FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome
A big thank you to 5A who took parade last week and presented the audience with a look at the significance of Mabo Day which is celebrated on Wednesday 3 June.

Congratulations to all the award recipients over the past two weeks. It is fantastic to see the number of students receiving awards for learning site words, demonstrating the You Can Do It keys and always trying their best in everything they do.

Next week, we farewell our senior students as they head to Canberra for a fun filled week of sightseeing and learning. Questacon, Parliament House and The National Mint are just a few of the many great places our students will visit and learn about.

Rotary Breakfast
I had the pleasure of attending the Sunnybank Rotary Club monthly breakfast meeting this week to receive a cheque for $650, the prize for Runcorn being the largest school represented at the recent Calamvale Community Fun Run. The money will go towards supporting literacy resources across the school.

Prep Information Morning
The next Prep information Morning will be held on Tuesday 14 July 9.30-11am. If you have yet to attend one of the Prep information sessions for students enrolling for 2016 we invite you to come along. If you know of parents who have Prep-aged students and are yet to enrol, please provide them with this information or have them contact the school office on 3323 8777.
Junior Athletics Carnival
A great day was had by all at the Junior Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all the competitors who took part in this fun filled event. Thank you to all the supporters of our future athletic stars. Your efforts helping staff, in the tuckshop or just cheering on students made for a very enjoyable event.

Senior Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all the competitors who participated in the Runcorn State School Senior Athletics Carnival for students in Years 4-7.

These two days are a great way to showcase our student’s athletic skills as well as give students the opportunity to participate in their house team to gain points for the overall athletics trophy.

Thanks to Mrs Woods, staff and parent helpers for making our carnival week a huge success. A special mention must go to our House Captains and student leaders for their enthusiasm and support of students by providing encouragement to all of our athletes over the two days. Full results will be available in the next newsletter.

Semester 1 Reporting
Semester 1 student reports will go home with students on Wednesday of week 10. If you are requiring a second student report card, can you please contact the office to make the appropriate arrangements. Parents requiring interviews can do so by arranging times with the classroom teacher directly or through the office.

Sports Gala Day
Congratulations to all the Year 5-7 students who participated in the Sports Gala Day on Friday 30 May. Students participated in soccer, rugby league, basketball and school sports.

The next Sports Gala Day for Years 5-7 students will be on Friday 7 August.

International Cleaners Day
Monday 15 June is International Cleaners Day. At Runcorn State School we have a dedicated group of cleaners who take pride in their work and ensure our school is clean and tidy and a great place to learn. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all our cleaners and the work they do. Thank you for your efforts. If you see the cleaners around the school don’t forget to pass on your appreciation for the work they do for our students and their learning environments.

P&C Meeting
A reminder that the next P&C will be held on Monday 14 July at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All school community members are invited to attend.

Regards

Greg Gosling

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

2016 Booklists
Schoolstuff.com.au is supplying our school with Booklists for the 2016 school year. One of the services they offer is long term Layby which families can start with as little as $10 now.

With Christmas, school holidays and a new school year all within weeks imagine getting to the end of the school year and your booklists are already taken care of? If you are interested in starting a Layby for 2016 stationery requirements, please contact them on: Schoolstuff.com.au or (07) 3391 7000.

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 the Reading Eggs and Accelerated Reader Programs. Parents will be shown how to access and ways to encourage their child to get the most out of these online programs. Everyone is welcome to attend from 2.30 pm – 3pm. If you are unable to attend, any handouts will be placed onto the school’s web site. Please let the office know if you are attending. More information can be found at www.readingeggs.com and Accelerated Reader

Stem Horizons Program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
During Term One and Two, Emma, Weston, Galen and Matthew in Yr 6 have participated in exciting science activities with assistance of the Toohey Forest Environmental Education Centre and Stretton State College. These four students were involved in forensic investigations, rediscovering dinosaurs, programming robots and marine biological research. Thank you to all the parents who have coordinated the transport arrangements for these students.

Premier’s Readers Challenge
Runcoon SS students will join many schools in Queensland in participating in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature. Last year, more than 77,500 students successfully completed the challenge reading 1.65 million books. The reading period for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge has started and closes on Friday 28 August.

This year, students from Prep to Year 2 need to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Prep to Year 2 students can experience books through shared reading, listening to stories or reading picture books. The aim for the 2015 challenge is to reach a total of two million books read. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of Participation.

For more information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge. You can all play a big part in your children’s future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative. Any questions, please see your class teacher, Mr Biedermann or Mr Scott.

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/efpos. 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

Teaching is a fantastic occupation, but it’s not always a bed of roses. By the end of the day, I’m tired. By the end of the week, I just want to stay in bed. By the end of term, I am looking forward to a holiday. I need to recharge my batteries. Learning an instrument, or any worthwhile skill, for that matter, takes time, dedication and persistence. Getting to rehearsal on time, even when we don’t feel like it. Hanging in there with our practice routine, even when you just can’t get that piece right. Continuing to work on those skills so you can achieve your goals is so important. Please encourage your children to remain focussed on their goals and fulfil their commitments. Through this, they will have an opportunity to develop persistence, an essential life skill.

Speaking of persistence, Senior Choir is continuing to work hard to fine-tune its vocal pieces for the Beenleigh Eisteddfod. We will be competing in the Vocal Showcase category, which will be held at 9am on Tuesday 21st July at the Logan Entertainment Centre. Notes will be sent home for this competition shortly.

Congratulations to 5A, who performed a beautiful rendition of ‘My Island Home’ as part of their parade presentation. It was extremely well presented and brought many an audience member to tears. This reminds us that music is a powerful tool, not only to learn about other cultures and vocabulary, but to learn from others. One of the amazing things about music is that just listening to it can evoke memories, communicate feelings and important messages.

Mrs Margaret Buddle

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

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.

Earn to Learn
Don’t forget to keep popping those receipts into the Runcorn SS box at Sunnybank Hills Shopping Centre for our chance to win more iPads for the school.

Tuckshop

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
SMILE VANUATU

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Avegates – Social Experience Network

FOOTBALL FOR ALL!

Avegates is proud to offer the Always Access Football Program again in 2015. This initiative was designed to provide people with a disability an all-inclusive, safe and fun sporting experience.

Athletes at all levels of ability are welcome and catered for with qualified coaching at every session. Each athlete will receive a kit and uniform upon sign up.

The Program will be available all year round with three 8-week sessions on offer. The first program commences Saturday 2 May 2015.

Don’t forget your hat, water bottle and sunscreen!

For more details please contact Nick Martin on 0428677504.