Welcome
Welcome to what has been a very chilly start to Term 3. On the last day of Term 2 we received the news that Greg Gosling has been transferred to Silkstone State School in Ipswich as Acting Principal for Term 3. With such short notice we were unfortunately unable to have a formal farewell for Greg before he left. The length of time for this acting position is pending decisions from Regional Office. We thank Greg for his leadership of Runcorn State School. Greg's depth of knowledge, experience and dedication to school improvement has benefited the school significantly. We wish him all the best at Silkstone State School. In the interim, I have been Acting Principal and Rob Scott has been Acting Deputy Principal during Week 1 and Week 2. Please welcome and support Naomi Meerwald who will take up the Acting Principal role from Monday 27 July Week 3. Naomi comes to Runcorn from Waterford State School and has a wide range of Principal experience in schools of various sizes in different regions.

Prep 2016
Thanks to Prep staff and the community for supporting our celebration of 100 days of Prep on Tuesday 14 July. Thank you also to our Prep and buddy class staff for providing the Prep Information open morning. Please pass on to your friends that we have opened enrolments for Prep 2016.

Runcorn Community Email List
We utilise a Runcorn Community email list and this is a valuable way to stay connected with the school, particularly short notice announcements and changes. We have sent out a number of emails in the last two weeks, so if you have not received an email please phone or email the office to clarify your current email address as many emails are bouncing back as undeliverable.
School Opinion Survey
Thank you to those families who completed the School Opinion Survey. Your feedback about what the school does well and how it can improve is valued.

FunFest 2015
Our Biennial Funfest is occurring on Saturday 5 September. This is a fantastic fund raiser for our school. Our P & C are working extremely hard on organising this and we thank them for the huge amount of time they are putting into the event. Every student is asked to donate items to the Funfest and notes will be sent home itemising exactly what is required to be donated. Please kindly assist your children’s class by donating the items required. Please notify the P&C if you are keen to assist on the day.

Earn-2-Learn
Congratulations and thanks to the P&C and community for winning the Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown Earn-2-Learn competition. The effort resulted in the school winning $4,000 and 3 iPads. Can you please support the Woolworths Earn & Learn competition by collecting points between points between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September and placing them in the collection box in our Library. We will redeem these points for prizes for the school.

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers
Runcorn State School relies on the valued voluntary efforts of people who donate their time that helps make Runcorn the wonderful community school that it is. The Uniform Shop is completely staffed by volunteers, so please be aware of this when making your uniform purchases and enquiries. The provision of Tuckshop service is dependent on volunteers and we are desperately short of volunteers on Fridays in particular but help is always needed. Please consider support our wonderful community school by volunteering.

Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner
The Federal Government has recently created Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner. From 1 July 2015 children suffering from serious cyberbully can contact the Office who will remove content from social media if ISPs will not/have not done it. Children and parents can view further information about cyberbullying and how to report it to: www.esafety.gov.au

Senior Choir
Congratulations to our Senior Choir attaining 2nd place on the Eisteddfod. Thank you to Mrs Buddle, Mrs Mechielsen and Mrs Sluggett for their efforts in preparing the Choir.

Staff Movements
We welcome and support Ms Kailing Liao as the teacher to PH class and farewell Miss Handyside who has moved to NSW. Please support Ms Liao as she settles into Runcorn. Chris Garcia and 6G are hosting a pre service teacher Mr Andrew Chou for 9 weeks practicum placement.

Regards
Roberta Matlock

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Reading every day is everybody’s business
Please encourage your child to read every day. This regular practice will help them retain words, learn new vocabulary and improve their fluency. If you need tips on how to help your child, log on to https://runcorns.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Documents/Supporting%20your%20Child%20with%20Literacy%20in%20Prep%20-%20Yr%203.pdf. School staff, students and parents/ caregivers all have a responsibility to help our students be better readers.

Yr 5 Reading Club
A group of Year 5 students are meeting in the library on a Tuesday morning to discuss seven different books chosen by the Children’s Book Council of Australia. Book clubs are a great way for students to discuss their thoughts, knowledge and ideas about the texts they have read. Students get the chance to debate their ideas and develop positive persuasive speaking techniques.

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.

Maths Team Challenge
A small group of students in Year 5 and 6 will represent Runcorn SS at the 2015 Maths Team Challenge at Stretton College next Friday 31 July. The students will be involved in two events on the day, the Team Event and the Relay Event. In the Team Event, problems are solved collectively by the entire team and in the Relay Event, problems are solved consecutively by team pairs. Students will need complete difficult maths problems in a set time. We wish the all the best for next Friday.
Parent Information Sessions
I will be starting the parent information sessions again on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm in Week 3. This term's sessions will have a focus in the Prep to Yr 2 levels and will be located in D block under the Year 4 classrooms, opposite Girraween Place. Our topics will include using Reading Eggs at Home, Phonograms, Mathletics, Early Writing, Numeracy and Reading Strategies.

Great Town Planning in Yr 2D
I was fortunate enough to see the great examples of town planning from 2D this week during class activity. Keep up the great work.

Rob Scott
Acting Deputy Principal

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
It was a great pleasure to take the Senior Choir to the Beenleigh Festival on Tuesday, where they performed a Choral Showcase, and were awarded with a second place, with a score of 84 out of 100. The adjudicator mentioned that it was very close between first and second and praised us for our enthusiasm.
Congratulations to all our choir members for their fantastic performance and admirable conduct. Thank you to Mrs Mechielsen, Mrs Sluggett and Mrs Scott for their tireless efforts in supporting our choir.

We now begin to look forward to our Instrumental Evening, which will be held on Wednesday, the 26th of August in the Sunnybank State High School Hall. Students will need to arrive at 6.15pm, and the concert will begin at 7.00pm. This annual concert is the highlight of our musical calendar, as all musical ensembles will be performing, from our Beginner Strings, to the Concert Band and Senior Choir. All community members are invited to attend. We especially encourage families of younger students to attend, as this is a great opportunity for them to listen to and start thinking about which instrument they would like to learn.

Our ensembles have been asked to perform at the Runcorn Funfest on Saturday, the 5th of September. The Concert Band will begin at 9:45am, followed by Senior Choir, Junior Choir, String Orchestra and the Cello Choir. The performances will be short, in free dress and completed before the rides open at 10:30am. It is will be a great experience for these groups to perform to the public and show them the great work they have been doing.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS – RESULTS ARE IN!!!

Junior Athletics Carnival Scores
Acacia 1144
Third
Banksia 1329
First
Grevillea 1289
Second

Senior Athletics Carnival Scores
Acacia 668
Third
Banksia 797
Second
Grevillea 893
First

Also, congratulations to the following students on their achievements as follows:-

Coombe Shield Winner.......Damon Van Der Woude

Age Champs
8 Years Boy / Girl
- Andrew Woods
- Tahni Bridge

9 Years Boy/Girl
- Riley Paul
- Zoe Earley

10 Years Boy / Girl
- Georgia Pajibo
- Damon Van Der Woude

11 Years Boy/Girl
- Shareef Mwechiwa
- Zofia Elliott

12 Years Boy / Girl
- Bentou Kenneh
- Fletcher Day

New Record

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YEAR 6 CAMP

On the evening of Sunday the 14th June, 42 Year 6 students boarded a bus and headed off on their exciting trip to Canberra for the week as the concluding activity for their unit on Democracy.

The students visited both Old and New Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial as well as other famous landmarks that Canberra is famous for. The students returned exhausted but exhilarated back to school early on Friday morning, the 19th June.
We would like to thank the Australian Government for their generous support of this camp as they contributed to the cost by providing $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER).

SCIENCE EXPO - 5TH AUGUST - YOU'RE INVITED

Runcorn State School Community is invited to attend the

**ANNUAL SCIENCE EXPO**

*Making Waves - The Science of Light*

*on Wednesday 5th August*

*9.00am – 11.00am*

*In Science Resource Centre*

*Year 1/2/3 areas and walkways, Old Library, Girrawheen Place.*

Students from all year levels will be showcasing their scientific skills and some of the fabulous work they have done in class this term. Come and make waves with us and shine a light on Science!

COMING SOON…….BOOK WEEK MUSICAL & BOOK FAIR

On Tuesday 18th August, the brand new musical for Book Week 2015 and its theme “Shine a light” features a selection of the 2015 Children’s Book Council Shortlisted books and explores how, in an ever changing world, books remain a consistent way to connect with others and celebrates the fact that a good story is timeless. There will be two performances: Prep to Year 3 at 12.10pm and Years 4 -6 at 2.00pm. Both of these performances will be held at the school in Girrawheen Place and will run for approximately 1 hour. A permission note will be sent home soon.

During this week we will also be having a “Book Fair”. Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits. You will be receiving more information about this very soon.

Book Week is from 22 – 28 August. The theme for this year is ‘Books light up our world’ all of the shortlisted books will be on display in the library. Feel free to come in and browse through this year’s collection. There are many ways that ‘books light up our world’ with our children. Come and visit the resource centre as we celebrate Book Week 2015.

Happy Reading,
Ms Howes

EARN & LEARN – START COLLECTING!

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between **Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015**. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school and drop them into the Collection Box at the Library. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask Ms Howes in the Library at school. Let’s start collecting.

Ms Howes ☺
LOST PROPERTY
Sunglasses, pencil case, butterfly keyring, USB stick and a single earring 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 – Tuesday, 11th August, Staffroom
All interested parents are invited to attend.

FunFest 2015 – 5th September – Only 8 weeks left to go!!!
Make sure you get your ride pass money in before the fete to preorder you ride pass and FunFest funds. We still need volunteers and donations to help ensure this is a great day for the school. Please drop your donations into the fete baskets located in each classroom and email runcornfunfest@gmail.com if you are available to give a hand.

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
Did you know?
By regularly depositing money into your child’s bank account through school banking you are making money for the school? Each new account opened earns the school $5 and 5% of each deposit made is given to the school by the Commonwealth Bank. Last year the students deposited over $19,000 which means the school earned $1,184.35 in commission! So by regularly banking and saving money for your children you are also helping the school earning money which can be used for student resources and equipment! Remember, School banking day is Monday! Every 10 deposits earns a reward and 25 deposits during 2015 earns you a spot in the draw to win a family trip to Disneyland, California!

Happy Savings!

Cath Myrtvedt
Banking Coordinator