Dear Parents and Community Members,

Already – July is done!

Week 4 of Term 3 is almost upon us – Secondary students should be well into their programs of instruction which means they will have regular “homework” – the more effort given to an assignment generally improves the potential for better results!

Primary students need to practise reading whenever possible – reading opens up a whole new world and is the basis for all learning.

Enjoy a sunny week-end with your families.

Regards,

HENRY CONDON
Principal

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

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

Coming Events

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

September 1-2
QCS Test

September 2
School Photos – Primary

September 3
School Photos – Secondary

September 14-18
Year 10 Work Experience

September 18
Last Day of Term 3

October 5
Labour Day Public Holiday

October 6
First day of Term 4
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 3
Twenty excited students left early this morning to attend the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair and a tour of the Cairns Regional Art Gallery. This excursion was kindly funded by REACH and allowed some of our students an amazing opportunity to explore the world of visual arts. Congratulations to our student council, leaders, staff, students and families. Last term $1,000 was raised to support the Ravenshoe Railway Restoration Program.

Many of our students are coming to school or at school are drawing on their skin with pens/permanent markers/felt pens. This is a practice that we would like to discourage, as we are unsure of the toxins that may be in the inks of these pens. It would be appreciated if parents/carers could talk to their children in regards to this.

The dental van will be arriving around 08 August. Forms have been sent home. Please return these as soon as you can.

Our enrolment numbers have been steadily growing. For that reason our Year 2 class has now become the Year 2/3 class. It is encouraging to see that many families are wanting to come to Ravenshoe.

Ravenshoe State School P-12 Primary Campus will be offering a reading program for parents, carers and families in the Ravenshoe Community called, ‘Ready Readers Strong and Deadly Parent Program’. Three modules will be presented by Julia Gela over three sessions. 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.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards,

ANN-MAREE DUESBURY, Acting Deputy Primary

Early Start

Thank you to those Year 1 students who are attending Early Start every morning. It is great to see some children remembering to come straight up from their bus. However, some students are missing out because they aren’t getting to school before 8.30 am to join in these targeted sessions. The students are practising their sight words, reading skills and handwriting.

Starting this week, students who regularly attend Early Start each morning will receive a little reward. Please ensure your child is at school by 8.30 am so they can attend. Early Start runs from 8.30am until 9.00am every Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday.

Parents are most welcome to come and see what your child is learning.

Junior Secondary Corner
Welcome again to the Junior Secondary Corner. This week I would like to discuss my glimpse of the future. On Friday just gone, two classes from the high school witnessed an electric car and bike being charged directly from a windmill on Windy Hill - amazing!!! The students were able to ask many questions and we all got to have a look inside one of the turbines. I found out that the trades underpinning this important piece of infrastructure are electricians, fitter and turners and the project designed by mechanical engineers. I thought to myself why couldn’t these jobs be filled by students from Ravenshoe. The answer: absolutely nothing but hard work and a hunger for success.

On Sunday I saw the last Show down at Tully for our students engaged in cattle leading and the agricultural program. They have come away with numerous prizes again. This opportunity would not have been possible without the support of parents and a dedicated Ag teacher in the form of Mo Pedersen. If you have a read of the 200 page white paper on developing Northern Australia and the government’s 2030 vision for developing northern Australia you start to see the future as it is gradually evolving for us here in FNQ.

Ravenshoe State School is uniquely placed as partner for business in Australia’s economic future. With many government bodies and businesses talking and planning for a future, the students of Ravenshoe could and should
be increasingly engaged in energy/technology production, cattle and cropping just to name a few of the industries that affect us directly. When you drill down below these particular industries, there are an amazing variety of jobs associated.

We are going to have to work hard to take advantage of the opportunities that will be continually developed on the Tablelands and surrounding areas. Teachers, students and parents will need to work hard together. Every day I wake up in Ravenshoe, I get excited to be part of Australia’s future and part of your children’s future. The work that we do at school is vital in securing a future that enables our students to live meaningful and prosperous lives. There you have it, that’s my vision for the future of Ravenshoe. Let’s make it a reality.

Regards,

MR WOOD
HOD Junior Secondary

Year 7 students who received an award on Parade for achieving an A academic standard for Maths and/or Science.
Maths Awards: Skye Adamson, Darcy Kemp, Elinda Kurt, Zac Fordson, Lino Anziliero, Clayton Dalgety and Jordan Hogarth
Science Awards: Skye Adamson, Darcy Kemp, Elinda Kurt, Josh Parsons, Kendall Pethick, Jade Burnett, George Pini

Ravenshoe’s Age Champions from last week’s Evelyn District Athletics Carnival from left: Krystal Walker, Clayton Dalgety, Mr Condon (old age champion), Saraiah Walker and Taylah Dalgety.