FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I have noticed over the past couple of days that some of our students, especially the older ones, have been letting their standards slide. This is not okay!

Regardless of the grade level they are in, regardless of their age, regardless of how many days or years of school they may have left, until their very last officially designated school day the pupils of our school are still enrolled students and must behave as such.

Please remind your children that it does not matter that there are only a few weeks of school left, there has been no relaxation of the school rules. All aspects of the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students must be followed at this time of the year as much as any other. In particular I would ask that you remind them:

- Under no circumstances are students permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours without the express permission of their parents and the school administration. This also applies to students with their own cars.
- ALL timetabled lessons must be attended. Some students seem to be of the opinion that they can skip classes where they have completed assessment tasks. This is not the case – students must attend all their classes up to the very last day of school.
- Uniforms are to be worn every day.
- All assigned school work is to be completed – students cannot pick and choose which tasks they will work on.

Obviously our universal expectations that all students behave as SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS still apply. I would also remind everyone that the consequences for non-compliance with the rules also still apply. It would be sad indeed if their behaviour choices over the next few weeks meant that any of our students were suspended from school, making them potentially ineligible for participation in school activities such as graduation ceremonies, end of year rewards and other celebrations.

Please speak with your students tonight about following the rules on every school day.

Thank you for supporting us in making Ravenshoe State School P-12 a quality education establishment where rules are respected and students, staff and other members of the community are respectful.

Until next time,

Andrea Manley
Principal

28th October, 2016
Week 4, Term 4, No.33

Coming Events
2 Nov – Prep Parent Information Afternoon
(5:30pm – 6:15pm)
7 Nov – P&C Meeting
5:30pm
9 Nov – Presentation Night

Breakfast Club
Primary
Every Monday – Wednesday 8:10am
– 8:40am
Secondary
Every Tuesday - Thursday

Invitation
All parents/caregivers are invited to attend Parade at both Primary and Secondary School Campuses.
Primary
Prep – Yr. 3/4 9.00am -9.30am Fri
Yr. 4 – 6 12.45pm – 1.15pm Fri
Junior Secondary
10.20am – 10.50am Mon
Senior Secondary
10.50am – 11.25am

TUCKSHOP
PRIMARY
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
SECONDARY
TUESDAY WEDNESDAY
AND THURSDAY
BOTH BREAKS

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

In only 3 short weeks, we will farewell the Year 12 students of 2016, and a week later, Year 10 and 11 students will start their summer holiday before returning in 2017 to either embark upon or continue with the senior phase of education. In this short timeframe, these students still have much assessment to complete and preparations to make for leaving school or transitioning into the next year level, so please encourage and support their continued efforts to attend and engage at school.

Subject Selections 2017
The subject selection processes have been conducted for Year 10 students moving into Year 11 in 2017 as well as for the Year 8 and 9 students moving into Years 9 and 10 respectively next year. Some students in Year 10, however, have still not had a Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan meeting with the school to discuss their future pathways and select relevant subjects to achieve their goals. Parents are encouraged to make a meeting with Ms Cairns or Mr Mitchell to complete this SET Plan and subject selection as soon as possible. Similarly, some students in Years 8 and 9 have not yet returned their subject selections for electives in 2017. Because some subjects are very popular, it is in their interests to hand these forms to the office sooner rather than later or they are likely to get their second preferences rather than their first in some cases.

Year 8 Camp
This week, some of the Year 8 students went to Mungalli Creek for a Year 8 Leadership Camp. Accompanied by Ms Trovalusci and Mr Purton, the students the year 8 students embraced the opportunity to focus on leadership and teambuilding skills while enjoying supervised activities such as abseiling, land sliding, an obstacle course and orienteering. Many thanks to Ms Trovalusci who planned this experience for the Year 8 students.

Year 9 Camp
The Year 9 cohort will venture to Holloway’s Beach Environmental Education Centre in late November for their Leadership Camp which will involve team- building and leadership activities, including abseiling and high ropes. It is important to note that students who have not met the 90% attendance target by the time of the camp, or students who have had 3 office referrals for behaviour, will be unable to attend this event, so support your child in meeting attendance targets and behavioural expectations so they can enjoy the privilege of this experience.

Year 11 Leadership Camp
Those Year 11 students who wish to nominate for School Captain or Sports Captain roles in 2017 will attend the upcoming Year 11 Leadership Camp in Week 8 before returning to school to “sell” themselves to the student body in the election to be held on Parade on Thursday 24 November. The names of the 2017 School Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Captains will be announced and published at the end of Week 8. Good luck to all students who have nominated for these positions!

Reports
Student Semester 2 Reports will be issued for Years 7-11 students at the end of Term 4. Year 12 students will receive an Exit Statement in place of a Report Card.

Attendance and Uniform Data

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Some pleasing data around uniform compliance in Week 3 of this Term.

Regards,
Jessie Cairns

Secondary Deputy Principal
No more Disco!

Unfortunately, the Halloween disco, due to be held this Friday night, has been cancelled due to a lack of interest from students.

Torimba woodwork competition winner!

Congratulations to Ardyn O’Sullivan – Keogh for winning the school exhibit in this year’s Torimba for making a successful deckchair.

FIVE TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR STUDY

1. Follow a regular sleeping pattern. It is important to get the recommended hours of sleep, which is eight to ten hours per night for teenagers, while you are studying.

2. Eating healthy. A healthy diet and eating pattern is known to support your studies as it helps you to concentrate better.

3. Exercise before you study. Exercising is known to boost your mental wellbeing, as well as ensure you perform better in your studies, and remain calm while during exams.

4. Don’t cram your study the night before. Cramming your studies commits you to short-term memory concepts that are intended for the long term.

5. Follow a regular study plan. Take at least one five minute break for an hour of study, as this will help to recollect all the information you have just gone over.
Welcome back to week 4 of term four from the Primary School. Our new Prep playground finally came to fruition this week and everyone had fun including Positive Possum. This playground has been a fantastic initiative of the P and C and the school.

**Weekly Attendance Data Week 3 Term 4**

Come on everyone, let’s keep working on our attendance for the rest of the year. Your student’s learning is our business and we can’t do that without them here. Congratulations to Ms Mackay and her class for the highest rate of attendance in this week.

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**Importance of Sleep for Kids**

I have become aware that some of our students are suffering from a lack of sleep at home due to irregular patterns and habits of bedtime.

Your body and your brain need sleep. Though no one is exactly sure what work the brain does when you’re sleeping, some scientists think that the brain sorts through and stores information, replaces chemicals, and solves problems while you snooze.

Most kids between 5 and 12 get about 9.5 hours a night, but experts agree that most need 10 or 11 hours each night. Sleep is an individual thing and some kids need more than others.

When your body doesn’t have enough hours to rest, you may feel tired or cranky, or you may be unable to think clearly. You might have a hard time following directions, or you might have an argument with a friend over something really stupid. A school assignment that’s normally easy may feel impossible, or you may feel clumsy playing your favorite sport or instrument.

One more reason to get enough sleep: If you don’t, you may not grow as well. That’s right, researchers believe too little sleep can affect growth and your immune system — which keeps you from getting sick.

Please ensure that your child is obtaining regular sleep at home so as to give them the best possibility of learning when at school.

*Regards*

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Deputy Principal (Acting)
SWPBL News

Junior Secondary Awesome Winners

Safe
Kage Ludlow Year 7
Respectful
Saraiah Walker Year 7
Learner
Morgan McDermid Year 7
Gold Awesome
Darcy Kemp Year 8
Super Awesome
Shaznay Lewis Year 7

Senior Secondary Awesome Winners

Safe
Caitlyn Henry Year 11
Respectful
Taleiha Harbison Year 11
Learner
Jordan McIntosh Year 10

Total Awesome Tallies:
Secondary: 4702
Archer: 2246
Cedar: 2456
Primary: 5799
Archer: 3016
Cedar: 2783

Next Week:
We are Celebrating Awesome Others Week
• Be respectful and show others courtesy and respect