Dear Parents and community members

The wet weather has kept students from running around burning up energy during the lunch breaks.

We will continue to make an effort to ensure that activities are available for students during this time.

It is a habit among just a few students to respond in the negative when asked to follow an instruction from the teacher.

If a student is sent to Buddy Class – this occurs after ample opportunity has been given to a disruptive student to engage in the classroom activity – he or she is to go to another class to have time to reflect on expectations of behaviour, and to enable classroom learning to be maintained.

A refusal to follow the instruction of a staff member (including going to Buddy Class) will result in a serious consequence.

It is imperative that students follow reasonable instructions from school staff.

We have so many students who are setting the best examples of hard work and respect – their opportunity to reach the standard of which they are capable is most important – they make this school a worthwhile place. We want all students aiming to produce their best!

Enjoy the week-end weather.

Take care.

Regards,

HENRY CONDON
Principal

13 March 2015
Week 7, Term 1, No. 7

Coming Events

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Week 6 – Term 1

Primary Awards ...

Neatness and Student of the Week

Prep:
Ben Jensen & Jacob Moran

Year 1:
Ella Drury & Jacob Wilkinson

Year 2:
Yonathan Nathaniel & Ant Kilshaw

Year 3:
Shae Stasse & Kara Coe

Year 4:
Cody Petersen & Valerina Hudson

Year 4/5:
Adam Maxwell-Jeffreys and Taylah Dalgety

Year 5/6:
Mia Markswood & Emily Ross

Year 6:
Kullem Dempsey & Rochelle Clay
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

From the Secondary Deputy ...

Secondary Meet and Greet
Parents and Carers are cordially invited to a Meet and Greet afternoon next Wednesday 18 March. Start time is 5:15pm. Venue is the Dining Hall. Come and enjoy a cuppa while enjoying an opportunity to meet and get to know your child’s teachers better.

School Rules
Each classroom has been issued with a clear set of school rules. Ravenshoe SS P – 12 has developed 9 clear rules in total, under the banner of Safe, Respectful, and Learner, 3 rules per category. These have been explained to your children as the standard of behaviour. Each rule will be taught explicitly each week, every week, every term.

Behaviour Referral Process
At Ravenshoe P – 12 we are strongly committed to maintaining classroom environments that maximise learning opportunities for your children. Students have the right to learn in safe, orderly classrooms that foster great results. Individuals who do not commit to learning and who intentionally disrupt the learning of others are being brought to account for their behaviour.

NAPLAN
Ravenshoe SS P – 12 is committed to excellent results for our students. Years 7 and 9 will take part in these tests in just over 8 weeks time. As we draw closer to NAPLAN you will be receiving information explaining more about this National Testing schedule.

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

What will be tested?
NAPLAN is a skills test. It tests skills such as, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

Regards,
MATT DRAPER,
Deputy Principal, Secondary

Skoolbag ...

Smartphone App for Parents and Students

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones.
It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc.

Early Start
WOW! Thank you to all the Prep students who have attended Early Start this week.
The Early Start program runs in the Primary Hall every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings before school from 8.30am until 9.00am.
The Prep Children are enjoying the motor program doing some number and letter learning through balancing, ball bouncing, jumping and following directions. Please remind your child to attend each morning before school.
You are welcome to pop in any time to see what is happening. Hope to see you in the near future. Please contact the school if you have any queries.
**YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

Year 12 student Bryana McNamara participated in the Ravenshoe Lions Club Youth of the Year Competition on Saturday, March 7.

After an afternoon interview with judges Jean Versace, Jenny Masson and Ian Geoghegan – representing Lions Youth of the Year sponsor National Australia Bank, Bryana and her family joined members of the Lions Club for dinner at the Ravenshoe Hotel for the public speaking aspect of the competition.

Bryana was given two impromptu questions to answer. Her aim was to speak for two minutes on each topic.

Members of the audience were ‘encouraged’ to try their hand at presenting impromptu speeches to prove how difficult it is to speak ‘off the cuff’.

Her dedication to, and love for, bovines, both dairy and beef was then proven by Bryana when she presented her five minute prepared speech.

Audience members were given an insight into the time and effort this committed young woman gives to not only regularly milking the school’s dairy herd, but preparing for and competing in annual cattle shows. Much of her school holiday time is given to the latter interest.

On behalf of the judges, Mr Geoghegan gave Bryana some helpful feedback to support her.