Hello All,

I would like to offer an open invitation for anyone who has questions or concerns about the school to make an appointment to come and talk with me. If I don't know about concerns and/or issues, I can't investigate or deal with them for you. I want to hear about anything that is worrying you. I have offices at both the secondary and the primary campuses, and I spend part of each day at each campus. I don't mind at which office appointments are held, whichever is more convenient for you. Sometimes my diary for the day is very full with pre-booked meetings – that being the case, if a parent rang needing to talk with me, I have asked office staff to leave me a message and I pledge that I will get back to the concerned person that day. I am in the habit of making follow-up calls during the evening if my calendar has prevented this from occurring during the school day.

This week I was concerned to hear of comments on social media regarding the school’s lack of organisation around an immunisation clinic that was held at the secondary campus recently. Just to clarify, these clinics are not under the jurisdiction of the school. They are organised and run by Qld Health – the school merely assists by passing on permission forms, which we do not read, and by providing a venue for the clinic to occur. Qld Health staff are responsible for the well-being of students during these clinics and, as with the ‘school’ dental vans, they communicate directly with parents should there be an issue with any of their patients. The school office is not involved in these messages.

If you, too, have jam-packed days, as I know most of us do in these modern times where we all tend to be time poor, and you find difficulty making the time to give me a call to discuss something that is worrying you or that you would simply like to know more about, you are also welcome to contact me by email principal@ravenshoss.eq.edu.au

The P&C executive and I have held recent discussions about the need for better communication channels between home and school and we are truly dedicated to improving these. Some of the initiatives in the pipeline are the setting up of email distribution lists for all classes so teachers can easily keep parents better informed of curriculum plans, upcoming assessments, excursions and events. We also have appointed a staff member to update the website each week and to setting up our use of the Q-Schools app which will allow anyone who subscribes to get access to our newsletters and to receive instant messages about important events at the school. Watch this space for more information on these new services as they come on line in the coming term.

I look forward to talking with you soon,

Andrea Manley
Principal

Ravenshoe State School P-12 acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Jirrbal tribe, of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.
Message from the Secondary Deputy Principal

Term 2 will be a 10 week term and there are many events scheduled across the school; Parent-Teacher interviews, our annual ANZAC Day Ceremony, the District Cross Country, NAPLAN, Peninsula Trials, Senior Careers Expo, Interschool Chess and the whole school Athletics Carnival. We look forward to further working with the students and their families to deliver quality educational and extra-curricular learning opportunities in Term 2 of this year.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN Tests will be hosted at the secondary campus from Tuesday May 10 until Thursday May 12. The 3, 5, 7 and 9 tests are an integral part of the Government’s literacy and numeracy initiatives which provide schools with valuable information about students’ capabilities in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. Students are well-prepared by their classroom teachers to sit for these tests and are familiar with the test format and test demands. Students at the secondary campus will have a scheduled test timetable for the 3 days which will be shared with parents/carers. The tests will be held in regular classrooms and facilitated by classroom teachers. The tests themselves are not lengthy, and parents/carers can be assured that, despite any media hype around NAPLAN, the event is stress-free and worthwhile. The school really values the information the tests provide about student ability, and we use this information to better cater for our students' learning needs. Please ensure your children are present for the NAPLAN Tests.

Weekly Attendance and Uniform Data - Week 7

Attendance and uniform data from Week 7 shows an improvement in attendance for last week with Year 8A students presenting each day in full uniform. Great to see that the junior school met the 90% attendance target for Week 7. We look forward to seeing other year levels meeting this schoolwide target in Term 2 and beyond on a weekly basis. Uniform remains an issue, however, and we continue to encourage students and parents/carers to see the value of a uniform in showcasing the school and the community.

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Regards,
Jessie Cairns
Deputy Principal
Term 1 Week 8

A huge thank you to Simone our school chaplain and her merry band of helpers with Breakfast Club this term. Breakfast Club is now finished for this term, so please check that your children are having breakfast next week before leaving home. We will continue Breakfast Club next term and if you have any donations they would be greatly appreciated.

Many students have been completing assessment tasks and completing units of work. Next week Interim Report Cards will be sent home with students. These are to inform parents about how their child is progressing in most areas of schooling. Uniform and attendance data is also recorded. Lately I’ve noticed a few students not wearing shoes to school or they have taken their shoes off before entering school grounds. Shoes are part of our school uniform, and allow students to participate safely in play and activities.

As holidays are nearing, could I ask parents/carers to check your child’s school supplies to see if any items need replenishing eg. pencils, erasers, glue, exercise books, etc. It may also be an ideal time to check on the school hat which children seem to mysteriously lose during the term.

Next Wednesday is our first fund raising activity by our Student Council – Crazzzzy Hair Day. Students are to come to school with their hair already done in a crazy style, sprayed if allowed, wear a wig or whatever style you like. A gold coin donation is expected and this money is part of the Student Council fund raising efforts for the year. All monies raised are always spent on identified needs in the school.

Reminders:

- Keep your contact details up to date – change of phone numbers, addresses etc. Please return the forms that were sent home in regards to this.
- A hat and shoes are part of our full school uniform.
- No sporting equipment to be brought to school.
- Contact the office if your child is absent.
- Tuckshop every Thursday and Friday
- School grounds are out of bounds outside of school hours.

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Ann-Marie Duesbury

Deputy Principal – Primary Campus
READERS ARE LEADERS

By Stacey Shorey

Are you one of the many people who read only when you’re forced to read? The unfortunate truth is that you are not only missing out but also severely limiting yourself to what you are capable of achieving. Reading has the obvious fundamental benefits of knowledge improvement, mental stimulation and vocabulary enhancement, but did you know that it also broadens your imagination? Your creativity will expand to great heights if you read as little as one chapter per day. By making sure reading is an integral part in your life, it is guaranteeing a much higher performance in all aspects of your life, benefiting you not only in school, but also your future. Who says reading has to be a tedious chore? Grab a buddy and visit your local town or school library and you will be sure to find a book that interests you. Whether you are engrossed in science, aliens or fairy tales, you will find yourself lost in a deep, intellectual trance, and the next time your teacher asks you to read in front of the class, you will be able to do so with your new found knowledge and confidence.

Why is it important to have a study area?

By Kenneth Edwards

Having an organised study area is recommended for the younger students. By having an area where they can study the work they learned in school is important. This helps them to gain better results and will give them a chance to improve their school learning. Check out the ‘Style at Home’ website for more details on how to become organised for your study space at home.


Ravenshoe Primary Health Centre

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday mornings
8.30 – 12.30

Afternoons by appointment

Services Available:

Doctor Visits on Mondays and Thursdays - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY –

From March we will be trialling a ‘Script Only’ Doctor’s clinic on Thursday, every 4 weeks from March 3rd. This is to allow us to book in several extra clients but these appointments will be for SCRIPTS ONLY. For further information, please discuss with clinic sister.

Immunisation clinics every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30-3pm and every 2nd Thursday morning from 11-12.30am – appointment needed

Pathology Collection is every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 8.30 - 12.00am, Urgent pathology by arrangements with the Clinic Sister

Mobile Women’s Health Service by appointment. Nurse visits approximately every 10 weeks.

Midwives Clinic every 2nd Wednesday by appointments through Maternity at Atherton Hospital

Contact Information:

Phone: 0740976223

Fax: 0740977095
The **Primary Student Council** are holding their first fundraiser for 2016 on **Wednesday, 23 March 2016 (Week 9).**

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

No hairspray is to be brought to school on the day. Make sure you create your masterpiece before you leave home!
Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at [school name]? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

- For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers. If you have any trouble, contact [insert local MIS administrator contact details].
Secondary Awesome Winners

Safe
Brett Kelly Year 12

Respectful
Holly Griffiths Year 9

Learner
Jed Baker Year 7

Super Awesome
Senior—Kyanu Hands Year 12
Junior—Matthew Sigmund Year 9

Primary Awesome Winners

Safe
Hayley Beckham
Respectful
Luke Newman
Learner
Evie Carroll

Total Awesome Tallies:
Secondary: 1152
Archer: 580
Cedar: 572

Primary: 575
Archer: 282
Cedar: 293

Next week:

Show school pride
• Be a good ambassador for the school wherever you are
• Wear correct uniform
• Look after yourself and be proud of who you are