From the Principal….

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to parents and family members who came on Tuesday to the Parent Information sessions. Approximately 40% of families were able to attend. I hope that you found this a useful afternoon. I would like to thank the teachers for preparing the sessions. I will continue to emphasise the importance of a strong and positive home-school partnership.

Congratulations to all our Student Leaders for 2017. It was lovely to see them stand tall and proud as they received their badges on Monday. Their work in the school is important as they support the values of SAFETY, RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY. We wish them all the best.

CAPTAINS
Amy Sheehan
Kazuha Netting

VICE CAPTAINS
Isabella Panic
Romilly Bawden

MUSIC CAPTAINS
CHOIR
Caitlin Slinger
Fiona Hager
BAND
Lucy Schooth
Lauren Heath
STRINGS
Amy Sheehan
Fan Wu

LIBRARY CAPTAINS
Chelsea McGaw
Tanisha George

HOUSE CAPTAINS
ACACIA
Suzanne Lim
Fan Wu
BANKSIA
Lauren Heath
Alexander Trevilyan
GREVILLEA
Lucy Schooth
Damon Van Der Woude

Class work is well underway with students reading, writing and problem solving. Very often, at the end of a long and hot day, parents ask their children what they did at school and the response is ‘nothing’. We encourage you to ask some specific questions like, what book did you read in your reading group? Or what problem solving strategy did you learn to use today? Or are you learning to write a narrative or persuasive text? You have an idea of what units are being taught, so make the questions specific. It is always amusing to watch the expression on the face of the children when they realise that you know what is being taught.
Can I please remind families about a few procedural matters that make the mornings and afternoons flow smoothly:

- There is no supervision before school and therefore, if children do come early on the odd occasion, they sit under B Block.
- Playgrounds are out of bounds before school and can only be used after school under the supervision of an adult.
- Observe the parking signs in front of the school. The two minute zone is only for picking up your child/ren and the driver must remain in the car.
- Parents are reminded that students are not permitted to play on the adventure playground before school.

Thank you for supporting us in these matters.

Michelle D’Netto

From the Deputy Principal…

Fruit Break Focus
To encourage healthy eating habits, all children are required to bring a fresh fruit or vegetable snack for fruit break. Children are not permitted to eat processed fruit products such as jelly cups, roll ups, or dried fruit sticks. These can be eaten at lunch or afternoon tea. Fruit Break is for fresh fruit and/or vegetables.

You Can Do It! Term 1 Week 3 and Week 4 Focus Key is RESILIENCE
When faced with difficult and challenging situations and people, children need to skills to be able to:

- Minimise getting angry, down or worried
- Control their behaviour when upset and reduce impulsive actions and speech
- Calm down and bounce back to work and play.

This is called resilience. Resilience is not about eliminating emotions but being aware of them. We teach children about the notion of the upstairs brain and downstairs brain. Our emotions reside in the downstairs brain or Limbic system. When we are extremely challenged our Reptilian or survival brain in the brain stem takes over and this is where flight or fight behaviour launches from. When we can identify and name the emotions we feel in the Limbic system, we can use our Chief Executive Officer, the upstairs Cortex to talk rationally to the emotions. When our downstairs brain takes over we Flip Our Lid and an emotional outburst occurs. In developing resilience we are aiming to name and tame our emotions so that we can have some control of our responses in adverse situations.

Ricky Resilience is the YCDI! character that models the way for students in their endeavours to being more resilient.

There will be parent workshops on the You Can Do It! programme on Thursday 16 February at 9:00am to 9:30am and 3:15pm to 3:45pm in the Library.

Roberta Matlock
Term Dates for 2017 School Year

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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.**
Music Matters
Welcome back to another year of making wonderful music together. It is fantastic to see everyone so keen and excited to join in.

We would love to have some community support for our great music program. Parents and grandparents keen to be involved in our Music program may like to join our Music Supporters’ Group. Our first meeting will be **Wednesday, March 1 @ 3pm** in the Music Room. You are all very welcome!

Our classroom music program has already begun in earnest. Each class has a thirty minute classroom music lesson every week. We cover a variety of musical topics in each year and our activities include singing, playing, listening, reading and writing. A special music workbook is provided for each child at the cost of $5. Please ensure payment of $5 per student for provision of the music book via our preferred payment methods.

Our school is very fortunate to have many ensembles to participate in at Runcorn State School. Students in Year Three form the Junior Choir. We meet every week on a Tuesday at 2:30 to sing together. This term we are learning songs from all around the world. The purpose of this group is to introduce students to music ensemble work, develop their choral technique and to have fun creating a beautiful sound together.

Last week, students in Year 4, 5 and 6 received an invitation to join the Senior Choir, which meets at 8am on Wednesday mornings. The first rehearsal will be held this Wednesday morning at 8am sharp, on the 8th of February in the music room.

Lessons for band and string instruments have already begun. Miss Jessica Long visits the school on Tuesdays to teach strings students, while Mr Millar teaches band students on Thursdays.

I look forward to an exciting year of working with our budding musicians to be the very best they can be!

**Mrs Margaret Buddle**

LOTE - Japanese

*Minasan Konnichiwa. AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU* (A Happy New Year) and welcome to *TORI DOSHI* (the year of the Rooster).

I am Nagashima Sensei and I have been teaching Japanese while Robertson sensei is on leave. *HAJIME MASHITE* (Nice to meet you!).

To the parents of Year 4 students, I would like to say *ARIGATO* (thank you) for sending to school a group of keen and enthusiastic students who are making our Year 4 lessons a joy. I hope you have already heard your child singing a Japanese greeting song.

Years 5 and 6 students are learning about personal names during Term 1. In a couple of weeks, I am going to give them a homework to find out about their own first names.

So please take a few minutes to answer questions and talk to your child about a story behind their names. It is going to be wonderful to know and share stories with other students.
KISARAGI-SAI 2017 (February Festival)
Why don't you go to KISARAGI-SAI on Saturday the 11th of February?

Journey into Japan at Kisaragi-Sai in Roma Street Parkland.
Celebrating the many facets of Japanese culture and society, Kisaragi-Sai features traditional food stalls and activities including music and dance, contemporary street performers, bonsai demonstrations and Aikido, as well as origami workshops, an ikebana display and Kamishibai storytelling with Ellie the Eastern Curlew.

**Japanese cultural elements | 3 – 6:30pm.**

Kisaragi-Sai will conclude with Brisbane Asia Pacific Film Festival screening Your Name in the amphitheatre at sundown from 630PM – 830PM.


Yoroshiku onegaishimasu (Regards)
Junko Nagashima
Japanese Teacher

**Religious Instruction**
Religious Instruction lessons will commence on 6th March 2017 and is offered to the school every Monday at 2pm. We use the Qld Education approved “Connect” program for all year levels. Our instructors come from many different Christian churches in our area. Each instructor holds a Blue Card, is accredited by their church and is approved by the School Principal. Students are allocated to RI based on information provided by parents on the completed Application for Student Enrolment unless other written instructions have been provided to the school. If you wish for your child to NOT participate, please send your requests in writing to the Principal (principal@runcornss.eq.edu.au or admin@runcornss.eq.edu.au).

Students who are not participating in RI will be provided with other instruction in a separate supervised location. Other instruction must relate to part of a subject area already covered in class and may include, but is not restricted to:-
- Personal research and/or assignments
- Revision of class work such as creative writing or literacy and/or numeracy activities which could include online programmes currently accessed by the students of that school (ie Mathletics, Reading Eggs)
- Wider reading such as independent reading appropriate to the student.

Parents will be advised of any changes to the RI and other instruction programs to ensure that they are able to make an informed decision on their child’s participation.

**Emergency Contact Details**
Are your contact details up to date? The safety of your children is paramount to us so in the event of an emergency, we need to be able to contact parents. Please ensure your contact details are up to date by contacting the office on (07) 3323 8777.

**School Council News**
Monday 6th of February saw the first meeting of the year for the Runcorn School Council. The Runcorn School Council meets throughout the year to discuss the strategic direction of the school and we perform our functions in a way that achieves the best outcomes for the school’s students. We had a very successful meeting where the Annual Implementation Plan and the I4S Plan for 2017 were tabled and ratified. Renae informed us that the Art Club is ready to commence on Thursday lunchtimes so keep an eye out in the newsletter for details about it. The Gardening Program is undertaking a safety audit before it commences this year.
This year three new members will be elected to the council as the current members two year term comes to a close. Elections will held later this term. Our current members are: **Michelle D’Netto, Roberta Matlock, Julie Schooth, Michele Stewart, Samara Frye, Eunan McCusker, Renae Powell, Peter McCartney** and **Shena Jarvis**. We look forward to an exciting year of challenges ahead working to ensure our students get the best education at Runcorn.

**Shena Jarvis**  
Runcorn School Council Chair

**Book Club**  
Welcome back to a new school year full of fun and reading! The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club again this year. I will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. It is easy to order. You should’ve received this term’s flyer.

Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, and go to the Scholastic website to use the new LOOP online ordering system by 12th February 2017. Instructions are provided. **PLEASE NOTE** that **no cash or cheques** will be accepted. The books will arrive around two weeks after the orders have been received by Scholastic.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this term. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school library; however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,  
**Melissa Bayle**  
Book Club Coordinator

PS: For more information about the books on offer, you can visit the Scholastic Book Clubs Website at [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au). You will also find great activities and resources for you and your child.

**P&C News**

Hi everyone,

I would like to congratulate the school community for their fantastic fundraising efforts last year. However 2017 is upon us and I would like to provide you with some information about the P&C. All state schools offer opportunities for parents to join a Parents and Citizens’ (P&C) Association. The P&C holds many fundraising events throughout the year. Examples of which include Discos, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls for students to purchase gifts for their parents, a colour run (lap-a-thon) and other activities to raise funds to support the education of all students.
The P&C also manages the Tuckshop (Runcorn Refueller) and Uniform shop. Without volunteer assistance these services will not be available to the school.

The P&C at this school meets every month on a Monday at 7.00pm in the science building. Parents of students attending the school, staff members and interested adults are eligible to be members of the P&C. Membership is free and needs to be renewed each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 20\textsuperscript{th} of March. The AGM is the only meeting where membership forms can be accepted without attending the meeting.

We currently have vacancies for a number of positions but urgently require someone to volunteer to fulfil the role of Treasurer. If you are interested and have financial/accounting experience please contact me to discuss the role.

The first P&C meeting for 2017 is on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} February at 7pm in the science building. The aim of this meeting is to plan for 2017 fundraising events. Please feel free to email me with any suggestions to add into our fundraising activities in 2017. We are always looking for otherInteresting fundraising opportunities.

Thanks everyone,
Eunan (eunanmac@hotmail.com)

Tuckshop News

New Pricelist
The 2017 Tuckshop Pricelist and the Flexischool’s Online ordering information has been sent home with students this week. If you are yet to receive a copy, please collect one from the school office. Alternatively, the Tuckshop Pricelist can be viewed on the Q Schools App or on the school website (https://runcornss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Tuckshop%20Menu%202017.pdf).

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
We need Volunteers to help run the uniform shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am to 9.00am for the remainder of this year as well as next year. If you are able to help please see one of the friendly ladies in the Uniform Shop on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Training will be provided. Without the wonderful work of our Volunteers, the Uniform Shop will be unable to open on a regular basis.

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor
Runcorn State School Swimming Club
With summer in full swing now is a great time to come and check out our club at the pool at the bottom of the oval. Our Learn to Swim program has had a great response and is near capacity. Each afternoon (Monday-Thursday) there also are different squads that train. Come and have your child assessed and matched to a squad.

We also have our next club night this Friday 10th February starting at 6.30pm. Gates open at 6. All ages are welcome. We accept Get Started Vouchers.

Some people swim for fitness. Some people swim to compete. Everyone swims for fun.

Community News

Holland Park High
A boutique High School for discerning parents
- Proven Academic Excellence
- Extension & enrichment classes in English, Maths, Science & Music
- Smaller school environment, your child won’t be lost in the crowd
- Tutorial and After School homework support for all students

Open Morning Tour
Friday 24 February 2017 - 9.15-11.15am
Tour and Morning Tea with Principal Jocelyn Roberts

Twilight Tour
Tuesday 7 March 2017 - 5.00-6.30pm
RSVP info@hollandparkhs.eq.edu.au

www.hollandparkhs.eq.edu.au  3347 0111
153 Bapaume Road, Holland Park West

Discovery Workshops
Session 1  Session 2  Session 3
09:00 – 10:30am | 11:00 – 12:30pm | 13:15 – 14:45pm
All workshops will be repeated at the set times.

Available Workshops
- Mathematical Design (Mathematics and Design)
- Microscopic Structures (Visual Arts, Sciences, and Mandarin)
- The Essence of Film (Film and English)
- Dancing with Language (Dance and Spanish)
- Upon a French Stage (French and Theatre)
- Musical Marketing (Music and Business)

Secure your workshop at qaci.eq.edu.au/open-day
or call Queensland Academies (07) 33779366