FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome
Congratulations to the students in 4C who did an excellent job unpacking the High 5 for resolving playground incidences. Their role plays gave all students across the school a practical demonstration of how to use the High 5 effectively.

Well done 3B who presented some very interesting information about the background and relevance of Sorry Day which is commemorated on 26 May every year. Congratulations to all students who received an award for their efforts. There is a large number of students right through the school regularly demonstrating consistency in hard work and the You Can Do It keys to success.

Choral Fanfare
Congratulations to our awesome senior choir who received a silver award at the recent Macgregor Choral Fanfare. Even with a depleted choir due to the Instrumental Music camp, the students’ performance was brilliant. Thank you to Mrs Buddle, Mrs Sluggett and all our parent supporters for preparing and transporting students.

Instrumental Music Camp
Congratulations to all the band and strings students who attended the Instrumental Music Camp during week 5. This culminated in an outstanding concert performance by primary and high school students from across the district on Thursday evening. Thank you to Mr Millar, Ms Long, Mrs Buddle and parents for supporting this event.
Making Appointments
The staff at Runcorn State School are extremely busy planning and implementing great learning opportunities for all our students. This makes it difficult for staff to engage with parents particularly just before school begins. When teachers are with children or on class they are expected to be teaching.

Staff are more than happy to talk with you about your child, but this often requires parents making an appointment. This can be done by either contacting the office or emailing the teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time. This is also necessary when dealing with administration staff.

Disco
Thanks to all the community members who attended the “Onesies Disco” last week. The students had a fun time and it was great to see so many community members share an evening out. Thanks to all the P&C volunteers who provided food and assisted with setup. Thanks to all the teachers who turned out to supervise.

Under 8’s Day - 22 May
Thanks to all the staff and students who organised and supported the Runcorn State School Under 8’s Day. This was a fantastic event attended by all our Prep – Year 3 students as well as lots of Pre-Prep students from prospective new families. Thanks to all our parent helpers. The feedback from students was extremely positive with the jumping castles proving to be a big hit.

Prep Information Evening
A Prep information evening for parents wishing to enrol students in 2016 will be held on Tuesday 2 June at 6pm in the Prep classrooms. Enrolment packs will be available on the night as well as interview placement times. 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 contact Lyn, Ruth or Leanne in the office on (07) 3323 8777.

School Parking Areas
There are a number of parents parking illegally at pick up and drop off times. Using the school car park, parking over driveways or parking in the pick-up zones is prohibited. It is also highly dangerous and puts students’ lives at risk.

Please ensure you park in the appropriate areas at all times and remain courteous and follow the road rules around our school. The Brisbane City Council and Queensland Police regularly patrol the school zones during pick up and drop off times. Expect to be booked if you are not following the road rules.

Smoking Legislation
A reminder that new legislation prohibits smoking within 5 metres of any school in Queensland. This means that community members who are smokers either refrain from smoking around our school or do so on the opposite side of the road.

Earn to Learn at Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown
Thanks to all our school community members who have supported the Earn to Learn at Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown by placing their shopping dockets in the Runcorn State School bin. We are currently the leading school and have won two iPads over the past few weeks.

Please keep supporting our school by encouraging your friends and family to place dockets in the Runcorn bin.

P&C and School Council Meetings
A reminder that the next P&C will be held on Tuesday, 2 June at 7.00pm in the staff room. All school community members are invited to attend.

Regards

Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Behaviour Management is a Home-School Partnership
The partnership between Home and School in managing student behaviour is crucial. Understanding the school rules and supporting these within the Home creates a supportive environment for children to learn the importance of following rules. The Runcorn School Rules are:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

There are a number of areas that are causing some problems that we ask for Parents and Carers to support with.
Toys
Toys are not to be brought to school to play with during curriculum or break time. We don’t want to see cherished toys being inadvertently lost, stolen or damaged. Toys are permitted to be brought in on a child’s nominated Show and Tell day only and these are to be put in an area next to or on the class teacher’s desk ready for the Show and Tell session.

Toilet Behaviour
We are observing an increase in unsuitable playing in toilets. Students have been throwing wet balls of toilet paper/paper towel at each other, around the toilet and up onto the ceiling. We have also had purposeful blocking of toilets with huge amounts of toilet paper and putting other student’s clothing into toilets/urinals. As we discuss with students at school, you wouldn’t do this at home – so why do this at school?

Detention Process
Detentions are written up on blue paper and sent home for parent signature so that children can discuss their behaviour with their Parents. Detentions are held during Tuesday and Thursday lunch breaks. Detention is a time for reflective learning where students discuss the School Rules they have not followed and which of the You Can Do It Keys to Success they could have used to make a more appropriate behavioural choice. Students who are scheduled for a detention are required to attend the office to ensure that Parents have sighted and signed the Detention form. If this has been completed, the Detention takes place. If not, students are given time out to assist with imbedding their need to own their behaviour and present the blue Detention form to their parents for discussion and signature.

1, 2, 3 Magic Parenting Education Program
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 or email rfran115@eq.edu.au to book your place.

Roberta Matlock
Deputy Principal

FROM THE MASTER TEACHER

Parent Information Afternoons
This Thursday in the Old Admin Building I will be covering Higher Order Thinking. We will look at practical discussion and questioning techniques you can use to help your child at home. Everyone is welcome to attend from 2.30pm – 3pm. If you are unable to attend, any handouts will be placed onto the school’s website. Please let the office know if you are attending. More information can be found at on this website “Skills for the 21st Century “

You Can Do It and Habits of the Mind
During the last few years, we have introduced the You Can Do It program into classrooms and the playground. The program encourages students to use the five keys to success: Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence, Resilience and Persistence. Please encourage your children to use the five keys to become successful learners at home and school. A link to the website is: https://youcandoitparents.com.au.

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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MUSIC MATTERS

Participating in a music ensemble is a wonderful way to hone the skills of organisation, confidence, persistence, resilience and getting along. These five important life skills form Runcorn State School’s 5 Keys to Success. These skills were demonstrated to a high level by our instrumental students and our Senior Choir last week as they participated in musical events in our local area.

Last week 45 Year Four, Five and Six students participated in a workshop at Runcorn High School. They were able to work with music students and teachers from other schools to learn new pieces and to improve their playing. This culminated in a night time concert, which was fantastic and enjoyed by all who were lucky enough to be there. Many thanks go to Mr Millar and Miss Long, who worked extremely hard to provide this opportunity for our students.

On Thursday our Senior Choir travelled to MacGregor Primary School to join in the biennial Choral Fanfare. Even though the choir was smaller than usual, due to some of our instrumental students being at their instrumental workshop, they rose amazingly to the occasion and performed beautifully. The adjudicator praised the choir for their lovely bright clear sound and clear diction, and granted us a Silver Award. **Well done, Senior Choir!**
Special thanks to Mrs Sluggett, Mr Gosling and the parents who gave up their time to transport the children.

These types of events are priceless opportunities for our students to develop the keys to success. They also show us that nothing can be achieved without dedication and hard work. They build memories and friendships that will remain for many years to come. Thank you to all who support our Music program.

Mrs Margaret Buddle

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK AND NATIONAL SORRY DAY

National Sorry Day is held on 26 May each year to acknowledge and recognise members of the Stolen Generations. It has been commemorated at Runcorn State School with a Parade presentation by 3B on Monday 25 May.
National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. NRW will be commemorated in Week 7 with a Parade Presentation by 5A looking at Mabo Day.

MOTHERS DAY HIGH TEA WITH YEAR 3’S

On Friday 8th May, the Year 3 students invited their mothers and grandmothers to be the guests of honour at a Mother’s Day High Tea. There were yummy treats aplenty, a fun photo booth, tea and coffee on tap and lots of hugs and cuddles! We loved having you come and spend time with us. After all, happiness is... seeing your mother smile!

RUNCORNTATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Our Junior Sports Day at Runcorn will be held on Wednesday the 10th of June. The back-up date for poor weather is the following Wednesday (17th). Students in Prep to Year 2 will be participating on this day and are busy preparing. It would be great if we could have a few volunteers on the day to help the day run smoothly and of course our students would love their families to come and watch. This day is mainly about participation, having fun and earning points for their houses.

Our Runcorn Senior Athletics Carnivals will be held on Thursday the 11th and Friday the 12th of June. Back Up days for bad weather or Gala Day Reschedule (12th) will be on the last week of term, Thursday (25th) and Friday (26th). Students in Years 3 to 6 are allowed to compete in events such as High Jump, Long Jump, and Shot Put and depending on age groups, 200, 800m, 80m and 100m events. 8 year olds in Year 3 will not be running in the 200m and 800m events. 9 year olds will not run in the 800m event but can nominate for the 200m event.

All students are expected to participate on the day and earn points for their house. Last week, students started nominating for which field events and long distance running they would like to do. These nomination sheets are up on the green board opposite the doorway to the old office. Once I have collected all nominations, I then look at the numbers for each house for each event. For field events we can only have a maximum of 6 boys and 6 girls for each house for each age group compete in the final on the day. If more students nominate then we would hold a trial at school to establish the top 6. No late nominations will be accepted so please discuss
the carnival events with your children and encourage them to have a go at these events. Nominations have now closed. Trials will be held either before school or during lunch times.

At the Senior Carnival, all students will participate in the Sprint Events, Ball Games and Novelty Races time permitting, even if they don’t do the field events. They should wear their house shirt and a hat to school that day.

Please note that students are grouped according to the AGE they WILL be this year! After the conclusion of our carnival I will look at our results to determine if any of our students meet the heights, distances and race rankings to attend the District Athletics Carnivals on the Thursday 30th July and Tuesday 4th of August at Col Bennet Park, Algester. Students must participate in our school carnival to be considered for District Events. Please contact Mrs Wood through the school office or by email: awyat26@eq.edu.au if you are any questions or concerns or you are available to help.

Mrs Anna Wood
PE Teacher

LOST PROPERTY

Child’s spectacles, money, toys, a single earring and a watch have been handed in. If they belong to your child, please collect 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

P&C Disco
A big thank you to all the volunteers and to our new event coordinator Glenda who did an amazing job at the disco. If you see Glenda around the school, say hi and if you would like to help, please let her know.

Disco Prize Winners: Rebecca, Baxter, Vai and Evelyn

FunFest 2015 – 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.

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

Uniform Shop
Winter uniforms are now in stock

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor
School Banking

Please note that because of the long weekend and the public holiday on the Monday (8th June), School Banking will be collected on **TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2015**. Banking will then revert back to Mondays.

Davina Edwards
Banking Coordinator

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SMILE VANUATU

**THANK YOU!**

A big thank you for all the wonderful 138 toothbrushes donated by pupils from Runcorn Primary school. We are off to Vanuatu on June 20th for 2 weeks this year.

The school dental clinic will be closed during this time but reopen on July 8th for school holiday appointments. Your donations will help the children on Malekula Island smile.

*Christine Southall and Lyn Newman*

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COMMUNITY NEWS

AFL Queensland School Holiday Camps

For more information, contact Brisbane South Office on (07) 3394 2198.

**Influenza (flu) season**


Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.