From the Principal....

I would like to say a big thank you to the student and parent community that have welcomed me to Runcorn State School. I was HOSES at the school six years ago and it has been wonderful to return and see such friendly and familiar faces. I was especially impressed to see the Year six students (who were in prep last time I was at the school) have grown to be fine young men and women. I look forward to meeting and working with you to ensure our students become the thinkers and the dreamers of tomorrow.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results were released this week. I am happy to report that many students performed far beyond what was expected. All students and staff should be congratulated on a fine result. Students should receive their reports on Friday.

Prep Enrolments

Enrolments are now being taken for 2016. We are limited in our capacity so secure your place now.

Sports Gala Day Stars

I would like to wish all of our students competing in the Gala Day this Friday the very best of luck. I am sure you will conduct yourselves in a sports friendly manner and have a wonderful day representing Runcorn State School.

Public Holiday

EKKA HOLIDAY – a reminder that school will be closed on Wednesday 12 August for the EKKA Show Holiday.

Attendance is vital

Attendance is important for our students to access the curriculum. Late arrival to school also impacts on student learning. Our aim is to have school and individual attendance at 95%. I have included our attendance rate. We are close. Let’s work together to achieve 95%.

Naomi Meerwald

From the Deputy Principal....

NAPLAN

As Naomi has outlined, the 2015 NAPLAN data has been released and the Student Reports will be sent home with students on Friday 7/8/2015.

I would like to congratulate students and staff for very pleasing results with many students performing above National and State levels. Our focus on early intervention and Literacy at Runcorn State School is extremely beneficial for students with 100% of our Year 3 students performing in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation and Spelling above the National Minimum Standard.

Collecting Data on Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student.

The data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.
Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

**Districts Athletics**
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the District Athletics Carnival. You made Runcorn very proud.

Congratulations to Braydon Jacobsen and Georgia Pajibo who have progressed to the MetWest Regional Athletics Carnival. All the best students!!

**You Can Do It**
The YCDI Program encourages students to use the Five Keys of Success: Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence, Resilience and Persistence to help them develop positive learning behaviours they can use in the classroom, in the playground and at home. Please encourage your children to use the five keys to become successful learners at home and at school. Here is a great parent website [https://youcandoitparents.com.au](https://youcandoitparents.com.au).

**Roberta Matlock**

**From the Master Teacher….**

**Maths Team Challenge Great Effort**
A small group of students in Year 5 and 6 represented Runcorn SS at the 2015 Maths Team Challenge at Stretton College last Friday 31 July. The students were involved in two events on the day, the Team Event and the Relay Event. Thirty-five very difficult maths problems needed to be completed in a set time.

Our students worked well as a team and showed great stamina in solving the maths problems all day. Well Done.

**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. We have already discussed “Fighting Bones” by Sophia Laguna a great read about the convict life of children in 1836. Next week’s book is “Good Enough for a Sheep Station” by David Cox. All these books are available to be borrowed from the school library.

**Maths Games Olympiad**
We have registered a team of thirty students from Yr 4-6 in the 2015 APSMO Maths Olympiad. The students will work with Mr Scott on a Wednesday morning before school to solve difficult maths problems.

**Parent Information Sessions**
The parent information sessions are on each Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm- 3pm in D block under the Year 4 classrooms, opposite Girraween Place. This week’s session will include using Reading Eggs at home. Thank you Mr Biedermann for presenting the Phonograms Program last week. These sessions are free and very informative.

**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](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.

**Rob Scott**
**Master Teacher**

**Music Matters**
Our annual Instrumental Evening, 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. It is essential that all students involved attend this evening.
We especially look forward to hear the first performance of the Junior Choir, which involves all Year Three students. Students in Junior Choir and Junior Strings need to wear their full formal school uniform. Students in Senior Choir, Senior Strings and Band will need to wear their music uniforms.

Bow ties will be handed out and collected again on the night. Music is a wonderful gift to be able to share with our community and we invite everyone 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 are also busy rehearsing for their performances 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.

Mrs Margaret Buddle

**Coming Soon...Bookweek Musical**

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 2pm. Both of these performances will be held at the school in Girrawheen Place and will run for approximately 1 hour. A permission note for this has been sent home. Students can come dressed as their favorite book character on Tuesday 18th August.

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. We are also having a coloring in competition, entry forms at the Library. Enter for your chance to win one of six $10 vouchers to spend at the book fair. 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**

**Shoelace Tying Session with the Preppies and their Buddies**

On Friday 31st July, Prep and Year 1 students took part in an Ascent school lesson program designed to teach students the skill of shoe-lace tying. With the help of buddy classes and parent-helpers, many children were able to master this new skill which will be of great use in the future! It was wonderful to watch the children demonstrate persistence in order to develop independence in tying their laces.

*We would like to say a big thank you to David from Ascent and his helper, Steph, from Athletes Foot (Garden City) for such fun and informative sessions.*

If you would like a copy of the video or “9 step” handout, please follow the link below. You are never too old (or young) to learn a new skill! [http://www.ascentfootwear.com.au/page/how-to-tie-shoe-laces](http://www.ascentfootwear.com.au/page/how-to-tie-shoe-laces)
The Science Expo held on the 5th of August was a huge success.

Students and parents were enthralled by the displays of how earthquakes were formed, how sinkholes are created and what damage a tornado or a flood can cause. Volcanoes erupted spreading their lava everywhere and avalanches and cyclones raged.

Students also tasted delicious popcorn, refreshing lemonade, icy snow cones and ice cream. Some students planted seeds and made models of planet Earth. Not to mention the fantastic light experiments and night and day rooms! We had a fantastic morning of learning.

A big thank you to Toohey Forest Environmental Education Centre and Darren for showing us some great environmentally friendly energy ideas and the yummy popcorn cooked by the sun! Thank you to all of the parents who came and who also helped their child with projects (especially the Year 6 homework task!). A special thank you to all of the students of Runcorn State School. Your work was inspiring and exciting! Last of all a special thank you to all of the dedicated wonderful teachers!

Term Dates for 2015 School Year

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P&C News

P&C Meeting
The next meeting for the P&C will be held on the 11th August, 7pm, in the Library. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Funfest, 5th September
Get ready for fun, rides and food. For more information, email runcornfunfest@gmail.com.

Funfest Cake Stall
We are looking for some keen bakers to fill our ever popular Cake Stall. Packaging for your baked treats will be available from the Tuckshop in the coming weeks.
Donations can be delivered to the Tuckshop on the eve of Funfest (Friday 4th September), or taken directly to the Cake Stall on the day. All goodies must have an Ingredients List attached.

**Uniform Shop**

Winter uniforms are now in stock

Rebecca McCutcheon  
Convenor

**School Banking**

Monday is School Banking Day

Davina Edwards  
Banking Coordinator

**FunFest Ride Passes and FunFest Funds**

FunFest Ride Passes and FunFest Funds are available now!!

You can now pre-purchase your Ride passes and Funfest Funds prior to the fete. This may help with your family budget and allow you more flexibility to enjoy the day. A Ride Pass gives you unlimited access to all the rides including the Giant Obstacle Course, Super Slide, Jumping Castle, Sizzler, Cup n Saucer and Laser Tag. **Only $30 if pre-purchased** or $35 on the day.

You can also prepay your FunFest Funds which allows use at Sideshow Alley (class stalls only) **$10 for $12 value (BARGAIN).** These are not available to purchase on the day.

Now on sale until the week prior to the Fete and will be available for collection in the week leading to the fete and will need to be signed for by a parent as they will not be sent home with your child.

To purchase, pick up a form from the office.