From the Principal….

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the final term of the year. The teachers have exciting units of work planned. Class newsletters will go home to help you to know what the units of work will be. Writing continues to be the priority and students are actively writing letters, narratives, reports and persuasive arguments. The term also has a busy calendar of events with P&C fundraisers and school celebrations. The richness of these events and the learning every day in the classrooms, makes for a rewarding education at this school.

We are beginning to plan for 2017. Because enrolment numbers influence staff allocation, it is important for us to make accurate 2017 enrolment predictions. If you are not returning to Runcorn State School in 2017, please inform the school office as soon as possible. If you have not enrolled your Prep child, please do so.

Congratulations to Joshua, Suzannah, Fan, Jack, Eleanor, Phoenix, Abby, Ashley, Shanice, Gabby, Lukas, Eva and Riley for receiving their GOLD YCDI awards this month. These students have been recognised for their Persistence, Organisation, Confidence, Resilience and for Getting along with others.

I would like to congratulate all students for wearing their uniform with pride on their return to school this term. I remind students to ensure that the dress code which includes footwear, hair and jewellery is adhered to every day.

Christmas Card Competition

The Sunnybank Electorate is running a Christmas card competition this year. The competition is very popular with school children. The students can design a Christmas card and the winning cards are used by the electorate. If your child is interested, please pick up the registration from the office. Cards are to be completed by and returned to the office Tuesday 18 October. This will make a good weekend project.

Michelle D’Netto

From the Deputy Principal…

Buddy Families

We are keen to develop our community networking at Runcorn State School and to that end we are starting an exciting initiative. We are inviting families with children in Year 1 to Year 6 to volunteer to be buddy families for new Prep families in 2017.

If your family is enthusiastic about welcoming and supporting other families to Runcorn in 2017 please email rmat2@eq.edu.au.

Rumble’s Quest

As part of our Student Services enhancement program, we are working on tracking and supporting student wellbeing. Wellbeing in children is generally understood as the quality of life that is enhanced when children can fulfil personal and social goals and life satisfaction. When children’s wellbeing is challenged or low, the ability to focus and achieve to the best of their ability is diminished.
During Term 4, students in Years 1 to 6 will be engaging in Rumble’s Quest. This is an online game that presents children with an opportunity to report their own feelings and sense of wellbeing through a quest game. Elements of well-being measure include:

- attachment to school
- supportive relationships
- social and emotional confidence
- self-regulation and pro-social behaviour.

The online quest takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and incorporates tasks that challenge children to exercise:

- impulse control and the ability to inhibit impetuous reactions
- focused attention and the ability to ignore distraction
- working memory and ability to use the information we hold in mind to plan ahead and solve problems.

These types of skills are executive functions that underpin: learning, forward planning and the ability to set and achieve positive goals, the ability to manage our behaviour and emotions and to consider the consequences before engaging in action. They are fundamental to making responsible decisions, getting along with others, and coping with difficult circumstances.

Our school is participating in the second phase of an Australian trial in partnership with Griffith University. Through baseline data gathered on student’s social/emotional well-being we can devise programs to support them.

Rumble’s Quest sessions will be undertaken in class groups. The data collected will be collected centrally and used statistically to gather de-identified data about student wellbeing. Schools will have access to raw data to inform teaching and learning sequences. If for any reason you do not wish your child to participate, please send an email to rmatl2@eq.edu.au. For more information on the game visit https://www.realwell.org.au/tools/rumbles-quest/

2017 Booklists
Schoolstuff are again providing our stationery list needs in 2017. Stationery lists will be going home with students this week. This will provide families with the opportunity of utilising the Schoolstuff layby facility. You can choose to order online, over the phone or by visiting their store in East Brisbane. Feel free to call Schoolstuff on (07) 3391 7000.

Student Absentee
Please remember to call the Student Absence Line on (07) 3323 8777, Press Option 1 or SMS 0427 767 866 (text only) to inform us of your child’s absence from school. Please help us to ensure the safety of all children by letting us know where they are.

Pupil Free Day – Monday 17th October – No School for students

Robert Matlock

Music Matters

Last week the Year 3’s attended a symphony orchestra concert. This was a fantastic real life experience. We were treated to a wide variety of orchestral works, as the pieces took us ‘Around the World’. Thank you to Mrs Kelly, Mrs McNamara and Mrs Cunningham for your assistance on the day.

Next week our Year 6 students will have a very special opportunity to participate in an exciting program called ‘Sing Story’. Our school was selected to receive a special grant, meaning that this is a free program for the school! 6J and 6G will have an entire day to work with a professional opera singer to examine the genre of opera, and to use their own narratives to create their own opera.
Each class will then perform these operas on Thursday. Families of Year 6 students are warmly invited to attend these performances. The exact time and venue for these performances will be confirmed on Tuesday via a short note.

Many thanks for the overwhelming responses to our instrumental program. Due to such high demand, we are currently reviewing the time allocations for our strings and band programs. Please note that until this is confirmed, we cannot send out offers to new students. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to ensure we can provide the best instrumental program possible.

Our ensembles always look forward to Term Four, where they celebrate with one final performance, followed by a party. All members of the Runcorn Community are invited to attend these breakup concerts, which are held in Girrawheen Place.

- Choirs: Wednesday November 9 @ 6pm
- Strings: Tuesday November 22 @ 9.30am
- Band: Wednesday November 23, time TBA

Mrs Margaret Buddle

Term Dates for 2016 School Year

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Students Enrolling for Prep in 2017 – Activities

- Prep 2017 Interviews – Thursday 20th & Friday 21st October 2016
- Prep Orientation – Friday 4th November 2016 (9:30am – 11:00am)

Ready Set Runcorn Prep!
“Ready, Set, Runcorn Prep”, our Pre-prep playgroup has been meeting now for just over a term each Thursday morning from 9-10am.

We have been having a lot of fun making new friends and participating in a range of early literacy and numeracy-based activities, games and play. It has been wonderful to see the children transitioning to “big school” in such a confident and joyous manner!

This term, the fun will continue, but we plan to also include a few interesting information sessions for parents while the children are busy playing!

On Thursday 13th October, Craig from Sunnybank Hills Podiatry came along to present some information on “children’s foot care and choosing the right school shoe for your child”. David from Ascent Footwear and Kath from Athletes Foot were also there to do some activities with the children in raising awareness about their left and right feet and footwear for different purposes.

A local Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Nutritionist and our Deputy Principal will also present in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for dates! We would love to see you there if you can make it!

From the Prep Classes...

The Preps thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson at the Runcorn State School pool! We were very proud of the way everybody showed confidence and persistence when trying new water safety skills. A big thank you to Mrs Wood, Miss W and all of the parent helpers who were 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 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 payment 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.
Book Club is Back This Term With Bonus Books! Orders due 20th October 2016

Issue 7 has an exclusive Bonus Book Offer for parents who order and pay via LOOP. If you have placed a registered order on LOOP at any time in the past, you could qualify for up to four Bonus Books!

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Give the gift of reading this Christmas, while helping build our school resources! **Please note:** we can NOT hold orders at the office for parent pick-up. All orders will be given out to students. If you wish, you can use the home delivery option for a small fee. Simply wait until after the due date (20/10/16) to order.

**NO CASH ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. LOOP PAYMENT ONLY!**

Happy reading!

*Mrs Bayle*

*Book Club Coordinator*

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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 $11,000 that will be directly used to support our children’s education.

I hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday. There are some exciting events coming up for the school community. The P&C is organising a quiz night on Saturday 29th October. The theme for the night will be “movies”. Entry fee at the door is $10 and BYO alcohol and snacks. This has previously been an extremely enjoyable event with great prizes and laughs so save the date. Contact Erin Viles (Mob: 0412 636 551, email: erinviles@gmail.com) for more information about booking tables.

The P&C is also running a photography fundraiser in association with Border Studios on Saturday November 12th. This is a great opportunity to get some great family photographs for Christmas presents as well as supporting the school. For a $25 booking fee you will receive a canvas portrait and the school can keep the full $25! You will also be able to order additional packages on the day. Book online for a sitting with a professional photographer by visiting the website www.BorderStudios.com.au and reserve a time slot at Runcorn State School. Places are limited and many families have already booked, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!
We are having our last P&C meeting for the year on Monday 21st November at 7pm in the school science room. Please come along and make a contribution to the school community or feel free to email me with any comments for the meeting.

Thanks everyone,
Eunan (eunanmac@hotmail.com)

Tuckshop
The Runcorn Refueller has finally gone high-tech! Tuckshop orders can be done online via Flexischools. This improves our Tuckshop service to Runcorn State School families in a number of ways:

- No more forgetting lunch bags
- No more cash issues - not having small change / kids losing change
- Set and forget - option to prebook orders in advance (even able to repeat orders automatically)
- Orders can be placed right up until 9 am on Tuckshop day
- Orders can be cancelled right up until 9 am on Tuckshop day (handy for when your child wakes up sick)

Using the Flexischools cashless payment system will provide a convenient and more efficient ordering and payment system. By paying online, orders are faster and more accurate, giving Parents and Students peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the School.

**HOW TO FREE REGISTER**
  
  **Step 1**: Click the ‘REGISTER NOW’ button  
  **Step 2**: Enter your Email Address  
  **Step 3**: You will be emailed a link to an online form – follow the link  
  **Step 4**: Choose a Name and Password and complete the form  
  **Step 5**: Add each of your Student/s name and their year group  
  **Step 6**: Top-Up the Account – VISA, MasterCard or Direct Deposit  

Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately.

**HOW TO ORDER**
  
  **Step 1**: Enter your Username and Password  
  **Step 2**: Add a Student  
  **Step 3**: Select School from drop down – Runcorn State School  
  **Step 4**: Start an Order by clicking Students Name  
  **Step 5**: Select Day and click lunch order  
  **Step 6**: Select the Items to add to the Order then select Next  
  **Step 7**: Select Place Order  
  **Step 8**: Payment Options - If you need to add funds to your account select Continue  
  **Step 9**: Do the Top Up - Select, enter details

If you have any questions, please contact Flexischools - their dedicated Help Line (1300 361 769) is Open 7.00am-6.00pm - or- via Email : help@flexischools.com.au

To explain the 25c/order fee:
Runcorn State School now has a partnership with Flexischools which guarantees the following:

- Parents are fully supported by the Flexischools Customer Service Team, who monitor Orders every day. Every parent has piece of mind in knowing they have assistance with every aspect of the online ordering system:
  - Signing up or adding funds
  - Placing an order
  - Order missed in cut-off time
  - Child is sick - need to cancel an order

- Flexischools tracks all Orders by ensuring they are downloaded and labels printed by the Tuckshop. If there are changes to an Order, or School Computer problems, Flexischools will send through all Orders to the Tuckshop via fax or email. No Order will be missed.

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- Flexischools Customer Service Team takes the pressure off our Tuckshop Staff, allowing them to get on with preparation of food for everyone.

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.
School Banking

School Banking Day is Monday.

Uniform Shop

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

Swimming Caps available – Latex $2.50 and Lycra $7.50 (Yellow, Green and Red)

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor

Runcorn Swimming Club

Friday nights are club nights. Gates open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Bring your friends and family and join in the fun. 25m and 50m events. BBQ and canteen will be open. New members welcome. Get started vouchers can be used for memberships. Let’s build up this school-based club, which has been running since 1982, and put the fun back into fitness.

Community News

Starting Runcorn State High School in 2017?

If that is someone in your house, then Term 4 this year is going to be an exciting one.

Your Enrolment Application should now be completed and returned to us with a copy of the students latest report card and birth certificate. Once the Principal has approved your application a letter will be sent confirming your students enrolment. If you have not yet completed the Enrolment Application you will need to do this immediately.

The Junior Secondary Team are now starting to sort students into classes in preparation for the events ahead.

- General Information and Curriculum Information Evening Year 7
  Monday 7 November, 2016 (6:30pm) Performing Arts Block

Parents will be provided with information on a range of topics including school values, curriculum offerings, homework, uniforms and other general information. Any questions you may have will also be answered. **Students will be advised of their class and you make your appointment for the enrolment interviews at this evening.**

- Orientation Day for New Students
  Monday 21 November, 2016 (8:45am – 2:50pm)

Year 6 students **who have enrolled** will attend an Orientation Day. This gives each student the opportunity to experience a day at high school before they begin in 2017. Your child will be introduced to a range of subjects offered at our school and they will meet a variety of specialist teachers from across the curriculum. They will also begin to become familiar with the school layout. Students are to arrive at the Sports Hall wearing their Primary School uniform and bring a water bottle, hat and food for the day. The canteen will also be available to purchase food.

- Enrolment Interviews
  Monday 28 November, and Tuesday 29 November

Interviews will be conducted for each student for approximately 30 minutes. This is where our teaching team begins to build partnerships with parents about our educational program. If students have particular learning issues they can be discussed and teachers also take time to answer any questions you may still have. This is also where we sign some of the important agreement forms for the school so it is important for both students and parents to attend.