Dear Parents and Community Members,

A mixed bag of weather has probably been reflected in student engagement since the beginning of term!

Two weeks are already done, and our Senior students, in particular, are well aware that time available for their formal schooling is moving fast!

It is fortunate that the vast majority of our students across our Primary and Secondary Campuses come along to school to focus on their learning.

Those students who get on the wrong side of the school expectations at times, usually understand their errors and accept the consequences of their actions.

School is the place to make mistakes – and students have the time to learn from them.

I have said many times – and it’s a great source of pride for our school – so many visitors to our school comment on the “pleasant feel” of the place, and the friendliness of our students.

When our students participate or attend events outside of school, we inevitably receive feedback that confirms the respectful and decent nature of our students……..we hear these messages from the shows that our agriculture students attend, from school camps and school excursions, from Chess Championships, from University visits, from Leadership events.

They are your kids – you should be proud!

Enjoy a sunny week-end….of course!

Regards,

HENRY CONDON

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**Coming Events**

**July 29**
Parent/Teacher Interviews – Secondary

**July 30**
District Track & Field – Secondary

**August 7**
Interschool Rugby League U/15 and U/18

**September 1-2**
QCS Test

**DENTAL VAN …**
will be at Primary Campus late July / early August.

**P&C Meeting**
Tuesday, August 11
5.30 pm - Primary Library

**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
PRIMARY PARKING

Parents … please refrain from parking in the BUS ZONE or in front of the private residence next to the Primary Campus. PLEASE use the carparks available.

From the Primary

Week 2
Only second week into the term and so much is happening. All students enjoyed the Life Education Van and the message about healthy choices. In Physical Education lessons this week students enjoyed working with a cricket coach and learning new skills. About 30 students attended our first choir session on Tuesday. The enthusiasm and excitement shown can only mean that our choir is going to be terrific. The Evelyn District Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday and Friday of this week. It was great to see our students competing against other schools. What stood out the most was the sportsmanship displayed by our students towards each other and other schools. Thank you parents for supporting this event.

Parent surveys were sent home this week. The survey is to be completed online by Friday 31 July.

Ravenshoe State School P-12

This program is offered to all parents and families of children from 0 – 8 years in the Ravenshoe Community. Module 1 will be presented on Tuesday 11 August 2015, 12.30pm – 2.30pm. Please phone Sue at RSS P-12 Primary Campus on 40 975 222 to register your attendance and for catering purposes, as afternoon tea will be provided. This is a great opportunity that is being offered to our families and the community. Please support these sessions so that more can be offered in the future.

I applied for REACH Funding for the CIAF (Cairns Indigenous Art Fair) and was successful in my application. Twenty students (from Year 5/6 and Year 6) will be invited to attend the CIAF plus a visit to the Cairns Art Gallery. REACH will supply a bus so that students can attend this event next Friday, 31 July. Notes will be sent home on Monday to those students selected.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind Regards,

ANN-MAREE DUESBURY,
Acting Deputy Primary

Secondary Deputy

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews are being held at the Secondary Dining Hall next week Wednesday 29 July. The interviews will be 15 minutes in length and will run from 3:15 pm to 5:45 pm. To arrange an interview your child can make a booking with teachers on your behalf by using the booking sheet they have received.

If you are unable to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews I would encourage parents/caregivers to make an appointment with their child’s teacher.

School Opinion Survey
The Parent/Caregiver survey has been distributed through the eldest in the family via a blue online access letter. The survey closes on July 31. Please make use of the opportunity to complete this survey.

Work smart
The following are handy tips for studying smart. When you are looking at supporting your children during peak work times the following tips may make a difference in your home.

Study Tips for your Students
1. Plan your study time into 45 minute blocks. Take a break.
2. Reset your brain for maximum concentration.
3. Schedule what you will do during break times. Refresh your mind by moving your body - walk the dog, dance, go for a run.
4. Focus on understanding rather than memorising. The more you understand the less you have to remember.
5. Make posters of important dates and equations and stick them up in your room, or on the back of the toilet door.
6. Sleep 8 hours per night for optimum brain function.
7. Keep a notepad on your bedside table and make notes if you can’t sleep.
8. Know the schedule of exams, and plan your study time accordingly.
9. When it all gets too much, go for a run to get a fresh perspective.
10. Be Positive. A positive mindset will not create talent but it will release it.

Regards,

MR DRAPER
Secondary Deputy