From the Principal….

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2 which is an eleven week term. I hope that the students are well rested and ready to tackle their work. At all times, we want students to be SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL.

There are a few events this term beginning with the Cross Country and the Anzac Parade in Week 2. Students are also invited to march on Anzac Day wearing full school uniform. Details are included further in the newsletter. The focus of teaching and learning will continue to be writing, reading and problem solving. Our targets are to improve student performance by 16%. To support the school with these initiatives, we have a Master Teacher. Could I welcome Mrs Sonia Kelly to our school. Mrs Kelly will be working at Runcorn on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Megan Bailey is also contracted to support the Preps and Year 5s, two days a week for this term.

On parade we formally introduced our new Adopt-a-Cop, Constable Dean to the school. Constable Dean spent the day at school, visiting all classrooms, playing basketball with the seniors at lunch, participating in the gross-motor program with the Preps and conveying the message of safety, responsibility and respect.

I would like to remind families that there is no supervision of students before school. Students sit under A Block until the bell rings. After school, only students supervised by their parents can use the adventure playground. Please also attend to the parking signs to ensure that traffic flows smoothly and the safety of students is not compromised.

Prep Information Evening
There will be a Prep information session on Tuesday 19 April at 6pm. Please spread this news to families in our catchment that might have Prep-age students in 2017. Information and flyers have been distributed to neighbouring kindergartens.

Student Absences
If your child is away absent for any reason, please contact the School Absence Line on 3323 8777, Option 1 to leave a voicemail message. If your child is absent and there has been no communication from the parent or caregiver, the school will contact you to determine why your child is away. To avoid this, please leave a voicemail message as soon as it is convenient.

P&C Meeting
There will be a P&C meeting on Monday, 18 April at 7pm. Meetings will be held every third Monday of the month at 7pm in the school Library. Congratulations to the new Executive: Eunan McCusker (President), Doug Panic and Craig Schooth (Vice Presidents), Jenny Goldsworthy (Secretary), Alexus Goldsworthy (Treasurer) and Nicole Long (Assistant and Interim Treasurer).

Michelle D’Netto
From the Deputy Principal....

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

Cross Country – 21 April 2016 for Years 3 - 6
Don’t forget to sign and return the permission form for your children by Friday, 15 April. Permission forms are available from the office as well as from the website.

Roberta Matlock

Book Club
Welcome to Scholastic Book Club 2016! By now students should have received Issue 3 of Book Club. Ordering is easy! Simply look through the catalogue with your child, make a selection and log on to LOOP!

LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents. If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android. For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time. Select your school and your child’s class. Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for). Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue. You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date. There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school! Due date for all orders is Monday 25th April 2016.

Happy Ordering!
Mrs Bayle (Book Club Coordinator)
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

P&C Meeting
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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. Students will remain with Mrs Schooth and Mrs Schloss at the Sunnybank State High School oval until they are picked up by parents. Please meet your child prior to the commencement of the Commemoration Service.

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.
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

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 152 Hill 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. Runcorn SHS 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.

Macgregor State High School

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

YEAR 7 2017
Thursday 21 April 2016
Evening Session: Tuesday 14 June 2016 (6.30pm – 7.30pm)
Morning Sessions: Saturday 30 July 2016 (Years 7 – 12 2017)
Thursday 8 September 2016 (Years 7 – 12 2017)
For Morning Sessions arrive at 9.00am. Sessions start at 9.15am to 11.00am in P Block.

Parents who attend one of these sessions will be contacted to organise an interview for their child to attend MacGregor State High School in 2017. We are enrolment managed and once our quota is reached we can take from the catchment area only. Please phone 3347 3555 or email enrolments@macgregorshs.eq.edu.au to register. Blackwattle St MACGREGOR