From the Principal….

Attendance is vital
Our attendance goal is for 95%. Our rate has dropped slightly over the last two weeks. Please remember to phone the school if your child is sick as Education Queensland requires an explanation for all absences.

FunFest is Nearly Here – 5th September
The Funfest is on this weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Liz Douglas and the co-ordinating party and the P&C for all of their hard work. I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated goods or services to support this event.

Wireless Network
The P&C this week donated $10,000 towards updating the wireless network in the school. This is a very welcome addition to our funding resources as we engage more and more in the digital technologies.

School Photos on the 9th & 10th September
Bring your best smile and say cheese!! School photos will be held next week. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform with no coloured socks, shoelaces, bright coloured earrings or hair items. Long pants, jumpers and jackets should be able to be removed for the photo.

Naomi Meerwald

From the Deputy Principal….

Essential Items Every Day

✅ Essential stationery items for every student, every day.

All students are required to have a fully stocked pencil case that includes: Sharp HB pencils, a pencil sharpener, a ruler, a glue stick, scissors and coloured pencils. Lessons are designed around students having these items and students are hampered from accessing and completing activities if they don’t have them. Please respond promptly when your children come home and ask for replacement items. As with all items of clothing and lunch boxes, it is important to also name handballs.

Prompt Start to School Day
The school day starts at 8.45am. It is a requirement that students are here prior to this time so that when the bell rings at 8.45am they can move directly to class and start the day in an organised way. Please work to have all students at school prior to the 8.45am bell.

Stationery for 2016
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? Schoolstuff will be at the FunFest to start laybys and answer questions about this service. Please contact them on: schoolstuff.com.au or (07) 3391 7000.

Robert Matlock
To the Runcorn Musicians,

Congratulations on an excellent and entertaining Choral and Instrumental Evening, which was enjoyed by all. You are needed to perform at the Funfest this Saturday morning at Girrawheen Place. Invite your friends, family and neighbours!

Band members and all Music Captains are to meet Mr Millar at 9am in the Band Room to help set up. They are also needed to pack up after the Band performs.

The Year Three Junior Choir is to assemble in Girrawheen Place with Mrs Buddle at 9:50am. The Senior Choir is to assemble in Girrawheen Place at 10am with Mrs Mechielsen. Strings players need to meet Miss Long near Girrawheen Place at 10am. They are also needed to pack up at the end of the performance. Choir and Band Captains are required to help with packing up the choir stands. You can wear neat free dress – wear a colourful shirt!

Ms Margaret Buddle

Congratulations Runcorn Randoms!!

On Sunday 30th August some of our teachers traded their books and pencils for running shoes. Mrs Bayle, Ms Clayfield, Miss Bennett and Miss Raftopoulos, with help from Miss Jodie from the Tuckshop, participated in the Bridge to Brisbane as the Runcorn Randoms. They did a fantastic job raising over $700 for Childhood Cancer Support! Well done ladies!

And congratulations to Mrs Schooth for running a massive 42.2km in the Sunshine Coast Marathon. Amazing!!

FUNFEST MUSICAL MEETING TIMES
9:00am – Band and All Music Captains
9:50am – Year Three Junior Choir
10am - Senior Choir, Beginner Strings, String Ensemble and Cello Choir

FUNFEST MUSICAL PERFORMANCE TIMES
9:45am - Band
10am - Official Opening
10:05 – Year Three Junior Choir
10:15am - Senior Choir
10:20am - Beginner Strings
10:25am - String Ensemble
10:30am - Cello Choir
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.

From The Resource Centre

Earn & Learn – Start Collecting!
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program finishes on Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Just bring your stickers 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.

Book Fair
A big thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair – our most successful to date!! The money raised will go towards new resources for our school.

Ms Howes

Term Dates for 2015 School Year

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P&C News

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held on the Tuesday, 8th September at 7pm in the staffroom. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

Fathers Day Stall – Thursday September 3rd
We have a range of awesome gifts from $1 to $15. All items are new, so don’t forget to bring your spending money on Thursday September 3 and buy something special for Dad.

The P&C would like to thank Mrs Jarvis and Mr B for helping us to promote the Father’s Day stall - that was great! We’d also like to thank the parents who have offered in advance to volunteer their help to set up on the Wednesday before, and to help on the day. Also, we always appreciate those parents who just turn up on the day and offer their help - we always need it! Thank you so much for helping us to provide an opportunity for the children to buy gifts and to raise money for our school at the same time.

Choral Musical evening
At the Choral Musical Evening on Wednesday August 26 the P&C provided hot and cold drinks, cupcakes, cookies and lollies for sale to provide snacks to fill empty tummies and raise money for our school. Miss Jodie and her helpers made the most light and delicious cupcakes and choc chip cookies - thank you so much, they were yum, and we completely sold out of the four dozen cakes and a dozen cookies provided. We also sold pens to raise money for musical instruments/and for the school. The P&C volunteers were also able to enjoy the wonderful musical performances!

Funfest, 5th September
Funfest time and what fun it will be! Rides, games raffles, prizes, market stalls, community groups, food and entertainment! We have it all!

Don’t forget to sign out your ride passes from Girraween Place before school or at the fete. You can drop your cakes off to Miss Jodie in the tuckshop on Friday afternoon or directly to the cake stall at the fete.

Remember to bring your hats, sunscreen and water and have a great day!!!

I would like to thank Liz (Fete Coordinator) and her Fete team, who have put together the up coming Funfest for 2015. On behalf of the P&C and school community, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication and we wish you all the best on Saturday.

Samara Frye
P&C President

Special Delivery of Special Funds
The P&C Fairy helpers have delivered a special letter to all the classroom teachers, SEP and ST Lan. Teachers have received a top up on their class room resource money of $100 each. Thank you P&C!
Uniform Shop

**Opening Hours:** 8.30am – 9am Monday, Wednesday and Friday
The uniform shop is clearing stock of formal shirts for boys and girls, girls shorts and girls wrap around skirts. Sale will start next week, **Monday the 7th of September** at the uniform shop. Prices as marked.

Rebecca McCutcheon  
Convenor

School Banking

**Monday is School Banking Day**

Davina Edwards  
Banking Coordinator

Halloween Trivia Night - SAVE THE DATE!!

**Saturday 31st of October, HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT**

Book in your baby sitters and keep an eye out for a flyer very soon.

Runcorn Swim Club

Runcorn State School Amateur Swimming Club 2015/2016  
Sign-On 7th- 9th September 2015, 3-4pm at Runcorn State School Pool  
Corner of Mains Road and Lampson Street, Runcorn

Sign-up and be part of a family orientated club. Come and make new friends whilst getting fit and supporting a school based club. Who knows? Your child may be the next James Magnussen or Cate Campbell.

Club nights are held on Friday nights from October to March from 6.00pm. We cater for children of all ages and abilities starting with our Learn to Swim classes through to our State Target and National Performance Squads.

Our learn to swim program and squads start from 3.30pm. For further information and enquiries contact Cheryl Riding (President) 0402 141 535 or visit our website [www.runcornswimmingclub.org](http://www.runcornswimmingclub.org)

Community News

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**Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and losses
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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 16 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact David Smill, your local Saver Plus Worker:  
(07) 3115 6202 / 0417 436 103  
or david.smill@thesmillsfamily.com.au

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