As part of Ravenshoe School’s commemoration of ANZAC Day the Primary students made poppies and placed them on the fence in respect of the Australian men and women who have served their country.

P&C Mother’s Day

The P&C are asking for donations for their CENT SALE. - Craft, plants, wood-work, knick-knacks.

These may be dropped off at the Primary School Tuckshop on Friday, 8 May
OR contact Melda: 0419 799 583 if pick-up is required.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SMALL GROUP OF P&C

P&C Mother’s Day

The P&C will be holding a CENT SALE for Mother’s Day

When: Saturday 9 May 2015
Where: High School Dining Room
Time: Doors open 1:30pm for 2:00pm call
Cost: Adult: $5 entry – includes afternoon tea
Children: $2 entry – includes afternoon tea
**Invitation**

All parents/caregivers are invited to attend Parade at both Primary and Secondary School Campuses.

**Primary 9.00 am - Mon**

**Secondary 10:15 am - Mon**

**SILLY STRINGS KIDZERCISE**

* Get fit  
* Have fun

* Relax the body

* Calm the mind

**Where:** Primary Hall

**When:** First lunch Mon & Tues

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**P&C Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 12**

**5.30 pm - Primary Library**

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**From the Primary**

**Week 1**

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope families had an enjoyable break. This week we have started our term in a positive way. At parade on Monday it was great to see all students in school uniform and ready for school. Thank you to parents who attend our parades to help us celebrate all the positives that happen on our campus. Welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this term.

Thursday saw a sea of red and blue as Cedar and Archer battled it out for the Cross Country. Congratulations to Cedar. A great afternoon was held as the junior school had their events at the oval and the seniors did their course at the football grounds. Letters have gone home with the senior students who have been selected to compete at the Evelyn Primary Cross Country on Friday, May 8 at 10.00 am. This event will be held at the local football grounds. As you pass the fence near the oval you will see a collection of red poppies that students have made during library lessons to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Thank you to all attended our ceremony on Friday morning. On Saturday morning our school marched at the ANZAC Parade, thank you to all who came along to march as representatives of our school.

On Wednesday of this week, there will be Interim Report interviews in the Primary School Hall. Letters went home during the week. If you haven’t made an appointment to see your child’s teacher and wish to do so, please contact Sue in the office for a time slot.

Our school chaplain Simone will be continuing with her exercise classes of a lunch hour. Monday and Wednesday first lunch will be for Year 1 to Year 3. The second lunch hour on these days will be for Year 4 to Year 6. Simone and 3 volunteers are also running our Silly String Breakfast Club started today. Breakfast Club will run every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15am – 8.40am until Week 9 of this term and then continue in Term 3. More volunteers are needed, please see the office if you are able to help.

Please note that the school no longer provides Emergency Lunches for students.

Enjoy your week.

**Kind Regards,**

**ANN-MAREE DUESBURY,**

**Acting Deputy Primary**

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**P&C Mother’s Day**

The P&C will be holding their annual

**PRIMARY SCHOOL STALL**

**On Friday, 8 May 2015**

At the Primary Tuckshop

Gift’s from 50c to $6.00

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**A word from the Chaplain:**

I would like to thank Ravenshoe SS P-12 teachers, staff, students and parents for making me feel welcome during my first term at the school this year. As a ‘Happy Chappy’ I am committed to providing emotional and spiritual support to help the school community find ways to deal with a wide range of issues. This is achieved by offering a listening ear, activity programs and value driven guidance.

Last term we began with the ‘Beating the Blues in the Bush’ program at the high school. Our goal is to write, film and edit a TV commercial depicting mental health issues in our community encouraging people to get help. The commercial will go to air later this year.

The Silly String Kidzercise program is a success with the primary school students and will evolve and continue this term. In addition the Silly Strings Breakfast Club will also be up and running (Weeks 2-9, Mon, Tue, Wed).

As the Breakfast program runs on a volunteer and donation basis, we appreciate any help that you may be able to give! I would like to thank the Local Chaplaincy Committee and the Ravenshoe Community Centre for making the Silly Strings Breakfast Club happen this term.

I look forward to meeting and yarning with each and everyone.

Warm regards, Miss Simone.
Welcome again to the Junior Secondary Corner. When I was unpacking and checking Naplan material with a Deputy last week, I reflected on the new programs that have been implemented at both the Primary and Secondary campuses. As a school, we have supported our students with considerable resources in the form of additional classes with extra teachers and teacher aides. We have identified individual student levels of ability and further supported and developed these with foundational learning programs such as Cars and Stars and Cams and Stams.

In the next couple of weeks to further prepare your sons and daughters for Naplan we have practice exercises to alleviate nerves and strengthen understanding. Naplan occurs in Week 4 across the days of Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May. Our students have been working hard and after Naplan has finished, we will continue to work on improving the standards of each student in our care.

The teachers of Ravenshoe are in the process of completing the first phase of the annual teacher performance review. It is through this process that Education Qld ensures that student learning is enhanced through improved professional practice by utilising the framework of standards developed through the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).

I was very fortunate across the Anzac Day celebrations to go through an extreme learning experience myself. My trumpet playing is less than perfect and whilst most people could identify the tune of The Last Post across the four services that I played in, there were some notes however, that probably did not belong to this iconic piece of music. Every time that I played, I was given the opportunity to reflect and try to improve. The moral of the story is that it is not just students who attend school to learn - it is also teachers.

I look forward to continuing our journey and informing you of the ongoing progress in a future newsletter.

Regards,

DEREK WOOD
Acting HOD Junior Secondary