FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

On Wednesday evening, it was my great pleasure to attend the Ravenshoe SS P-12 annual BEACON Business Launch. The event was hosted by Year 10 students and their Year Level Coordinator and BEACON Leader, Mr Phil Perham. Local business people, community members and dignitaries, including the Honourable Member for Kennedy, Mr Bob Katter, and our local Police Liaison Officer and Police Representative visited the secondary campus along with the Year 10 students and their families. Together, they shared in a hearty discussion about the BEACON Program and the many and varied opportunities that this school provides for Year 10 students to carve out future pathways and set important educational and career goals.

Ravenshoe SS P-12 has run the BEACON Program for the past 10 years, and it continues to be an engaging and powerful means for students to network with the wider community, learn leadership and teamwork skills and engage with workplace practices. The BEACON philosophy is “Hands Up, Not Out” and the program itself aims to build student aspirations and get them motivated to commit to further education, training or employment when they finish school. As part of the Beacon Program, students attend a camp at Woodleigh Station with community and business mentors, they run leadership initiatives within the school, they participate in work experience, mock interviews and the SEED Program (School Education to Employment Development Program) and they sign a Charter to commit to a positive and proactive future.

Congratulations to the BEACON Ambassadors; Jasmin Ball, Ben Smith-Robson, Savannah Brett, Alyssa McNamara and Taylah Withers who greeted guests and ran the program for the evening - it was very professionally executed. A huge thank you must go to Mr Phil Perham and the BEACON Student Ambassadors for their work to make this event a success. Thanks are also extended to Mrs Jane Bennett and her Hospitality students who catered beautifully for the occasion, and to Mr Manley who gave up his time to cook the BBQ and co-ordinate the food service on the night. We were all certainly well-fed.

It is events and programs like this that brand a school as a thriving institute of educational opportunity. We hope that the partnership between local business personnel, dignitaries, parents/ carers and community members who attended the evening will be a long and fruitful one.

Until next time.

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

The remainder of this Term will be a busy one; assessment items are due across subjects and reports are being devised by teachers. Please note that report cards will provide comments about student academic progress, effort and behaviour and may also provide some details about areas for improvement in subjects. An A-E rating will be given for Effort and Behaviour only. Academic results will be provided in the Semester One reports after more assessment is completed in Term 2.

Life Education

Life Education visited the secondary campus this week and presented sessions to educate and warn students about the use and abuse of substances, both legal and illegal, including tobacco, alcohol, and cannabis as well as synthetically manufactured substances. This information is vital to ensure the health and wellbeing of your children and our community. The students showcased safe, respectful learning behaviours and can be proud that they were good ambassadors for the school and Ravenshoe.

BEACON Anti-Bullying Campaign

Year 10 students, as part of the BEACON Program, are running a fundraising event in Week 8 to raise money for an end-of-year celebration for Year 10 students. The students wanted to look at relevant, worthwhile causes pertinent to adolescents, and decided to focus on the 2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and link this in with our school-wide positive behaviour for learning expectation about treating people with courtesy and respect (which happens to be the SWPBL focus topic for next week!) Students will all engage in a lesson about Anti-Bullying strategies after Parade on Monday. This fundraiser will be held on Monday 14 March, and students are to come in something orange or reflective for the event. A gold coin donation is payable for students in free dress on the day.

Secondary Cross Country

Students will participate in the annual inter-house cross country carnival on Friday 18 March from 12 noon. Regular classes will operate in Periods 1 and 2. Students will leave from the Tigers Football Ground to run the course up Telecom Hill. Students can wear school uniforms or house colours only on the day and personal technology devices are not to be brought to or used at the event. Please ensure students bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen for the occasion. Parents/carers are encouraged to come along and support their child(ren). At the end of the event, students will walk to the primary campus to catch buses. Remaining students are to be collected from the football grounds. Students who walk home may do so from the venue.

Weekly Attendance and Uniform Data - Week 6

We continue to aim for 90% attendance and 100% uniform. The data below is shared with students on Parade each week so they can reflect on their individual and communal efforts in regards to uniform and attendance. We celebrate any figure highlighted in green. Last week’s data is, therefore, serious food for thought...

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Regards
Jessie Cairns
Deputy Principal
Primary Corner

Term 1 Week 7

The end of term is approaching quickly. So much has been happening and we have much to celebrate.

Students have settled into their routines and are working well in their learning. NAPLAN will be held in Term 2. Unfortunately there is a great deal of hype in the media about NAPLAN. NAPLAN is simply a means of collecting valuable data about our students for literacy and numeracy. This data allows us to implement suitable programs to further enhance and support student skills. The tests are short in time and are spread out over 3 days. They are conducted by the students’ regular teachers in their classrooms. Students are familiar with assessment and tests similar to those completed during NAPLAN these are conducted by teachers at the end of units of work and data is also collected at these points. Teachers have been preparing students for NAPLAN, so students will be well-equipped when the time comes. I would like to encourage all parents of Year 3 and 5 students to have your child participate in NAPLAN, as the data we collect is invaluable in planning for your child’s future learning.

Breakfast Club is running well each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 8.15am – 8.40am. On any morning the ladies are serving over 100 students. The aim of Breakfast Club is to provide a top-up for those students who are able to have breakfast at home before school and to support those students who are unable to have breakfast at home. Simone, our coordinator, is always looking for donations - fruit, jam, eggs, vegemite, bread etc. Help is also welcome at any time as these mornings are very busy.

Updating family contacts and details is vital in a school. Forms are being sent home. Please ensure that these are returned and include an email contact as this is another way that teachers and the school can keep in touch with our families.

I’d like to wish the Year 6 students a happy camp at Daradgee. You are going to have so much fun and it will be a wonderful learning experience. I can’t wait to hear all your news.

Reminders

- Keep your contact details up to date – change of phone numbers, addresses etc.
- Shoes and hat are part of our full school uniform.
- No sporting equipment is to be brought to school.
- Contact the office if your child is absent.
- Breakfast Club every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning 8.15am – 8.40am
- Tuckshop every Thursday and Friday

Have a great weekend.

Ann-Marie Duesbury

Deputy Principal – Primary Campus

Junior Secondary Corner

Welcome to week 7 from the Junior Secondary. This term has passed by so quickly and many lessons learnt. Success does not come to those who wait... and it does not wait for anyone to come to it. -Anonymous ‘What is success? The interesting aspect to this concept is that it is a very personal definition. I like particularly this next quote ‘A successful life is one that is lived through understanding and pursuing one’s own path, not chasing after the dreams of others’. -Chin-Ning Chu

Every child deserves success. Here at Ravenshoe State School it is a belief that all of us share about each student that walks through our gates. We are driven as educators by a document written by Education Qld titled ‘Every student succeeding, State School’s Strategy 2014-2018. It be found at http://education.qld.gov.au/corporate/about/pdfs/state-schools-strategy-2014-18.pdf The document talks about strategies, developing capabilities and improving student achievement as some of the indicators for success in this road map. This document helps to inform us how to measure our success as an organisation. Raising reading levels is a key strategy for success in any subject or vocation that one choses to study. This is why it is our number one school priority this year. Having the keys to unlock your true potential is priceless.

There is no doubt about it that reading takes time and effort by the student and plenty of encouragement by the teacher and parent/caregiver. This strategy however creates the opportunity for success over a student’s lifetime. Isn’t that what we all want for our children irrespective of our individual definitions of success?

Regards,

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HOD Junior Secondary
IMPROVING YOUR NOTE TAKING SKILLS.

By Jade Smith

Are you struggling to remember information when concentrating during class? Note taking is a necessity. When it comes to being able to get a lot of important information down in a short period of time, whether you’re at high school or university it is compulsory to be able to keep up when going through new concepts in class. Note taking eliminates confusion and is a guide to refer back on when working on any piece of assessment.

Imperative ways to improve your note taking skills should include:

- Make clear and accurate notes.
- Come to class prepared.
- Compare your notes.
- Minimise distractions.
- Organize your notes.
- Use abbreviations and symbols.
- Write clearly.
- Review your notes.
- Write down questions.

Note taking skills are a guide to prepare you in advance and find ways to make it easier when studying.

Welcome Mr VL

By Lisa Treseder & Dakota Woffenden

We would like to introduce Mr VL, a new teacher who has started teaching at Ravenshoe this year. He teaches at the Secondary Campus because he loves to teach and believes that he can engage better with high school students. Mr VL has said that the nature and environment is what he likes most about Ravenshoe. At the moment, Mr VL is mostly preparing school work on the weekend which shows his dedication to his job. Mr VL hasn’t always wanted to be a teacher but he loves it now. His favourite subject to teach is Maths because he likes to help improve student’s mathematical skills.

Archer The 2016 Champions!!

By James Little

On Friday 4th of March, the students from Ravenshoe secondary campus competed in a swimming carnival located at the Mount Garnet swimming pool. It was a gloomy and cloudy day at Mt Garnet with two rivalling teams going head to head to win this year’s swimming carnival. The students chanted and cheered on their fellow team members, hoping to win. Even parents and community members showed up and supported the students. Thank you! This year’s swimming carnival was won by Archer who left rival team Cedar in defeat. The score was 797 points for Archer and 783 for Cedar. The age champions who deservedly won this year’s medallions for 2016 include

12 years: Elliot Gillies and Krystal Walker

13 years: Chance Henry and Dulcie Aitken

14 years: Zack Carroll and Madison Drury

15 years: Will Russell and Summer Gillies

16 years: Jarvis Walker and Shania Woodleigh

Opens: Aaron Simpson and Kyra Angwin

Congratulations to both teams!!

Take a look at next week’s newsletter for the swimming carnival photo gallery.

‘The Man with the Messy Hair’ is the reading book.
Primary Awesome Winners

Safe
Jesse Cooper
Respectful
Coopa Dotta
Learner
Lahni Brennan
Special Awesome:
Antonio Fanna

Secondary Awesome Winners

Safe
Chance Henry year 7 maths

Respectful
Kendall Pethick year 8: for listening and participating

Learner
Reanna Miller: working well in class

Super Awesome
Senior- Gemma Sheppard
Junior– Blake Czapracki year 8:

Special Safe Awesome
Annika Earl year 7: showing self control at all times

Total Awesome Tallies:
Secondary: 1032
Archer: 524
Cedar: 508
Primary: 288
Archer: 144
Cedar: 144

This week: Be Respectful: Care for places and things.
• Hand in all electronic technology devices
• Keep school clean and tidy

Next week: Be a Learner, persevere and complete all set tasks.
• Seek and give help
• Set yourself realistic goals
COLLECTING SPECTACLES FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA VILLAGERS

What do you do with your old glasses when you’ve replaced them with new ones? A friend is going to Kavieng and other remote villages in New Guinea to do eye tests/surgery on the villagers there and they desperately need glasses. These people do not have access to optometrists and a pair of glasses can change their world. Can I please have them? Any unwanted glasses of any sort, any condition with or without cases can be left in the box at Ravenshoe Post Office. Thank you in advance.

Ro Mountney

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given under the provision of the “Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act and Regulations 1995” that there will be a full road closure of the following street Ascham Street between Ravenshoe Rugby League Grounds and Ravenshoe/Mt Garnet Rifle Club for the purpose of conducting the Ravenshoe School Cross Country on Friday 18th March 2016 from 12:00pm to 2:30pm.

Dear Parents/Students

Ravenshoe State School subscribes to mhsCareers, a careers service which allows students and parents to be kept up to date with Careers News and Events.

To see the news and calendar on www.mhsCareers.com please use:

Login: Ravenshoe
Password: ss32

Newsletters are sent weekly.

To register to receive the newsletters use the CONTACT US page on the mhsCareers website or send an email to ron@mhsCareers.com stating your name, email address, our school/college name, whether you are a student or parent and the state(s) that you are registering for.

On the website, have a look at the News Pages and Events Calendar and the many other useful careers pages.
The Ravenshoe State School P&C Association would like to invite parents, families and community members to COMMUNITY LINK.

This is an informal group where you can meet with the RSS Principal, Mrs Andrea Manley and the P&C President, Ms Amie Duck. Come along for a cuppa and a chat to share ideas, express concerns and contribute to the educational outcomes of students at RSS.

NEXT GATHERING: Thursday 17th March. 9:15am to 10:15am

PRIMARY LIBRARY
EVERYONE WELCOME!

P&C NEWS

Parents, come along to the next P&C meeting and help us do great things for the school!

AGM
Tuesday 22nd March 2016 @ 5:30pm

Primary School Library.