Welcome
A big thank you to 5R who took us back in time with their Gold Rush parade. Thank you to 1B who did an outstanding display, showcasing the work they have been doing with dance. Well done to both groups for your commitment to sharing what you have learnt.

Congratulations to all the award recipients over the past two weeks and throughout the term. It is very pleasing to see so many students demonstrating the You Can Do It keys to achieve their goals and improve their performance.

Can I thank our dedicated and hardworking staff for their commitment to student improvement and for putting in many extra hours. Thanks to our wonderful P&C, parent helpers, volunteers and school community members who continually support students to improve their learning.

100 Days of Prep
On Tuesday the 14 July at 2.30 – 3.00pm, our Prep students and their families will celebrate 100 Days of the 2015 Prep Program at Runcorn State School. This will be an afternoon tea to acknowledge the importance of our early learning program and the important role staff and families play in ensuring our young students get the best possible start to their education.

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 (07) 3323 8777.
Senior Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all the competitors who participated in the Runcorn State School Senior Athletics Carnival for students in Years 4-7. The wet weather certainly presented its challenges and some events had to be postponed until **Friday 26 June**.

Thanks to **Mrs Woods**, **staff**, **sports captains**, **student leaders** and **parent helpers** for making our carnival week a huge success. Full results will be available in the next newsletter.

Runcorn Earn To Learn Winners
Congratulations and thank you to all the families who supported the Earn to Learn promotion at Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown. Our school beat other local schools taking out first prize winning $4000 and 3 I pads. A big thank you to parents **Rebecca Simpson** and **Liz Douglas** who coordinated and spent many hours ensuring Runcorn was supported by shoppers. Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown will present prizes early in term 3.

Next term the Woolworths Earn and Learn competition begins. Science equipment, sports gear and library resources are previous prizes that Runcorn has received as part of this promotion.

Semester 1 Reporting
Semester 1 student reports went home earlier this week. If you did not receive your child’s report card, please contact the office immediately. If you are requiring a second student report card, can you please contact the office to make the appropriate arrangements?

Attendance
Our attendance for Term 1 was 95% and Term 2 was 92.5%. This is quite low for Runcorn State School. This gives us a combined total just below 94%, which is very close to our 95% attendance target for the year. Thank you to all our families for supporting attendance at Runcorn State School. Remember attendance equals student performance and improvement. Next term we will continue to focus on attendance and remind families about the importance of students attending school regularly.

School Opinion Surveys
The School Opinion Survey process will take place over the coming weeks. A randomly selected list of families is generated and the information sent home for parents to complete online. If you receive this information can you please complete by the due date of 31 July.

Staffing Changes
Lachlan Robertson our Japanese LOTE teacher will be taking well-earned long service leave for Semester 2. Lachlan is being replaced by **Junko Nagashima**. Junko has worked in a number of schools throughout Queensland and I would like to welcome her to Runcorn State School.

Welcome back to **Evalina McNeil** who returns after maternity leave. Ms McNeil will take up a Resource Centre and Digital Pedagogy support Role.

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

School Holidays
The holidays begin on Monday 29 June and school returns on Monday 13 July. There are no pupil free days after this holiday break.

Don’t forget to keep an eye on the school. Call **School Watch on 131 788** 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 3.

Regards

**Greg Gosling**
Semantic 1 Reports
Teachers are currently in the process of writing end of Semester 1 reports. Semester reporting is written against what has been taught and assessed and based on evidence collected this semester that reflects:

- on balance judgments about the quality of a student’s learning against ACARA achievement standards
- a student’s most consistent level of achievement with consideration given to more recent evidence
- a range of assessments kept as an assessment folio aligned to the curriculum
- the year level that the student is working at for English and Maths if different from their age cohort.

Levels of achievement are awarded using a five-point scale for Prep, Years 1 and 2 and Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7:

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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.

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.

Roberta Matlock
Deputy Principal

FROM THE MASTER TEACHER

Reading over the Holidays
Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays. The great improvements in reading this semester is testament to the focused work by the teachers, support staff and parents.

Premier’s Readers Challenge
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 or Mr Biedermann or Mr Scott.
School Holiday Events


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.

TERM DATES FOR 2015 SCHOOL YEAR

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MUSIC MATTERS

Congratulations to the many students who worked well consistently through the semester and achieved great results in Music. Enjoy the outcomes of your hard work! It is always good to try something new. This semester an enthusiastic bunch of Year Two students met each week for our brand new music club. The singing, games, dancing and listening we did was not only fun, but helped to practise and extend what the students were learning in class. Special thanks to Alice, Emily, Ella, Jack, Hayley and Melanie, who have all been amazing leaders. They have definitely demonstrated the 5 keys to success of organisation, confidence, persistence, resilience and getting along with others. Next semester we plan to run a similar music club for interested Year One students. Notes will go home after the holidays.

Next term our ensembles have many wonderful opportunities to perform. Mark these dates in your diaries and calendars now and stay posted for more details.

- Tuesday 21st of July – Senior Choir Eisteddfod
- Wednesday 26th of August – Instrumental Music Evening
- Saturday 5th of September – Band, Strings and Choirs to perform at the Runcorn Funfest.

Mrs Margaret Buddle
Last Friday, the Year 3 students went on an excursion to the planetarium. Everyone arrived at school early and excited for the day ahead. The show the students experienced in the dome was out of this world. They were astonished and in awe. After learning lots about our solar system we ventured out into the gardens for lunch and through the children’s trail to learn about different flora and fauna. We even spotted some pandas! Overall it was a fantastic but exhausting day of learning.

EARN 2 LEARN - WE WON!!!

Congratulations and well done!!! Runcorn State School came first in the Earn 2 Learn promotion, earning the school $4,000. This money will go towards purchasing new resources for our school. Second place getter was Runcorn Heights State School and Our Lady of Lourdes came third.

**Final Tally!**

1. Runcorn State School 252.98 points
2. Runcorn Heights State School 221.01 points
3. Our Lady of Lourdes 120.61 points
4. Sunnybank Hills Primary School 92.27 points
5. St Stephens Primary 51.02 points
6. Sunnybank State School 41.47 points
7. Kuraby State School 39.59 points
8. Calamvale Community College 33.66 points
9. Warrigar Road State School 20.85 points
10. Stretton State College 14.44 points

Special thanks to everyone who supported the school by dropping their receipts into the Runcorn SS bin.

LOST PROPERTY

Child’s spectacles, money, toys, USB stick, 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 Meeting – 14th July, 7pm
All interested parents are invited to attend.

FunFest 2015 – 5th September
Don’t forget Runcorn SS Funfest on the 5th September. Come along to FunFest where you can enjoy great rides, fabulous food and good family fun. Ride passes available $30 if pre-purchased, $35 on the day.

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

School Banking
Monday is School Banking Day

Davina Edwards
Banking Coordinator

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

Trivia Night – Runcorn State High School - Friday 31st July 2015
Do you fancy a bit of trivia? Thrive on tidbits shared around the water cooler? Are you the life of the party? This year, the Runcorn State High School Music Support Group will host a Trivia Night on Friday July 31 in the Runcorn High Performing Arts Block. So, get a table of 10 trivia fanatics together and enjoy a night of trivia, food and prizes! Decorate your table from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. There will be prizes for best decorated and themed table, trivia champion, runner-up and wooden spoon as well as raffles. Cold and hot drinks, as well as snacks will be available for purchase. BYO food permitted, no alcohol. Bookings are now available, so please phone the school on 3323 1609 for details on how to book.