Dear Parents and Community Members,

We have enjoyed some beautiful weather and will continue to do so – but remember – it is almost the stormy season! Certainly the mango season!

Prep to Year 09 – 30 days of school remaining in the school year.
Years 10-11 – 20 days remaining.
Year 12 – 15 days remaining. …………me too!

Please support your children in ensuring that they take advantage of the privilege of a formal school education by sending them to school each school day.

Yes – we do have students who do the wrong thing – we do our best to help them use a mistake as a learning opportunity.

Fortunately, and this is what I believe makes us a good school, we have so many decent students at our school – and I am meeting with the best of them at this moment – Year 12 Seniors – take a bow!

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY – Do you thank our teachers enough?

Regards,

HENRY CONDON
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.

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**Coming Events**

- November 03
  - Year 8 Immunisation
- November 03
  - Melbourne Cup
- November 05
  - Prep Open Day – 11:45am to 1:15pm
- November 10
  - Prep 2016 Info Session – 5.30pm to 6.00pm
- November 11
  - Presentation Night
- November 20
  - Last day for Year 12
- November 27
  - Last day for Year 10/11
- December 07
  - Year 6 Transition Day 2
- December 11
  - LAST DAY OF TERM

**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

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**P&C Meeting**

Tuesday, November 10
5.30 pm - Primary Library
From the Primary

Week 4
THANK YOU to all our wonderful and dedicated teachers and teacher aides who work so hard to ensure the best learning opportunities for our students. Today we celebrated World Teachers’ Day. Teaching is not an easy profession and not only about academic learning. It is a multi-faceted career with many challenges.

More and more students are visiting my office to share with me their great improvements, terrific work ethics and wonderful bookwork. This is so rewarding not only for me, but also for the students. Fortunately I am seeing more positive than negative visits. Unfortunately I have had to speak to some students this week about respect and in particular about the inappropirate use of language i.e. swearing at teachers and other students. This is unacceptable behaviour and does not demonstrate being a safe respectful learner.

Soccer appears to be the favourite sport this term on our oval during playtime. With so many students wanting to play, it has been necessary to split our oval into 3 sections. Years 1 and 2 have their own area, Years 3 and 4 have the middle section of the oval and Years 5 and 6 have the far end of the oval. This arrangement allows students to play with their own age groups. It is great to see that more and more students are also remembering their hats. As the weather gets hotter and drier please discuss with your children the importance of hats on our heads, shoes on our feet and the need for water bottles to keep hydrated.

Next Friday 06 November is our final event for our Student Council – a wild and whacky family disco. Our Student Council has been very active and encouraging this making terrific contributions to the community and our school. Please support their final event for 2015 by attending the disco and having a fantastic time with your family and others.

I had the pleasure of talking to our future Primary Campus Leaders on Monday – the Year 5 students in regards to Leadership positions for 2016. I have encouraged all students to nominate if they wish. Information sheets will be sent home with students. The plan is for students to prepare and present speeches on parade in Week 9, with voting taking place on that same day. We will be selecting 2 School Captains, 2 Vice Captains and 2 Sports Captains for each house.

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.

Kind Regards,
ANN-MAREE DUESBURY,
Deputy Principal – Primary

Year 7 Kitchen to Garden
Year 7 Kitchen to Garden class has re-established the Greenhouse at the high school and would love any donations of plants, seeds, cuttings etc of any type of plant like flowers, fruit trees and vegetables please. They are very keen gardeners and are loving their gardening this term.
Thank you

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school in Term 4!
Where: Ravenshoe SS Oval
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 or call Shay Warburton on 40 42 3000.

SCARECROWS ARE COMING

You may remember that the Ravenshoe Chamber of Commerce 5th annual scarecrow competition was scheduled to be held in July this year. This was postponed as a mark of respect after the café fire explosion. Now it’s time to think about Scarecrows again. The theme has changed to CHRISTMAS. Various categories include humorous, best business/school, creative, best front yard and best living scarecrow. Get your creative juices flowing and start thinking about your Christmas Scarecrow. Judging will be announced at Santafest held on 12 December 2015.

You can enter your scarecrow by email at … ravenshoechammer@hotmail.com by phone: 0439 491 990 or leave your entry in the box at the Ravenshoe Post Office. We need your name, contact details and the location of your scarecrow, then we will contact you with a number to display on your scarecrow. It’s that simple and there are cash prizes to be won.

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Book Review
by Sora Corassanzian

The Afghanistan Pup by Mark Wilson is about an orphaned Labrador pup that is rescued by a little girl called Kinah in a town of Afghanistan located at Tarin Kowt.

This book starts with the puppy wandering through the streets where it collapses from hunger and thirst. This is where the story begins and where a very kind girl called Kinah picks it up from the ground and takes it home. From here, she nurses it back to health.

The story continues through several more adventures including Kinah’s school being blown up and the puppy being rescued by the soldier. Every time that the puppy gets into trouble, there are kind people that look after it and fix its wounds.

The story does have a great ending but you are going to have to read the book to find out what happens.

This book was a great book about helping others.

Altogether I think that the Afghanistan Pup is a book for all ages. Out of 10 I would rate it 9 and my standard is very high.

I would like to read another one of Mark Wilson’s books in the future.

NOTICE REMINDER

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