Welcome to term 4, the last one for 2013. This is the best term of the year as learning can be consolidated and celebrated. As always there is much happening during this term so stay informed via our newsletter, website and communication with your class teacher.

Staffing
Mr Mark Johnstone is on leave until October 21, so I will be Acting Principal for this time. We welcome Mr Ryan Bennett from Calamvale who will be acting as Deputy during this period – what fine actors, could be up for an award maybe.

Mrs Julie Wallace is on leave for 3 weeks and Mrs Michele Thorne will be taking 5WV during this period. Mrs Barb Seiler, our Business Services Manager, will be on leave for 2 weeks beginning October 21. Mrs Lyn Newman will be taking on some of these responsibilities whilst Barb is on leave. Mr Lachlan Robertson, our LOTE teacher is also on leave and Sensei Noriko Roos will be taking the LOTE classes during his absence. Mrs Ursulla Nightingale will be taking her maternity leave from October 21 and we welcome Ms Roberta Mattock to the Head of Special Education position.
Swimming
Lessons began this week. Please ensure that your child has all they require for these lessons – togs, towel, bathing cap and sun shirt. Also, earrings are to be removed during these lessons, so a place to put these - maybe a small container or plastic bag, would be a good idea too. We are trying to encourage the children to be responsible for organising and bringing their items to school. These lessons are weekly until week 10. The program will also include a swimming carnival towards the end of the term. Lessons are conducted by our PE teacher Mrs Anna Wood and will be supervised by Mrs Jane Elliott another qualified coach.

Year 6 Camp
I visited Tallebudgera during the week, everyone is having a great time. I spent the morning with our year 6s who learned how to boogie board and body surf and then the afternoon supervising and well…. laughing hysterically at the beach challenges they were set. Rolling in the sand, filling buckets, digging holes and creating sand sea creatures – our girls won overall…. There are two other schools at camp this week and our children are by far the best behaved, well-mannered and are participating in everything 100% – we are very proud of them. Thank you to Mr Chris Garcia and Ms Wendy Reeves who did a fine job organising and being there 24 hours each day for the children.

October 25
This is World Teachers Day, the day will be observing the Day for Daniel and Bandanna Day. As an observance for the Day for Daniel the students are encouraged to wear something red to school. Bandanas can be purchased from the student council in the lead up to the date of October 25. We participate in this day as many families are touched in some way either directly or indirectly with cancer. World Teachers Day is great way to recognise and thank the teachers for the work they do with students, tirelessly and with great thought and caring – remember a special smile and thanks on that day would be appreciated.

Excursions
There are a couple on the horizon for this term. Watch the school calendar and class newsletter for details closer to the time. Be especially watchful for the cut off payments dates so that your child doesn’t miss out on these opportunities.

NAPLAN
The whole school preliminary data in Literacy and Numeracy is now available. Over the coming weeks we will be analysing this in order to cater for the needs identified across the whole school. The results are one way to look at how we are catering for the students learning needs and develop ways of meeting them through programing and targeting teaching.

Regards
Kaye Dalus
Acting Principal

DEPUTY DIALOGUE

About Me
My name is Ryan Bennett and I will be the Acting Deputy Principal while Mark Johnstone is on leave. I currently teach year 5/6 at Calamvale Community College and have worked within Education Queensland for the past eleven years. I thoroughly look forward to working with the staff, students and parents of Runcorn State School over the next two weeks.

GALA Day
The third and final Gala Day is on Friday, October 18. For some teams, this will mean finals which will be played to decide district premierships. We wish all our teams well and thank the dedicated teachers and parents who have supported them throughout the season.

Curriculum
Staff and students have hit the ground running this term and are delving into the Term 4 units of work. Being the last term and with reporting just around the corner, it won’t be long before students begin assessment. This term we will continue following the C2C units of work across the Key Learning Areas. An in depth overview of the units of work will be made available by your child’s teacher.

Student Fee Day
REMINDER – Monday, 21 October, is a Student Free Day. Staff will be onsite participating in Professional Development and planning sessions. Students do not attend school on this day.

NAPLAN
Students in year 3, 5 and 7 will receive their NAPLAN reports this week. Please keep in mind that this is a point-in-time assessment and results are not always a true reflection of your child’s academic abilities. If there are any queries regarding the report, please speak to your child’s teacher.
Warm Weather
A hotter than usual Spring is upon us. It is essential that students come to school with a sun safe hat and a drink bottle. Did you know that mild dehydration is one of the most common causes of daytime fatigue? Just a 2% drop in the body’s water content can cause dehydration.

Ryan Bennett
Acting Deputy Principal

TERM DATES FOR 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

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PREP ENROLMENTS 2014
We are now accepting enrolment applications for Prep 2014. Prep enrolment eligibility for 2014 is for children born between 1st July 2008 – 30th June 2009. Enrolment forms are available from the Administration Office.

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YEAR 1 EXCURSION TO WELLINGTON POINT BEACH - TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER
Excursion to Wellington Point Beach Tuesday October 29...final day for payment will be Wednesday, October 23.

MUSIC NEWS

Choir - Breakup Wednesday, 13 November 6pm
Choirs commence for the next 6 weeks. Senior Choir doing some High School Musical songs and Junior Choir doing music from Anastasia. We will have our break up on Wednesday, November 13 - 6.00pm in Girrawheen Place. Family and friends invited.

Happy Singing, Rita Mechielsen
INCursions/EXcursions AND CAMP PAYMENTS

To avoid the disappointment of your child not being able to attend Year level excursions, payments MUST be made by the cut-off date stated in the excursion letter. This is due to the new Education Queensland financing system. Payments can be made by cash/cheque/eftpos or direct deposit into the school's bank account (BSB 064-162/Account No. 00090035). If you have any concerns or difficulties with these payments, please do not hesitate to contact the front office to discuss payment arrangements in advance of cut-off date. Invoices will no longer be sent home, please regard the excursion letter as your invoice for payment.

LOST - YEAR 7 CAMP JUMPER

A Year 7 Camp Jumper has been left on the oval. If you happen to find it, can you please hand it in to the office.

CALLiNG FOR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERViSORS

Road Safety Officer, Christine Goh, is looking for new School Crossing Supervisors. If you are interested, please contact Christine on (07) 3347 7867 or alternatively 0417 703 168 between the hours of 9.30am and 1.30pm school days only. Parents and Caregivers, please be aware that it is illegal to park in the two-minute zones around the school. Cars cannot be left in these areas even though there are people sitting in them.

LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to check through the bins throughout the year for any items that your children may have misplaced. Any leftover items will be donated to charity at the end of each term. A large pencil case, mobile phone, single earring, child's spectacles and three toy cars have been handed in to the office. If you or your child have misplaced theirs, please contact the school office.

THIS FORTNIGHT'S HEALTh INFO – CHiCKEN POX

Chickenpox (varicella) is a highly contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus. The disease starts with cold-like symptoms such as a mild fever, headache, runny nose and cough. A day or two later a rash begins, starting as small pink blotches but rapidly progressing to itchy blisters which usually last three to four days before drying out and turning into scabs.

Transmission

Chickenpox is spread through coughing, sneezing and direct contact with the fluid in the blisters of the rash. The dry scabs are not infectious. Since shingles blisters also contain the virus, a person who has never had chickenpox can become infected with chickenpox from someone who has shingles. An individual with chickenpox is infectious for about one to two days before the onset of the rash and until the blisters have all scabbed, usually four to five days. The usual time between contact with the virus and developing the illness is about 14 to 16 days, although sometimes it can take longer.

Treatment

No specific treatment is recommended or required for otherwise healthy children and adults with chickenpox. It is important to try to prevent a young child from scratching the rash as this can result in permanent scarring or secondary infection. To reduce the itchiness, try adding an anti-itch solution (eg. Pinetarsol) to frequent baths. Use paracetamol to lower temperature or to reduce discomfort. Aspirin must not be given to young children and adolescents due to the risk of developing a severe condition called Reyes Syndrome. This is particularly important for children who have or who may be developing chickenpox.

For the majority of children, chickenpox is a mild illness of short duration with complete recovery. While chickenpox is usually a mild disease in healthy children, life-threatening complications such as pneumonia or inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) are possible. It can be fatal in about three in 100,000 cases. Chickenpox is more severe in adults and can cause serious and even fatal illness in immunosuppressed individuals of any age. Chickenpox can also cause shingles (herpes zoster) in later life. If a woman develops chickenpox during pregnancy, there is a very small but real chance of damage to her unborn baby. If she develops chickenpox late in pregnancy or very soon after birth, the infection can be serious and even life threatening for the newborn baby.

People with chickenpox should be excluded from childcare facilities, schools or work for at least five days after the rash first appears or until dry scabs have replaced all blisters. Any contacts with lowered immunity, such as those with leukaemia, should be immediately excluded and referred for specialist advice. For further information, contact 13 HEALTH on 13 43 25 84.

STUDENT FREE DAY – OCTOBER 21, 2013

Don't forget that Monday, October 21st, is a Student Free day. School will recommence for students on Tuesday, 22nd October.
P&C Meeting

The next meeting for the P&C for 2013 will be held on **Friday, 18th October at 1.30pm.** All parents welcome.

All the Best Lilli Chang

On behalf of the P&C and the greater school community we would like to wish Lilli Chang all the very best at the National Schools Touch Football titles next week. The P&C have generously contributed $200 towards the costs involved in representing our fantastic State. We hope Lily has some great matches and we look forward to hearing the results.

*Sandra Weatherall*

**P & C President**

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**Tuckshop**

Prep Students can now order Tuckshop Monday to Friday. Preps can also order from the regular Tuckshop Menu.

**Volunteers Urgently Required!** The Tuckshop is in need of volunteer help on **Thursday mornings between 9-11am.** Even if you can only spare 1/2 an hour, your help would be very much appreciated.

**Birthday Cupcakes**

Birthday Cupcakes are available from the tuckshop for your child’s class in a variety of colours and themes. Cupcakes are $1 each. To order cupcakes for your child’s birthday, please contact Jodie in the Tuckshop. Please provide at least 48 hours’ notice.

*Jodie Newton*

Tuckshop Convener

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Uniform Shop hours are Monday / Wednesday / Friday**

**8.30am – 9.00am**

**Hijabs are now available from the Uniform Shop in school colours - $7.50 each**

**Library Bags are now in stock in a full range of colours**

*Jodie Thompson*

Uniform Shop Convener

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**School Banking**

Remember that School Banking Day is every Thursday

*Lisa Weir*

Banking Coordinator