From the Principal….

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**NAPLAN**
This week, our Year 3 and 5 students have completed the NAPLAN tests. They have worked very hard throughout the year and approached the test in the correct spirit of ‘giving it a go’. I would like to acknowledge their hard work and the work of their teachers. The results will come to the school in the latter part of Term 3. Thank you to the P&C and the volunteers who supplied the students with a healthy breakfast each morning.

**Volunteers**
You as family make a very big difference to the learning of your children. It is wonderful to see volunteers in the classrooms. Please could I ask that all volunteers in the school, sign in and wear a visitors’ badge as per the Student protection policy. Every classroom has a register as does the office. Your P&C also need volunteers for the disco. Contact Alexa if you can help for a little while.

**P&C Disco**
I look forward to the disco where students can enjoy themselves after a week of hard work. Nevertheless, it is an event in school and students should still be mindful of the rules: being safe, respectful and responsible. Money raised from this event will go towards the rubber impact surface planned for the adventure playground.

**Digi Café for Parents**
I would like to thank Mrs Evie McNeill for running a parent workshop on the apps that the students are using in class. There was only a small group but I am sure that the parents found it valuable. There will be another parent workshop on Wednesday 25 May. Please come and learn about apps in education.

**District Cross Country**
Congratulations to the District Cross Country team for their outstanding performance. The Girls team won their race and Lucy has been selected to represent the district at the Regional level.

**Karawatha Music Camp**
Next week, many students in the instrumental program will be involved in a Beginners camp with students from other schools. We wish them all the best and happy music making. Thank you to all the music teachers.
You Can Do It
Year 2 have looked at the school rules. Shain gave a descriptive sentence about each of the rules and then the class brainstormed this item on the right.

Michelle D’Netto

From the Deputy Principal....

You Can Do It Awards
Congratulations to all the students who have been awarded Bronze You Can Do It award on Parade. These students are now working towards their Silver award. It’s great to have the opportunity to see so many students working on the Keys to Success that help their learning and following the school rules.

Roberta Matlock

Music Matters
Next week many of our strings and band students will be joining with students from other local schools to attend the Karawatha Music Workshops at Runcorn High School. If you ‘like’ the Runcorn SHS Facebook page, you will be able to receive updates and view photos as the workshops progress. The workshops will conclude with a Gala Concert at 6.30pm on Thursday 19th May. A sausage sizzle for parents will be run by the Sunnybank Lions from 5pm, so you can have a bite to eat before the concert.

Please note that there will be no strings or band lessons next week (17th and 18th May), as our instrumental teachers are heavily involved in the Karawatha Music Workshops.

Did you know? Music increases your active listening skills. Good musicians need to listen to the sound they are creating. They also need to listen to the other musicians as they play or sing, so the music fits together perfectly. We use our ears and brain, and sometimes our eyes when we listen to music. As we listen more carefully we notice things that could be easily missed. So musical training actually helps children to hold conversations and communicate clearly with others.

Mrs Margaret Buddle

Parents Digi Café
Last week, we had some amazing families come to the inaugural Parents Digi Café session. We looked at ‘Book Creator’, an app that the students at our school have slowly become familiar with and are beginning to use throughout the school.

Activities for using ‘Book Creator’ at home:
- Retell a book by having them identify the beginning, middle and end, and have them draw a picture to match
- Write their own story
- Create a comic using the comic strips in the layout
• Have them create a vocabulary book, by having them draw a picture to match a word, record their voice saying the word in a sentence, take a photo of the word and by writing the definition
• Create a science investigation book about the life cycle of an animal.

There are endless activities you can use Book Creator for. Many other apps can be used in conjunction with it (ComicBook, Mega Photo, SnapSeed, Photo Aviary), and put into the book.

Our next Parents Digi Café session on the 25th May. It will be a fun one on Augmented Reality. Many students in the school have still not seen these used yet. Ipad's are provided for the session.

It starts at 3:15 in the Science Lab, and goes for approximately 30-45 minutes. Your children are welcome, as we would like them to help and participate. Look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs McNeill
Digital Pedagogy Coordinator

Runcon Athletics Carnivals

Our Junior Sports Day at Runcon will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of June. The back-up date for poor weather is after the holidays, Friday 22nd July. Students in Prep to Year 2 will be participating on this day and are busy preparing. It would be great if we could have a few volunteers on the day to help the day run smoothly and of course our students would love their families to come and watch. This day is mainly about participation, having fun and earning points for their houses.

Our Runcon Senior Athletics Carnivals will be held on Thursday the 23rd and Friday the 24th of June. Back Up days for bad weather are 13th and 14th July, Week 1, Term 2. Students in Years 3 to 6 are allowed to compete in events such as High Jump, Long Jump, and Shot Put and depending on age groups, 200, 800m, 80m and 100m events. 8 year olds in year 3 will not be running in the 200m and 800m events. 9 year olds will not run in the 800m event but can nominate for the 200m event.

All students are expected to participate on the day and earn points for their house. Last week, students nominated for which field events and long distance running they would like to do. Nominations closed on Friday 6th May. I am now looking at the nominations, I then look at the numbers for each house for each event. For field events we can only have a maximum of 6 boys and 6 girls for each house for each age group compete in the final on the day. If more students nominate then we would hold a trial at school to establish the top 6. Trials will be held either before school or during lunch times and have started this week. If students miss one of their trials, they need to come and see me as soon as possible.

At the Senior Carnival, all students will participate in the Sprint Events, and Novelty Races, time permitting, even if they don’t do the field events. They should wear their house shirt and a hat to school that day and bring a water bottle.

Please note that students are grouped according to the AGE they WILL be this year! After the conclusion of our carnival I will look at our results to determine if any of our students meet the heights, distances and race rankings to attend the District Athletics Carnivals on Friday 29th July and Tuesday 2nd of August at Col Bennet Park, Algester. Students must participate in our school carnival to be considered for District Events.

Please contact Mrs Wood through the school office or by email: awyat26@eq.edu.au if you are any questions or concerns or you are available to help.

Mrs Wood
HPE Teacher
**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 2016 (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

Hi everyone,

It has been an exciting start to the fundraising program for the P&C Association. We had lots of volunteers who ran a very successful mother’s day stall and I would like to thank you all. With your contributions, we raised $1,500 and provided the kids with lots of great gifts for their mums. The first disco of the year was also a great success and the kids (and Adults) who attended all had a fantastic time. It was great to see the kids making a great effort with their costumes and dance moves!

We are currently looking at many different ideas for fundraising opportunities that we will pursue in the coming months. If you have any new ideas or any ways to support the team, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other members of the P&C. All money that is raised is used to directly support the school in providing the best education and school experience for our children.

We are having our monthly meeting on Monday 20th June at 7pm in the school library and all interested school community members are welcome.

Thanks everyone,
Eunan (eunanmac@hotmail.com)

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

P&C Raffle
1st prize $100
2nd prize $25
3rd prize basic pack
Proceeds of this raffle go towards Rubber Softfall for the playgrounds
Tickets: $1 each, 6 for $5, 14 for $10.
Drawn Friday 27th May

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

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.
Blackwattle St MACREGOR

Holland Park High School