcorn were well behaved and represented our school with pride during the service. Thank you Mrs Howes, Mrs Buddle, Mrs Jarvis, Mr Millar, Mr Garcia, Mr Simiana, our distinguished guests and all the staff and parents for organising and supporting this important community event.

Don’t forget the fantastic events supported by our P&C which are occurring in the coming weeks. The Mothers Stall is being held on Thursday May 7 and the “Onesie” Disco will be held on Friday May 22. Please support these great fundraising and community events.
Runcorn School Review
Every four Years Education Queensland undertakes a comprehensive School Review Process. This process audits school processes against 9 Curriculum, Teaching, Learning and Community Partnership Domains.

Runcorn will undertake a School Review on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May 2015. This will be facilitated by Principal Auditors selected by the School Improvement Unit.

As part of this process, auditors would like to engage with parents and community members to discuss our fantastic school. If you would like to be meet with one of the auditors please contact me at the.principal@runcornss.eq.edu.au to arrange one of the available meeting times.

Cross Country
Congratulations to the District Cross Country team that competed at Col Bennet Park Algester last week. Thank you to our supervisors and parent helpers for organising students on the day. Our large team did exceptionally well.

NAPLAN Preparation
Students in Years 3 and 5 are getting ready for their NAPLAN tests in week 4. Mrs Matlock, Mr Scott and I have had the pleasure of working with students and it is very pleasing to see that all students are working to the best of their ability and using the You Can Do it keys to success of persistence, organisation, confidence and resilience to improve their learning. It is also great to see the progression of students, particularly in reading, writing and problem solving; the key focus areas for student improvement in 2015. Well done everybody.

ANZAC Day Service Sunnybank
Thank you to the 23 students who with Mrs Schooth and Mrs Schloss, participated in the ANZAC March at Sunnybank on Saturday morning. Students attending wore their school uniform with pride and represented our great school in an exemplary manner. Thank you to all the parents who supported students to attend this event.

Prep 2016
It is now time to start talking with your friends and neighbours to remind them that Prep enrolments for 2016 are open and places are filling quickly. Information is being distributed to the wider community over the coming weeks. If you or your friends have a son or daughter born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011, they are eligible to attend Prep in 2016. If you are interested, please contact Lyn, Ruth or Leanne in the office on (07) 3323 8777.

Parent Volunteers
Thank you to the many parents who already volunteer in our school. As the year progresses and students improve in their reading and writing, we are in need of more volunteers to help with classroom programs, borrowing home readers and covering reading resources. If you can spare even half an hour a week, please contact your child’s teacher or the office to learn how you can help with our ongoing student improvement agenda.

P&C and School Council Meetings
A reminder to all School Council Members that the Term 2 meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 May at 6pm in the staffroom prior to the P&C Meeting. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend.

A reminder that the next P&C will be held on Tuesday, 5 May at 7.00pm in the staff room. All school community members are invited to attend.

Regards

Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN
As Greg has outlined, NAPLAN preparations are underway. NAPLAN assessment for all Year 3 and 5 students will take place in Week 4 on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. Parents are asked to ensure that students arrive at school having had a good breakfast, a good sleep and well before the bell at 8:45am.
1, 2, 3 Magic Parenting Education Program will take place on three consecutive Thursdays (23 July, 30 July and 6 August) from 6 – 8pm in the Science Room at Runcorn State School. Numbers are limited to 20 participants, and cost is only $10 per participant. Please call Ruth on 3323 8777 to book your place.

Roberta Matlock  
Deputy Principal

FROM THE MASTER TEACHER

Parent Information Afternoons – Thursday 2.30pm – 3.00pm in Old Admin Block

We are beginning our parent information afternoons starting next Thursday 7 May at 2.30pm. These session will be of benefit to any parent in the Prep - Yr 6, who would like to assist their child in literacy and numeracy or who have questions relating to these topics.

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.

The topics covered this term are listed below:-

- Week 3 - You Can Do It Program- Habits of the Mind
- Week 4 - Problem Solving in Maths
- Week 5 - Linking Reading to Writing
- Week 6 - Higher Order Thinking
- Week 7 - Mathletics
- Week 8 - Accelerated Reading.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Rob Scott  
Master Teacher

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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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ANZAC DAY MARCH

Thank you to the children and parents who supported the ANZAC Service at Sunnybank. You all wore your uniforms with pride and as Runcorn State School community members you marched with honour to remember the many brave men and women who have served our country so that we may live as we do today. A big thank you also to Mrs Schloss for your assistance on the day.

Mrs Schooth

CALLING ALL PAST RUNCORN STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS!

In History this term, Year Two students will be exploring a historical site of significance. We have chosen to explore Runcorn State School. We have posed a variety of questions that we will be researching. If you attended Runcorn State School in the past or know anybody who did (Grandparents, Auntes, Uncles, friends, etc) we are looking for volunteers to come in and speak to Year Two students about your time at Runcorn State School and what the school was like in the past. We would also love to view any old uniforms or photographs of students or Runcorn State School in the past. If you are interested or can assist us with this in any way please contact the Year Two teachers. We thank you for your support with this matter and are looking forward to hearing from you!

Michele Stewart and Madie Daglish (Year 2 Classroom Teachers)
mxste7@eq.edu.au / mdagl3@eq.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY

A man’s ring, a ladies’ ring, toy, keyring, womens’ spectacles, gold chain 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

Mothers Day Stall - Thursday, 7 May
Our Mothers Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7 May 2015. There is a great range of gifts to choose from cooking items, pens, soap, photo frames and much more to choose from. Left over items will be on sale after school from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.
P&C Disco - Onesie - Friday, May 22
Get your tail wagging and get your disco on! Barbeque and drinks will be available on the night. Volunteer support would be greatly appreciated. Text or call Glenda on 0412 309 757 or Samara on 0423 653 816 if you can assist.

FunFest – 5th September
Don’t forget Runcorn SS Funfest on the 5 September. Come along to FunFest where you can enjoy great rides, fabulous food and good family fun.

Go Blue for Autism - Thank you
Thank you to all the volunteers and the school community who helped support Go Blue for Autism day by buying a blue cup cake or raffle tickets. A big thank you to Miss Jodie who made over 160 cup cakes and her volunteers who helped decorate them. Go Blue Leggo Raffle $1 each or 3 for $2

Runcorn SS Swim Club
For a copy of the latest newsletter, please pick one up from the office.

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

School Banking
School Banking Day is now Monday

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

Mt Gravatt High School – Open Day

MOUNT GRAVATT HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 7 MAY
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. No bookings are required to attend.

For further information: 3291 5222
Email: admin@mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au
Web: www.mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au
Foster Carer Information Session
You are invited to attend a FOSTER CARER INFORMATION SESSION 6.00-7.30pm on Wednesday 24 June 2015. Ever thought about becoming a Foster Carer in your community? As a foster carer you would be required to provide a level of care consistent with the standards outlined in the Child Protection Act 1999. The session will provide you with further details including:

• How and why children come into foster care
• The role of the foster carer
• Training and assessment steps for becoming a foster carer
• Types of foster care placements
• Support for foster carers.

The session will be presented by staff from Kyabra Community Association. It will be an informal presentation and you will have opportunities to ask questions. As becoming a foster carer is a serious decision that impacts on your own family life, it is recommended that family members, if applicable, also attend the information session to learn more about fostering. Following this session if you are then interested in pursuing an application, you are also invited to attend:

FOSTER CARER PRESERVICE TRAINING

Module 1&2: 9.00am-4.30pm on Saturday 18 July 2015
Module 3&4: 9.00am-4.30pm on Saturday 25 July 2015

If you are interested in becoming a Foster Carer, part of the application process requires that applicants must attend and successfully complete the Quality Care Training modules. You must attend all sessions as a requirement of the training, as well as successfully complete all required homework and worksheets. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements, you will be provided with a certificate stating your completion. Sessions held at Kyabra Community Association, Kyabra St, Runcorn. Please RSVP to Donna on 33739460 or at donnan@kyabra.org if you are able to attend either of these events and advise any dietary requirements.