Welcome
Welcome parents, staff and students to week 7 of term 4 in 2013.

Administration Staffing
This week (on Tuesday, 19th November) we were advised by Mr Greg Gosling that he will be returning to his position of Principal at Runcorn State School at the start of 2014. We look forward to having him back on board at Runcorn in the new year. At this stage it is anticipated that Mrs Kaye Dalus will continue on as Acting Deputy at the start of next year.

School Student Leadership
The School Captains for next year (2014) have been elected. They are:

Luke Cane
Hannah Nguyen
Kieran Elliott
Rickisha Smith

We congratulate these students on their achievement in gaining the prestigious position of School Captains for 2014 and wish them all the best in their roles. There were a number of candidates who were all suitable to take on the School Captaincy positions. Unfortunately we could only choose four Captains and due to the way all of the candidates performed throughout the process it was votes that predominately determined the outcome.

We are now in the process of appointing the other captaincy positions (Band, Strings, Choir and Library) and will announce them in the next few weeks.
New Maps Help Plan for Future Schools
The Queensland Schools Planning Commission released its second round of maps and findings. The maps show school age population projections and will help to determine where new state and non-state schools may need to be built, or existing schools expanded, over the next two decades.

A new interactive mapping tool is also available allowing users to search an area of Queensland for current schools, projected change in school population and proposed land developments. For further information and resources visit http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/schools-planning-commission/

Parent Nights

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End of Year Concert - 4th December 2013
Just a friendly reminder that the End of Year Concert is on the 4th December. This is a great night of fun, laughter and song as well as a great fundraiser for the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Mark Johnstone

DEPUTY DIALOGUE

Parent Literacy Nights
The first one is on tonight in the Old Library from 6:00pm. It is all about Oral Literacy and we look forward to seeing many of you there. We guarantee that you will walk away with some practical ideas to support your child.

Do the Right Thing
I ‘caught’ lots of Runcorn community members doing the right thing last week – office staff included. Have a look in the back doors of the office, the board is nearly full. I will be out and about looking for more ‘do gooders’ in the next couple of days.

Assessment
This is well underway at present, with many subjects begin finalised ready for reporting. Once again being here every day will help the teachers to collect the most up to date data on your child which will help to make an on balance overall judgement for their report card.

Uniform
A huge congratulations to the students and their families for doing their best to have the correct school uniform worn every day. It makes a big difference to the way we see ourselves as a community as well as to our learning. Well done. Next year, the focus will be on wearing the correct colour shoes – only white or black is acceptable as outlined in the school handbook. Please keep that in mind as you stock up for 2014.

Dr Joe
It was great to observe the engagement and higher order questions being answered by the Preps as they watched the Dr Joe Science Show on Tuesday. There were a few loud noises and ‘smoke’ coming for the Old Library all in the name of science.
Upcoming Events
There is so much coming up as we wrap up the year, please keep an eye on our school calendar, notice boards and newsletters for all the details so that no one misses out.

Happy learning,

Kaye Dalus
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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END OF YEAR CONCERT – 4TH DECEMBER 2013

2013 End of Year School Concert - Sunnybank State High School

Wednesday December 4 - 6.30pm for a 6.50pm start

We ask our audience to remain for the entire concert which will conclude between 8.30pm and 8.45pm.

A gold coin donation will be collected at the door by the P&C, along with a raffle collection.

We seek your support in this, as this concert is a major income source for our school.

Parents please allow for parking time. Please arrive on time as children need to be gathered outside in set places, before moving into the hall.

The concert will proceed regardless of the weather.

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Cans of Drinks, Sandwiches and Cup Cakes will be available for sale on the evening.

2014 BOOKLISTS NOW AVAILABLE

Booklists for next year have been distributed to all students. If you did not receive one, copies are available on our website (https://runcornss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/2014-Order-forms-are-now-available.aspx) or from the office.
FROM THE LIBRARIANS

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we have had a focus on reading through the purchase of new reading material and the use of new reading programs. We've had great parental support through the covering working bees organised by the P&C.

While this has led to an increase of borrowing of books from the library, it has also led to an increase in overdue, late returns and also, lost and damaged books.

While we are thrilled to see an increase in enjoyment and engagement with reading, we do need to maintain a good collection of books that are up to date and in good condition. We are introducing a new borrowing policy to help maintain our reading resources and a copy of this policy will be going home this week. This should ensure that the collection in the library is one that will make reading fun and exciting as the books are available for all students to read.

The policy includes fees for lost and damaged books which are set at $15 per book. Our costs for books, on average, range from $15 to $30. Processing the books (including labour and materials) add another $5 to the cost. In most cases, the set fee of $15 will not allow us to recuperate our costs but will help us replace the book.

A copy of the policy will be sent home soon and will begin in 2014. We will also be sending home notes with overdue loans for this year in the coming weeks. Fees for lost or damaged books this year will not be automatically issued but if you do receive a list of overdue loans that are lost or damaged, we would appreciate a $10 or $15 donation to help us replace the item!

Thanks again for your support of the library at Runcorn State School!

Teacher-Librarians,
Daniel Jones
Karly Shire

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/eftps 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.

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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.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS - SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming swimming carnival dates are as follows:-
- Junior Carnival for Grades 1-3 - Wednesday December 11th from 9am-11am
- Senior Carnival - Friday 29th November (9am – 12.30pm).
The P&C would like to extend a special thank you to the following businesses who have donated items to our Xmas Hampers so far.

1: SK Butchery Calamvale Shopping Centre.
2: Woolworths Calamvale Shopping Centre.
3: Nailspa Calamvale Shopping Centre.
4: Stefan Calamvale Shopping Centre.
5: Trans Nails Sunnybank Hills Shopping Centre.
6: Coles Pinelands Shopping Centre.
7: Pinelands Pharmacy Pinelands Shopping Centre.
8: Fitzys at Waterford.

The P&C are still collecting items so please keep donating them to make this our biggest and best. Items we are especially looking for include:- sweets, chips, canned foods, disposable party items, chocolates, dried fruit, nuts, softdrinks, juices, Xmas decorations, baking items, condiments, spreads, sauces, pasta, Christmas puddings, stocking fillers, Itune cards and gift vouchers.

Sandra Weatherall
P & C President
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Tuckshop

End of Year Tuckshop News

- The Tuckshop will trade as normal up until Thursday, 12th December (Party Day).
- Please be aware that in the last two weeks, the Tuckshop will be running stock down. In the case that an order cannot be filled, it will be substituted with a similar priced item.

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. Price lists are available at the office.

Jodie Thompson
Uniform Shop Convenor

School Banking

PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE DOLLARMITE TOKENS YOU NEED TO CASH THEM IN AND REDEEM A REWARD.... 10 tokens will get you a reward item.

Lisa Weir
Banking Coordinator
COMMUNITY NEWS

Runcorn State High School

ENROLMENT DATE REMINDERS For future Year 8 Students for 2014 At Runcorn State High School

Monday 2 December, 2013 (9:00am – 3:00pm)

Orientation Day for Year 7 students
Year 7 students that have enrolled at Runcorn State High School will attend an orientation day; experience a day at high school. Your son or daughter will be introduced to the range of subjects offered at our school, especially the ones that they have not experienced at primary school.

Tuesday 3/12/13 - Thursday 5/12/13

Course Planning Interviews
Interviews will be conducted for each student for a duration of about 15 minutes. This interview is an essential part of the enrolment process, as students entering our school have options to consider from the beginning of Year 8. At these interviews the booklists will be provided and the Uniform shop will be open to make relevant purchases.

For more information on these events please contact the Home-School Liaison Officer on enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au or phone on 3323 1611.

Measles Health Alert
Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment. More information is available from http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles_fs.asp