Welcome
Welcome students, parents and staff to week 4 of the third term for 2013.

Runcorn State School Senior and Junior Choirs
A big congratulations to the Junior and Senior Choirs which performed at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod on Tuesday, the 23rd of July. Our Juniors competed against 10 other Senior Choirs in their competition category and were placed 2nd. It was such an outstanding performance. The Senior Choir achieved 1st in another category with a spectacular performance.

For a small school, both choirs performed at an exceptionally high standard and this is of course due to the high profile music has in its tradition at Runcorn State School combined with the fantastic teaching staff who run the programs.

Prep 2014 - Come and View
Next Wednesday, 7th August, will be Runcorn State School's first "Come and View" session. The idea behind this session is to take new and prospective prep families for tours around the school. There will be several tours throughout the morning starting from 9am. If you know of any families new to the school or prospective families, please encourage them to come along to see how our "whole school" runs during the day.
Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)
At the last two P & C meetings there has been discussion about the possibility of starting an OSHC here at Runcorn State School. The P&C have decided to go ahead with trying to get a service provider to run OSHC (rather than run one themselves.) There are many reasons as to why this would be good for the school, as listed below:

- It will stop our enrolments from shrinking (we have dropped 90 students in 5 years and will lose Year 7 to high school in 2015) and make the school more attractive to potential parents.
- The P&C would not have to manage the marketing, staffing, accounting or day to day issues associated with the service.
- Parents will have the option of care for their children on the schoolgrounds before and after school if the need arises at any stage.
- The fees for the service are reasonable and families will receive at least 50% of the cost back in the Child Care Benefit Rebate.
- Part of the income from the OSHC will be revenue to the school
- The providers will also offer a Vacation Care program for families who cannot always take school holidays off work.

In order for this to happen, we need to advertise an expression of interest for organisations/providers who may be interested in running an OSHC program at Runcorn State School.

Therefore, we are asking for any interested providers wishing to submit an offer to contact the school on admin@runcornss.eq.edu.au to obtain the relevant documents. All offers are to be submitted to the school by August 23rd, 2013.

Furniture for Tender
There are some items of furniture that have been placed under the staff room and will be there for the next week. These items of furniture will be marked with labels to indicate that they are up for tender. This means that anyone of our community members can make an offer on the items (any offer over 50c will be considered). Some of the items include desks and chairs that the school no longer requires.

Updated School Website and QSchools App
We have been working with DETE to design and create a new Runcorn State School website. The advantages of updating to this system now, is that our website will be linked to the new QSchools app which enables parents to see calendar events, obtain news and announcements, and newsletters on their phone. Many staff (particularly our fantastic Computer Technician Mr Frank Riccobon) have been contributing to the development of our website which we hope to launch this term.

Get Started - Returns for Round 2
The second round of the Queensland Government’s Get Started program is now open, offering vouchers worth up to $150 to help families pay membership fees for children to join a registered sport or recreation club. Children with a parent or guardian who holds a health care or pension concession card are automatically eligible to apply, while other families will need to submit recommendations from two referral agents. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.


School Opinion Survey
Recently the school sent out school opinion surveys to a group of randomly selected families (the list of families was generated by the departmental computer system). In order for the survey to be valid we need all families to return their surveys to the school office or alternatively complete them on line as soon as possible. Your help and support in this process would be greatly appreciated if you were one of the families who were randomly selected to complete a survey.

Regards

Mark Johnstone

DEPUTY DIALOGUE

School Uniforms
If you get the opportunity, have a look through the glass doors at the rear of the Administration block… our uniform awards are proudly displayed there. Three to four photos are taken each week for the display. They will be sent home after a period of time for you to enjoy with your family.

Life Education
The van has been at our school since Tuesday with the student enjoying their sessions with the classes which have been held in the Resource Centre due to some technical hitches.
District Athletics
Both Mr Johnstone and myself have had the pleasure of attending this event. The students represented themselves and our school very well. Congratulations to all of them and to their parents who helped ferry them to and from the event. A thank you to Mrs Woods for her organisation before the day. The track and field events continue this Friday.

Homework
I know that this can be a chore to families as our lives are so busy. However it is important that the set homework is complete and handed in on the correct days. The homework procedures are well and truly underway at present, so keep up the good work with supporting your child. If you have concerns or queries with this please see your class teacher. Homework is not meant to be done by you, your child needs to take on that responsibility, but your support of this is much appreciated.

Prep
This week I had the opportunity to be in PSB for the morning. I was very impressed by how well they understand and execute their morning routine. They particularly enjoyed letting me know this when I got it a bit wrong. Preps are such fun.

Happy learning,
Kaye Dalus

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.

REFLECTIONS FROM LAUREN KNIJNENBURG

"Being a Conductor"

Cold June morning: 8 am
Today should have been a normal weekly Senior Choir practice, but today was not at ALL a normal practice! Today I found out that I would be conducting my fellow students at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod, I was FREAKING OUT! Conducting? It felt like a mammoth task!

Over the next few weeks I practiced the songs day and night. With the help of the lovely Mrs Mechielsen, I slowly got the hang of conducting. Although I quickly learned that conducting is no piece of cake. There are so many things you have to think of. It only takes one person to distract you and it can easily go wrong and if you get the beat wrong - it’s a recipe for disaster!

23rd of July- the day we’ve all been waiting for, the day we will shine. Today is the day we are going to perform in front of MANY people! I got up, put on my freshly ironed, smart uniform, I was ready.

Standing back stage, fear stly slithered to my presence, my legs shivered like an Eskimo buried in a white blanket of snow, I felt cold sweat run down my forehead. Will all the hard work pay off? What if I make a mistake? What if we sing the wrong words?

I walked on stage with suspense, the choir stood straight and still. I took a deep breath, with a smile I raised my hands and the performance began.

I was so proud of them all. They sang their hearts out. They never lost hope in me, and I never lost hope in them. The hard work did pay off. Thanks to the judges: Shaun Brown and Karen Newton, they had so much praise for us and awarded us 1st place with 89 points!!!! As a Choir Captain I had the chance to hold the prize money and the blue ribbon, I am so proud to say that I am a part of the Runcorn State School Senior Choir.

By Lauren Knijnenburg,
Choir Captain and School Vice-Captain
All music students at Runcorn will be participating in our annual Choral and Instrumental Evening on Wednesday, August 28, 6.15pm for a 7pm start at Sunnybank State High School. This is a great night for family and friends to attend. Entry is by Gold Coin donation.

WOW WOW WOW I think that about says it all!

As I went home the day of the Beenleigh Eisteddfod I was so thrilled that our school community had so much to celebrate, such as:

- The amazing children that sang their hearts out,
- How beautifully presented students were in their Performance Uniform thanks to great effort on the parents part,
- The enormous support from parents to pay and return permission slips,
- The incredible support offered by administration and the general staff,
- The talent of our “Humpty” Kevin Flanagan,
- The bravery and skill of Lauren Knijnenburg our student conductor,
- The steady accompaniment from Christian Yam and Jarad Knipe, all combining for one of those magic memories. Well done everyone!

Thanks,
Rita Mechielsen, (Classroom Music)
HELP US WIN $5,000 TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL

At Runecorn we believe it's very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the Adidas School Fun Run on Thursday September 12th – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called 'CUA Community Care' that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia's largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to raise money to help keep our school swimming program running.

We’re up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes! Voting is open from 29 July – 23 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au, and in CUA’s Carindale branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

Thanks
Anna Wood
PE Teacher

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE - TEAM RUNCORN SAYS THANK YOU!

I have just received a HUGE thank you from the Leukaemia Foundation for our contribution to the World's Greatest Shave and, on behalf of "Team Runecorn", I wanted to pass this on to our massive community of supporters at Runecorn State School - the money raised and support for this cause was overwhelming. Another thank you also, to Neil Anderson and his team at Speed Razor Barber Shop for volunteering their time to do the shaving itself at our Parade. This year's event raised an incredible $20 million nationally (the highest ever), $5.2 million of which came from Queensland and a whopping $4,073.55 of which came from Runecorn State School! Today and everyday, 31 Australians will get the news they have blood cancer. Your donations will continue to help the Leukaemia Foundation support them from the moment they are diagnosed, free of charge. The money raised goes towards providing free accommodation for cancer patients and their families, counselling and support services, support service vehicles to transport patients to and from hospital, financial assistance for blood cancer patients and their families and, of course, funding medical research to find a cure. You can still check out our page at http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/TeamPage.aspx?TSID=22995 to see our photos!

On a side note, I know there are lots of people (students and parents) out there with lovely long hair who may at some time decide to have a change of style. Instead of leaving your lovely locks on the hairdresser's floor, why not consider donating your ponytail to create beautiful, real-hair, high quality wigs for women who have lost their hair following cancer treatment? Don't panic, to help out you don't need to shave you hair off completely like I did(!), but perhaps think about leaving it to grow just a little longer than normal and then trim off a minimum of 20cm. So long as it has not been dyed or bleached and has no more than 5% grey, then the charity Beautiful Lengths would love to receive that ponytail. You can get more information by visiting their website at http://www.beautifullengths.com.au or come and ask me about it and I'll be happy to help.

Once again, on behalf of Team Runcorn, a massive thank you for all your support.

Kind regards,
Sandra Benn

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.

QLD STATE REP FOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Lilli Chang for achieving State Representatives for Touch Football. Well done Lilli!!
RESOURCES CENTRE NEWS

Term 3 is an exciting term for the Resource Centre. Book Week is from the 19th – 23rd August. There are some great titles for all ages this year. Feel free to come and have a browse and let us know your favourite!

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will run this year during Book Week, so save up your spare change and come along and purchase some great books. The proceeds of the book fair help us purchase new resources!

The Book week musical ‘Space Jump’ will be held on the 27th August. The musical is based on some of this year’s short listed books and should be an exciting show. As always, please feel free to pop into the resource Centre and browse our collection, read a book with your child on our cosy couches or sit with your child as they show you the different computer programs they can use!

A special thanks to Mrs Slinger for volunteering her time helping out the Library staff. The Library is still looking for more helpers, so please feel free to come and help out an hour or two.

Happy reading!!!

Daniel Jones and Karly Shire
Librarians

CONTACT DETAILS

Letters and forms will be going home soon so that parents can update their details. Once completed, please send them back to the school office so that your information can be entered and updated.

STAFF ITEMS FROM SCHOOL CONCERT

I am trying to compile a compilation DVD of the Staff Items that have been performed over the years at our End-of-Year/Christmas Concerts. I’m aiming to collect from the 2000 concert until 2012. If you, or someone you know from years gone by at Runcorn, have a digital copy that you could give me, I’d greatly appreciate it. Please contact me at abenn8@eq.edu.au or, of course, just pop in and see me! Thanks-a-million.

Sandra Benn, Year 3 Teacher
**LOST PROPERTY**

Don't forget to check through the bins throughout the year for any lost property 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 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 - SCABIES**

This will be a regular section in our newsletter providing information on various health issues. This fortnight will be about Scabies. Scabies is an infestation caused by the microscopic mite Sarcoptes scabies. Scabies spreads rapidly in conditions where there is frequent skin-to-skin contact between people, such as aged care facilities, childcare centres and residential facilities – as schools are also a place where there is frequent skin to skin contact between people, parents are asked to be vigilant to signs and symptoms of scabies and seek medical advice for your child if you believe they may have this mite on their skin. The main symptoms are:

- pimple-like irritations, burrows or rash of the skin, especially the webbing between the fingers and skin folds
- intense itching, especially at night and over most of the body.
- sores on the body caused by scratching. These sores can sometimes become infected by bacteria.

**What else should I do to stop the spread of scabies?** Preventing the spread of scabies requires:

- maintaining good personal hygiene
- not sharing clothes, towels or bed linen with others
- excluding affected children from school and child care centres until treatment has commenced
- limiting close physical contact with others until appropriate treatment has commenced.

As the scabies mite can live on the bed linen, clothes, towels and other personal used by the person with scabies prior to starting their treatment, these items should be machine washed in hot water. Blankets can be dry cleaned or placed in a tumble dryer on a hot setting for half an hour. Alternatively, scabies mites can be killed by sealing these items in a plastic bag for one week before laundering, as the mite cannot survive lengthy periods off the human body.

**P&C NEWS**

**P&C Meeting**
The next meeting for the P&C for 2013 will be held on **Thursday, 8th August, 2013 at 7pm**. All parents welcome.

**Trivia Night - 24th August 2013**

7pm to 9pm  $10 a Head or Book a table of ten and pay $90  
(Minimum 4 people - max 10 people at any one table)

**Held at the Old School Library**  
BYO - Nibbles and Drinks (alcohol) for your own table, 18+ only (no children please)

Corkage Fee of a Gold Coin Donation applies for each plate of food or bottle of alcohol

Raffle & lucky door prizes to be won

All money raised will go towards resources for the new reading room

Proudly supported by Runcorn P&C Association

Contact Samara on 0423 653 816 to advise the following: name of 1 member of your table, number of people participating, name of your group etc

**Treasurer Position Available**

Unfortunately our Treasurer has had to resign. This leaves the position open and needs to be filled as soon as possible. Please contact Sandra Weatherall on sand2775@hotmail.com if you are interested.

**Tuckshop**

**Origin Meal Deals**
Thanks to all the families who supported the State of Origin Meal Deal. The lucky Bag Design Competition winners for: Phoebe Sharpe (5WV), Ivy Sharrock (3B) and Liam Clayton (2B).

**Prep Tuckshop News**
Prep Students can now order Tuckshop Monday to Friday. Preps can also order from the regular Tuckshop Menu.
Warm Milo ($1.20) will be available to students in Term 3 from 8.15am - 8.30am only. Beef Traveller Pies will also be available in Term 3 for $2.70.

**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 Convenor

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

8.30am – 9.00am

With the cooler weather approaching, school jackets and jumpers are now available from the uniform shop.

**Jodie Thompson**
Uniform Shop Convenor

**RUNCORN DENTAL CLINIC**

**WOW!** What an interesting week we had in Vanuatu when we finally got there! Our flight to Vila was aborted on landing due to bad weather so we were flown to Noumea where we sat in the plane on the tarmac for 3 hours before being flown back to Brisbane where we were accommodated in a motel overnight and then re-scheduled on a flight the next day.

Due to the re-scheduled flight time, we missed our flight to Malekula Island which meant we had to stay in Port Vila overnight. Our flight to Malekula Island was due to leave at 7.00am so we had to be at the airport by 6.30am. On arrival at the airport we were told that we wouldn’t be leaving at 7.00am as the plane had a flat battery, just what you want to hear when you don’t like flying in small planes. We finally left Port Vila at about 7.30am on a little 10 seater plane which took approximately an hour to get to Norsup Airport on Malekula Island.

We were picked up at the airport and travelled on the back of a 4WD to our accommodation and then onto the Norsup Hospital where the dental team got to work to clean and set up the clinic for the busy days ahead.

Our transport for the week was on the back of the hospital 4WD, driving through areas surrounded by palm trees, thick scrub, mud and sometimes rain to reach our destinations. On our journey to the schools we would pass many Vanuatu people walking along the side of the road who would always smile and wave to us. The people of Vanuatu are always happy and stress free, a life I wouldn’t mind having :-) In total the dental team screened and gave oral health and tooth brushing instructions to approximately 730 students and staff from 4 schools with an additional 50+ men and women from villages in outlying areas who came to the clinic at the Norsup Hospital. This resulted in approximately 350 students and adults requiring some form of treatment.

Even though the weather was very hot and humid and our accommodation and working conditions were very primitive and challenging, the trip was a real eye opener and very rewarding.

**By Mrs Lynne Newman**
Administration
SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Entertainment Books
Help Runcorn State School Fundraise
Purchase an Entertainment™ Book from us today
to receive over $185 in additional offers!
Hurry, only nine books left!!! Only available at the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Runcorn Edge – Academic Excellence and Extension Program
Runcorn State High School is proud of its long tradition of success in academic, cultural and sporting excellence. To further this tradition of excellence and success, The Runcorn EDGE – Academic Excellence and Extension Program will commence in 2014 for Years 8, 9 and 10. The focus of The Runcorn EDGE Program is on the academic learning areas - Mathematics, English, Social Science and Science. Students study each of these key learning areas at an extension level. Students combine with the remainder of the cohort for subjects in other learning areas. Specialist teachers for the program are selected to deliver the extended curriculum. Also, where appropriate, students may accelerate their studies to start year 11 and 12 subjects early so students can complete university study at school whilst completing other senior studies. Information and application forms can also be found on the school’s website (www.runcornshs.eq.edu.au).

Runcorn State High School is now taking applications for years 8, 9 and 10 in 2014. Make sure you act fast to ensure you don’t miss out. For further information or application forms, please call Ms Karen Aitcheson – Home Liaison Officer on 3323 1611 or enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au.

Seton College - Information and Open School Morning - Tuesday, 6th August 2013
The Principal and Staff invite Parents/Students/Teachers to an Information and Open School Morning on Tuesday, 6th August 2013, starting promptly at 9am and is expected to finish at 10.30am. The Program will include a tour of the college, Seton's Mission, Curriculum, Levels of support provided, Enrolment process and Question Time. For more information, contact the College on (07) 3291 5333 or email smtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au.

FREE - How to Encourage Your Child's Reading
Education starts at home and parents and families are their children's first teachers. With this in mind, the free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child's reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities. The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:

- What is literacy?
- Understanding the reading process
- Stages of reading
- Listening to your child read and reading to your child.

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

Session times for 2013 - you may attend any venue that is convenient to you.

Friday 19 July 2013 9.30 – 11.00am West End State School - West End
Thursday 8 August 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Newmarket State School - Newmarket
Wednesday 16 October 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Warrigal Road State School – Eight Mile Plains

Come along and find out how you can help your child enjoy reading! Children are welcome to attend with their Parents/Caregivers. To reserve a place please email sharlene.emanuel@dete.qld.gov.au
Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Party – 2nd August

Mount Gravatt
BLUE LIGHT
DANCE PARTY

Ages strictly 7–14
(proof of age may be required)

Crazy Hat Theme Night
Prizes for craziest hat

WHEN     Friday 2nd August 2013
WHERE    Mt Gravatt Police Citizens Youth Club
         (90 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt)
TIME     7.00 pm until 9.30 pm
COST     $5.00

NO PASSOUTS ALLOWED
No smoking – No drugs – No alcohol – No chewing gum
GOOD STANDARD OF BEHAVIOUR REQUIRED
Website: www.bluelightgld.org
         www.mtgravattoycyc.org.au
Email: mtgravattblue@gmail.com
       PO Box 541 Mount Gravatt Q 4122

Sunnybank Community Preschool and Kindergarten Association

Wait List Now Open, For children born 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012
For attendance in 2016, Enrolment Fee $10 (non-refundable)

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Email: Scpka101@bigpond.com
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