Welcome back to term 3 of 2013. This is an 11 week term which finishes on Friday, 20th September 2013.

Report Cards

At the end of last term we sent home each students' report card to families for semester one of 2013. From this reporting period we are able to look at snap shots of data that gives an indication of overall school performance.

The graph below gives you a snapshot of our students' reporting results across ALL Learning areas for the end of Semester 1, 2013. The graphs below show Behaviour and Effort Results. While we do live it each day, it is impressive to see in hard data that 94.4% of our childrens' behaviour is more than satisfactory, and 96.2% of children put in a satisfactory or above effort into their school work.
There are some areas of the curriculum that we can improve in as a school both at the individual student level and the whole school level. All students have goals set at school with their class teacher and these goals are discussed at the “Three Way Reporting” which occurs at the end of terms 1 and 3.

It may be beneficial for parents to sit with their child and talk through the report cards marks and comments so that you can set some realistic goals for the end of year with them.

Our school has embarked on a journey to improve its academic achievement for all students and we have targeted specific areas that have been identified as high need areas. From our 2012 NAPLAN results, it became clear that renewed focus on reading and writing was to become a priority. As a result of this we implemented a variety of strategies to help cater for the needs of our students. These strategies included:

- **Writers Workshops 3 times per week** where students were placed in groups with extra adult support to cater for each child’s individual writing needs. This occurred throughout term 1 and 2 but has now been
replaced with extra teacher aide support in each year level to help with Literacy and Numeracy.

- **“Whizz Ahead Program”** was implemented in semester 1 for targeted students to access before school to provide extra support in reading.
- **Reading resources** have been audited across the school and plans to purchase more books to fill in gaps where needed are now underway.
- ** Readers Workshops** occurred 2 times per week for the last half of term 2.
- Teachers this term are undertaking **writing and reading Professional Development** outside of school hours to help improve pedagogy and promote consistency of practice throughout the school.
- We have implemented a **Phonograms Program for P-3** which paves the foundations needed in order to develop great readers in the early years. There is also a Phonograms coach (Mr Andrew Biedermann) who is released of class during the early years.

**Prep Enrolment**

Please remember to enrol your child ASAP for Prep in 2014 if they are age appropriate (turns 5 years old before 30th June 2014). It is important that we have all enrolment forms filled out and handed in to the office so that we can ensure placements.

**Thursday, 18th July** is the first of our **Prep information sessions**. This session starts at 6.30pm in the Prep classrooms.

**Absenteeism**

It was noticed whilst reading report cards that we have a few students in the school who are absent from school regularly. It is important that children attend school (punctually) every day so that they do not miss out on the important concepts that are being taught.

Teachers scaffold learning so that concepts are built upon and if a child misses out on some of their lead up learning, it makes it hard for them to consolidate an understanding of the curriculum we cover.

The school is obligated to follow up on absenteeism because it is legislated that all children between the ages of 6 and 16 years of age attend school each day. There are days when children are sick and stay home but we ask that parents inform the office in these instances. In following on from the report card information, both Kaye Dalus and I will be following up on patterns of absenteeism with families in the next few weeks.

Runcorn State School is dedicated to trying to make a difference for **every child, every lesson, every day**. In order for the school to be able to effectively achieve this we need to ensure regular attendance on time. Below is a table that illustrates the importance of why **every minute counts**.

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The Drop Off Pick Up Zone

Thank you to all of the families who have been using this zone appropriately over the past two weeks. There has been less resistance from parents to move on from the pickup zone when their child is not present. Please be aware that if you are at the pickup zone and your child is not there ready to go, that you will be asked to drive around the block and come back. By doing this we speed up the pickup process and eliminate traffic congestion that can be dangerous for our students.

I have asked teachers to ensure that children are released at 3pm sharp, but you may still want to stagger the pickup times for your child because it is not possible for them to be at the gate before (or right on) 3pm.

Regards

Mark Johnstone

DEPUTY DIALOGUE

School Uniforms

It has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see the effort that both students and parents are going to, to have correct uniforms being worn every day. We are looking forward to setting up a Gotcha system as a reward for wearing the correct school uniform. I will be out and about taking random photos of students wearing their correct uniform; it may be a picture of their shoes, or neat hair, or the correct jumper or maybe even the whole uniform. Photos taken will then be checked against the register for media consent before being displayed in the admin block and resource centre. The photos will be printed on an award template. Keep an eye out for our candid shots. We encourage the wearing of the correct shoes, either black or white with no coloured shoe laces please.

Life Education
The van begins its visits here with us on **July 30**. All year levels have a program tailored to their age group. A note was sent home last week with the times and dates as well as an outline of the sessions for the year levels. We strongly encourage all students to attend.

**Accelerated Reader**

This program was purchased some time ago for years 3 – 7. Resource teachers Mr Jones and Ms Shire will be guiding each class through this online process which involves some pretesting of reading comprehension to determine which books the children can access. They are then encouraged to borrow from the list of suggested books, read them and complete the online quizzes for each book. This program is a great way to improve reading comprehension.

**Library Monitors**

These students will be selected from the Year 7 cohort to support the smooth operation of the resource centre. They will complete an application form and resource teachers will select the monitors from these applications. They will help out with re-shelving materials mainly as well as a variety of other jobs. This is a great way for leadership skills as well as community service skills to be developed.

**Going Home**

As I reminded the students on assembly on Monday, it is important that they go straight home after school. To assist us with the management of this, could you please ensure that your child knows what is expected of them each afternoon.

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.
MUSIC NEWS

Junior and Senior Choir

Final day for payment of Beenleigh eisteddfod bus is this **Friday, July 19**. Please find permission form in this newsletter.

Tuesday July 23 - Beenleigh Eisteddfod meet outside the Resource Centre by **8.30 am** in FULL Performance Uniform, black shoes, black socks and neat hair please. We will hand out bow ties in the morning.
**Bus departs 8.45 am.** Children will return to school by 1.30 pm.

On Wednesday, July 24 lunch time, we will have a Junior Choir Party and on Thursday July 25 we will have a Senior Choir lunch time party to celebrate the students dedication and hard work. For me it's not about where they come in the competition, it's about the teamwork that has been put in and the good sportsmanship that we will display whilst at the Eisteddfod by being courteous listeners and demonstrating the ability to congratulate other performances.

**Party Details**

Rather than individual lunches on the set days, we ask students to bring something to share. A disposable plate of things like sandwiches, pizza, sausage rolls, savoury, sweets or drinks with disposable cups would be enormously appreciated.

Could I ask that we have some parents pop in to assist with the parties please?
Just let me know if you are able to attend.

1. I am on class before the parties so we are not in a position to heat up food, sorry.
2. We have no access to knives so could we please have the items cut up.

We will have the parties in the basketball court area commencing at 11 am.

**No Senior Choir Rehearsal - August 1 and August 8**

Senior Choir- due to 2 lunch time practices this week, we will give you Thursday morning rehearsals on **August 1 and 8 off**! Enjoy the sleep ins.

**Thanks,**

*Rita Mechielsen*

*(Classroom Music)*
KIP MCGRATH PRIZE TO BE WON

Congratulations to the Slinger family for winning this prize.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR LIBRARY

If you have a few hours to spare, why not volunteer at the Library putting contact on new Library Books. If you would like to volunteer, contact Daniel Jones or Karly Shire for more information.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Our Annual Junior Sports’ Day was held last Thursday and we couldn’t have asked for better weather. Our Prep to Year 2’s participated in Running Events, Ball Games, Novelty Races and the Mini Olympics and judging by their smiling faces the children really enjoyed their day. Acacia came first, Grevillea placed second and Banksia was third. A “HUGE” Thank You to Mr Simiana for setting up, Miss Jodie and the P & C for providing the coffee and cake stall, and Miss Sandi, Ms Howes and all the other teacher aides and staff that helped organise the day. Also a “HUGE” thank you to all the parents and friends who came to watch and offer support for our children on the day. They really loved you all being there to show you their skills.

Anna Wood

(Physical Education Teacher)

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.

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.

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For a copy of permission forms, please click on the relevant link: 2013_Beenleigh_Eisteddfod.pdf; 2013_Life_Education.pdf; 2013_Cheerleading_Permission_Form.pdf

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. Children's spectacles, 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.

10-12 YRS CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Aaron Werder for coming 3rd in the 10yr Old Boys' Relay. Well done Aaron!!

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting
With the start of the new term, the P and C are busy planning school events for the next semester. We have 2 discos planned for the students, and for the adults we have our Trivia Night. This was a huge success last year and everyone had a great time and lots of laughs. Get your teams together early and book your table to save the disappointment of missing out.

With Spring nearly upon us it is a great time to have a spring clean out and and make some money on unwanted items. We will be hosting another car boot sale on election day. More information to come closer to the date.

Our next P and C meeting will be on Thursday, 8th August at 7pm. This is for parents who are unable to attend the afternoon meetings. All are 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

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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

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

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.

Menu

The new Tuckshop price list is now available. If you have not yet received the new pricelist, please click on this
Tuckshop Ordering Method:

1. Please do not use sticky tape or staples on bags.
2. There is NO credit available.
3. All orders must be in by 9.15am.
4. Paper bags are available from the Tuckshop for 10c each.
   Substitutes will be made if insufficient money is enclosed or stock is unavailable.

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.
For the Uniform Pricelist, please clink on this link. 2013_Runcom_SS_Uniform_Pricelist.pdf

Jodie Thompson
Uniform Shop Convenor

STUDENT BANKING

Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking. The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving. First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter! For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland.


Lisa Weir
Banking Co-ordinator

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

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RUNCORN DENTAL CLINIC

Congratulations, Smile Vanuatu Competition Winners:

**4 - 8 year olds:** First prize: Briana Wong (1B), Second prize: Tanisha George (2B)

Highly Commended: Gin Doncaster (1B) and Monique Brown (1B)

**9 - 13 year olds:** First prize: Kate Bowden (4J), Second prize: Zofia Elliott (4J)

Highly Commended: Jasmine Kaing (4J) and Ivy Sharrock (3B)

The Dental Clinic staff were very impressed with the very high standard of entries and wishes to thank all students for participating in this competition. Would you like to know where your donated toothbrushes have gone to? Stay tuned for next fortnight's newsletter.....

SMILE VANUATU!!

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.

Tuesday 18 June 2013 9.30am – 11.00am Belmont State School - Belmont

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.bluelightqld.org
           www.mtgravattpcy.org.au
Email:  mtgravattbluelight@gmail.com
P.O. Box 541 Mount Gravatt Q. 4122

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For attendance in 2016

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