From the Principal…

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1 is at an end and I am certain that the students are looking forward to their holiday. It is a good time to reflect on what has been achieved this term. At a school level, we have established a clear focus on the priorities for writing and problem solving, three-way reporting has been completed successfully, Runcorn Roadrunners are up and running, a gala day has come and gone, students have been supported in class by a keen group of teacher aides and volunteers and for me, most importantly, I have been appointed as Principal of Runcorn State School. My appointment has been confirmed this week.

Term 2
Moving forward into Term 2, what can be expected? We will continue to focus on our core business which is the teaching of literacy and numeracy and supporting students to grow into contributing citizens. The priorities will remain: writing and problem solving. Our targets are clear and I hope all students will have clear goals that they would like to achieve. We will begin our enrolments for Prep 2017 and there will be an information session held on Tuesday 19 April at 6pm. Term 2 also brings to us the NAPLAN testing week. It is important that students remain calm about this test and simply do their best.

Harmony Day
I would like to thank the staff and students for embracing Harmony day and the message that it brings to the community. It was wonderful to see so many students, proudly wearing their national attire and sharing their cultural heritage with the school. These are strong messages that we must continue to promote throughout the school year, in school and beyond.

ANZAC Day March
Students from Runcorn can also participate in the Anzac march to be held on 25 April at 7.30. Students to meet Mrs Schooth and Mrs Schloss, wearing full school uniform at the corner of Station and Turton Streets.

P&C
The extraordinary P&C annual general meeting was held on Tuesday to elect an Executive. Congratulations and thank you to the following position holders:
President – Eunan McCusker
Secretary – Jenny Goldsworthy
Treasurer – Alexus Goldsworthy

We will still have to fill the Vice-president position and to this end there will be another quick extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 12 April at 8.30am to elect this member. I look forward to working with the team and also thank the out-going members for their work.

Michelle D’Netto
From the Deputy Principal….

Microsoft Office 2016 Free of Charge
Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Runcorn State School? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:
- For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.


Fine and Gross Motor Skills Development Program Starting Term 2 Week 2
We are keen to continue providing students with fine and gross motor programs to support and complement their academic, social-emotional and physical development. To achieve this without impinging on crucial key learning time, we will continue to run programs before school.

A recent report from a Doctor, Occupational Therapist and/or Physiotherapist that recommends strategies for supporting fine and gross motor skills development is required for eligibility into the program.

**Fine Motor Skills**
- Wednesdays 8.15-8.45 am
- Between Old Library and D block

**Gross Motor Skills**
- Thursdays 8.15-8.45 am
- D9

If you haven’t already received a letter inviting participation in the program and you are keen to register your child for one or both of these programs, please email or phone the following relevant support teacher with queries:

Melissa Bayle mbayl19@eq.edu.au for students in P-3
Jillian Chittenden jchit3@eq.edu.au for students in Yrs 3-4
Roberta Matlock rmatl2@eq.edu.au for students in Yrs 5-6

Robert Matlock

School Council News
Monday 21st of March saw the second meeting of the year for the Runcorn School Council. We would like to warmly welcome our new elected members for 2016: Roberta Matlock, Samara Frye and Renae Powell. The School Council meets throughout the year to discuss the strategic direction of the school and we perform our functions in a way that achieves the best outcomes for the school’s students.

We had a very successful meeting accepting a proposal to establish a Pre-Prep program at Runcorn, confirming the strategic focus of writing and problem solving for Term 2 and congratulating Mrs Michelle D’Netto for accepting a permanent position as Principal of Runcorn State School.
We look forward to an exciting year of challenges ahead working to ensure our students get the best education at Runcorn.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday everyone.

Shena Jarvis
Runcorn School Council Chair

National Young Leaders Day
On Monday the 14th of March the eight students who were short listed last year to be captains got the opportunity to go to the 2016 National Young Leaders Day at the Brisbane Convention Centre. These students were Deneka, Hugh, Ella, Sebastian, Lanika, Oliver, Genevieve and Joseph. During the day leaders came and spoke to us. Speakers such as Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want - youth speaker, Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, Drum beats performers, Winter –11 year old surfer that created ‘Wave 4 Water’ and Sean, Joshua Richards – physicist, comedian and one of the 100 people around the world who is shortlisted to be a Mars astronaut and Pipa Sheehan - Channel 10 news reporter. To finish off an excellent day came a panel of three successful business people; Hannah Purss - camel milker, Sarah Cutler – CEO of an ice cream company who gets to eat ice-cream as a living and Lisa Stojanovski- who makes YouTube videos about space.

During the breaks there was an Ocean Life setup were we could touch some ocean- living creatures some like bamboo sharks, sea cucumbers, sea urchins and starfish. A person from Drumbeats setup drums we could play in beat with them. We could purchase a leadership halogen pin for $5, the money that we raised went towards the halogen foundation.

The theme of the day was to ‘MASTER THE LITTLE’. If you have a goal go for it but it won’t always be easy. Over 3,000 students from schools from all over Queensland and New South Wales came to participate and we did the best we could to talk to as many people as we could.

We look forward to sharing the things we have learnt with Student Council members next term and hope to encourage everyone to set goals and master all of the little steps along the way to achieve that goal successfully.

Ella and Lani

Crazy Hair Day
Thanks everyone for a great crazy hair day you all looked good! The Student Council collected $253.75 in donations. This means Kai Hansen and Oliver Chapman have reached their target in their team effort to raise funds along with other online donations. If you still wish to donate please go to The World’s Greatest Shave website and look for ‘The Hairless Knights’. You have all helped in the fight to get rid of blood cancers! Happy holidays everyone.
**Harmony Day 21 March**

Monday’s Parade saw an explosion of colour as students came dressed in their traditional costumes and orange clothes to celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony day is a day of reflection to remind ourselves that we need to be respectful of everyone and understanding of all people on our beautiful planet. This year’s theme was ‘Our diversity is our strength’ and 6J performed some skits to help explain what diversity means. We had a special visitor ‘Diversity Dude’, played by Deni A, who help clarify to us just how diverse a country we have become. The skits were performed in front of a beautiful mural made up of decorated chains of paper children showing pictures and words about our diversity along with flags of many countries. Parade was concluded with the lovely singing of “Welcome to all People” by the whole school as those students in traditional dress from many countries paraded around. Thank you to Mrs Buddle for teaching everyone the song in music lessons, parents for dressing your children in lovely clothes, 6J’s for their performance and Ms Nicol for coordinating the event. Runcorn State School is a special place and we proudly do welcome all people.

**From the Administration Office**

**Payments**

When making payments to the school, why not utilise our direct deposit payment system as this method is easy to identify and allocate payments to students. Also, it is quick and convenient and you do not have to wait in a queue. **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 **before the cut-off date.**

**Term Dates for 2016 School Year**

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P&C News

Easter Raffle Winners
- 1st prize PS4 pack... Lisa T – 2D
- 2nd prize signed Shane Webke football donated by Weatherall Family - Candice Sun.

Uniform Shop

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

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor

School Banking

School Banking Day is Monday. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please pick up an application form from the office and return.

BANKING COMPETITION!!!

Prize Pack Includes:
- Backpack, Water Bottle, USB Stick, Pencil Case, Slap Band, Calculator,
- Book Light, Bottle of Bubbles, Money Box

For every week that you bank with School Banking in TERM 2, you will receive one entry into the draw!! So the more times you bank, the more chances you’ll have to win!!  GOOD LUCK!!!!
Community News

Sunnybank ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony
The Karawatha Cluster of State Schools of which we are a member, have a contingent of students marching at the Sunnybank ANZAC Service on Monday April 25. I would like to invite all Runcorn State School families to be part of this event by marching in school uniform, with our State School colleagues. It would be wonderful to see a large number of our students supporting this worthy cause. Mrs Schooth and Mrs Schloss will coordinate students on behalf of Runcorn State School. Students are required to meet at the corner of Station Rd and Turton Street Sunnybank by 7.30am.

101 Years ANZAC
DISTRICT COMMEMORATION SERVICE
7.30am March participants form up at the corner of Station Road and Turton Street, Sunnybank.

8.00am The march commences along the route
☐ South along Station Road
☐ Turn left into Lister Street
☐ Turn left into Gager Street
☐ Past the Saluting Dais at the War Memorial
☐ Turn right onto the Sunnybank State High School oval where the march concludes

8.30am The District Commemoration Service commences at the District War Memorial in Gager Street
9.30am Service concludes and is followed by morning tea.

Runcorn State High School

2017 Enrolment Process for Runcorn State High School
2016 Year 7 and 8 classes are oversubscribed. 2017 enrolments are open now. We encourage you to secure your child’s placement in our school by completing your student’s Enrolment Application now. Applications can be obtained from the High School Office 133 Mill Road, Runcorn or alternatively call the office on 3323 1609 and arrange for one to be posted out.

The Junior Secondary phase of learning at Runcorn State High School is based on our commitment to knowing each student and how they best learn. We do not teach subjects, we teach students. RSHS has high expectations for student achievement. The bar is set high and students are encouraged to meet the expectations through personalised learning and differentiated planning. We have a strong focus in Junior Secondary on homework and, literacy and numeracy skill development for the future success of students. We also promote digital literacy, high order thinking and personal resilience and well-being development through our Special Programs curriculum; Duke of Edinburgh Bridge Program and BEACON Foundation partnerships.

First Round of Acceptance closes on 15 April. Hurry placements are filling quickly.

During Term 4 interviews will be held to confirm enrolment offer and orientation of 2017 students will commence.
Holland Park High School

Participate in a Morning in High School At Holland Park High School for year 6 students
Friday 22 April 2016 from 9 – 11.30am

Year 6 students are invited to experience a morning in high school at Holland Park High. This exciting opportunity will provide students with a taste of life and learning in high school. Limited places available.

Closing date for applications: 15 April 2016. Students are to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Eg. A parent can accompany a group of up to 4 – 5 students. All enquiries should be directed to Holland Park State High School. Phone: 3347 0111 or Email: info@hollparkshs.eq.edu.au

Free Triple P – Power of Positive Parenting Seminar

A life-changing 90 minutes!

FREE SEMINAR

Free Triple P – Power of Positive Parenting Seminar with Professor Matt Sanders

Ever wondered: ‘why does my child do that?’ Find out how to get more of the behaviour you like – and less of the behaviour you don’t like!

Thursday 14 April 2016, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Sunnybank State High School, Auditorium
Turton Street, Sunnybank

Come early for tea and coffee – seminar starts promptly at 6.30pm

Proudly hosted by Peter Russo (MP, Sunnybank)

Register at www.triplep-parenting.net

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