From the Principal….

Welcome
Well done to 1M for their Musical Alphabet performance. They expertly demonstrated how music assists with learning, while having fun at the same time.

Congratulations to all the students who received awards on parade this week. It is great to see students demonstrating the You Can Do it Keys to success and working to the best of their ability in all classrooms.

Grandparents Day
Thank you to the many fantastic grandparents who came along to celebrate Grandparents Day with us last week. Grandparents are an extremely valuable part of the Runcorn Community and it was very exciting to share our school with you and say thanks for all you have done for your grandchildren and families. It was great to hear stories from many grandparents who attended Runcorn State School in their primary years and the fond memories they had.

Thanks to all the grandparents who came to library and purchased books which they then donated back to the school. We are fortunate to have such a great school community.

Prep Interviews
Thanks to everyone who supported the Prep Interviews last week. We have had a great response to Prep for 2015. There are a very small number of places available but these are filling quickly. If you have family or friends who have Prep aged children 2016 and want to come to Runcorn, they need to contact the school office immediately to organise a placement.

A reminder that the Prep Orientation morning will take place on Thursday 13 November from 9.30 - 11am.

World Teachers Day
Friday 30 October is World Teacher’s Day. At Runcorn State School we highly value our dedicated and professional teachers. On Friday we will be having a special morning tea to thank teachers for their fantastic effort.

Positive feedback is highly valued and much appreciated. It would be great as a member of our school community to say thank you and well done to our teachers on this day.

Class Request Forms
If you have any concerns with your child’s placement in 2015, please complete the request that was emailed last week and is also now available at the office. It is not appropriate to request a particular teacher however you may have appropriate educational information that will assist us with the placement of your child.

Please don’t assume that we will remember information from previous years. Requests must be lodged by Friday 13 November. Requests received after this date will not be considered as class lists are being prepared mid-November.

Remembrance Day
A Remembrance Day Service will be held on Wednesday 11 November at 10:30am. All parents and community members are invited to attend this solemn event. Students from the Senior Band, Year 3 Junior Choir and Year 6 will perform as part of the service.
P&C
Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Monday of this week. The next P&C Meeting will be held on 3 November 7pm in the Library.

Have a great week

Greg Gosling

From the PE Teacher…….

Swimming

Firstly can I please just say a big Thank You to all the amazing parents that have come down to the pool to help with swimming lessons so far this term. You have been amazing and we do really appreciate it. The weather has been very kind to us so far and the children keep telling me how much they love swimming…..especially the Preps.

We are still getting quite a few of the younger students coming with earrings to swimming. Can parents make sure they are taking earrings out on swimming days. It does hold the whole process up with us having to do this at the start of the lesson and cuts down on our already short time in the water. We cannot allow earrings in the pool as they can cause injury and if they happen to find their way into our pool filter system they can cause havoc.

Swimming Carnivals

Junior Carnival (Prep - 2) is Friday 20th November 9-11am
It would be great if students wore their swimming attire to school under their uniform as we won’t have a lot of time for changing. Please remember to pack your child underwear though as they will be getting changed after. It is also a good idea to pack two towels, a jumper, swim cap, water bottle, and their fruit break inn their swim bag that day if possible. All students are expected to participate to earn points for their team. The aim for the day is participation and water safe fun.

We may have a Parents’ race this year at the beginning of the day to spur the children on so bring your swimmers if you are keen…..

Senior Carnival (Yrs 3-6) is Friday 27th November from 9am-1:30pm

Nominations
Nominations sheets are now up on the notice board opposite the entrance to my office (which is the entrance to the old admin office). Students have been asked to nominate for at least 2 events each, however they are allowed to enter 4 events. They choose 50m or 25m distances but cannot do 50m freestyle and then 25m freestyle. They must do one or the other.

For more able or competitive students, they can nominate for the Championship Races which are effectively finals. We will time these students and then the fastest 6 students will swim in the Championship Races on the Carnival Day. Students who have nominated for this but miss out on time, can then do the regular 50m events and gain points for their houses. Students must swim at our carnival and meet required times to be considered for the Runcorn Swim team to compete at the District Swimming Carnival. This will be for students who are turning 10yrs and over next year.

Please discuss your child’s ability with them before they nominate for events. We would love as many parents and spectators there as possible to cheer on our students and we also require some time keepers for the Senior Carnival.

It would be great if students wore their swimming attire to school under their uniform as we won’t have a lot of time for changing. Please remember to remind your child to pack underwear though as they will be getting changed after. It is also a good idea to pack two towels, a jumper, swim cap, water bottle, their fruit break and afternoon snack in their swim bag that day if possible.
The lunch breaks will remain the same. All students are expected to participate to earn points for their team. The aim for the day is participation and team spirit. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through the school office or by email: awyat26@eq.edu.au

Thanks
Anna Wood
PE 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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**P&C News**

**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C Meeting will be held on the **Tuesday, 3rd November at 7pm** in the Library. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

**Uniform Shop**

**Opening Hours:** 8.30am – 9am Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor

**School Banking**

**Monday is School Banking Day**

Davina Edwards
Banking Coordinator

**Tuckshop**

**Halloween treat - Friday the 30 October only**
Slung Slime and Worms in a cup (green jelly and lollies)
$1 each
No need to preorder, just bring $1 and buy one at lunch time (available until sold out)

**TRIVIA NIGHT - this Saturday!**
It’s not too late to book a table or just turn up on the night. Halloween theme, so dress up and have a scary good time. Booking forms are in the office.

**DISCO - 6th of November (5.30pm – 7.30pm)**
$3 entry per child (Prep – Yr 6)
Food and drink are available on the night.
Left over fete items are also available to purchase.
Fluoro theme so come dressed up in your bright clothing.

**END OF YEAR CONCERT**
Keep an eye out for the End of Year Concert flyer for the hamper donations for our raffle. We are needing items to fill our baskets, tin goods, soda, Christmas decorations, chips, toys etc.

**Runcorn State School Amateur Swimming Club**

**Who doesn't enjoy swimming?**
Come along and join in the fun at Runcorn Swimming Club (bottom of the school oval) if need be you can start in Our Learn to Swim and progress to squad swimming - we have Mini squad, Junior, Target and Senior squads. Our swimmers have been able to achieve state and national levels. It’s a great time to get started with the school swimming carnival coming up soon - improve your swimming with the chance of representing our school and swimming at districts. We have a family friendly club night every Friday night with lots of fun competition. Club night runs school terms 1 and 4.
Joining a swim club and squad swimming doesn’t mean you have to swim every afternoon, you choose when and how often you swim. Come on down to the pool and check it out for yourself, everyone will be happy to see you. **We can now offer a new session for morning training from 7am - 8am available to any swimmer that can swim the full length of the pool (25m). This session is available to Non-Members or Members. So come along with your school uniform and some breakfast and start your day with a swim.** For more information, please contact Lisa Weir on 0413 999 644.

**Community News**

**Sacramental Program**
Parents who wish to enrol their child in the 2016 Sacramental Program at the Catholic Parishes of Sunnybank and Acacia Ridge need to ring the parish office for an interview with Sr Stella. Interviews will commence 1st October and **enrolments will close 28th January 2016**. For more information, please contact, Sr Stella Noskoffrsj, Pastoral Associate, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Acacia Ridge, Ph: 3345 3766

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