From the Principal....

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2 has been and gone. What a busy one with excursions, Naplan, sport events, music nights, the start of the pre-prep program and most importantly, teaching and learning. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the successes.

The school priority of writing has gained momentum and the writing generated by the younger students is very exciting. Students at Runcorn will continue to write on a regular basis for a variety of reasons.

Every day there is valuable teaching and learning happening in the classrooms. Students must attend school every day. The school receives data profiles on how it is travelling with regard to academic outcomes, behaviour outcomes and attendance. The only area that the school is in the RED is in attendance. Let’s work together to ensure that students are at school to learn. The school attendance strategy has been reviewed and tabled at the P&C meeting this month. Here are some strategies that we have considered.

PRO-ACTIVE STRATEGIES

Weekly updates on parade.
Class with highest % of students in the ‘green’ awarded a trophy.
Fortnightly updates with data in the newsletter
Updates at School council and the P&C
Classes track daily attendance on a graph
Roll marking twice a day
Once a term a traffic light letter goes home to all students

REACTIVE STRATEGIES

Daily phone calls for unexplained absences.
Students who fall into the ‘orange’ for the first time – phone call
Students who are regularly in the ‘orange’ – school generated letter with a request for a meeting
Students who are ‘red’ despite the first letter will receive the DET generated letters.

Congratulations to the Year 1 students who visited QPAC last week. Many positive comments were received from teachers and members of the public about their behaviour and presentation. We are very proud of them. They wore their uniforms with pride, right down to black shoes and white socks. This is a good opportunity to remind all students about the school uniform and dress code. This includes the style of haircuts. Please become familiar with the school dress code and ensure that students have the right uniforms when they return in Term 3.

Thank you to the students and parents who follow the procedures at the pick-up zone. Inappropriate parking and pick-up endanger the lives of our students. Please refer to the procedures in this newsletter. We will be contacting the council and police to assist in keeping this area safe.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Carly Bennett for her contributions to this school over the past two years. Miss Bennett is leaving us to go overseas. Miss Wendy Chan will replace Miss Bennett in Year 1. Thank you to Ms Serena Lim for assisting this term with the support of students in Years 5 and 6. Mrs Suzie Bryzak will be returning to work on a part-time basis after her surgery.

Michelle D’Netto
From the Deputy Principal...

Grow and Eat Gardening Club at Runcorn State School

In Term 3, Year 2 students are going to be linking aspects of Science, Digital Technology, Design Technology, English and Maths as a STEAM – (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) thematic unit that integrates knowledge from a number of learning areas to applicable real life situations by growing their own salad vegetables and herbs in our possum proof garden beds.

We would love to expand this program to a year round, whole school endeavour incorporating composting, worm farm, beneficial insect attracting plants. We invite parents, grandparents and friends of the school who have regular time available during the school day to volunteer their time and interest to support this endeavour. Please contact Roberta Matlock on (07) 3323 8710 if you would like to become involved in our Grow and Eat Gardening Club.

Roberta Matlock

From the Guidance Officer...

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Education Program

Last year our school was fortunate to have Centacare Brisbane conduct the 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching parent education course over 3 evenings. The parents who attended gave plenty of positive feedback and we enjoyed lots of laughs together. Due to the success of the program we have invited Centacare back again but this time we’ll offer the course over 3 morning sessions (9.15am for 9.30am start). The course includes:

- Child development
- Identifying and recognising behaviour
- The 2 biggest mistakes parents make
- How to identify patterns in the parent-child relationship
- How to change these patterns and what to expect
- Implementing the 1-2-3 Magic program
- How to listen empathically to children and encourage resilience in children
- Emotion coaching for children

The only cost involved is $10 and that is to cover 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching workbook. Tea, coffee and morning tea will be provided.

SAVE THE DATES!
Monday August 15  Monday August 22  Monday August 29

To RSVP, or ask any questions, please contact me, Lisa Colombani, via the office on a Monday or Friday or email me at lcolo6@eq.edu.au

Yr 6 Trip to Canberra

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
**No Instrumental and Band Lessons on Week 1, Term 3**

There will be no instrumental or band lessons on the first week after the holidays due to Mr Millar being away. Strings lessons remain unaffected and will commence as per the normal timetable. Band and instrumental lessons will resume the following week – Week 2, Term 3.

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Afternoon Tea with the Principal

This week we celebrated the Golden students who have successfully completed the You Can Do It award with an Afternoon Tea with Mrs D’Netto. Well done Lara, August, Cara, Thomas and Riley.

Honourable mentions go to the Silver and Bronze award winners below:-

**GOLD**
- Lara K 2P
- August B 2P
- Thomas S 3M
- Cara S 2P
- Riley J 3M

**SILVER**
- Phoebe C 3M
- Bodhi C 3M
- Karolyne F 5R
- Isabella P 5R

**BRONZE**
- Amira A PS
- Lily H PS
- Gurleen K PS
- Harrison K PS
- Tristan S PS
- Aaliyah V PS
- Nelson W PS
- Tregan W PS
- Doris X PS
- Angelina C PSB
- Alessandra G PSB
- Aurora G PSB
- Emily D PSB
- Taleiyah S PSB
- Maia S PSB
- Leo T PSB
- Archer W PSB
- Abigail W PSB
- Jessica Z PSB
- Willow H 1B
- Khormac H 1B
- Ayan A 1S
- Bailey F 1S
- Sienna L 1S
- Lochlan N 2L
- Eliana R 2L
- Jamie Z 2L
- Arika D 2P
- Ashton H 2P
- Henry W 2P
- Liliana B 3C
- Lucy J 3C
- Ella Mc 3C
- Mikee H 5R
- Emily Mc 5R
- Troy R 5R

Afternoon Pick-up of Students

**Afternoon Pick-up of Students:**

Please ensure that your children know how they are getting home.

- Pick up time for students is 3.00pm. If you are going to be late, please contact the office as soon as possible on (07) 3323 8777.
- Any child who has not been picked up by 3.15pm should come to the office and we will contact you.
- There should be no unsupervised children in the playground or ovals after 3.00pm. If your child requires supervised care after school, the PCYC run an after school care program in the school. Jayde, the PCYC Co-ordinator, can be contacted on 0423 551 335.

**Pick-Up Zone:**

- There have been several complaints from families about cars parking in the two minute zones. These designated areas are only for the safe pick up or drop off of students.
- Drivers should remain in their cars and move up the line to where students are supervised for their children to get into the car. Cars that park in this area cause danger to the students of this school.
- The school has contacted the Brisbane City Council and Qld Police regarding cars that are illegally or dangerously parked. Random checks will be conducted over the coming weeks and fines may be issued if road rules are not adhered to.
Children Catching Buses:

If your child is required to catch a bus home from school, it is very important that they understand what they need to do. Here are a few simple steps that will help them:

- Ensure your child knows what bus number they are required to catch and at what stop they need to get off.
- Remind your child that they must leave the classroom promptly and wait at the end of C block (near Mains Road) for the staff member on duty to escort them to the bus stop. They are not permitted to play handball or other games.
- Remind your child that s/he should wait quietly in the bus area until their bus arrives.
- If there are any changes to your child’s normal travel routine, please ensure that they are aware of this BEFORE they leave for school.

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/eftpos.

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 Dates for 2016 School Year

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Students Enrolling for Prep in 2017 – Activities

- **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)

Contact the office for more information on (07) 3323 8777.
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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 $3,000 that will be directly used to support our children’s education.

The P&C will be doing a BBQ from 8am until 2pm on Election Day (July 2nd). We are looking for volunteers to cook the food, help set up and pack up. We have several volunteers already but if you can spare 2 hours, all help is greatly appreciated. Please contact myself (eunanmac@hotmail.com) for details.

We are having our next monthly meeting on Monday 18th July at 7pm in the school science room. Please come along and make a contribution to the school community.

Thanks everyone,
Eunan (eunanmac@hotmail.com)

Tuckshop News

Gluten Free Items

The following Gluten Free items are currently available from the tuckshop:
- Chicken Breast Tenders - $1.50 each
- Spaghetti Bolognaise - $3.00
- Fried Rice - $3.20
- Sandwiches (as per tuckshop pricelist)

State of Origin Cupcake Day

Thanks to those families who supported the State of Origin Cupcake Day, and to the generous volunteers who assisted with the preparation of over 210 cupcakes.

Congratulations to Serena (PR), Jack (4S) and Cara (2P), who all received the lucky maroon cupcakes. Well done to the 16 students who won prizes for their fantastic bag decorations.

Volunteers

The tuckshop is always in need of volunteers to process orders, prepare lunches and serve students at break times. If you can spare an hour or two once or twice a month, please see Jodie in the Tuckshop.

Runcorn State School Centenary Anniversary Book

The Runcorn P&C has several copies of a limited edition book that was published in 2001 to celebrate Runcorn State Schools 100th Anniversary. This hardcover, 175 page book showcases the first 100 years of RSS, extensively covering the foundation years and local history. Centenary Books are available at the Tuckshop for $40 (Cash or cheque only). Be quick!

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.
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

Community News

Chickenpox
It has come to our attention that we have had a case of Chickenpox recently in the school. Symptoms of chickenpox include: mild fever, headache, runny nose and cough. A day or two later a rash begins progressing to itchy blisters which usually last 3 - 4 days before drying out and turning into scabs.

An individual with chickenpox is infectious for about 1 - 2 days before the onset of the rash and until the blisters have all scabbed over, usually 4 - 5 days. The usual time between contact with the virus and developing the illness is about 14 - 16 days, although sometimes longer.

Chickenpox is spread through coughing, sneezing and direct contact with the fluid in the blisters of the rash. Dry scabs are not infectious.

If in any doubt about your child’s health, please contact your family doctor. Also, please notify the school if your child does contract chickenpox as their exclusion from school will apply for approximately 5 days after the rash first appears or until dry scabs have replaced all blisters.

If we are all vigilant in addressing this issue we will ensure that any disruptions to children’s learning is kept to a minimum.

Oral Health Services

Your whole family could be eligible for FREE dental care

Who is eligible?
- All children age 4 through to grade 10
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Scheme
- Adults & children who hold a current:
  - Centrelink card
  - Health care card
  - Pension concession card

1300 300 850