



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 5
25 February 2021

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"Honest Endeavour"

From the Principal...

We are half way through the first term. It is wonderful to see students in a routine and engaging in their learning. I have seen groups of students working with an adult or working independently and I am encouraged by the language of 'thinking' that is being used. The photo is one example of a 'provocation' used in PW.



Creating a culture of thinking and encouraging curiosity is a priority for the school. To this end, we will be running a short workshop for parents who might be interested in learning about Cultures of Thinking. We will share the theory and ideas of how inquiry and investigation can be promoted in the home. Children

are naturally curious, so how do we build on this? Please let the office know if you are interested in coming.

A Culture of Thinking: Parent workshop

Friday 12 March – 8:45am– 9.30am

Library

I am very proud at how all students have managed the settling in period. They have been good examples of the 5 Keys to Success: Persistence, Organisation, Confidence, Getting along and Resilience.



The Keys to Success and Happiness

In Week 3, we held the parent information sessions. Across both sessions we had approximately 90 parents attend. Building a strong partnership between the school and home is very important to the education of a child. There are many ways that families can be involved in the life of the school.

You can volunteer in the classroom or school, be part of the P&C or School Council. Thank you to the volunteers who attended the mandatory training session. We had over 50 volunteers attend. This is a healthy sign for the school.

Staffing

We welcome **Mrs Leah Sutherland** to the school. Leah will be taking the role of PE teacher for the rest of this term.



Complaints Management

Every day at Runcorn, the staff work hard and make every effort to deliver the best education for the students (academically, socially and emotionally). Decisions are made with the best interest of the child at the forefront. Occasionally, as parents or carers, these decisions might concern you. Often, incidents are reported by students from one perspective. Every complaint made is investigated and we get various perspectives, as per the Student Code of Conduct.

The first point of call is with the teacher. It is best that parent and teacher meet to consider the concern. Most often concerns can be resolved right there at its early stages. However, if after trying this, the matter is still an issue, then you are welcome to contact the Deputy Principal or Principal. Every problem has a solution.

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Parade

This week on parade:

- the school captains shared examples of getting along
- we spoke about not playing on the playground before school
- using the gates at the pick-up zone at 3.00PM and not jumping over the fence
- taking care during these hot days by hydrating, remaining in the shade and wearing a hat.

Parking Concerns

Local residents have complained that parents are parking across their driveways and leaving their car. In some instances, residents have been unable to drive in or out of their drive. This is unacceptable behaviour and we ask you to please consider others before parking illegally. The council has been informed and will be issuing parking tickets.



Michelle D'Netto

From the Deputy Principal...

YCDI Getting Along Focus on Others

- ☺ **Model positive action.**
- ☺ **Don't let rudeness pass.**
- ☺ **Acknowledge kindness.**
- ☺ **Be sensitive to messages that your child picks up from the media.**
- ☺ **Show your child how to help people in need.**

Pre-loved Uniforms

The Office will gladly accept clean, undamaged pre-loved uniforms, so please bring them in.

Adventure Playground is always closed before school

Children are not permitted to play on the Senior or Junior adventure playground equipment before school.

Historian

This year Runcorn State School celebrates 120 years. We are seeking a Volunteer from the community that is interested in archiving our historical records and items. Please contact Roberta Matlock for more information.

Roberta Matlock

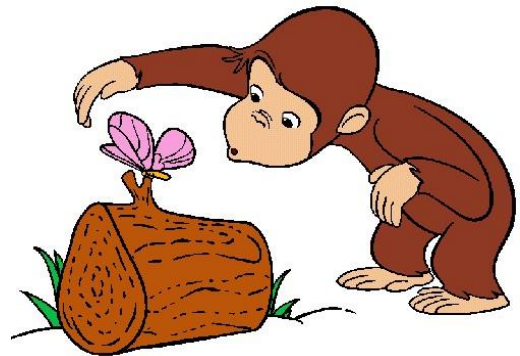
From the Teaching & Learning Coach...

Developing Curiosity

One of our school priorities for 2021 is Inquiry Learning. A fundamental building block of being an inquiry learner is being curious. There are many ways that our teachers are cultivating curiosity in classrooms with wonder walls, question boxes, intentional play and provocations just to name a few.

There are many easy ways we can encourage curiosity at home:

- 📖 **Answer those ‘why’ questions.** It’s ok if you don’t know the answer to them all. Use the internet or books to search and find the answer together. This also shows that learning never stops – even for grown ups!
- 📖 **Ask open-ended questions** and ask your child to justify their thinking. This helps to develop critical thinking confidence.
- 📖 **Follow your child’s interests.** If they have a new-found interest in trucks read books and watch film clips about trucks.
- 📖 **Do things in a different way.** Discuss how there are many ways to solve problems or complete tasks helps them search for alternatives when they are stuck on something tricky.
- 📖 **Ask ‘what if’ questions** when you are reading or watching a movie. For example “What would happen if Elsa hadn’t saved Anna at the end of Frozen?”
- 📖 **Play.** The simple act of play can bring out a multitude of possibilities for curiosity, creative thinking and problem solving.



Reading Eggs and Mathletics

Students here at Runcorn are very lucky to have access to online programs Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress, Mathletics and Maths Seeds (Prep & Year 1 only). These programs can be used both in class and at home as a tool to support the improvement of decoding, comprehending, digital writing, maths concepts, automaticity and problem solving.

Teachers are able to set tasks and assessments for students to complete and collect data on how students are accessing and using the program. Students are able to complete set tasks, practice their automaticity skills, read books online, create and publish online tests for their peers to read even compete in competitions with students from around the world in maths and literacy games. Please contact your child’s teacher for login information or more details on how these programs are used in the classroom of your child.



Rachel La Sala

2021 Term Dates

Term	DATES
1	27 January to 1 April
2	19 April to 25 June
3	12 July to 17 September
4	5 October to 10 December

Dates of Significance

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Mon	1 Mar	Band Rehearsals commence 7:45am (Yrs 5 & 6)
Mon	1 Mar	Religious Instruction Lessons commence
Wed	3 Mar	Payment Closing Date – Yr 5 Excursion
Fri	5 Mar	Cross Country (Years 3 – 6)
Fri	5 Mar	Payment Closing Date- Yr 4 Excursion
Fri	5 Mar	Payment Closing Date- Sports Gala Days (Yrs 5 & 6 only)
Wed	10 Mar	Year 5 Excursion - Museum
Fri	12 Mar	Year 4 Excursion – Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre
Fri	12 Mar	Sports Gala Day 1 (Year 5 & 6 only)
Fri	12 Mar	Parent Workshop – A Culture of Thinking, 8:45am
Mon	15 Mar	P&C Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	23 Mar	Three Way Reporting
Thurs	1 April	Last Day of Term 1

From the Admin Team...

Cashless School

The school now a cashless school. Our preferred methods of payment are BPoint and Direct Transfer.

Beginning of Year Forms

Your child would have received Beginning of Year Forms which were sent home. This package contains:-

- Change of Details Form
- Student Medical Details Form
- SRS Participation Agreement Form (see below)
- State School Consent Form
- IT Web Consent Form.

Please complete these forms in black or blue ink and return to your child's Class Teacher as soon as possible.

Student Resource Scheme (SRS) 2021

Thank you to those parents that have completed and returned the forms. If you participate in this scheme, your students will receive resources provided by the school and they will have access to these for the school year. If you do not wish to participate in this scheme, forms still need to be signed and returned and parents will need to provide the necessary items.

Medical Conditions

If you have indicated upon enrolment that your child has certain medical conditions, the school will require prescribed medication as well as an accompanying health action plan tailored to the child. If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

Music Matters

Senior Choir

Choir is underway for the year with students working on some beautiful repertoire. I'm very impressed with the sound that the students are making already.

Please remember that attendance each fortnight is important in order to stay current with where your group is at in rehearsal. If a student misses a rehearsal, then a fortnight goes by before they can join the group again which results in a month without Choir.

The timetable for rehearsal is as follows. Students have been told which group they are in.

Term 1 Senior Choir Roster Wednesday 8am	
Group A	Group B
Week 5 24 Feb	
	Week 6 3 March
Week 7 10 March	
	Week 8 17 March
Week 9 24 March	
	Week 10 31 March

Year 3 Choir

Our Year 3 cohort have been meeting on Tuesdays in the Old Library and are enjoying learning some fun repertoire including "The Sea Song" by Ruth McCall. They are learning a variety of vocal warm ups and techniques and are having a great time discovering how rewarding it can be to sing in a big group.

Mariel Hopper - Music Teacher
mxhop2@eq.edu.au

From the Band Teacher

Just a friendly reminder that Band rehearsals will commence on **Monday, 1 March, at 7:45am**. All Year 5 and 6 Band students to attend.



From the Strings Teacher

Thank you String Community for your understanding over the past 2 weeks. I am looking forward to seeing all String Students next week on **Tuesday, 2nd March for rehearsals and lessons.**

Rehearsal for All Senior Strings - Tuesday morning (2nd March) at 7.40 am in the Instrumental Music Room.

Lessons for all String Students – please check the String Timetable that is located in all classrooms for your lessons next Tuesday.

Maintenance of Instruments

Keeping instruments clean and maintained is an important part of being a great String Player. It is also a key component to a great sound and a long and happy playing life. With just a little thoughtfulness and quick and regular care, String players can achieve many years of 'a happy partnership' with their instrument.

It is extremely important to wipe down instruments. After every practice session, get into the habit of wiping down the entire instrument – including the strings. If the sweat and rosins build up on instruments or strings, it can dampen the sound and affect the varnish. When it comes to strings, rosin build up will lessen String projection and lifespan. Using a soft, dry and clean microfibre cloth, gently wipe off any rosin dust or sweat from the fingerboard, strings, body, back and sides of your instrument. Don't forget the chinrest! You don't need to apply too much pressure to the instrument's body or strings if you keep up this maintenance.

Year 3 String Students

Violin and Viola Students will need to purchase their Shoulder Rests for Week 7's (Tuesday, 9th March) lesson. String Families will need to take the instrument Students are currently learning on to a Music Store to get the correct size.

All Cello Students will need to have their 'rock stop' for each lesson to stop their instruments from moving.

Until next time, enjoy playing your instruments!

Andrew Biedermann

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From the Resource Centre....

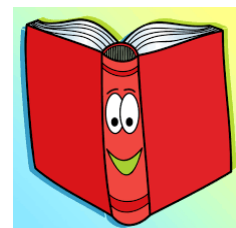


New Library Books to be covered

If you have just completed your Volunteers' mandatory training session and have some spare time to cover some books, please come and see me at the Resource Centre. We have lots of new books to be covered. Book covering is easy and I'm happy to teach you the knack! The contact we use is very user friendly. If you can drop into the library for an hour or if you prefer you can take a box of 10 books home and bring them back when you have finished, please come and see me. All help is greatly appreciated and it will be great to get these books on the shelves ready for students to borrow. Looking forward to seeing you! Thank you.

Also, Library borrowing has started, our younger students have been learning how to take care of our library books, where they belong and where the return books go. It's been wonderful to see students bringing their library bags to borrow. One of our library rules is "No Bag, No Book". Students have class borrowing every week. Please make sure they return their books each week to enable them to choose another.

**Happy Reading,
Ms Howes**



From the Year 1 Classes

Last week Year One went on an excursion to the Daisy Hill Koala Sanctuary. Even though we got a little bit wet, the students had lots of fun learning about koalas and their habitats. We also enjoyed being “nature detectives” on a bush walk and having a picnic in the nature play area.

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P&C News...

Our AGM is on Monday 15 March at 6:30pm. This is the meeting where all executive positions will be vacated and nominations and voting will be done for this year. If you are keen to get on board and make a difference to our school, please think about nominating and taking up a position. Some positions only require a few hours of work per month, while others are a little more involved. Many of our executive have been in their positions for a number of years and would be happy to discuss what's involved if you would like further information. If you have experience in running a small business or accounting please give some consideration into taking up the role of Treasurer, if this Treasurer role is not filled we will not have a functioning P&C. For further information on this, or any, roles please email rsspccpresident@outlook.com

Tuckshop

Our Tuckshop relies on the generosity of volunteers to make it a success, and to offer students and staff an extensive menu 5 days a week. To help make the load lighter for our Convenor, we need as many helpers as we can get – mums, dads, and grandparents. This year we have lost some of our dedicated Tuckshop Volunteers due to their children moving on to high school. Volunteering in the Tuckshop on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis is a great opportunity to participate in the school community and meet other parents. If you can spare as little as 30 minutes after school drop-off, or a couple of hours from 9am-11am, please contact Jodie at tuckshop@runcornss.eq.edu.au or via the Runcorn P&C Facebook Page. We have a variety of jobs available.

8:30 – 9:00
Labelling bags

9:00 – 10:30
Making food

11:15 – 11:30
Washing dishes

Baking...
Any time that
suits you

Flexi Schools

The preference is for the Tuckshop to continue to provide **online orders only**. Students may purchase ice blocks, ice creams and other frozen treats only at first breaks. We strongly encourage you to order afternoon tea online, as afternoon tea over the counter sales are dependent on having volunteers to serve. Ice blocks can continue to be ordered online and picked up by your child from the tuckshop. Please refer to flexi schools for more information.

Cupcakes

Don't forget the Tuckshop still offers cupcakes or ice blocks for any special celebration. These can be ordered on Flexi schools and **must** be ordered at least 3 days in advance. Please see the birthday option in the flexi schools app. No over the phone or over the counter orders can be taken.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will reopen by appointment only. Please use the QR Code below to book your appointment. We will continue with the online ordering via email rssuniform@outlook.com and we will deliver your order to your child's classroom as soon as we can.



If you have any old uniforms that you would like to donate please send them in with your child and let us know via email (rssuniform@outlook.com) and we will collect from their classroom.

We currently have for sale the old style dress & skort at dramatically reduced prices. For a limited time only, the old style dress will be on sale for the incredible price of \$10, and the skort for \$5. We have limited stock in all sizes so be sure to get in quick to avoid disappointment! Orders can be made via email: rssuniform@outlook.com. These uniforms can be worn until the end of the 2021 school year.

Facebook

Don't forget to like us on Facebook *Runcorn State School P&C Association* to stay up to date on everything!!

*Debbie Linford, President,
Parents & Citizens Association,
Runcorn State School, E: rsspcpresident@outlook.com*

Student Banking...

School Banking Day is every **Monday**. If Monday is a Public Holiday, then banking will occur on **Tuesday**. If you would like to become a School Banking Coordinator Volunteer, please contact the office.



Community News...

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Web
www.saverplus.org.au

- laptops & tablets
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- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

TOPCHESS

SCHOOL LESSONS

- 0425 313 282
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- www.topchess.com.au

Coaching days & time: Tuesday afternoons (3:05 – 3:50pm).
Venue: Classroom C6 – Runcorn State School.
Dates: 2021, Term 1 – February 9 to March 30.
Price: \$100 per student (8 week Topchess Program).
Notes: Suitable for Prep to Grade 6. Book in any time and only pay for the remaining weeks. All members will be sent the Topchess Covid 19 Safe Plan and are reminded of the requirements during class.



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Year 7 2022 Academic Selective Entry test day

Enrolment opportunities are now available for current (2021) Year 6 students for Year 7 2022 Academic Selective Entry.

Date

Applications close at 4:00pm on Friday 12 March 2021

For further details

Please visit www.statehigh.com.au/enrolments/enrolling-at-our-school/academic-selective-entry or call (07) 3291 4111



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Enrol Now!

Enrolment Applications for 2022 are now being accepted. Enrolment Applications can be found on the school website or be collected from and submitted to SSHS Administration Office between 9am-3:30pm, Monday to Friday.



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MOUNT GRAVATT HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 02 MARCH
9:00am-11:00am

All interested parents and students are invited to attend our Open Day, which provides an excellent opportunity to view classrooms, facilities and be informed about our great school.

Enrolments for Year 7 2022 will open on Monday 01 March 2021. For further information please see Mount Gravatt High School's website: www.mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au. Out of catchment enrolments are welcome.



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