Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last newsletter for the term. Well done to all students who have attended school every day, been regular with their homework, tried hard in all lessons and worked to their potential. It has been delightful to see our youngest learners, Preps, discover that they are learners and can read. I have also been very impressed with the writers in Year 1. Students in all year levels have engaged and added to their knowledge bank. For those students who have been reluctant, I hope that they will regroup over the holidays and return to Term 2 with an attitude that shows that they are ready to learn.

During the course of the term, we have also had many visitors to the school who continually applaud the manner in which the classrooms are structured and the support that students receive. So thank you to our staff. Our teachers conducted parent workshops on Reading, Writing, You Can Do It and Sight Words. We have also celebrated Harmony Day and Say NO to bullying and the Cross Country. The You Can Do It (YCDI) program is embedded in the curriculum and constantly reinforces the message of getting along and appreciating diversity. I ask students and their families to talk about the nature of our multi-cultural society and the need to embrace the differences. The YCDI program also promotes resilience and this enables students to deal with the problems that might arise in the playground. Problem solving is an important skill but we also hope that students will report wrong-doing so that it can be dealt with by the adults in the school.

Sports Gala Day 1 and Cross Country
Gala Day 1 has been cancelled for this Friday 24 March due to field conditions being unusable from the extensive rain we have had. The backup date is currently scheduled for Friday 28 April. I will confirm this once venue changes are confirmed.

Cross Country was also cancelled due to the weather conditions. The back up date is 30 March.
The Runcorn “Road Runners” Club will commence in Week 2 (Thursday 27th April, 2017) of Term 2 for students on Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm to 4pm. The program will continue until Week 9, Term 3. **It is important that students are picked up promptly at the conclusion of sessions (4pm).** Siblings who are not participating in the running program are to be supervised by parents at all times. Thank you to Mrs Schooth, Mr Schooth and the staff who support this exciting activity.

This week was the P&C AGM. The new Executive for the P&C is: Eunan (President), Craig and Ashley (VP), Jenny (Secretary) and Anne (Treasurer). I look forward to working with the team for the benefits of all students. Thank you to the outgoing Executive Committee - Doug and Alexus. I would like to thank the volunteers who tirelessly support the school in many different ways. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the P&C or the school office. We also have a school council meeting on Monday and are seeking nominations for a parent representative. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**Michelle D’Netto**

**From the Deputy Principal…**

**You Can Do It Term 1 Week 9 and Week 10  Confidence**

Means not being afraid to make mistakes or meet new people or try new things. Children who have confidence are able to:

1) stand up tall and speak with a clear voice
2) try new experiences, activities and foods without a lot of effort and coaxing
3) offer to be responsible without being asked

There are many ways that parents can encourage confidence in children including: not rescuing children from their mistakes or when things don’t go the way they want them to; allowing children to make some of their own decisions; nurture special interests; and encourage children to problem solve for themselves. Connie Confidence is the YCDI character that demonstrates Confidence.

**Runcorn State School Buddy Family Share the Love Year Level Play Dates**

The first Buddy Family activity for 2017 will be whole year level after school or weekend play dates. The Buddy Family for each year level will coordinate the date, time and place for the open invite Year Level get together.

All families with children in Year 3 are invited to Svoboda Park, 1490 Beenleigh Road, Kuraby (about 4.3 km from the school) on Friday 31 March (last day of term) 3pm – 5pm. Please contact Peter or Rachel at prbrownie@hotmail.com. Thank you to our Buddy Families for volunteering your time.

**Roberta Matlock**

**From the HOC/Master Teacher…**

**3 Way Reporting**

Thank you to all the parents who were able to participate in the 3 Way Reporting Process. Please email any feedback regarding the 3 Way Reporting process to admin@runcornss.eq.edu.au, this will assist us to improve the process for Term 3.
Great Writing in Year 5
Year Five students have been busy writing their sizzling starts to engage their reader’s attention.

Writing Motivation Survey
On Wednesday morning, some students from Year 4, 5 and 6 participated in a Writing Motivation Research Project conducted by staff from the Australian Catholic University. This research is interested in exploring the relationship between students’ writing motivation, their confidence in their writing abilities and the time that they spend on writing at school and at home. Overall results from this research will be provided to Runcorn SS late in the year.

Robert Scott

From the Resource Centre
NEW LIBRARY BOOKS TO BE COVERED…
If you have some spare time to cover some books please come and see me at the Resource Centre. We have new books to be covered before students can borrow them. Book covering is easy and I’m happy to teach you the knack! You can drop in for an hour or if you prefer you can take a pile of 10 books home and bring them back when you have finished. All help is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you!
Thank you,
Happy Reading.
Ms Howes

Student Absence Line Magnet
Pick up your free Student Absence Line magnet from the office if you have not already received one. Place it on the fridge or next to the phone. Keep it handy to phone the student absence line to report student absences. Remember dial (07) 3323 8777, Option 1.
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 Books and Student Resource Levy
A special music workbook is provided for each child at the cost of $5. Please ensure payment of $5 per student for the provision of this music book via our preferred payment methods. Parents are also reminded to please send in their Student Resource (SRS) Levy forms if they wish to participate in this voluntary programme. Thank you to all parents who have already paid for music books and SRS levies.

Term Dates for 2017 School Year

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Hi Everyone

Due to the weather conditions, these events will now be held on Thursday 30 March and is for students in Years 3-6 from 9 - 11am. For those students wishing to compete competitively it is important for them to start doing some training either before or after school. Students who do well in our school Cross Country may be invited to represent our school at the District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 2 May, 2017.

Anna Wood
HPE Teacher
Music Matters

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Wednesday 29th March
2.20 – 3.00pm for Prep to Year 2 students - Parents, Grandparents, Families are all welcome

Senior Choir, Band and Strings
Do you have your music uniform organised?
✓ Long black trousers
✓ Long sleeved button-down white shirt
✓ Black socks and shoes

Congratulations to all our band and strings students who have been working very hard this term. Your persistence will pay off!

Mrs Margaret Buddle

Congratulations Students on being selected into the Sunnybank District Teams

The following students have been selected in Sunnybank District Teams

- Mairia Dean – Netball
- Damon Van Der Woude – Rugby League
- Tahni Bridge – Soccer

Ready Set Runcorn Prep

Who: Children who will be attending Prep at Runcorn State School in 2018 (with their parent/s and/or caregiver/s)

When: Thursdays 9-10am
Commencing 20th April 2017 and running each week of term

Where: C Block, 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 33238777 or email jscho128@eq.edu.au
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.

Religious Instruction
Religious Instruction began this week. For parents interested in finding out more about what the content is, you can follow this link - cepconnect.com.au. We use the Qld Education approved “Connect” program for all year levels. At this stage, 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.

Tuckshop News
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.

Tuckshop End of Term
Tuckshop will be open as normal up until Friday 31st March. However, please be aware that we will be running stock down for the holiday period, so where your child's order cannot be fulfilled, a similar substitute will be made.

School Banking
Runcorn State School has raised $615.99 through School Banking!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised $615.99 for our school through School Banking commissions for Term 1, 2, 3 and 4 2016. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). These funds will go towards School Resources.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember, School Banking day is every Monday.
If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver’s licence and your child’s birth certificate, but if you don’t have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

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.

Runcorn State School Swimming Club
Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at our recent Championship Night. We have some up and coming swim stars of the future. On the weekend we held a 3 way meet against Wondall Road and Rochedale. While we came an admiral 3rd place, our swimmers shone through with their team spirit and behaviour. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day.

LEARN TO SWIM
We are now taking bookings for our Term 2 block of Learn to Swim. The sign on dates are
Monday 27th March: 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 29th March: 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 31st March: 3.30 - 4.30pm
Where? Runcorn School Pool at the bottom of the oval

Community News

THE KIDS CONNECT SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM
For children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Is your child experiencing difficulties connecting with other children and making and/or maintaining friendships? The Kids Connect Program is a 10 week social skills program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and is commencing at Griffith University Psychology Clinic (Mt Gravatt Campus) in Term 2, 2017. The Kids Connect Program is designed for girls and boys aged 7-12 years and focuses on the following aspects of social interactions:

- Understanding friendship
- Initiating and Maintaining friendships
- Repairing friendships
- Coping with teasing and bullying

There will be one group for the child and one group for the parent(s) which will run at the same time. The parent group will focus on how to extend and further develop your child’s social skills.

Interested?
For more information please contact the Griffith University Psychology Clinic at Mt Gravatt

(07) 3735 3301 or psych-clinic@griffith.edu.au

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Friday 17 & 24 March 2017 - 9.15-11.15am
Tour and Morning Tea with Principal Jocelyn Roberts

Twilight Tour
Tuesday 28 March 2017 - 5.30-6.30pm
RSVP info@hollandparkhs.eq.edu.au

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153 Basquinne Road, Holland Park West

THE QUEENSLAND CHOIR ORCHESTRA
CHORAL CLASSICS
Conducted by KEVIN POWER

Saturay 28 April 2017  7.30PM
In support of Cancer Council Queensland and Runcorn State School

For tickets or more information please call 3333 5507