School Fees
The voluntary school contributions have been set at $35.00 per student and $100.00 per family. The contributions go towards purchasing resources for our students.

Before School Supervision
The school’s supervision roster starts from 8.45am. There is no adult staff member available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time. However, there is available within the school, a ‘Before and After School Care’ service which operates from 7am every school morning. (Phone 6624 4928). Whatever arrangements you make, you need to understand that you remain legally responsible for your children prior to 8.45am when school supervision begins.

School Photographs
School photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 21st May. Photo envelopes will be sent home next week.

NAPLAN Testing
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will take place on Tuesday, 13th Wednesday, 14th and Thursday, 15th May. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5,7 & 9 are assessed on the same days using a national test in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. More information: www.nap.edu.au

OC Applications 2015
Information regarding applications for students seeking ‘Opportunity Class’ placement, in Year 5 2015 was sent home last week with Year 4 students. Applications close Friday, 16th May. Please contact the school on 6624 1444 if you would like more information.

Cross Country – Fun Run
The postponed school Cross Country/Fun Run will be held tomorrow Wednesday, 7th May on the school oval commencing at 12.00pm.

Please respect the school gardens
At the beginning of Term 1 children from 3/4 Teal and Blue planted Corn and Sunflowers. Now after 13 weeks of hard work, care and nurturing the children are proud to see their tall and healthy plants finally come into fruit and flower. Our students are proud to show all members of the school community what they have successfully grown.

Sadly, and to the disappointment of those who took great responsibility of these plants, after only two days of school being back a number of the plants have been destroyed by removing fruit and flowers. Hopefully in the future our extended community will respect the hard work of the children and allow the gardens to show the care that has been provided to them.

Printable planners for homework and study
School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they’ll to fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at http://bit.ly/Ubmqz8
Kids, social media and privacy
Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:
• 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
• a quarter of Australian children 8-12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
• more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
• young people 14-19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.
2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms
Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning.
Ask your child for an example, like this one:
“I prefer a fine tip on my pen.” He gave me a tip for the Melbourne Cup.” Don’t tip the water on the floor.” You gave the waiter a generous tip.” More grammar tips at www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au/homework-and-study/english

Mark Spencer,
Principal

P&C NEWS
Mother’s Day Stall
We will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall Tuesday, 6th May to Friday, 9th May from 8.45am-9.15am.
Gifts range from $1.00 to $5.00.

Dates to Remember – Term 1
This Week 5th – 9th May
Wednesday Postponed Cross Country-Fun Run
Thursday RRHS Yr 7 open night – 5-6pm
Friday Student Leadership conference

Week 3 12th – 16th May
Tuesday NAPLAN
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Week 4 19th – 23rd May
Wednesday School photo day

SCHOOL BANKING
For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits every Wednesday at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.
Major Prize
• Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
• VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild Gold Coast;
• A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
• A $3000 travel gift card to get you there.
Runner up Prizes.
130 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.
PLUS, a separate draw of $1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.
So come on let’s get saving and remember your deposit can be as little as twenty cents just as long as you make 3 deposits!