FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Hello All,
Term 4 already – unbelievable! It seems like I just arrived in Ravenshoe and here we are planning end of year events and looking towards 2017.
I have had an amazing year as Principal of Ravenshoe SS P-12. For sure it has not been without its challenges, but, nonetheless, I can say without reservation it has been one of the most rewarding years of my career. I am really looking forward to the years to come.
One of the things that makes working at Ravenshoe SS so enjoyable is the emphasis that is placed on relationships. There is absolutely no doubt in the minds of the staff that without positive relationships between themselves, the students and their parents, progress towards the highest possible learning outcomes is not maximised.
Over the next few weeks, we will be turning our thoughts towards the composition and staffing of classes for 2017. I fully recognise that students and their families, particularly for primary-aged students, often have strongly held beliefs about which teachers they would prefer. Placement of students in classes is not an easy task as many factors need to be considered including timetables, available teachers, numbers of students in the group, needs of the individual student and needs of other students in the group.
Given that there is not room for free choice, I invite parents to contact me if they would like to discuss with me a teacher preference for their student/s in 2017. I use this information to guide decision making about class makeups, giving priority to ensuring a match between special learning needs of the student and the skills and style of the teacher. Sometimes there is only one choice of teacher for a class, but if there is more than one option we obviously want to make the best choice that we can. Information from you can help in this process.
If you would like to share information with me about what type of class and/or teacher you think would best match your student’s particular learning needs, please don’t hesitate to call me on 40975333 or email me amanij@eq.edu.au
I can make no promises that I will be able to meet everyone’s requests, but I am certainly willing to listen to them and take them into account as class lists are being developed.
See you all at Torimba tomorrow,
Until next time,

Andrea Manley
Principal
Welcome back to school for the final Term of 2016. For some, this will be a shorter Term, but for others, there is still much to do! This Term we will continue with our Year 6 Transition Program and will farewell our Year 12 students as they graduate from school to embark on the next phase of their lives. It is this time of year also that we also schedule our Years 8, 9 and 11 Leadership camps and elect our new School Captains for 2017. We also look very much forward to sharing the successes of our students across the curriculum, in sporting and community endeavours and in leadership roles when we host the annual Presentation Evening on Wednesday 9 November.

Torimba

The school will have a float this weekend for the Torimba Parade. The overall theme of the Festival is Rio so we encourage students to dress in bright clothes and come along to represent the school and share in the fun spirit of the day.

Immunisation Clinic

The final Immunisation Clinic for 2016 is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 10 October at the secondary campus. Further details will be communicated to parents/carers and students when the school has been contacted by Queensland Health to confirm arrangements.

Student Free Day

Please be aware that Monday 17 October is a Student Free Day so there will be no supervised activities at school on that day.

Senior Finishing Dates

Year 12 students finish school on Friday 18 November.

Years 11 and 10 students finish school on Friday 25 November.

### Attendance and Uniform Data - Week 9 Term 3

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Please be aware that students wishing to attend Year level Leadership camps must have met the 90% attendance target and have fewer than 3 office referrals in order to attend. In addition, those Year 11 students who wish to nominate for 2017 Captain roles need to have met not only attendance and behaviour expectations but need also exhibit uniform compliance in order to attend.

Regards,

Jessie Cairns

Secondary Deputy Principal
PRIMARY CORNER

Welcome back to week 1 of term four from the Primary School. We had a great last day of term four. On that Friday we celebrated a very important day with all of our students which is Naidoc day. NAIDOC of course stands for the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee. It is a significant event in the Australian calendar, and an especially important one for many Indigenous communities around the country. It was a most remarkable day where we as a whole school celebrated our culture and heritage, commemorated our history, unified our communities and shared with the rest of the nation. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make this day a success.

Activities to do with your child on a regular basis
Here are some simple yet effective activities you can do with your child to help them apply the literacy skills they learn at school:
Read some of the same books as your child and talk about characters, storylines and themes.
When assembling a newly purchased item, ask your child to assist with the reading of the instructions and interpreting diagrams.
Read the newspaper with your child each morning — choose an article to discuss and ask questions such as ‘what is the report telling you?’ and ‘what does this word mean?’
Use language that encourages thinking and reflection such as ‘do you agree with what was written in that newspaper article or story?’ — have your child locate sources within the story or text to support their point of view.
Talk about movies you have seen — discuss why a filmmaker may have created a movie in a certain way, the purpose of the film, the intended audience and what points of view or values are conveyed. Talk about language choices and why characters are represented in certain ways.

Below you will see our attendance data from Week 9 of term 3. Is your child attending school every day? What can we do to support you so that your child doesn’t miss out on essential learning time? Encourage your children to attend school on time, every day!

Weekly Attendance Data Week 9 Term 3

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Remember too, that only broad brimmed hats sold at the office are to be worn in the playground. There are no caps worn at the primary school.

Spend some time with your kids and let them know how great you think they are.

Regards

WOODDE

Deputy Principal (Acting)
Under 8's Day

Theme - Fairies and Farmers
Ravenshoe Primary School Campus
Friday 14th October  9.30 -1.00pm
All welcome
Police Dog Display 12noon

Face Painting  Emergency Vehicles  Music and Dance
Obstacle Course  Arts and Crafts  Painting  Water Play
and so much more
James' Coffee Van
Parental supervision essential for non-school children

Toy Catalogue Reminder

Toy catalogues were recently sent home to most Primary School families. Please return all orders with cheque or money order by Friday 14th October, so we can send them off to be processed. Thank you to all who are participating. Orders can also be placed on line or by telephone directly to the company if you prefer.
IMMUNISATION CLINIC
AT THE SECONDARY CAMPUS
WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER
YEAR 7 & 8 IMMUNISATIONS FROM 10:00AM – 11:15AM

Well Women's Clinics
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast
Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause,
Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services
are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.
Ravenshoe-Mamu Medical Centre Tues 25th October
Ph: 4097 6502
Mount Garnet Primary Health Centre Wed 26th Oct
Ph: 4097 4800
Ravenshoe-Community Health Thurs 27th October
Ph: 4097 6223
All prospective families of children turning 5 by the end of June, 2017 are invited to come and explore Ravenshoe State School Prep facilities on

**Friday 28 October 2016, 11.45am - 1.15 pm**

Meet staff, explore the classroom and engage in a variety of activities to assist your child’s transition to school.

**Parent Information Afternoon for 2017**

If you are considering Ravenshoe State School for your child’s Prep Education, please come along to our Parent Information afternoon to be held in the Prep classroom on

**Wednesday 02 November 2016, 5.30pm - 6.15pm**

In an informal presentation, our staff will provide information relating to all aspects of school life. Parent questions are most welcome. Prep Staff, Deputy Principal and Principal will be in attendance.
SIGN-ON & TRY CLUB NIGHT

MALANDA SWIMMING CLUB

All welcome!
Malanda Swimming Club invites swimmers of all levels to join us at Club Night this Friday 7th October 5:45pm for our Club Sign-On and Come-and-try Night!

Bring your friends! Swimmers of all levels aged 4yrs and over are welcome to join in the fun and make a splash. Malanda Swimming Club runs Club Nights every 3 weeks where swimmers race each other, have fun and enjoy a meal together afterwards at the pool.

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 5:45PM

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND - NON-CLUB MEMBERS INVITED TO JOIN IN & TRY!

$2 GATE ENTRY OR $5 PER FAMILY DINNER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER SWIMMING

For more information email swimmalanda@gmail.com

malanda.swimming.org.au