



Where every child is a star

Public Holiday Alert - Wednesday 16th August

School Opinion Survey

All parents and guardians are invited to participate in the 2017 School Opinion Survey, which allows you voice your opinion about what this school does well, and how it can improve. Instructions and access codes were sent home Monday the 31st of July and we would like to thank all of those parents that have already completed the survey. If you are yet to complete the survey please be aware that you have until **Friday the 25th of August** to submit your replies. All parents are welcome to complete their survey on a school computer; please call the school to arrange a suitable time.

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN is moving online. This means moving NAPLAN from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. The transition to NAPLAN online will commence from 2018. NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. The assessments can run through a real-time internet connection or onscreen without an internet connection. NAPLAN Online features 'tailored testing' which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results. Significant planning, development, research and trialling has been carried out to make sure we are all ready to move NAPLAN online. The online national assessment platform is being built by Education Services Australia with funds from the Australian Government.

Coopers Plains State School has elected to participate in a early trial period before NAPLAN Online is implemented state-wide next year. As part of this trial there will be a number of students participating in simulated NAPLAN tests during the month of September. These tests will be solely testing the school's technical readiness for NAPLAN Online and will be used to correct any network or facility problems that are found. This trial will consist of a sample of tests that are representative of the entire NAPLAN process but will minimise the involved students' time away from class. More information about these tests will be provided to the parents/guardians of selected students closer to the date.

Prep Enrolments for 2018

Do you have a child enrolling in Prep in 2018? Do you have a neighbour or friend who has a child or children enrolling in Coopers Plains State School in 2018? Coopers Plains State School will be holding enrolment and information sessions for next year's Prep students over the coming months.

Prep Parent Information Sessions

Where: Prep building

When: Thursday 31 August 3:00pm - 4:30pm & Wednesday 6 September 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Prep Enrolment Interviews

Date: Thursday 2 November & Wednesday 8 November

Time: 9:00am - 2:30pm each day

Prep interviews will be held with our wonderful Prep teachers and Principal in the school office. These interviews run for approximately 15 minutes and are a chance for you to tell the school all about your child. Please phone the office on (07) 3323 9222 to make an appointment. Appointments may also be made during our prep information sessions, however availability may be slightly limited. Birth certificates and any visa/travel documents will be requested at this interview, so please ensure that you have these available in advance.

Premier's Reading Challenge is almost over!

The reading period for the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge closes on Friday 25th August. Please make sure that you have finished your reading by this date. You will need to complete your forms and return them to Mrs Tye by Friday the 1st of September to complete the challenge.

Remember:

- Prep to year 4 need to read **20 books**.
- Year 5 and 6 need to read **15 books**.

School Finance News

Parents and Guardians with children in Year 3-6 will have received an invoice and information regarding our 2017 swimming program. Please be aware that this program is part of the Australian Curriculum for Health and Physical Education and all children are expected to attend. Part payments are welcome.

If you have a child attending the Year 5/6 Currimundi Camp please ensure that you are on track to have the invoice paid by the student's departure on the 21st of August. If this is likely to cause hardship please contact the school office to arrange a suitable alternative. Contact the school office if you need an update on the current amount owing against this event.

We still have a number of parents with outstanding fees owing from the beginning of the year. The following invoice items are overdue and should be paid as soon as possible:

- Resource Scheme (2017Res2017)
- Instrumental lessons or instrument hire (2017INSTH),
- Semester One excursions , including;
 - 2017ATSI
 - 2017Yr6ParHouse
 - 2017KaraInt
 - 2017KaraBeg

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
11 August	Gala Day 1
16 August	Exhibition Day - <u>School Closed</u>
21 - 23 August	5/6 Currimundi Camp
25 August	Parent School Opinion Survey Closes
31 August	Prep Information Session 3.00pm - 4.30pm
6 September	Prep Information Session 6.00pm - 7.30pm
8 September	Gala Day 2
15 September	Last day Term 3

Community News

Runcorn State High School invites parents and their students who are already enrolled in Runcorn State High School in 2018 to come and meet our Junior Secondary teaching team at the following events:

- Information Evening Monday 6 November 6:30pm
- Orientation Day Monday 20 November 8:45am – 2:50pm (students attend high school for the day)
- Enrolment Interviews 27-28 November (Appointments made at Information Evening)

Parents who have not yet decided on a high school are invited to attend an Open Afternoon on Monday 11 September at 4pm at Runcorn State High School, 132 Hill Road, Runcorn. To RSVP for Open Afternoon or any further enquiries please call Mrs Lickerman on 3323 1609 or email enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au.

Souths Little Athletics holds training for children aged 5 - 16 years old in Track & Field Events, allowing them to develop fitness and social skills. There will be a sign-on for the next season at JF O'Grady Memorial Park on Broughman Street, Fairfield, at 9am-12pm on Saturday 19th of August. For more information contact Joy Daly on 3420 3191 or use the QR code to the right to see the website.



Chess People are calling for an expression of interest to run a weekly after school chess club. If you think you might be interested, make the right move and call us today on 0405135130 or sign up via <http://www.chesspeople.com.au/join-us>. Cost/Venue: TBA. Minimum number required

Oxley Futsal is starting a new season of 5-A-Side Futsal in September. Children from 3 years up are invited to join. Contact oxley@australianfutsal.com or 0448 170 710 to join.