

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 1 22 April 2021

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"Honest Endeavour"

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that you had a relaxing holiday and that the students are ready to tackle the new term. A special welcome to **Beth Krause** who will be joining the Year 5 teaching team. Term 1 ended in an unexpected manner but we all getting used to being flexible and adapting to the changing conditions. I would like to thank the school community for your support in this matter. I hope that we will get through Term 2, event free.

Anzac Day

The school will have a short commemoration on Friday at 10am to help students to remember the sacrifices made for our freedom and our safety. Students have been exploring this part of our history in the classrooms and I was very impressed with the depth of questions that some of the Year 3 students had about this subject.



Parents and carers are welcome on school sites. COVID-safe practices apply to all adults on school sites. These include physical distancing between adults, not exceeding occupant density limits for rooms, staying home if sick and regular COVID-safe hygiene measures. Parent volunteers must continue to sign in at the office as per student protection and emergency evacuation processes.

Visitors

Visitors are only allowed on site at action levels 1 and 2 - this means to enable contact tracing if required, the school will maintain a record of visitors, including visiting departmental staff and contractors. This will record each visitor's full name, email address, contact telephone number, date and time of visit.

Visit to Parliament House

The school captains would like to thank our local member, Mr Peter Russo, for his generous invitation to join him for dinner at Parliament House. The students, their parents, Mrs Jarvis and I were able to go on a tour of the amazing building, visit the Chambers and have a lovely dinner in the Strangers Dining Room. In the words of the students: -

"On Tuesday, the 20th of April, the School Captains and Vice Captains were invited to Queensland Parliament House by Mr Peter Russo, MP. We were offered a three-course meal in the Strangers Dining Room, and a behind-the-scenes, after hours tour of the building. We all ordered the Moreton Bay Bug with Avocado for entrée. The School Captains chose Quail and Rosella Duck with Tamarind and Baby Carrots for the Mains, and for Dessert, Rhubarb and Cocoa Sorbet with Cheesecake and Chocolate Tweel, whilst the Vice Captains opted for Potato Gnocchi with Mushrooms, and for Dessert, an Ice cream selection starring Queensland flavours. There was also an amuse bouche, which was Fried Oyster with Avocado Mayonnaise and Four-hour Slow Cooked Beef Cheek with Ginger. With the Mains, they served chips and broccoli.

After dinner, Mr Russo took us on a tour of the building. We got to see the Red House and the Green House as well as see the Real Mace and the Black Rod. He took us to see his office and











the Green Deck on the 7th floor. But our favourite was going into the library which was filled with antiques and historical documents. We left with gifts of pens and Anzac biscuits. Thank you to Mrs D'Netto, Mrs Jarvis, our parents and Mr Russo for this amazing experience, as we thoroughly enjoyed it."



Naplan Equating

Please read the attached information regarding the upcoming equating test for some Year 3 and 5 students in the Deputy Principal's section.

Parent Information Sessions

- ❖ 30 April 8.45am to 9.30am You Can Do It (YCDI) and Student Code of Conduct
- ❖ 17 May 3.15pm 4.00pm Student Leadership Program
- ❖ 21 May 8.45am to 9.30am Inquiry Learner Assets
- ❖ 11 June 8.45am to 9.30am Speech Language Development (TBC)

Please put these dates in your calendar.

Compulsory Attendance

Every day counts. Please ensure that your child is at school e very day unless he/she is sick. All absences must be reported to the office or they are logged as an 'unexplained' absence. Please note as per previous newsletters that some absences such as visiting relatives or birthdays are noted as 'unauthorised'. Research has shown that an accumulation of days off create a gap in students learning. Teachers are unable to replicate the exact instruction when students are in 'catch-up' mode. Much of the learning in classrooms occurs during discussions, group work and other rich experiences. Our attendance target for the school is 95%.

Uniform

Runcorn State School has a school uniform and dress code. Please check the website for details. All students must be in uniform. This includes black shoes, white socks and with winter on its way, school jumpers and track pants. The Uniform Shop has all the necessary items, both new and pre-loved.

Michelle D'Netto





Parent and Community Code of Conduct

Supporting learning, wellbeing and safety in every Queensland state school

We welcome parents' and other members of our diverse community into schools across Queensland.

Working together with their school community², school staff support the learning and wellbeing of every student, and are entitled to a safe work environment.

Parents and other visitors to schools support safety by ensuring their communications and conduct at the school and school activities is respectful.

Communication Collaboration

It is expected that parents and visitors to our school communities will:

- to our school communities with.
- act as positive role models

· be polite to others

- · recognise and respect personal differences
- use the school's communication process to address concerns

Parents and visitors to our school communities demonstrate this by:

- · using polite spoken and written language
- · speaking and behaving respectfully at all times
- · being compassionate when interacting with others
- Informing staff if the behaviour of others is negatively impacting them or their family
- respecting staff time by accepting they will respond to appropriate communication when they are able
- requesting a meeting to discuss any concerns about their child's education — allowing staff time to prepare and appreciating their time may be limited



- (parents) ensure their child attends school ready to learn
- · support the Student Code of Conduct
- taking responsibility for their child arriving and departing school safely on time every day
- reading and encouraging their child to understand and follow the Student Code of Conduct





- recognise every student is important to us
- contribute to a positive school culture
- work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns
- · respect people's privacy.
- · valuing each child's education
- acknowledging staff are responsible for supporting the whole school community
- · speaking positively about the school and its staff
- not making negative comments or gossiping about other school community members, including students — in person, in writing or on social media
- · understanding, at times, compromises may be necessary
- considering the privacy of all school community members at all times, and understanding that the school cannot share confidential information.

^{&#}x27;The term 'parent' refers to parents, carers, guardians and people who exercise parental responsibility for a child.

'The term 'school community' refers to staff, students, parents, local business and community organisations and



From the Deputy Principal...

120-Year Celebration Community Arts Fair - Friday, 15 October 2021, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

This year Runcorn State School will be celebrating our 120-year anniversary. Over the past 120 years Runcorn State School has grown from a small school in the middle of a lush farming community to a multi-cultural school with a wonderful community spirit bounded to 2 busy main roads. We are immensely proud of our diversity. We acknowledge our traditional owners of the land on which Runcorn State School sits and celebrate families representing over 50+ countries from all over the world.

To celebrate, we will be holding a **120-year Celebration Community Arts Fair** on Friday 15/10/21, 5.30-8.00pm (Term 4 Week 2). As part of this event we invite children and their families from Runcorn State School to perform either a single item or 15-minute maximum performance to showcase as many of our cultural heritage groups as possible.

We would be honoured if families at Runcorn State School would volunteer to provide a dance, singing or instrumental item on this evening. Please contact Roberta for more details rmatl2@eq.edu.au or 3323 8736.

NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study Information for Parents and Carers

OFFICIAL

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING AUTHORITY

Level 13, 280 Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW 2000 phone: 1300 895 563 | fax: 1800 982 118 info@acara.edu.au | www.acara.edu.au

Runcorn State School has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study for students in Year 3 and Year 5.

The NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study is being held in approximately 408 schools across Australia on **Thursday 29 April 2021**.

The Equating Study has been conducted each year since 2009. Each year a small number of schools participate. Schools are carefully selected to ensure a diverse range of student backgrounds and abilities are represented.

The purpose of the Equating Study is to enable the results for the NAPLAN tests to be reported on the same NAPLAN measurement scales from one year to the next. A national sample of students participates in this additional 'equating' testing program, which is carried out before the main assessments so the results can be linked.

ACARA appreciates the participation of your child in the Equating Study. Your child's involvement and the results from this study help ACARA ensure that parents, teachers and schools can rely on NAPLAN results and be confident that the information is valid and comparable.

Please be assured the equating test is not about testing your child; your child's results are not reported.

What the study involves

Your child will sit only **one** paper-based equating test in either Reading, Language Conventions or Numeracy. The equating test will be paper-based even if your child is sitting NAPLAN online in May.

The tests will be administered at the school by trained test supervisors. The teacher will remain in the classroom.

All selected students are expected to participate in the Equating Study, unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. If you have questions about your child's participation, please raise these with your school.

Further information about NAPLAN is available at www.nap.edu.au. To read the NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study privacy notice, please visit www.nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy

Roberta Matlock

From the Teaching & Learning Coach...

Welcome back to Term 2 – I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. This Term we will continue building and expanding our reading and writing strategies and strengthening our inquiry mindset. Building vocabulary has many positive impacts when improving both reading and writing. An expanded vocabulary aids in comprehending more challenging texts (both fiction and non-fiction) and helps add descriptive detail to writing.

Building Vocabulary at home

Levelled Vocabulary

Here is a reminder of the three levels of vocabulary we use here at Runcorn

Level One: Simple, everyday words *e.g. happy, baby, dress* **Level Two:** Unusual, interesting words *e.g. gargantuan, miniscule* **Level Three:** Rare, scientific words *e.g. atom, prehistoric, temperate*

There are many ways you can support the vocabulary development of your child. Below are some more simple ways to help revise and reinforce this concept at home:

Multiple Exposure

When a child is exposed to a new word, they need to hear and use it multiple times before it can be concreted in their vocabulary. When you discover a new word at home, try and repeat it, revise it and use it in context to give your child 'multiple exposure'.

Make it concrete

Help your child better understand new words by helping them make connections between the new word and its meaning. This can be done through finding a visual reminder (photo, drawing, illustration) or acting it out. This can be especially helpful with words with multiple meanings (homographs) or two words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings (homophones) e.g. bat, wave, bank, letter or days/daze, sea/see, read/red, for/four.



Rachel La Sala

ANZAC Day

This Anzac Day we'll come together, in person and in spirit, to commemorate the men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The Australian War Memorial has created some



opportunities for school students to commemorate and learn online on this important day.

Share virtual message on our **Virtual** Poppy Wall. а poppy and https://lestweforget.gov.au/#/ and click 'submit message', then enter a name, age, and school name, along with a personalised message.

Find local war memorials near your school on the Places of Pride website at https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/. Read about its history, upload photos, or even add a local memorial to the map if it isn't already listed.

the Australian War Memorial's **Learning** from **Home** activities online https://www.awm.gov.au/learn/learning-from-home. There's arts and crafts, virtual visits and more.

2021 Term Dates

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

Dates of Significance – Term 2

DATE	EVENT
23 Apr	ANZAC Day Ceremony, 10am
26 Apr	ANZAC Public Holiday
27 Apr	Yr 4 & 5 Japanese Tea Ceremony Incursion
30 Apr	Parent Information Session – You Can Do It and Student Code of Conduct, 8:45am – 9:30am
30 Apr	Prep 2022 School Tour, 9:30am
30 Apr	Payment Closing Date – Yr 3 Excursion
3 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
5 May	Yr 3 Planetarium Excursion
6 May	Mothers Day Stall
7 May	Mothers Day Stall
14 May	Prep 2022 School Tour, 9:30am
17 May	Parent Info Session – Student Leadership Program, 3:15pm – 4:00pm
17 May	P&C Meeting, 6:30pm
21 May	Parent Information Session – Inquiry Learner Assets, 8:45am – 9:30am
26 May	Sorry Day
3 June	MABO Day
11 June	Parent Information Session – Speech Language Development (TBC), 8:45am – 9:30am
15 June	Strings Family Afternoon, 3:30pm
22 June	Junior Athletics
23 June	Senior Athletics
24 June	Senior Athletics
25 June	Prep 2022 School Tour, 9:30am
25 June	Last Day of Term 2
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Cashless School

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

Student Resource Scheme (SRS) 2021

Thank you to those parents who have already sent through payments. 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 wish to pay the scheme in instalments, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

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.

Administering Medication

If your child requires to receive medication during school hours, our First Aid staff are happy to assist, however due to Departmental procedures, we will require medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner (ie doctor, dentist, optometrist but **not** a pharmacist), including those medicines bought over-the-counter (including paracetamol or alternative medicines). Also, the form "Administration of medication at school record sheet" Section 1 must also be completed and signed by the parent/carer and submitted with the medication.

The medication container **must** have a valid pharmacy label which includes the name of the prescribing health practitioner, to confirm that it is prescription medication, and the student has received a dose at home without any ill effects prior to the school staff administering the medication.



For a copy of this Departmental procedure or for more information, please speak with our friendly office staff.

Music Matters

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a relaxing break. Music is hitting the ground running this term with Anzac Day performances on Friday from Band and Senior Choir.

In Classroom Music, Year 6 are studying and performing Indigenous Australian repertoire; Year 5 are continuing their Ukulele journey; Year 4 are developing their recorder skills and notation reading; Year 3 are working on group performances; Year 2 are learning about the Instruments of the Orchestra; Year One are learning new repertoire with new notes and Prep are developing their knowledge of simple rhythms.

Senior Choir

I'm thrilled to announce that Instrumental Music guidelines have been updated in regard to rehearsing and performing. Physical distancing is no longer required therefore rehearsals will now be weekly for all Choir members starting this Wednesday, 21st April, 8am.

All Choir members will perform for the Anzac Day Ceremony this Friday at 10am. Please ensure students are dressed in neat school uniform.

Mariel Hopper - Specialist Music Teacher <u>mxhop2 @eq.edu.au</u>











From the Strings Teacher

It was great to see everyone well rested and ready to learn in our String lessons this week. Thank you everyone for being prepared for rehearsals and lessons.

A letter regarding Community Consultation – Change in Junior String (Year 4) Rehearsal time was sent home this week to the Junior String Ensemble (Year 4) Parents on Tuesday. Can parents please read this correspondence and send back the second page to the office by the end of Week 2, Term 2, Friday 30th April. Extra copies of this letter are available at the office. Rehearsals for Senior Ensemble will continue this Term on Tuesday mornings starting at 7.40am. Students need to arrive at the Music Room at 7.30am so that they can tune, set up and follow COVID hygiene practices.

This Term the Senior and Junior String Ensemble Students have started learning new and exciting repertoire. In learning these pieces, it is important that String Students:

- 1. Look at the piece and think about what the Title means and whether they know the Composer. Students need to think about what they know and how this understanding will affect how they play the piece. Listen to the recording of the piece.
- 2. Need to look at the piece and work out what key, time signature, finger patterns and bowings make up the piece.
- 3. Listen to the recording and follow along with their music.
- 4. Need to start practising their piece by practising sections firstly by clapping and singing their part of the section and then slowly practising the notes on their instrument.

The Year 3 String Players have started learning new notes on their left hands. Students need to remember that they need to set their Left hand up correctly and then play the notes <u>pizzicato</u>. By doing this process, Students will consolidate their left-hand technique and it will certainly help make playing easier when they use the bow with the left hand.

Enjoy practising your instruments String Students and please remember to fill in your Practise Schedule!

Andrew Biedermann abied1@eq.edu.au

Student Absence Line

To advise the school of your child's absence, please text your child's name, class and reason and length of absence to:

0429 928 611

(save this number to your phone)

or leave your message on (07) 3323 8777, Option 1.

Due to the Department of Education's procedures regarding student protection and safety, it is the Parents'/Carers' responsibility to notify the school every day their student is absent. If you do not advise the school of your child's absence, Parents/Carers will receive a notification stating your child has been marked absent and to please provide an explanation for the absence.

Student Absence Line fridge magnets are available.

If you have misplaced yours, please collect one from the office.





Japanese News

Konnichiwa!

We have exciting news to share with you.

Last Term we started to learn and use a simple Japanese phrase every week. Gavin and Lacey from student council introduced new phrases during parades.

We named it "PERA PERA JAPANESE" (fluent Japanese).



The PERA PERA JAPANESE for this week is はい/いえ(hai / iie) which means yes / no.

Students and staff are encouraged to use this phrase through the week. We hope Runcorn families will join this challenge together!!

Junko Nagashima Japanese Teacher



Key Dates Prep 2021/2022

School Tours	Friday 30/4/2021 Week 6, Term 2
9:30am – 10:00am	Friday 25/6/2021 Week 10, Term 2
RSVP to the office	Friday 6/8/2021 Week 4, Term 3
3323 8777	Friday 17/9/2021 Week 10, Term 3
Prep 2022	Thursday 13/5/2021 Week 4, Term 2 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Information Sessions	Thursday 5/8/2021 Week 4, Term 3 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Get to Know You	Week 3, Term 4
Sessions	Wednesday 20 th October 2021 Thursday 21 st October 2021
	Friday 22 nd October 2021







Pre-Prep Sessions	4 sessions over 4 days Friday 22/10/2021 Friday 29/10/2021 Friday 5/11/2021 Friday 12/11/2021
Orientation Day	9:30am – 10:30am Wednesday 17 th November 2021 Thursday 18 th November 2021 Friday 19 th November 2021
	9:15am – 10:30am
January Prep 2022 Parent Information	Friday 21 st January 2022 Time TBA

Prep 2022

P&C News...

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you had a restful break. We have some exciting fundraising events scheduled for this term.

Homestyle Bake Delivery

The delivery of our fundraising with Homestyle Bake was delayed due to the snap lock down at the end of last term. This order was rescheduled for Wednesday. If you did not pick up your order please contact Ashley on rsspcevents@outlook.com to arrange pick up.

Mothers Day Stall

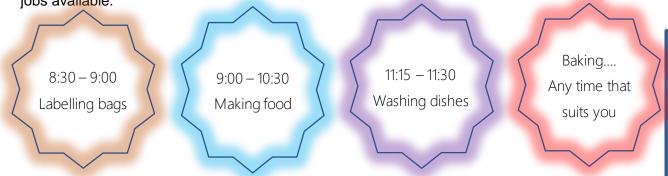
Our Mothers day stall is back! This is a great opportunity for students to buy something special for that special Mum or mother figure in their lives. The stall will be held on Thursday 6th & Friday 7th May in class time. We need at least 5 volunteers to make this day a success, from wrapping to taking money. There is a total of 3 sessions each day that need to be filled for both days - they are: 8am-11am, 11:30am-1:30am and 1:45pm-3pm, please contact Ashley on respectivents@outlook.com if you have some spare time on these two days.

Disco

We did it! We held our first disco in over 18 months, we certainly had a good time, we hope you did too! Thank you to everyone who attended and those who helped on the night. We raised \$1897.78 which will go towards improving our school for our children.

Volunteers

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.



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 break. 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 is open by appointment only. Please use this QR Code 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 and 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!!

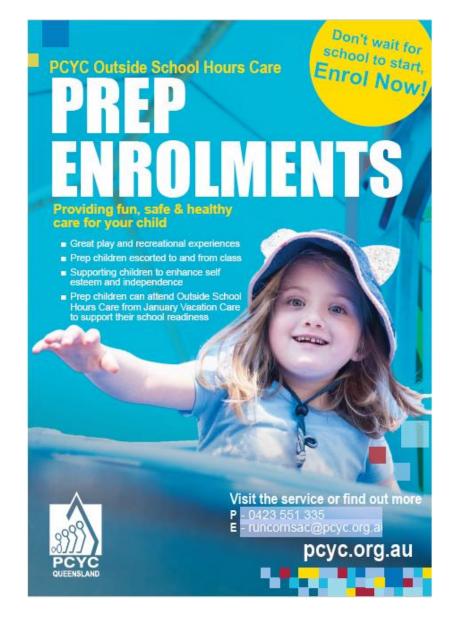
Debbie Linford, President,
Parents & Citizens Association,
Runcorn State School, E: rsspcpresident@outlook.com



N N C O R 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...





TOPCHESS

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

SCHOOL LESSONS

Coaching days & time: Tuesday afternoons (3:05 - 3:50pm).

Venue: Room C6 – Runcorn State School.

Dates: 2021, Term 2 – May 4 to June 22.

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.



FUN, INTERACTIVE & EDUCATIONAL

ATTEND ONE OF OUR UPCOMING SCHOOL TOURS

Open Morning Tours 9:15am - 10:10am

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Friday 30 April Friday 7 May Twilight Tours 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Tuesday 20 April Tuesday 27 April

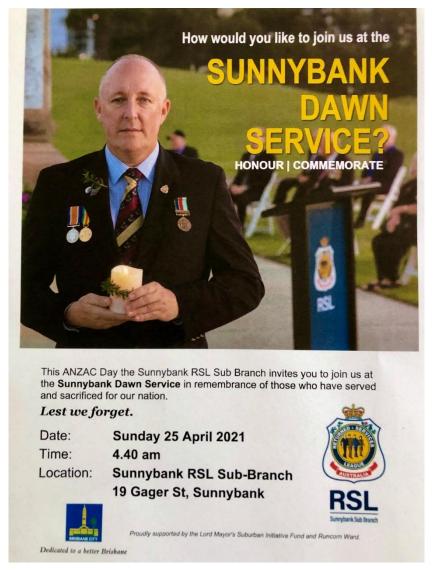


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