From the Principal….

Welcome
Congratulations to all the senior students who received awards at the graduation this week. Thank you to all the student leaders for their ongoing support and the outstanding efforts of the senior student body in 2015.

Thank you to all the staff, volunteers and school supporters. Your efforts have been instrumental in ensuring student performance is continually improving and that 2015 was an outstanding year for Runcorn State School.

Thank you to all the fantastic students at Runcorn State School. Your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for learning is reflected in the high level of student improvement throughout the year right across the school. Well done everybody!

Congratulations Alex Loft from 4S who recently participated in the Qld All Schools weightlifting championship. Alex was one of the youngest competitors, but kept his cool and represented the school well. Great job Alex.

Year 6 Graduation
Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 6 Graduation. This was an outstanding event to celebrate the end of primary schooling for our Year 6 students. Thank you to Mrs Jarvis, Mr Garcia and Miss Bennett, parent helpers and all staff who organised and supported this event.

Christmas Concert
Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Concert. This was a great event showcasing the wonderful talents of students throughout the whole school. Thank you to Mrs Buddle and her team for putting this event together.

Volunteers
Afternoon Tea
It was great to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of all the school volunteers who give up their time to support the students of Runcorn. While the afternoon tea is a small token of thanks, the Administration, staff and students are greatly appreciative of your efforts.

Staffing 2015
Below is a list of staffing and classes for 2015. These have been compiled on current number projections and will be subject to change should student numbers differ. Classes will not be finalised until Day 8 (5 February) as this is the day Department of Education allocates staffing.

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We welcome two new staff to the Runcorn family: Ms McNamara who has transferred from Kuraby. We also welcome Mr Beadle who will be the teacher on our Year 4 class. This class will be formed until Day 8, pending final class numbers. This means that we currently have numbers to form this additional class, however it will be dependent on how many students we have enrolled on the 5 February.

Can I say thank you and best wishes to Mrs Nightingale, Ms White and Ms Clayfield who will be leaving Runcorn to take on new adventures. Mr Biedermann and Mr Robertson (Japanese) will be enjoying some well-earned leave for 2016. We wish you well for the future and thank you for all your efforts throughout your time at Runcorn State School.

Students Returning 2015
Each year, schools need to predict the number of students who will start the school year in each year level so that classes can be organised accordingly. A form has gone home to all families asking if any children will not be returning. We are asking all families to complete and return the form or email admin@runcornss.eq.edu.au if you have a child in a class from Prep to Year 5 this year WHO WILL NOT be returning to the school in 2015. This will enable our Admin team to more accurately predict our class numbers for 2015. Please phone the Office on (07) 3323 8777 if you have any queries.

School Council and P&C
Congratulations to the School Council who have once again delivered a well thought out and strategic Quadrennienl School Review and Strategic Plan. This was verified by Racquel Bushell Assistant Regional Director during a presentation during week 8. Can I thank all the School Council members for the focus and time they have given to ensure Runcorn’s strategic direction for the next four years meets the needs of the Runcorn School Community.

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting last Tuesday. This was the final meeting for 2014. Can I thank all the dedicated members of the P&C for their tireless efforts in supporting our school. Can I also acknowledge those P&C members leaving at the end of the year who have given many years of service to Runcorn.

Happy Holidays
We have come to the end of a very busy and successful year for Runcorn State School. I genuinely thank everyone involved in supporting our school to provide positive and successful learning experiences for your children.

Thank you once again to everyone for your heartfelt farewell and support of me as Principal over the last 9 years. It has been a great privilege and I will take away many fond memories of interactions with students, staff and families during this time.

To all the students, staff and families of Runcorn State School, I would like to extend to you a safe and happy holiday season.

Parents and carers are reminded that the first day of school for all state school students is Wednesday 27 January 2015. Monday 25 is a Pupil Free Day and Tuesday 26 is a Public Holiday.
The staff will be participating in Professional Development on Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 and Friday 22 January.

Happy Holidays

Regards

Greg Gosling

From the Deputy Principal….

I am sure that the community will join me in thanking Greg Gosling for his leadership of Runcorn State School over many years. Greg’s depth of knowledge, experience and dedication to school improvement has benefited the school significantly. We wish Greg well in his new endeavours at Birkdale State School.

Atkinson Award Semester 2 Recipients
Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding writing. These students were congratulated on Parade this morning.

1st Prize – Isabella Panic
2nd Prize – Deneka Weir
3rd Prize – Genevieve Whittred

Stationery for 2016
Can all parents please ensure that they have their child’s stationery orders organised well before the start of the school year. This will enable your child to have the most organised and productive start to the school year. Schoolstuff.com.au is supplying our school with Booklists for the 2016 school year. Please contact them on: schoolstuff.com.au or (07) 3391 7000.

Happy and safe holidays to all students, parents and staff of Runcorn State School. We look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Roberta Matlock
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.
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P&C News

Thank you to our 2015 P&C Members, Miss Jodie, our Tuckshop Convener, plus our Parent and Teacher Volunteers who have put their hard work and own time into supporting the school. This year we have raised money for the reading room, teachers wish list, iPads, just to name a few. Without our school community and the outside community we would not be able to raise these much needed funds. Thank you for supporting our school. We look forward to another wonderful year in 2016 and on behalf of the P&C Committee and myself I would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday.

Kind regards,
President and School Council Member,
Samara Frye

Uniform Shop

Thank you to all of the uniform shop volunteers for their hard work during 2015 and a special thank you to Cathryn Marshall for all the years running the Uniform Shop. Cathryn’s youngest child now heads off to high school. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and safe New Year. The uniform shop will be open extra days on Thursday, 21st January and Friday, 22nd January 2016 from 9:00am to 12:00pm and will then resume normal operating hours from Wednesday, 27th January 2016. Normal operating hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am to 9:00am.

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor
Community News

Saver Plus can assist you with school costs

Runcorn PCYC Vacation Care Program

**Fun Starts Here**
Runcorn Outside School Hours Care

- **Monday 14th December 2015**
  - Super Soaker Day
  - Bring along your togs, towel and super soaker and have fun soaking your friends and educators.

- **Tuesday 15th December 2015**
  - Christmas Craft Day
  - Make some Christmas themed decorations to take home and hang on your tree.

- **Wednesday 16th December 2015**
  - Mr Toot.
  - Enjoy a circus themed magic show and learn how to "extra incursion cost applies"

- **Thursday 17th December 2015**
  - Christmas Cooking Day
  - Enjoy learning how to make some traditional Christmas treats.

- **Friday 18th December 2015**
  - Christmas Party Fun Day
  - Enjoy fun on the oval, in the jumping castle and with your friends & educators on the playground.

- **Monday 4th January 2016**
  - Creation Day
  - Use recycled items to make some cool creations to take home.

- **Tuesday 5th January 2016**
  - Cupcake Day
  - Decorate and enjoy using special icing and tools, by one for afternoon tea and take home 4 in a special carry case "extra cost applies"

- **Wednesday 6th January 2016**
  - INCURSION PHOTO BOOTH. Dress up and take some cool photos by yourself or with friends and educators, you get to take home even more to take back home "extra incursion cost applies"

- **Thursday 7th January 2016**
  - Inflatable World: Wymum.
  - Have fun at the biggest inflatable playground! "extra excursion cost applies"

- **Friday 8th January 2016**
  - Water Play Day
  - Bring along your togs and have fun running through the sprinkler, have a water bomb fight and go on a slip and slide.

- **Monday 11th January 2016**
  - PCYC Day Spa. Girls enjoy a day of pampering, having your nails and face painted and having temporary tattoo fun.

- **Tuesday 12th January 2016**
  - Technology Fun Day
  - Vs your friends and educators on the Wii or Nintendo and bring along own technology to share.

- **Wednesday 13th January 2016**
  - INCURSION KIDDYWINKLE PUPPET SHOW
  - Be entertained by the funny puppet show from kiddywinks "extra incursion cost applies"

- **Thursday 14th January 2016**
  - Cooking day in the Tuckerbox
  - Go on an excursion to the bush with Mum and Dad and the screens and learn some cooking skills to make your own lunch and afternoon tea.

- **Friday 15th January 2016**
  - EXCURSION DIGI SKATE
  - Have a go on roller skates or roller blades and some free time to play games at digi skate, play for lunch included "extra excursion cost applies"

- **Monday 18th January 2016**
  - Dress up as your favourite book character, bring along your favourite book to share and have a go at writing your own story book.

- **Tuesday 19th January 2016**
  - Hamster Day
  - Bring along your pet, towel and enjoy some pet games with your friends and educators.

- **Wednesday 20th January 2016**
  - EXCURSION GOLD COAST: MOVIE TRIP. Go and see the latest movie "the good dinosaur" and some more cost applies"
  - Bring along 05 cash on the bus for drinks and snacks for sale on the bus.

- **Thursday 21st January 2016**
  - Hip Hop Dance Class
  - Learn the latest hip hop dance moves from a original hip hop dancer, "extra incursion cost applies"

- **Friday 22nd January 2016**
  - End of the Vacation Care party day.
  - Bring along your togs, towel and have a water fight with your friends and educators then cuddle up with an extra incursion cost applies for the end of vacation care.