



NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 1
15 July 2021

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"Honest Endeavour"

From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 3. I realise that many of you might have had plans that were altered due to the lockdown and restrictions. But I trust that you are all safe. We are glad that you are back at school.

I know that the Year 1 students were amazed by the transformation of their outdoor learning area. A huge **thank you** to **Mr France** for his artistic talents, time and commitment to the school. He completed this work during the holidays.



COVID Guidelines

On Friday 9 July, you would have received a Covid plan for the first week of school.

The key points were:

- Adults not congregate at the gates, in Girrawheen Place and on the classroom verandas.
- Only one adult at a time enter the school office due to the size of the space.
- Students are not required to wear a face mask when on school premises or when travelling on dedicated school transport.
- School staff are not required to wear a face mask when working with children.
- Adults, including volunteers and family members, are required to wear a face mask if they cannot maintain physical distancing from each other at school. **We request as we cannot guarantee physical distancing that masks are worn when moving around the school.**
- Stay home if your child or you are sick.
- [Get tested](#) if you have any [COVID-19 symptoms](#), no matter how mild.

Special parade for celebrating 120 Years

On Friday 16, we will have a short but special parade to commemorate the 120 years of Runcorn State School. The founding date was 8 July 1901. Depending on restrictions, parents can attend if they wish to. Please check current conditions on the Queensland Health website.

School Priorities

We will continue to build on our priorities for 2021. They were and still are:

Reading

Writing

A culture of thinking

Over two years, we aim to:

- Achieve between 90-100% of all students reaching minimum standards. We aim to move 45-60% of students into the Upper Two bands.

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To achieve this, we must:

- Manage attendance with a goal of 95%.
- Use high yield strategies targeted to the specific learning.
- Case manage students using personal learning goals.
- Make learning fun and include outdoor learning spaces.

Inquiry learning has been introduced to Prep and Year 1. Years 3 and 6 will delve into inquiry in Semester 2. However, many other years levels are also experimenting with this way of teaching and learning. By the middle of 2022, all year levels will be teaching some units of work through an inquiry framework. We have run several parent workshops about thinking and inquiry and will continue to do so. All parents are welcome to these sessions.

Academic progress

We are tracking well against the end of year targets with 87% of students achieving C or above in English. 47.3% of students achieved the top two bands. The end of year target was between 45-65%. 90% of students are reaching benchmarks in Mathematics. What is most pleasing is the effort students are putting into their learning. 98% of students are putting in an effort that resulted in a C or above. Well done everyone.

School Opinion Survey

The annual suite of *School Opinion Surveys* will be conducted **over the next three weeks**. All families, school staff and students in target year levels (5,6, 8 and 11) will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well, and how we can improve. The Department of Education commenced sending email invitations to participants in the second week of the school holidays. Keep an eye out for yours! The students will complete their surveys at school.

Gates

From next week, the gates entering the forest area will be permanently closed. We ask families to use the main gates in front of the office. The small gate off Lampson Street will be opened for use. These matters were discussed at P&C and the purpose of closing the forest gate is to allow the space to regenerate and develop into a Natures Play space. Opening the oval gate off Lampson Street will ease the congestion on to Ardargie Street. Thank you for your cooperation.

Michelle D'Netto

From the Deputy Principal...

Runcorn State School Introduction of Schoolzine



If you have not already, please return the green Third Party Consent for Schoolzine form to school. We are introducing a new electronic communication platform called Schoolzine. This platform is responsive across mobile devices, tablets and desktops and will provide the school with an increased number of features to improve our electronic communication to a greater number of families.

This platform will enable the school to:

- Send email and SMS
- Build, publish and distribute eNewsletters that include links to photos, galleries and video links
- Custom eForms for Camps and Excursions with digital signatures
- Dynamic calendar and events
- Send spot polls and surveys
- Google translate - 100 languages at the click of a button
- Integrate with social media, school portals, payment portals and more.

PLEASE BE AWARE that the Schoolzine platform will replace the current newsletter distribution system and so those that do not give Third Party Consent for Schoolzine will need to access the school newsletter from the website.

Roberta Matlock

From the Teaching & Learning Coach...

Reading at Runcorn

Don't forget the Premier's Reading Challenge is still going. You have until the 27th of August to complete your individual reading record. Please pass these on to your teacher when you have finished. You also need to return your third-party permissions to the front office in order to participate and receive your certificate from the Premier. There are many kinds of books you could add to your reading record.

These include:

- ✓ Books you borrow from the library. These can be fiction or non-fiction!
- ✓ Home readers
- ✓ Books you read on 'Reading Eggs' or other online providers
- ✓ Audio or 'read along' books
- ✓ Comics or graphic novels
- ✓ If you're not sure what to read next check out a book from the 'Premier's Reading Challenge' book list (find it here <https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/about/booklists>)

If you've finished an amazing book and can't bear to move on to a new one here are some activities you could do:

- Research the author of your book – they might have written other books that are similar, or if you are really lucky – a sequel!
- Write a book review to share with your friends and family. Explain what makes the book so special.
- Pretend you are the author of the book. Write the next page or chapter.
- If it is a novel or chapter book you could create some illustrations to go with your favourite part.
- Create your own audio book by recording yourself reading the book (or just your favourite parts). You can use different voices for each character!

Rachel La Sala



From the Admin Team...

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.

2021 Term Dates

Term	DATES
3	12 July to 17 September
4	5 October to 10 December

Dates of Significance – Term 3

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Fri	16 July	120 Year Parade, 10am
Mon	19 July	Karawatha – Senior Band and Strings
Mon	19 July	P&C Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	20 July	Karawatha – Celtic Strings (Yrs 5 & 6)
Wed	21 July	Karawatha – Senior Band and Strings
Thurs	22 July	Karawatha – Junior Strings, Concert
Thurs	22 July	2D Toohey Forest Excursion
Thurs	22 July	100 Days of Prep
Fri	23 July	2NH & 2IS Toohey Forest Excursion
Fri	23 July	Payment Closing Date – Yr 3 Incursion – Soapy Science
Mon	26 July	Year 6 Camp commences
Wed	28 July	Year 3 Incursion – Soapy Science – Heat and Changing States of Matter
Fri	30 July	Year 6 Camp returns
Thurs	5 Aug	Prep 2022 Information Session, 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Fri	6 Aug	School Tour, 9:30am – 10:30am
Mon	16 Aug	Instrumental Music Evening (Runcorn State High School)
Mon	16 Aug	P&C Meeting, 6:30pm
Wed	18 Aug	Choral & Instrumental Showcase, 6pm
Mon	23 Aug	Book Week commences
Tues	24 Aug	Singfest – Senior Choir
Wed	25 Aug	Book Week Dress Up Day
Fri	27 Aug	Sports Gala Day (Years 5 & 6)
Fri	3 Sept	Pupil Free Day
Wed	8 Sept	School Photos
Thurs	9 Sept	School Photos
Fri	10 Sept	P&C Disco
Sun	12 Sept	Japanese Speaking Competition (Griffith University)
Mon	13 Sept	Prep Excursion – Ngutana Lui
Fri	17 Sept	School Tour, 9:30am – 10:30am
Fri	17 Sept	Last Day of Term 3



120 Year Celebration – Community Arts Fair

To commemorate Runcorn's 120th year, we will hold a Community Arts Fair on Friday 15 October 2021 from 5.30pm-8.00pm.

We invite all past and present students, staff and family members to attend this event where we will celebrate with displays of student art work, dance, instrumental and singing performances from students and their families. A 'memory lane' displaying memorabilia and photographs from the past 120 years and spaces set aside for past students, staff and their families to meet, reminisce and reconnect will be available. Food Trucks will provide a range of food and drinks for sale.

We warmly invite students and their families to join one of our 3 stages on the night to share their cultural dance, instrumental or singing performances to celebrate our wide cultural diversity. Please contact Roberta Matlock about the volunteering to perform on the night on 3323 8736 or rmatl2@eq.edu.au.

General enquiries about the 120 Year Community Arts Fair can be made at the school Office 3323 8777.

We are seeking parent volunteers to help organise the night. Specifically, we require parents to assist with the following tasks:

- Contacting businesses via face to face, phone calls and email seeking donations for the Heritage Garden and raffle. We will provide a detailed letter and list of garden items requested
- Preparation of art activities for the evening
- Co-Ordinator of food stalls
- Working bee volunteers – stay tuned for further details on dates



NAIDOC Week at Runcorn

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'.

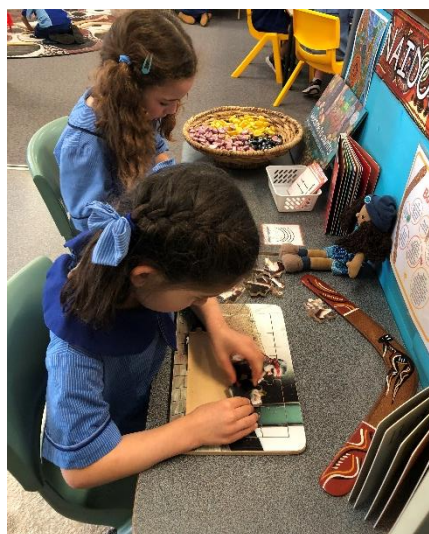
The NAIDOC 2021 theme is **Heal Country!** The theme calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

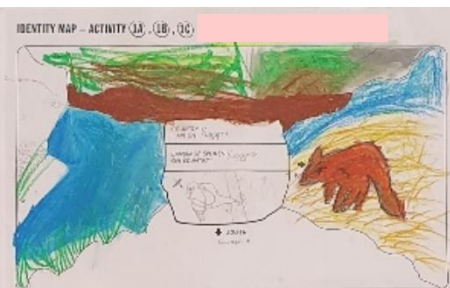
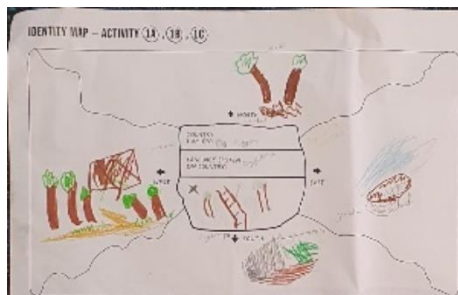
Country that is more than a place and inherent to our identity. Country that we speak about like a person, sustaining our lives in every aspect - spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally.

Runcorn State School students participated in a range of different activities from writing Reflections on this year's theme and Acknowledgement of Country to researching famous Indigenous legends past and present. They were involved in looking at different Indigenous artworks, the Language of our local Yuggera people and read a variety of different stories written and illustrated by First Nations Authors. Several classes participated in traditional Aboriginal Games!

Prep students went walking on Country and collected a variety of Native artifacts including, Grevillea leaves, Acacia seed pods, Banksia seed pods, paperbark, Moreton Bay Figs, Lemon Myrtle and River Red Gum leaves. They read stories from the Dreamtime and practiced writing Indigenous symbols in sand.

Prep S performed an Acknowledgement of Country at Junior Parade. Activities culminated in a fantastic performance by Lucas Proudfoot. Lucas Proudfoot is one of Australia's most versatile children's performers, playing guitar, didgeridoo, clap sticks, boomerang and stomp box to over 120,000 kids each year. He is a multi-platform storyteller, sharing culture and stories through his music, books and live performances. Lucas comes from the Tweed Coast area or Bundjalung country.





English Conversation Classes

Parent English Classes

All nationalities, language backgrounds & proficiency levels welcome.
Friday mornings, 8:45am - 9:30am in the EALD classroom

Coordinator: Bronwyn Sellers, EALD teacher (sellerb1@eq.edu.au)

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国籍、言語背景、能力
レベルを歓迎します。

金曜日の朝、午前 8 時 45 分から
EALD 教室の午前 9 時 30 分

コーディネーター ブロンウィンセラ

ネーターズ, EALD 教師 (sellerb1@eq.edu.au)

家长英语课程

欢迎所有国籍、语言背景和熟练程度。

星期五上午 8 : 45 - 上午 9 : 30 在 EALD 教室

协调员：布朗温·塞勒斯·EALD 教师 (sellerb1@eq.edu.au)

학부모 영어 수업

모든 국적, 언어 배경 및 숙련도 수준을 환영합니다.

금요일 아침, 오전 8 시 45 분 - 오전 9:30

코디네이터: 브론윈 셀러스, EALD 교사 (sellerb1@eq.edu.au)

Music Matters

Term 3



- ♪ **Week 2 Karawatha Band and Strings Camp**
- ♪ **Week 6 Wednesday August 18 - Choral and Instrumental Evening - Sunnybank SHS**
- ♪ **Week 7 Tuesday August 24 - Singfest at Old Museum for Year 5 and 6 Senior Choir members**

Performance Uniform- Senior Choir, Band and Strings

The uniform for Music performances is the **New** school Formal uniform. This will be compulsory for performances that happen throughout the year, e.g. Choral Instrumental Evening, Remembrance Day. Year 6s and students soon to leave the school are able to wear the Old Formal shirt or dress if they are unable to acquire the New uniform.

Instrumental Music Recruitment

The selection process for the 2022 Strings (2022 Year 3s) and Band (2022 Year 4s) Program is commencing early this term for our current Year 2 and Year 3 students. This process includes an aural aptitude test held in Music class (Selmer Listening test), Expression of Interest and consultation with classroom teachers. Places are always limited for our Instrumental Music program and are based on allocation numbers from the Department of Education and vacancies after our Year 6s leave for High School. If there is interest in starting an instrument it may be a good idea to discuss at home the commitment it takes in regard to practice and discipline. An information evening will be held on Monday August 16 for those interested.

Marcel Hopper - Specialist Music Teacher, mxhop2@eq.edu.au

From the Strings Teacher

The String Students have certainly got off to a flying start this term. Students have been busy rehearsing for the opening of Runcorn's 120 Year celebrations and Karawatha Music Workshops.

Week 2 Term 3 – Tuesday 20th July, 2021

There will be **no lessons or rehearsals** for Runcorn String Students this week.

Karawatha Music Workshops – Term 3, Week 2 - Monday 19th July to Thursday 22nd July, 2021

Karawatha District Ensemble Workshop Program will take place from the 19th - 22nd July, culminating in a concert for all students on Thursday night (22nd July). Students need to have completed all forms and made payments to be able to participate in these workshops.

Venue:

Runcorn State High School – 132 Hill Road, Runcorn, QLD 4113

Transport:

Students who are participating will need to make their own way to and from Runcorn State High School on their allotted days. Parents need to drop off Students at the drop off zone on Hill Road. Please note that parents are not able to use the school staff carparks for parent parking or dropping off students.

String Students in Year 5 and 6

- ♪ Intermediate String Workshop - Monday 19 July and Wednesday 21 July (8:00am until 2:15pm) and
- ♪ Celtic String Workshop - Tuesday 20 July 2021 (8am – 2:15pm)
- ♪ Concert for these 2 Workshops - Thursday 22 July 2021 (5:30pm – 8:30pm)

String Students in Year 4

- ♪ Junior String Workshop - Thursday 22 July 2021 (Workshop 8am – 2:30pm)
- ♪ Concert Thursday 22 July 2021 (5:30pm – 8:30pm)

Please see the office if you require any further information about Karawatha District Ensemble Workshop Program.

Week 3 Term 3 – Tuesday 27th July, 2021

String Rehearsals and Lessons will be held this week – Tuesday 27th July:

- ♪ Senior String Rehearsal – 7.40 am in the Music Room
- ♪ Lessons – String Student's Teachers have a copy of the timetable
- ♪ Junior Strings (Year 4) – 3.00 to 4.00 pm in the Music Room

There are certainly many exciting events for the String Students to look forward to in the next week and I look forward to seeing Parents and Carers at these occasions.

Andrew Biedermann

abied1@eq.edu.au

Student Absence Line

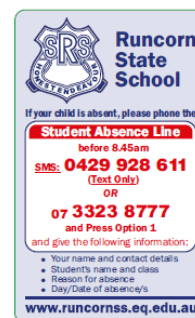
To advise the school of your child's absence, please text your child's name, class, reason and length of absence to:



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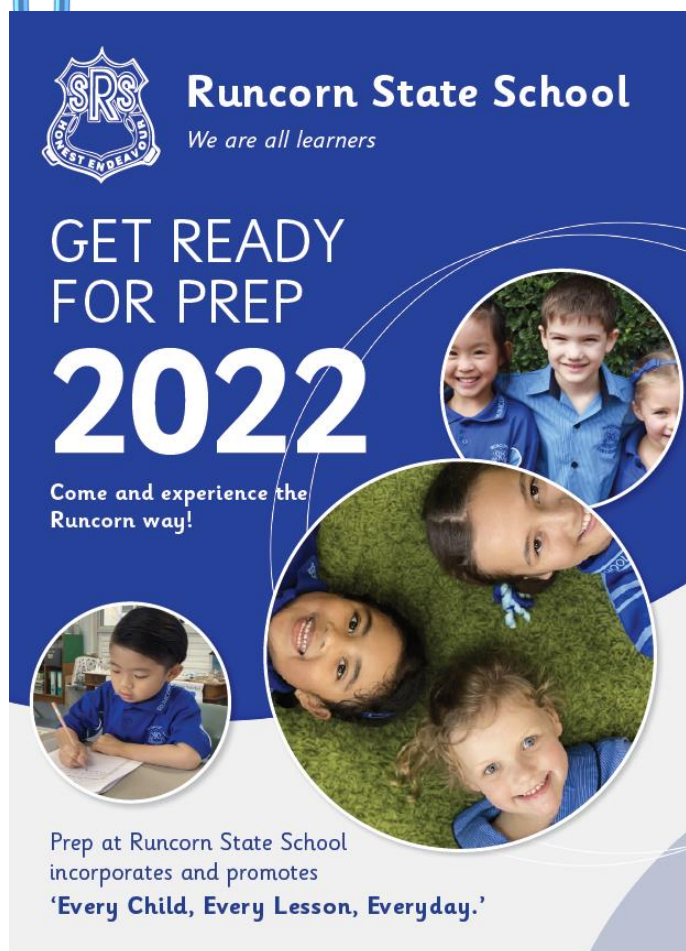
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or leave your message on (07) 3323 8777, Option 1.



Prep 2022

Enrol now for Prep 2022. Please collect an enrolment pack from administration or email pretransitions@runcornss.eq.edu.au for further information.



Come and experience the Runcorn way!

There are current vacancies in Prep for 2022, enrol now!

Key Dates Prep 2021 / 2022

School Tours RSVP to the office 07 3323 8777	Friday 30 th April 2021	9:30 - 10:00am
	Friday 25 th June 2021	9:30 - 10:00am
	Friday 6 th August 2021	9:30 - 10:00am
	Friday 17 th September 2021	9:30 - 10:00am
Prep 2022 Information Sessions	Thursday 13 th May 2021	3:30 - 4:30pm
	Thursday 5 th August 2021	5:30 - 6:30pm
Get to Know You Sessions	Wednesday 20 th October 2021	
	Thursday 21 st October 2021	
	Friday 22 nd October 2021	
Pre-Prep Sessions	Friday 22 nd October 2021	9:30 - 10:00am
	Friday 29 th October 2021	9:30 - 10:00am
	Friday 5 th November 2021	9:30 - 10:00am
	Friday 12 th November 2021	9:30 - 10:00am
Orientation Day	Wednesday 17 th November 2021	
	Thursday 18 th November 2021	
	Friday 19 th November 2021	
January Prep 2022 Parent Information	Friday 21 st January 2022	

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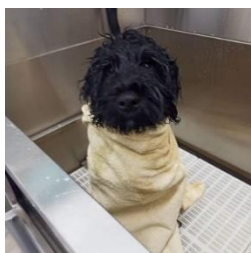
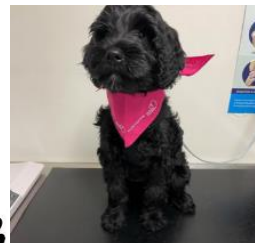
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Norman's News

Thanks so much to everyone who has made me feel so welcome at Runcorn. I am settling in well at Runcorn! I have been spending time working with small groups of children listening as they develop their reading skills; enjoying watching whole classes of students learning in their classrooms; and participating in supporting and cheering on students during their athletics carnival at the end of last term. It is great to see all the wonderful things that happen here at Runcorn!

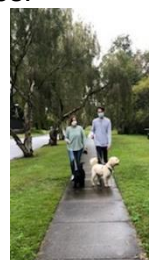
I have also been lucky to be a part of the Puppy Preschool program at Vetlove Kuraby where I have been meeting other puppies and their families and learning a few commands such as sit, drop, wait and shake. It is always a very exciting place to go and I sometimes use my barking voice to let everyone there know that I want to play!



On the holidays I also had a special first experience with Paws Only Grooming where I enjoyed a pampering bath and little trim of my fluffy hair! It's much easier to see now that the hair has been trimmed away from my eyes!

I will continue to learn lots of new things every day as I make my way through Runcorn and have other experiences with my family at the beach, markets and park. I would really appreciate it if you could all help me to stay safe at Runcorn by making sure there is

no rubbish left on the ground as I am really interested in picking up anything that I can find!



With much love and a wagging tail,

Norman 

P&C News...

Events Wrap Up

Wow, what an amazing response we had to our call out for donated goods for our Coffee and Cake stall at the Junior Sports Day. Majority of items came in individually wrapped and with ingredient lists as requested, so a huge thank you to our parents for their donations.

A HUGE thank you to Crystal Zhang (prep Mum) from Peek-a-Brew for her generous donation of her time and coffee van for the day, so many parents were thrilled to have her there.

Wow, what an amazing response we had to our call out for donated goods for our Coffee and Cake stall. Most items came in individually wrapped and with ingredient lists as requested, so a huge thank you to our parents for their donations.

We raised a little over \$750 from the day which is fantastic.

Tuckshop

We would like to welcome our new Tuckshop Convenors **Etusko Doncaster** and **Megan Waller**. Etusko will be working Monday – Wednesday, while Megan will be working Wednesday to Friday. For the next few weeks, the Tuckshop will be running on a limited menu as they finalise their training and find their feet.



Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The P&C are excited to announce that we have joined the **Entertainment Book** fundraiser. To purchase your membership, please follow this link: <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/223k202>. 20% of each sale will go towards improving our amazing 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.

Plastic Forks and Spoons

Please ensure you pack spoons and forks with your children's lunches from home, as these items are NOT handed out for free at the Tuckshop. Plastic spoons and forks are 10c each. (Food items ordered from the Tuckshop requiring cutlery do not incur this fee).

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

PCYC



Outside School Hours Care

The PCYC are the approved providers at our school. OSHC operate in the school premises both morning and afternoon. Our enrolment process is all online and we use QKenrol. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please email the service the following information: your full name, home address and mobile number. From there, the Coordinator puts through this information into QKenrol, a link will then be sent to your email address and you will need to fill out an enrolment form for each child and submit them. Once this is completed and the Coordinator accepts the enrolment, the booking process will begin. Once booked in, the service will then ask you to come in for an orientation before your first session. After you have been booked in, you can use the app 'MyFamily lounge' to control your bookings and to make casual bookings.

We are licenced for 75 children before and after school care. This availability also varies depending on staffing arrangements. During Vacation care we are still licenced for 75, however numbers are capped depending on the demand for the day.

We currently do not have a waiting list. Waiting lists are put through QKenrol. If you were on a waiting list, you would remain on the waiting list until a permanent spot opens for your desired session. Once one does, the service will accept the booking and you will be notified via email. The waiting list is prioritised by first in first served.

Community News...

PCYC Outside School Hours Care

PREP ENROLMENTS

Providing fun, safe & healthy care for your child

- Great play and recreational experiences
- Prep children escorted to and from class
- Supporting children to enhance self esteem and independence
- Prep children can attend Outside School Hours Care from January Vacation Care to support their school readiness

Don't wait for school to start, Enrol Now!

Visit the service or find out more
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E - runcomsac@pcyc.org.au
pcyc.org.au

PCYC QUEENSLAND

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.



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Friday 18 June
Friday 30 July

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