Welcome
Welcome students, parents and staff to week 6 of the third term for 2013.

Science Expo
On Tuesday of this week we had our Science expo. This ran from 9am -11am and involved students from all grades, participating in various science activities throughout the morning. The students had the opportunity to visit the displays that other classes were holding and also see the fantastic Toohey Forrest Environmental Centre Eco Van. To top off the experience, the students had an opportunity to see and feel a number of reptiles thanks again to Toohey Forest.

The morning was enjoyed by all and a big thank you goes out to all of the teachers, students and parents involved. I would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs Shena Jarvis for organising this great morning. Well done.
District Athletics Results
As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Runcorn State School students performed admirably at the recent District Athletics Carnival. At the time the last newsletter was printed, we were halfway through the competition as it was held over two consecutive Fridays.

In the B schools competition, our school was placed 5th overall. Some of the outstanding achievements of our students include:
- Kaitli Slinger 1st 100m final, 1st 200m final, 1st 12yr High Jump, 2nd 12 yr Long Jump
- Aaron Werder 1st 800m final, 3rd 10yr High Jump, 2nd 10yr Long Jump, 2nd 10yr Discus, 1st 200m final
- 10yr boys 4 x 100m relay came 2nd
- 12yr girls 4 x 100m relay came 2nd.

Expressions of Interest - 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 sourcing 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) making 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 fee 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 the extended deadline of September 4th, 2013. This ad has been appearing in the Southern Star for any interested parties.

Staffing
We have a few staff taking Long Service Leave towards the end of this term. The teachers on leave are as follows:
- Ms Suzanne Bryzak (6-20 September) - Replaced by Mrs Sonia Lowe
- Miss Angela Gall (2-20 September) - Replaced by Mrs Cindy Egan
- Mrs Sandra Benn (9-20 September) - Replaced by Mrs Jane Newman & Mrs Danielle Davies
- Mrs Kristina Sluggett (13-20 September) - Replaced by Mrs Michelle Thorne

Lilli Chang
Congratulations to Lilli Chang who has made it into the State 12 year old girls touch football team. She will now compete at the National Titles which will be held in Darwin in the last week of this term.

Regards

Mark Johnstone
Science Fair
What a lovely opportunity for students to share the learning and understanding with other students. My highlight of the morning was listening to the conversations that were being had about various topics in science between students. There was so much variety on offer – slime and food were favourites. A huge thank you to the staff and students, particularly Mrs Jarvis who coordinated this event.

Uniforms
Overall I have noticed an improvement in the wearing of our school uniform. Just some further refinements to note: The only jewellery to be worn at school are earrings (studs or sleepers and no more than one per ear), a watch and a signet ring. Similarly, no bracelets, anklets or necklaces are to be worn. The principal will give consideration for religious, cultural and medical needs.

GALA Day
The first one for this term is on August 23. The teams are practising at present. If you require information about this event please contact either Mrs Woods or your child’s teacher. Students in years 5 - 7 are eligible to participate depending on team availability.

Reading Room
We are having a bit of a blitz on the organisation of the reading room. Our resource centre staff as well as teacher aides have been busily cataloguing and organising these resources so that our students have access to a variety of titles for use in the classroom.

Classes from years 3-7 are enjoying accessing Accelerated Reader on line. They are particularly enjoying reading at their level from a variety of titles. Your follow up with reading practice at home is greatly appreciated.

The reason behind all of this organising… The P&C have generously donated a whopping $10 000 to boost the resources in this room. So we need to take stock of what we need we have so that informed choices can be made about what to purchase. An amount such as this is like gold when it comes to purchasing books. We have begun our list ready to purchase some brand new titles. Thank you P&C and the parents who support our school – we are very excited.

Also the Pineland Lions Club presented us with a cheque for $500 which will go towards purchasing books for the students in the upper school to enhance the title selection they have. So that is double excitement.

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.

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MUSIC NEWS

Choral and Instrumental Evening - Wednesday August 28, 2013
Sunnybank State High School
Children required by 6.15 pm for a 7 pm start

A video will be taken of the concert and will be available for sale within our school community. Due to legal obligations, a permission slip MUST be signed (indicating agreement or disagreement to your child being filmed) and returned to your child’s music teacher. Without consent, there may be parts of the performance that students will not be involved in.

Band, Strings, Senior and Junior Choir
All groups are to wear Performance Uniform

Dear Parents and Students,
We are delighted to inform you of our annual Choral and Instrumental Evening at which every musical group at our school participates. It is a marvellous evening and will conclude at 8.30 pm. We request that everyone stays for the entire concert, which we will push through without an interval. It is concert etiquette to remain for all the performance groups, otherwise the last groups have no audience.

The adult seating will be on chairs with students sitting in groups on the floor at the front. This will assist us with the least possible disruption caused by people moving around between items. We request that families make special arrangements to be in attendance for this evening. If there are circumstances preventing attendance, please write a note to the respective teacher before the evening.

Yours sincerely,
Rita Mechielsen – Choirs, Mrs. Melinda Sowah - Strings, Mr. Craig Millar – Band

HELP US WIN $5,000 TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL

At Runcorn 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 are 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 operating.

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.cuacomunitycare.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

ADIDAS FUN RUN

We will be holding an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Thursday 12th September within the school grounds.

The Adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase new swimming equipment and help us fund our school swimming program. We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to train for our event and to receive advice from sporting heroes like Sally Pearson and Jonathan Brown, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and clicking on mi adizone.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the adidas School Fun-Run event day at the school on Thursday September 12th 9am-10am to help cheer on the students. If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on (07) 3323 8777.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

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 Runcorn", I wanted to pass this on to our massive community of supporters at Runcorn 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 Runcorn 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.

BRISBANE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SWIMMING
Congratulations to Deneka Weir for being the 2nd fastest Backstroke swimmer in Brisbane and achieving a silver medal in Backstroke. Well done Deneka!!

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
Book Week
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!

Book Week Musical ‘Space Jump’
You should have received the book Week Musical permission form. It will be held on Tuesday 27th August. Please return the permission slip and payment to the front office before Monday 19th August so you don’t miss out on this exciting event.

Book Fair
The annual Scholastic Book Fair will run this year during book week (21st, 22nd, 23rd, 26th August), 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!

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! If you would like to help with book covering and a few odd jobs around the library please see the library staff. Even half an hour makes a world of difference to our library collection!!

Accelerated Reader
Accelerated Reader is a reading program we have launched for years 3 to 7. This program helps students to be reading at a level that is appropriate to their reading ability and awards points when they complete a quiz based on the book they have read. There are several students who have already reached and passed their target for the term!

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 have been sent home 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
Thank you to those people who have kindly supplied me with footage of our "Staff Items" from our End-of-Year concerts. I’m trying to collate footage from 2000 to 2012 and still need the following years:


If you are able to supply me with a copy of this or know someone from years gone by that might be able to help me out, I would very much appreciate it. Thank you!

Kind regards
Sandra Benn
(Year 3 Teacher: abenn8@eq.edu.au)
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, mobile phone, 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 - FLU

As the Ekka season begins, so does the season for the dreaded lurgy. The flu virus can travel through the air when a person coughs or sneezes. It can then survive on surfaces for several hours remaining a source of infection for others. There are, however, simple things everyone can do to stop the flu spreading.

Measures to prevent the spread of the flu virus include:
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough;
- washing your hands regularly and properly;
- cleaning household, school and workplace surface areas;
- not sharing personal items such as eating and drinking utensils and food; and
- avoiding close contact with other people and staying home when sick.

Annual vaccination, good personal hygiene and protecting others through staying at home when ill are important prevention measures for influenza. Queensland Health advise that staff and students with cold and flu symptoms should stay away from school whilst they are unwell. Anyone who has flu-like symptoms and is concerned about their health should consult their local general practitioner in the first instance. Queensland Health can provide general information via their information line: 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting
The next meeting for the P&C for 2013 will be held on Friday, 6th September at 1.30pm. 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
Prep Tuckshop News
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.

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

School Banking

You could win an iPad mini! One Brisbane West Area School will win a CommBank Marquee and one Brisbane West Area Student will win an iPad mini! The School with the highest percentage of active students making at least one school banking deposit in Term 3 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of one school banking deposit in Term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad mini or a Dollarmite Backpack! Make sure you deposit at school at least once in Term 3 and you will be automatically entered. Good Luck!

Things to know before you can: Competition opens 08/07/13 and closes 27/09/13. Competition is open to all Queensland School Banking Schools. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 124. Full terms and conditions available in Branch.

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator

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 eight books left!!! Only available at the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Runcorn State High School – Image Nation

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.

Last Session time for 2013
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