From the Principal….

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week was a very busy week with key school events as well as some class excursions. Well done to all students who participated in the Cross Country and congratulations to the age champions and to Banksia House. Thank you to Mrs Wood and Ms Reeves for organising the event, to the staff for assisting on the day and to the community for coming out and supporting the students. I was very impressed with the participation level and the sportsmanship.

Anzac Parade was also a very significant event and thank you to the senior leaders, Mrs Howes, Mrs Jarvis, Mrs Buddle and Mr Miller for the organisation and music. The students were well behaved and respectful and this was an important reminder of the nation’s history. I would also like to thank Mrs Schooth, Mrs Schloss, Ms Stewart, Mrs Whittred and the students who marched on Anzac day, for their contribution to the spirit of Anzac.

These events have reinforced the SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE behaviour of the Runcorn students. I would like to remind families to also be conscious of these rules. Sadly, we have had reports from a few parents and staff regarding the abusive behaviour of certain members of the school community on the road during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. This kind of behaviour tarnishes the image of the school and does not model to our students the behaviours we ask of them. Incidents of abuse and threat can be reported to the police. Schools are safe zones and staff, students and parents need to feel safe in this environment when doing their jobs and learning. Thank you for your cooperation.

Runcorn Roadrunners
It is wonderful to see so many students getting fit by participating in the Thursday Runcorn Roadrunners. Over a hundred students participate each week. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Schooth and the staff who have volunteered their time to run the program. Students and/or siblings not in the program should be with their parents. Watch for new forms that will be sent out next term. No unsupervised students should still be at school after the bell has rung.

Prep
Learning happens in many different environments and in many different ways. The Preps were learning about Anzac Day and to help them better make sense of this historical event, they were cooking Anzac biscuits. They were able to list the ingredients and implements used and also able to recall step by step instructions of the procedure. Well done and I hope your cookies were good to taste.

Outstanding Monies
May I remind instrumental students to return their band camp registration forms and to any students interested in doing the ICAS tests, to return their forms and money.

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

Independent Student Eating at School
Can parents please ensure that children can independently open all the food factory packaging in their lunch boxes. Staff on duty are concerned about the number of requests they are getting from students to open factory packaged: yoghurt, diced fruit, chips, muesli, popcorn etc. If the factory packaging is too difficult for your child to independently open can you please put the food into zip lock bags/Tupperware style containers/cling wrap. This will ensure students can independently eat their lunch.

Roberta Matlock

ANZAC Letters from 1M

Thank you to the wonderful students, families and teachers who took part in the ANZAC Day March and ceremony held at Sunnybank this year. It is always an honour to walk with a group of children who wear their uniform with pride and who understand the importance of such an occasion in honouring those who gave so much so that we may live the life that we do today.

Mrs Schooth and Mrs Schloss
**Year 4 Excursion to St Helena Island – From Emma S - 4S**

On Thursday, the 14th of April, Year 4 went on an amazing excursion to St Helena Island. We gathered at 8:00 for a bus trip followed by a ferry, the ‘Lady Brisbane’. Captain Jim Kerry, told us about the sights on the water during the trip. After about an hour, we arrived at St Helena Island. We carried our backpacks out of the boat, across the jetty and began the guided tour.

Captain Jim gave us a lot of information about the national park and some great photos were taken, including the ones attached to the article. Most buildings were half broken down, made of brick with sand and shells. After we had finished looking at the old buildings we moved on to the punishments.

There was a special punishment ground, where he took us as he explained the different punishment levels. A convict might lose indulgences, have to carry heavy cannon shot in shot drill, get a whipping or be put in solitude in a dark cell.

The museum was our next stop where we looked at a structure of St Helena in the 1800’s. We then all understood where everything was and we discovered some more information. Afterwards, we saw a small house set up like one in the 1800’s and we all enjoyed that too.

After the museum, Captain Jim showed us some of the farming grounds. Everyone was very hungry at that point so we gathered at the shelter where we left our bags and ate our lunch. Soon after, we packed up and got ready to leave.

We walked back out onto the jetty and boarded the ‘Lady Brisbane’ once more. After the hour trip back we got onto the bus and back to school. Everyone was exhausted and couldn’t wait to get home.

**Digi Café for RSS Parents Starting Next Week**

Come and enjoy an afternoon with your children as they teach you about the apps they are using in the classrooms! There are three sessions this term starting at 3:15pm – 4:00pm in the Science Lab:

- **Wednesday, 4th May**
- **Wednesday, 25th May**
- **Wednesday, 15th June**

Each session will revolve around a particular app that is being used and a task to complete during the session. I pads will be provided.

Later in the year, the sessions will start to include programming which Year 3 and above are using in their Digital Technologies lessons. Prep – 2 are also doing some programming using BeeBots relating to directional location. Any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the office. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Mrs McNeill*

*Digital Pedagogy Coordinator*
**Book Club URGENT**

Please note: We do not accept cash for Book Club orders. All orders must be made via the LOOP payment system online. Simply go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on the LOOP for parents button. You can follow the easy steps to order from there.

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/efpos. Please ensure all cash is placed into a sealed envelope and clearly labelled with your child’s name, class and what you are paying for.

Also, 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 2 – Dates of Significance

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Students Enrolling for Prep in 2017 Activities
- Under 8’s Day – Friday, 27th May 2016 (9:00am – 11:00am)
- 100 Days of Prep – Friday 15th July 2016 (9:30am – 11:00am)
- Prep Information Session – Wednesday, 17th August 2016 (3:30pm)
- Prep 2017 Interviews – Thursday 20th & Friday 21st October 2016
- Prep Orientation – Friday 4th November (9:30am – 11:00am)

Please contact the office on (07) 3323 8777 for more information.

Term Dates for 2016 School Year

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P&C News

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday, 16 May at 7pm.

Mothers’ Day Stall – Wednesday, 4th May

Gifts from $1 to $15 Bags and cards from $1

There is a GREAT RANGE of GIFTS to choose from - coffee mugs, pens, soap, photo frames, craft items and much more. If you would like your child to buy at the stall please send your child/children with money on Wednesday, 4 May. Items are limited per person so all children have the opportunity to purchase something for Mum. Left over items will be for sale after school from 2.30 to 3.30pm on the day (Science Room).

Volunteers needed on the day - If you can help, please text P&C President (Eunan) on 0431473285.
Thank you for supporting another P&C event to raise money for our school.

Animal Antics Disco – Friday, 13th May

Where: Girrawheen Place, Runcorn State School
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
$3 Entry
Food and drinks for sale
(BBQ, Cold Drinks, Tea and Coffee)
Lollies and sweet treats available too

BEST DANCER WINS A PRIZE!

Volunteers are needed to assist with BBQ, refreshment sales, set up and pack up. If you can help please text Alexus (P&C Treasurer) on 0403 313 308 with your name, child’s class and contact number.

Please ensure that every student is accompanied by an adult

Uniform Shop

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

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor
School Banking
School Banking Day is **Monday**. However, next Monday is a public holiday so bring your banking in on Tuesday. 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!!!!**

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**Community News**

**Runcorn State High School**

**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.*
Please phone 3347 3555 or email enrolments@macgregorshs.eq.edu.au to register.

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**Triple P Positive Parenting – Free Seminar**