Dear Parents and Community Members,

Wow! We start June next week .......... Winter time!

Arrangements are under way for the Year 7 City Experience excursion to our nation’s capital, Canberra, and the trip to Isogo High School (Japan) by Year 11 and 12 students, is also being finalised.

We have a number of fund-raising events to support our students in many activities – all worthwhile learning experiences; our school P&C is a significant contributor to events that brighten the lives of our children.

A group of parents have combined with students to present the Deb Ball in the Town this Saturday night at 6:00pm – partnerships with parents and community make a positive difference!

Discos are held – teachers giving their time to provide enjoyable activities for students – BEACON Camps provide leadership opportunities for our Year 10 students and engage business leaders of our district.

Cattle camps on week-ends enhance the knowledge of our Agricultural students; inter-school sporting and chess activities provide further learning experiences.

Each week volunteers provide a Breakfast Club on our Primary and Secondary Campuses; School Chaplain Simone manages the Primary Breakfast Club and the Local Chaplaincy Committee looks after the Secondary Breakfast Club.

And....all the while, teachers are attending to everyday presentation of school curriculum, and during each week, school leaders and staff are involved in professional development activities which improve our teaching standards.

School is a busy place – the work done is rewarding when students commit to their study and their learning – is your child doing his or her best?

We discuss the importance of effort with students on a daily basis – ultimately – the efforts of all = school staff, parents, and students – will influence the range of options for the career and employment pathways for our students as they finish their formal schooling.

Thank you for your continuing support for Ravenshoe State School P-12 - you’ll meet our students in different situations – at football, working in shops, downtown, at tomorrow night’s Debutante Ball – so many decent young people who’ll be the responsible adults of the future.

Have a good week-end with your families.

Regards,

HENRY CONDON
Principal

NO Primary Breakfast Club – MONDAY, 1 JUNE

Coming Events

June 4
Chess Competition – Cairns

June 8
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

June 18
Year 3 Excursion - Tjapukai

June 26
Last Day of Term 2

July 13
First Day of Term 3

The second annual Ravenshoe Bush Poetry/Limerick competition is on again.

To be eligible to win cash prizes in various categories, humorous, creative, just follow these simple steps. The theme this year is VAGUELY VINTAGE.

Registrations are from 5 June to 17 July 2015 make sure you put your name and contact details on the back of your entry and the title of your entry on the front.

Overall winners will be announced at High Tea at the Festival Hall 3:00pm on Saturday 25 July. Please RSVP.

1. Register by email with your name, contact details to ravenshoechamber@hotmail.com
2. Register by entry form and leave in the box at Ravenshoe Post Office OR
3. Register by phone 0439 491 990 leave your name and number.
4. Get creative.

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Week 6
GO QUEENSLAND!!!! What a terrific game showing persistence and determination, traits that students also need when they are learning. Many students are showing these each day when completing tasks or when aiming to go to the next level in their reading.

Our library has been a buzz of activity with many students and families enjoying Book Fair this week. On Wednesday, the whole school enjoyed listening to Mr Condon read us a story to celebrate National Simultaneous Reading Day. Everyone is looking forward to the disco tonight and we hope to see many of our students and families enjoying this fundraising activity. The disco goes from 6.00 – 8.00 pm and the theme is bright colours.

Reminders
- Students need to be wearing full school uniform to school. This includes our black school shorts/skorts or track suit pants.
- Hats are a necessity at school, so are shoes and students need to keep their shoes on all day.
- Any monies coming to school, please place in an envelope with a note either for the office or classroom teacher.
- If parents/carers are taking their children early from school they must be signed out. This is part of our WPH&S requirements.
- Could all families please take the time to check their children’s hair as there is evidence of headlice in the school. If we all work together then we can reduce the number of incidences.

Kind Regards,
ANN-MAREE DUESBURY,
Acting Deputy Primary

From the Primary

SILLY STRINGS
KIDZERCISE
* Get fit  * Have fun
* Relax the body
* Calm the mind
Where: Primary Hall
When: First Lunch Monday and Tuesday

Dear Ravenshoe Community,

The Year 9 Art students have begun a unit on Mosaics and are looking for any community donations of tiles. If you have any old tiles cluttering up your shed the Art department would gratefully receive them. Please phone the Art Department on 4097533 for pick up if required.

Derek Wood
Acting HOD Junior Secondary

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

Junior Secondary Corner
Welcome again to the Junior Secondary Corner. This week I would like to report on the Cattle Leading Camp across the weekend. This year a weekend camp was run at the high school where students stayed for two days on its beautiful grounds. The camp was run by Mo and Charlene Pedersen with some expert help from Mara McNamara. Thanks to the time that these people gave up over the Saturday and Sunday, we had both junior and senior Secondary students able to practice their skills across the weekend. I’m a relative newcomer to this dedicated practice but I was incredibly impressed by the level of care and attention that our students took to learn about the cattle. I was amazed at the way the seniors mentored the juniors. I was left with the lasting image of everyone looking after each other. This truly must be a unique Ravenshoe phenomenon because I haven’t seen it anywhere else.

My favorite part of the weekend was where the students had to stand up, place and talk about the qualities of various cattle they had previously not seen. All of our students did well in public speaking and judging. One of the reasons that our students do so well in competitions is that Ravenshoe State School P-12 is the only school on the Tablelands that offers both a Cert 2 and an OP in Agriculture.

In my short time here in town, I’ve really grown to appreciate the community and especially the kids. I want to also say a special thank you to the students for including my 8 year old daughter in the proceedings. She couldn’t stop talking about you guys.

Mo, Charlene and Mara – thank you for helping our great kids become even greater.

Join me next time on the adventure when I look at some of the steps to practically implement some of this research about teenage brains. Sorry not to cover it this week, but I had this awesome event to tell you about.

DENISE WOOD
Acting HOD Junior Secondary

P&C Meeting
Tuesday, June 9
5.30 pm - Primary Library
The fifth annual Ravenshoe Scarecrow competition is on again. To be eligible to win cash prizes in various categories, humorous, best business/school, creative, best live scarecrow, just follow these simple steps.

Registrations close 4 July 2015
1. Register by email with your name, contact details to ...
   ravenshoechamber@hotmail.com or
2. Register by entry form and leave in the box at Ravenshoe Post Office or
3. Register by phone 0439 491 990 leave your name and number.
4. We will get back to you with a number to be displayed on your scarecrow.
5. Make your scarecrow and display with number. The theme this year is VAGUELY VINTAGE.
6. Judging will be on Saturday 25 July by independent judges.
7. Presentation will be at the Festival Hall on Saturday 25 July 3:00pm followed by High Tea. RSVP as per 1-3 above.

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**Early Start**

Early Start is progressing well with many of our Prep students coming along each morning. We have been practising many skills like balancing, ball catching and hopping. For the last few weeks of the term we have concentrated on learning to write our first and last names correctly, learning our sight words and other fine motor skills to assist our beginning reading activities.

The Early Start program runs in the Primary Hall every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings before school from 8.30am until 9.00am.

Please remind your child to attend each morning as soon as they arrive at 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.

**Date Claimers** - Early Start for Term 3 will be targeting ALL Year 1 students. Look out for more information coming soon.

A group of six senior boys went to Cairns on Tuesday to compete in the FNQ School Futsal Titles. The boys played five 20 minute games at the Redlynch Indoor Sports Stadium.

They enjoyed the experience of high-level competition and were happy to win one of their matches. The boys said they were keen to play more Futsal in the future.

**SILLY STRINGS Breakfast Club**

Primary Campus
Monday to Wednesday
8.15 - 8.40 am

**NOTICE REMINDER**

Parents … please remind your students that school grounds are out of bounds outside of school hours.

**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. Parents can check Skoolbag at any time to see the latest updates and information. It is a FREE application.

Simply search for Ravenshoe State School in the App Store (iTunes or Google Play) on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

**Healthy kids eat healthy!**

It is expected that all Primary students have a sandwich or main meal, a piece of fruit, some snacks and a water bottle in their lunchbox each day.

Please support your child’s learning by giving him/her a healthy and sustainable lunch.