Welcome
Welcome students, parents and staff to week 8 of the third term for 2013.

Choral and Instrumental Music Night
Last night was the Runcorn State School 2013 Choral and instrumental music evening. We had performances from all of our Strings, Band and Choir students at the Sunnybank State High School hall. Our students performed remarkably well in all groups and demonstrated their talents to the community in spectacular form. It was great to see them all looking forward to the performances and they looked very smart in their performance uniforms. Once again we had a great show of community support with a large audience in attendance. Thank you to all of the parents for their support in packing up at the end. Special thanks to all of the teachers who were present and helping on the night particularly our music teachers who spend countless hours supporting and preparing the students through their music learning journeys.

Trivia Night
It was great to see so many parents and community members present for the Trivia night held at the school last Saturday. It was a night full of laughter and good times with fun had by all. The purpose of the night was to raise funds for the school P&C which means the money ultimately gets put back into the school for the benefit of all students enrolled. Special thanks to Doug Panic, Samara Frye, Kathryn Allendorf and the P&C for all of their efforts in making the night the success that it was. We have a fantastic school community and it is nights like last Saturday that demonstrate how supportive and close the school community actually is.
Last Chance to contribute to the Queensland Plan
If you’ve thought about the opportunities and careers you would like your kids to have in the future but haven’t responded to The Queensland Plan yet this week is your last chance.

Thinking about where you want our community to be in 30 years’ time can be a fun challenge. Our students will be in the workforce and some of us will be retired but what do we hope Queensland will be like then? Visit www.queenslandplan.qld.gov.au and answer one, some or all six questions by 30 August to share your views and help guide the state’s future.

Students invited to enter QTU Peace Awards
Students of all ages are invited to enter the Queensland Teacher’s Union (QTU) Peace Awards. The theme of this year’s awards is Education for Peace. To enter students are asked to design a postcard-sized artwork. Entry categories include:
- Prep to Year 1
- Years 2-3
- Years 4-6
- Years 7-9
- Years 10-12
- Special Education.

Category winners will receive an award to the value of $100. Special awards, valued at $50, may also be presented in each category. Judging will be conducted by members of the QTU’s Social and Environmental Issues Networks and winners will be notified by the end of November. To enter visit http://www.qtu.asn.au/peaceawards

Junior Cricket
The junior boys played well last Friday at the Gala day. They learnt a lot on the day and have proven to be one of the best teams in their division. All boys displayed great sportsmanship and were encouraging of each other on the day.

Results:
Game 1: Runcorn 42/1 and Calamvale 30/3
Game 2: Runcorn 51/1 and Stretton 38/4
Game 3: Runcorn 30/1 and Sunnybank Hills 31/2
Game 4: Runcorn 56/1 and Brisbane CC 25/1.

Regards

Mark Johnstone

DEPUTY DIALOGUE

Book Fair
Thank you so much for your support of the book fair. It was teaming with people most afternoons and before school too. Thanks to Mr Jones, Mrs Shire, Mrs Howes, Mrs Schloss and their library helpers who managed the children and their purchases. It was great to see the years 7’s getting into the spirit of the fair with Meleak dressing up and to Chris for helping lead him around the school to promote the fair. I saw many families there on more than one occasion. We will let you know next newsletter how much was raised for the Resource Centre.

Reading Room
A big thank you for the on-going support of staff and parents for the organisation of this room. The senior school students who didn’t attend GALA day helped out in a big way on Friday. We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel here. If you can spare some time to help out, contact Mr. Jones or Mrs Shire and they will gladly set you to work. Chocolates are provided!!

Parade
I am sure those parents who attended our assemblies of late agree that the students’ performances really add to this whole school time. Please come if you are able to on the days your child’s class is performing.

Parent Teacher Interviews
These are on the go at present and will continue into the coming weeks. Please make a time on the timetable provided by your child’s teacher to come along and discuss their learning progress.

Teacher Planning
Over the next couple of weeks the teachers will be released to plan with me the units being implemented in Term 4. This is a great time to plan ahead to ensure the best possible approach to the teaching, learning and assessment in the following term. The students will be supervised by either the resource centre staff, Mrs Tatham, Mr Johnstone or Mrs Deen following the regular classroom program.

Happy learning,

Kaye Dalus
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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

Information for the Instrumental Program at Runcorn State School – 2014

The Instrumental Program is an Extra-Curricular Activity that is offered to students who demonstrate an aptitude for music. The staffing for this program is funded by the Department of Education Training and the Arts. Runcorn State School assists the program by funding instruments. Places in this program are limited, therefore after students express interest, places are offered according to availability and the student having met with the selection criteria. The overarching purpose of the Instrumental Music Program as set out by the Department of Education Training and the Arts Instrumental Program is to “provide children with the opportunity to experience the expressive qualities of music through learning to play a band/orchestral instrument and to participate in performance ensembles such as concert bands and orchestras.”

It is our policy that students are eligible for either the strings or the band program, not both. After a formal request to the Principal and under exceptional circumstances such as giftedness, students may be offered a place in both programs. Please note that it is not the intention of the program to have students switch from strings to band in Year 5.

Students in Year 3 and 4 in 2014 are eligible for violin, cello or double bass.

Students in Year 5 and 6 in 2014 are eligible for clarinet, flute, saxophone, percussion, french horn, trumpet, trombone.
Information regarding the Selection Process
Step 1 – Students fill in an “Expression of Interest Form” attached.
Step 2 – The student’s classroom music participation and ability, along with the Class Teachers assessment of academic ability, homework and independent learning skills are recorded and passed onto the Instrumental Teachers.
Step 3 – Instrumental staff assess which instruments might be suitable for the candidates.
Step 4 – A written offer is made in November 2013.

The Commitment
- Sign up for the minimum of one year.
- Students have a half hour lesson per week.
- Students in band/ensemble participate in a weekly rehearsal before school.
- Students practice at home.
- Be available for competitions and concerts – approximately two a year, sometimes after school hours.
- Purchase set performance uniform from the uniform shop, new or second-hand.
- Provide black socks and black shoes.
- Pay $5 Vest and Bow Tie hire.
- Pay Instrumental Levy – Children on school instruments pay $85 for the year, students providing their own instruments pay $55 for the year. This levy covers the maintenance of school instruments, the cost of folders and the purchase of music, which for band and ensemble pieces is approximately $200 a piece.
- The Levy will be billed in 2014 and will need to be paid in full by Easter for children to remain in the program.

Generally speaking instruments are on loan for a one year period only. Larger instruments are on loan for the student’s duration at Runcorn State School. If you have any further questions please leave your name and contact details with the office for Mrs. Mechielsen and I will return the call as soon as possible. Expression of Interest forms are available from the office.

Happy Playing
Rita Mechielsen

Why Study Music?
Here are a few compelling reasons:
- Music is an academic subject with its own special body of knowledge, skills and unique ways of thinking.
- Musical intelligence is one of several intelligences that need to be developed and nurtured.
- Music offers unique opportunities for creativity and self-expression.
- Music connects to our history, traditions, and heritage.
- Music study enables us to experience all that is human as it inspires, turns our senses and emotions, opens our minds, and reaches into our inner selves.
- Music study enables us to develop skills needed by the 21st century workforce, such as abstract thinking, problem-solving, self-discipline, and teamwork.
- Music can be integrated and connected with other subjects in the school curriculum.
- Music enhances the quality of life. To participate fully in one’s culture, a child should develop the musical knowledge and skills that are inherent in a quality music education.

Senior Choir will be taking the rest of the Thursday mornings off this term and we will commence again in Term 4, the first Thursday back to start High School Musical songs

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. 0090035). 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.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - 4 SEPTEMBER 2013
Time to Smile! School Photo Day is Wednesday, 4th September 2013. Have your child’s school memories captured forever. Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes.
Please remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and cheques only. Credit card payments can be made prior to photo day via online ordering system at www.msp.com.au.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP direct (07) 3865 4291 or admin.brisbane@msp.com.au.

Parents and Caregivers,
Children are requested to wear school uniform for all class photos. If the weather is still cool, jumpers, jackets and long pants should be able to be removed for photos. Watch and sleep/studs only. No bright coloured earrings or hair items and no coloured socks.

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.

SPACE JUMP MUSICAL

Here are actual quotes from students who attended the musical:

"Today we watched Space Jump. I loved it when they did the juggling and their acting. It was the best show I have ever seen in my life. It was the funniest show. I laughed and laughed because it was so funny. I could not stop laughing. I loved it so much." (Sophie Hosack 1B)

"Today we went to Space Jump! I loved the part when the boy scientist was having the crazy voice and when they were singing." (Briana Wong 1B)

"Today there was a performance that was Space Jump. My favourite part was when they said SPACE JUMP." (Lily Davis 1B)

"Space Jump was fun. I loved the bit when the boy spoke funny." (Raffy Logarzo 1B)

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, 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 – IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

Impetigo is a skin infection caused by the Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria. It is also known as school sores because it commonly affects school-aged children. Impetigo is more common during the warmer months.

Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria can live harmlessly on and inside various areas of the body, such as the skin surface and nose. However, cuts and abrasions or eczema may allow the bacteria to cause infection to deeper skin tissues. Healthy, intact skin can sometimes develop impetigo too. The condition is characterised by collections of small, crusting blisters that usually form on the face or limbs.

Impetigo looks unsightly, but it isn’t dangerous and doesn’t cause any lasting damage to the skin. However, it is highly contagious. A child with impetigo should be kept home from school or day care until appropriate treatment has begun.

Common symptoms of impetigo include:
- The skin itches and reddens
- A collection of blisters forms, commonly around the nose and mouth
- The blisters pop and weep a yellow, sticky fluid
- The area develops a raised and wet-looking crust
- The scab dries and falls off
- The skin completely heals after a few days.

If large areas of the skin are affected, symptoms may also include:
- Fever
- Swollen lymph glands
- General feeling of unwellness (malaise).
**Treatment of impetigo**

Impetigo may be diagnosed by an experienced clinician and can be treated with prescription antibiotic ointments or creams, which need to be reapplied until the sores have completely healed. Antibiotic syrups or tablets may also be prescribed. It is important to complete any course of antibiotics you are prescribed. If left untreated, impetigo can lead to skin abscesses.

**Avoid spreading the infection**

Impetigo blisters and crusts are filled with bacteria. This makes the condition highly contagious, particularly when the site is weeping. The skin is usually itchy, so the child scratches and spreads the infection from under their fingernails to other areas of the body or to another person. Infection can also be spread by handling contaminated clothing or articles. Suggestions to reduce the risk of transmission to other family members include:

- Encourage everyone to wash their hands with soap frequently, and dry completely.
- A child with impetigo should be kept home from school or day care until appropriate treatment has begun and the sores on exposed areas are covered with a waterproof occlusive dressing.
- Cut your child’s fingernails short and encourage them not to scratch scabs or pick their nose.
- Avoid scratching or touching the sores to prevent spread to other areas of the body. Use a crepe bandage if necessary.
- Keep affected areas of skin clean and covered to minimise the chance of spreading the infection.
- Always wash your hands with soap before and after touching sores or scabs.
- Encourage children to use their own towel and face cloth. No sharing.
- Wash the child’s linen, towels and clothes in hot water. Wash all household linen in hot water while the infection is present.
- Dispose of used dressings promptly and thoroughly. Wash and dry hands after the dressings have been disposed of into a plastic bag and place bag into household waste.

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**Runcorn Swimming Club**

Runcorn Swimming Club is a family based club, with Learn to Swim, Squad Training and Adult Squads available. Sign on is on **Saturday 7th September from 8am – 11am** at the Runcorn State School Swimming Pool, Cnr Lampson Street & Mains Road, Sunnybank. Runcorn is recognised as one of the strongest school-based clubs in Brisbane. We are in the First Division of the Brisbane Swimming Association Ladder. We are commencing this year with a new Head Coach, Joshua Smith. He has spent the last two years in China coaching and achieving some amazing results with the Chinese Olympic Swimming Team. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our President Cheryl Riding on 0402 141 535.

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**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**

Saturday Night witnessed our 2nd Trivia Night Event. It was a fantastic event with the teachers claiming a hard fought victory, proving that our children are in very competent hands. The event was a huge success, raising over **$1000** for our school. There was a lot of laughter from all and I urge more families to be a part of this event in coming years. I would like to thank a number of families and businesses for their generous donations towards the evening –


In particular I would like to thank Mr Doug Panic for hosting the event, and to Mrs Samara Frye for co-hosting and organising the night.

Father's Day is this Sunday. The P&C will be hosting a **Father's Day Stall** on **Friday, 30th August**. This year we have opted to purchase some great new products rather than asking for donations as we have done in the past. This is a relatively new concept for us and we ask that you support us in our endeavour to provide quality affordable gifts for our children to purchase. There will also be cards and gift bags available for purchase for only **$1 each! Gifts range from $2 to $10.** Alternatively we also have the "$10 Coffee, Cake and Milkshake" vouchers for sale. These were a pre-order item however there will be a limited number of them available for purchase at the Father's Day Stall. I would like to thank Coco Jungle, Sunnybank Plaza, for their support with this venture.
I would also like to wish all dads out there a
"Happy Father's Day" for Sunday.

I would like to congratulate our newest member to the P&C committee. Mr Brendan Hammond had agreed to take on the Treasurer position. The committee looks forward to working with you.

A big thank you to Mrs Carolyn Cane for all of her hard work over the last 6 months as Treasurer.

Please keep an eye out for flyers coming home regarding our upcoming Carboot Sale on Election Day. The school will be hosting this event as well as a cake stall and BBQ. Volunteers will be needed on the day so if you can spare some time to help out, even if only for an hour, we would love to hear from you. We also need some of our great bakers out there to make some cakes and biscuits to sell on the day, or if you can't bake then you can still help out by donating baking items such as flour, sugar, choc chips, condensed milk etc and let the other bakers work their magic in their kitchens. Remember many helpers make this huge event manageable.

Sandra Weatherall
P & C President
0413109957

Election Day BBQ & Car Boot Sale

To be held at the Car boot sale 7th September 2013 from 7am to 12pm

The P&C are asking for donations for the Cake stall

All donations can be brought into the tuckshop on Friday 6th of September or you can bring donations on the day.

We ask for all cakes, cookies and sweets to be labelled with ingredients and wrapped.

If you do not have time to bake then feel free to donate flour, cake mix, sugar etc. Ingredients can be dropped off to the tuckshop anytime until 4th of September.

Don’t forget to book your Car boot stall, please see flyer, newsletter or contact Samara on 0423 653 816 for more details.

If you would like more information on the cake stall or would like to volunteer to help man the cake stall or the BBQ which will also be operating that day, please call Bronwyn – 0478 751 143

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

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 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

The team from Smile Vanuatu says thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who helped send toothbrushes and the message of cleaning your teeth through the wonderful posters to the children in Vanuatu. Runcorn State School donated 400 toothbrushes towards this program. Every toothbrush was suitable and age appropriate. The winning posters will be placed on display at the hospital and made into a children’s informative colouring in book. What a thoughtful and fantastic effort. Well done!

This year the managers of the Norsup town hospital and Malampa health district wanted us to visit children in the rural area of the island not the town children. There were over 700 children to see. The team travelled in a 4WD to remote parts of Malekula Island meeting many children and their parents and showing them how to brush their teeth.

Everyone was given a toothbrush and shown the correct way to clean their teeth. There were no shops where we went and the road was boggy and rough. For many children it was their first toothbrush. Everyone was given a check up and then sent to the clinic the next day if they needed extra dental treatment.

The team were able to meet many teachers, parents and students and share the knowledge of “Healthy teeth Healthy smile." If any children would like to write or send emails to the children in Vanuatu please contact me at the Runcorn School Dental Clinic for contact details.

Christine Southall

Smile Vanuatu team with Lalakoko School even the principal had his teeth checked.
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

Community Notice September 2013
Roadworks - Lane and exit closures Pacific Motorway (Springwood) between Fitzgerald Avenue, Springwood and Shortland Street, Slacks Creek

What type of roadworks?
The works will include: Pavement construction in the southbound carriageway

Why is this work being done?
To improve safety and traffic flow on this section of road

When will it happen?
WEEKEND WORK ONLY
Monday 16 September; and from 8pm Friday 20 September to 5am Monday 23 September.

Where do I go for more information? For construction related questions call the Fulton Hogan, Community Liaison Officer on 0418 495 367.

For more information about the project call Transport and Main Roads on 5596 9500 or email pdo.regions.goldcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au