Dear Parents and Community Members,

The final few days of the TORIMBA Festival…………beautiful sunshine and a friendly atmosphere amongst all participants and on-lookers.

Our students enjoyed success with the Ravenshoe State School P-12 “float”, in the Festival of the Forest Competition (Rachquel Clark – Grand Champion), our Senior girls having much fun in the Queen quest – we wish them well at the TORIMBA Ball this Saturday.

I must acknowledge the work of our teachers and support staff in many of these endeavours; meanwhile, back at school, our teachers give up their lunch hours and sometimes week-ends, to provide additional support to our Senior students in particular.

As I will be on leave in 2016, I am spending some time reflecting on my 8+ years as Principal of Ravenshoe State School P-12. The new Principal will be arriving at a school with many challenges, but challenges that are worth meeting – I am forever grateful for the privilege of working with so many dedicated staff, such a diverse community, and for getting to know, and to enjoy the character of so many of those children who attend our school. Maybe I’ll write a book…………

Attendance at school is an important part in determining the future lifestyles of your children – to be a good, happy citizen is a goal worth working for.

Have a fun time with your families this week-end.

Regards,

HENRY CONDON
Principal

16 October, 2015
Week 2, Term 4, No.31

Coming Events

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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

P&C Meeting

Tuesday, November 10
5.30 pm - Primary Library

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.
From the Primary

Week 2
CONGRATULATIONS to all who marched and helped with the Torima Festival entry. We received 1st place in the ‘Other’ Category for the procession. We are proudly displaying our ribbon in the office area at the Primary Campus.

At Parade on Monday the AusKick representative spoke to the students. This program begins on Thursday after school on the Primary oval. If you would like your child to join and need an enrolment form please contact the office. The afternoon program will be running for 7 weeks.

Our Prep to Year 3 princesses and pirates enjoyed a fantastic morning at St Teresa’s celebrating Under 8’s Day. There were many activities including face painting, story time and so much more. A huge thank you to the organisers of this event.

Reminders
• Hats to be at school each day.
• No sports equipment to come to school eg. Balls, bats
• No toys at school unless for Show and Tell.
• Please notify the office if there are any changes to how your child is travelling home – different bus or pick up or walk home arrangement.
• All students must be signed out of the office by parent/carer if leaving school early.
• Ensure medical/contact details are up to date – ring office.
• MONDAY 19 October – Student Free Day
Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

ANN-MAREE DUESBURY,
Deputy Principal – Primary

Junior Secondary Corner

Welcome again to the Junior Secondary Corner. This week I would like to discuss the ancient tale of how 25 trainee warriors from the highest town in QLD travelled to Canberra for Year 7 camp. They were accompanied by their three brave masters that being Mrs Jensen, Ms Newman and WOODDE.

Everyone was tired on the first day. By the time they made it down to Canberra, dinner did not occur until after 9.00 pm and this is after they left Ravenshoe at 8.30 am.

Over the next couple of days they battled public transport and went to the Australian War Memorial, took a cruise on Lake Burley Griffin, smelt the flowers at Floriade, defied gravity at Questacon, learnt to draw at the National Portrait Gallery, visited New Parliament House, became legends at the Australian Institute of Sport, wrestled tigers at the National Zoo and discovered how to make money at the Royal Australian Mint.

Now here is a fact for you. The guide at Parliament House said that our students were the best that she had accompanied all year. Translated, this means that Ravenshoe kids are the best in Australia. Well we already knew that!

It was very noticeable when we were at Parliament House and meeting with our Federal Member, the Honourable Bob Katter, how respectful our students were compared to some very unruly schools. Our students benefited immensely from this trip. They learnt the values of working together, how laws are passed, the brilliance of scientific minds that keep our world turning and the ultimate sacrifice that our defence force personnel have made in order to ensure that this great country of ours remains intact.

Well done Ravenshoe students. Have a fantastic term.

Regards,

WOODDE
HOD Junior Secondary

Book Review
by Sora Corassanzian

Grandad’s Gifts is about a boy called Shane who has a mystery cupboard in his room. Shane and his parents have recently moved into his grandparents’ house which is in the bush. After he finds a key to the cupboard, he opens it and finds a dead fox.

This book is an adventurous story that tells us how Shane makes the fox become alive again. The book takes us through all of the steps that Shane must take in secrecy as Shane does not tell his parents about his efforts. I liked the book because of the mysteries involved and how Shane made the fox come alive again. The pictures in the book are full of detail and this also helps to understand the story.

I would recommend this book for students in Year 4. I would also recommend this book for parents to read to younger children. All together I think that Grandad’s Gifts is a wonderful book about
helping others. Out of ten I would rate it nine and this is because the story was based around a fox, and I like animals.

**NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school in Term 4!**

Where: Ravenshoe SS Oval  
When: First session Thursday, 22 Oct  
Time: 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm  
Length of program: 7 weeks  
Cost: $70.00

When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own football, backpack with a hat, pump plus heaps more!  
Sign up online at... [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) or call Shay Warburton on 40 42 3000.

**Year 8 Kitchen Garden**

Throughout the year students have been undertaking a course where they have planted, cared for and produced a range of fruit and vegetables.  
The latest in their line of production has been to turn the oranges and lemons from the orchard into marmalade, which they were very pleased to test and consume. The overall comment being that it was fantastic.

**What a Difference a Day Makes**

- Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 2 weeks  
- Missing One Day a Week for a Year = 8 weeks  
- Missing One Day a Week for 10 Years = 400 days = 2 years of school!!

Your child needs to attend school every day to ensure they have every chance of being successful in their learning.

**From the Secondary Deputy …**

2016 planning is well under way. After our recent SET plan meetings and our Senior Subject Selection Evenings in Term 3 our Year 9 and 10 students were asked to complete 2016 Subject Selections.  
These preferences are being collated and the information is being used to construct subject lines within the campus timetable to accommodate the majority of preferences.  
Parents and students will receive notification this term regarding confirmation of student’s subject selection for 2016. Students will be notified to reselect subjects if a course is unable to be offered in 2016.  
Year 12 will not receive any reports prepared by Ravenshoe SS P – 12. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) are responsible for issuing the Year 12 results and these can be accessed online through the students’ learning accounts.  
Final day for Year 12 students is Friday 20 November; Year 10 and 11 students’ final school day is Friday 27 November.

All students are required to be at school until the last day of term.

**MATT DRAPER**  
A/Secondary Deputy