From the Principal....

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mrs Michelle D’Netto is attending an Independent Public School (IPS) conference, Executive leadership training and School Reviewing during Week 7 and Week 8. Ms Roberta Matlock is Acting Principal and Mrs Shena Jarvis Acting Deputy Principal for the two weeks. Please feel free to contact us with concerns or queries.

School Captains’ Visit Parliament House
Thank you to Mrs D’Netto and Mrs Jarvis for organising the School Captains’ trip to Parliament House. The students represented their school proudly and engaged in conversations with three Members of Parliament and viewed a sitting of Parliament.

Q Schools
Families are encouraged to utilise the QSchools app as a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland State Schools. To download the app visit the application store for iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows phone and Windows PC. The app integrates with the department’s preferred school website platform, allowing users to:

- find and favourite your school by searching for the school by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location
- receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from your school
- easily access your schools tuckshop and uniform shop information
- view information about your school including class times and contact details.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools. Runcorn State School will utilise the QSchools push notifications in future for emergency alerts and important updates. Users need to ensure the app is up to date for push notifications to activate.

Ready Set Runcorn Prep!

Children who are eligible for Prep in 2017 are welcome to attend our Ready Set Runcorn Prep program on Thursdays starting 16/6/16 from 9.00-10.00. Thank you to our Prep teacher Mrs Julie Schooth for researching Pre Prep programs, establishing and running this exciting new program. Please call or email Julie Schooth: 3323 8777 jscho128@eq.edu.au for further information.
National Sorry Day
This week students will be learning about the significance of National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week. Thank you to 6G for their Sorry Day presentation on Parade. National Sorry Day is held annually on May 26 to commemorate the history of forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

National Reconciliation Week 2016
The theme of this year’s National Reconciliation Week is Our History, Our Story, Our Future. This week provides us all with an opportunity to show how “reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of us all as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.”

Under Eights Week
As part of the Queensland Under Eights Week, we will celebrate Under Eights Day on Friday 27 May. Thank you to all staff involved in organising a wide range of activities that reveal the joy of being under 8 years old including: a jumping castle, parachute activity, water play, obstacle course, dress ups, blocks and bubbles for our students in Prep to Year 3.

Karawatha District Instrumental Music Workshops and Concert
It is pleasing that 52 Runcorn State School instrumental music students attended workshops to develop their instrumental, ensemble and performance skills at Runcorn State High in Week 6. The students participated in a culminating concert on Thursday evening. Our thanks to Mrs Marg Buddle, Mr Craig Millar and Ms Jessica Long for preparing and supporting the students for the experience. We would also like to thank parents for supporting students with transport and the performance night.

Year 6 Canberra Camp
Our Year 6 students will be travelling by bus for the annual Year 6 Canberra excursion on Sunday 5th June and returning Friday 10 June. We wish our seniors a safe and enjoyable experience visiting Taronga Zoo, Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Questacon, Cockington Green, The Mint, Black Tower, Mt Ainsley, National Art Gallery, National Museum and the Australian War Memorial. We thank Mrs Jarvis, Mrs Chittenden and Mrs Schooth for taking the students on this tiring but very educational and worthwhile excursion.

Roberta Matlock

From the Deputy Principal

Uniforms in Winter
Now that it is starting to get a little chilly, can all parents and students ensure that winter jumpers and sloppy joes are the required Runcorn dark blue colour. Jumpers are either worn or are in school bags and cannot be tied around the waist. As with all school uniforms, it is essential that jumpers are named.

Before and After School
The adventure playground is out of bounds before school. After school only the students who are being supervised by their parents can play on the playground. There is to be no handball or playing on the oval.
At the end of the school day all students need to move out of the school grounds safely or go quickly to the pick up zones or buses to start their journey home.

**High Achievers Program**

Congratulations to all of the Year 6 High Achievers who have started their 9 week extension workshops at Stretton College this week. Students will be involved in either Robotics, Digital Imaging, a Design Challenge or Instrumental Music.

*Shena Jarvis*

**From the School Captains**

On Tuesday the 24th May the four School Captains, along with Mrs D’Netto, Mrs Jarvis and their parents, had the privilege of being invited by Mr Peter Russo, the State Member for Sunnybank, to State Parliament House.

The students had a barbecue dinner in the Speaker’s Courtyard before touring the House. While having dinner, they met the Hon Grace Grace and the Hon Leeane Enoch both Ministers in the government. They talked to the students about leadership and their portfolios and offered some good advice. Three main tips for being a great leader were honesty, involving others, and speaking in a nice tone.

After dinner the students were given a guided tour through the State Parliament building viewing its history and exploring the many rooms such as the Reading Room, the Red Room and even walking along the balcony to see the view of the city over the river.

The leaders were fortunate to see democracy in action as the House was sitting and they heard first hand some robust speeches on a bill that was being reformed. Whilst sitting in the gallery the students were surprised to hear the Speaker acknowledge the students, principal, teacher and parents form Runcorn State School. It was exciting to see all of the politicians stop and wave before continuing on with their debates.

The captains really appreciated the opportunity to watch leaders in action and ask some very relevant questions. It was a great learning experience for the leaders.

*From the School Captains*

**Parents Digi Café**

Our next Parents Digi Café session on the 15th June. 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 Evalina McNeill*

*Digital Pedagogy Coordinator*
Runcorn Athletics Carnivals
Our Junior Sports Day at Runcorn 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 Runcorn 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 3. 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, 200m, 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. Students have 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 who 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 last 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 have 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 to allocate payments to students. Also, it is quick and convenient and saves you having 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.
Who: Children who are eligible for Prep in 2017 (with their parent/s)

When: 9-10am (from 16.06.16)

Where: C Block (The Old Library), Runcorn State School

What to bring: a hat, drink-bottle and a big smile!

Please join us on Thursday mornings for an hour of books, activities, rhymes, songs and play!

For more details contact: Julie Schooth on phone 3323 8777 or email jscho0128@eq.edu.au
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,
I would like to congratulate the school community for their fantastic fundraising efforts so far this year. We have raised more than $2,500 that will be directly used to support our children’s education.

The next big event is the State of Origin Free Dress Day with cup-cake competition on Wednesday June 1st. The children can decorate their cup-cake order bag with their favourite team colours for a chance to win a prize.

I also remind you to make sure you buy your tickets for the P&C raffle which will be drawn on Friday 27th May. P&C members will be selling the tickets each afternoon at Girraween Place before the final bell.
The results of the P&C raffle will be announced on parade next Monday 30th May. All proceeds of the raffle and the free dress day will go towards purchasing new rubber soft-fall for the school playgrounds.

We are currently looking at many different ideas for fundraising opportunities e.g. family photographs, book sales, BBQ’s and other food events. 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. It doesn’t matter if you can help for 30 minutes at a disco or if you want to coordinate an event; all volunteer efforts are gratefully appreciated.

We are having our next monthly meeting on Monday 20th June at 7pm in the school science room. Please come along and start to contribute to the school community.

Thanks everyone,

Eunan (eunanmac@hotmail.com)

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

Royal blue hijabs now in stock $12 and Winter uniforms are also in stock

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

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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